

ON WIRTINGER'S INEQUALITY AND ITS ELEMENTARY PROOF

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Abstract. By an elementary method, we exactly determine the best possible constant and its attaining function which satisfy $\|f\|_q \leq C_q \|f'\|_q$ ($1 < q < \infty$) for certain class of continuously differentiable functions on the unit interval $[0, 1]$.

1. Introduction and results

Let $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ and $\|f\|_q$ the L^q -norm of a continuous function f on the unit interval $[0, 1]$. Let us denote by $C^1[0, 1]$ the class of continuously differentiable real-valued functions on $[0, 1]$. The original Wirtinger's inequalities (cf. [2, p. 184–185]) assert that

- (a) $\|f\|_2 \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \|f'\|_2$ holds for all $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ with $f(0) = 0$ and the equality is attained if and only if f is a multiple of $\sin \frac{\pi}{2}t$.
- (b) $\|f\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \|f'\|_2$ for all $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ with $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ and the equality is attained if and only if f is a multiple of $\sin \pi t$.

After that, many mathematicians have investigated Wirtinger-type inequalities. The purpose of this paper is to investigate Wirtinger's inequality for L^q -norm by an elementary method used in [3, 4]. Let $1 < p, q < \infty$ with $1/p + 1/q = 1$. Let us consider the function

$$F_p(s) = \int_0^s \frac{du}{|u|^p + 1} \quad (-\infty < s < \infty).$$

Set

$$T_{p,\omega}(t) = F_p^{-1}((1 - \omega t)\theta_p) \quad (0 < t < 2/\omega),$$

where $\omega = 1, 2$ and $\theta_p = \int_0^\infty (u^p + 1)^{-1} du$. Of course $\theta_p = \pi/(p \sin \pi/p)$ as is well-known. Also we can observe that $T_{p,\omega}$ is a strictly decreasing C^1 -function on the open unit interval $(0, 2/\omega)$ by Lemma 1. Note that $T_{p,\omega}(1/\omega) = 0$. Our main result is stated in the following theorem.

THEOREM 1. *Let $1 < p, q < \infty$ with $1/p + 1/q = 1$ and $\omega = 1, 2$. Then $\|f\|_q \leq C_{q,\omega} \|f'\|_q$ holds for all $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ with $f(0) = f(\omega - 1) = 0$, where $C_{q,\omega} = (q - 1)^{-1/q} \frac{q}{\omega\pi} \sin \frac{\pi}{p}$. The equality is attained if and only if f is a multiple of $(|T_{p,\omega}|^p + 1)^{-1/q}$.*

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REMARK 1. Since $C_{2,\omega} = \frac{2}{\omega\pi}$ and $(T_{2,\omega}(t)^2 + 1)^{-1/2} = \sin(\omega\pi t/2)$, it follows that the original Wirtinger’s inequalities (a) and (b) are special cases of Theorem 1. Also the contents of Theorem 1 in case when $\omega = 1$ and q is an even positive integer can be observed in [2, p. 182, Theorem 256] which is implied by higher method.

REMARK 2. By a simple computation, we can see that $\lim_{q \searrow 1} C_{q,\omega} = \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} C_{q,\omega} = 1/\omega$. Then $\|f\|_q \leq \frac{1}{\omega} \|f'\|_q$ ($q = 1, \infty$) holds for all $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ with $f(0) = f(\omega - 1) = 0$ by Theorem 1. In more detail,

- (i) $\|f\|_\infty \leq \|f'\|_\infty$ holds for all $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ with $f(0) = 0$. The equality is attained if and only if f is a multiple of t .
- (ii) $\|f\|_\infty < \frac{1}{2} \|f'\|_\infty$ holds for all $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ with $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ unless f is the zero function.
- (iii) $\|f\|_1 < \frac{1}{\omega} \|f'\|_1$ holds for all $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ with $f(0) = f(\omega - 1) = 0$ unless f is the zero function.

In fact, (i) and (ii) can be obtained by an easy observation. To see (iii), let $1 < q < \infty$, $\omega = 1, 2$ and $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ with $f(0) = f(\omega - 1) = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 |f(t)|^q dt &= -\frac{1}{\omega} \left(\left[|f(t)|^q (1 - \omega t) \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 (|f(t)|^q)' (1 - \omega t) dt \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^1 (|f(t)|^q)' (1 - \omega t) dt \\ &= \frac{q}{\omega} \int_0^1 (\operatorname{sgn} f(t)) |f(t)|^{q-1} f'(t) (1 - \omega t) dt \quad (\text{by Lemma 3}) \\ &\leq \frac{q}{\omega} \int_0^1 |f(t)|^{q-1} |f'(t)| |1 - \omega t| dt. \end{aligned}$$

By letting $q \searrow 0$, we have

$$\int_0^1 |f(t)| dt \leq \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^1 |f'(t)| |1 - \omega t| dt.$$

This inequality implies easily (iii).

REMARK 3. Theorem 1 implies easily the following fact: For $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ and $n \geq 1$, there exists a positive constant $K(p, q; n)$ such that $\|f\|_p \leq K(p, q; n) \|f^{(n)}\|_q$ holds for all C^n -functions f on $[0, 1]$ with $f(0) = f'(0) = \dots = f^{(n-1)}(0) = 0$. In fact putting $K(p, q; n) = C_{p,1}^n$, we obtain the desired result by Theorem 1. The similar holds for the case of $f(0) = f(1) = f'(0) = f'(1) = \dots = f^{(n-1)}(0) = f^{(n-1)}(1) = 0$. Refer to J. Brink [2] for another detail.

2. Lemmas

Unless explicitly stated otherwise, p, q and ω will be such that $1 < p, q < \infty$ with $1/p + 1/q = 1$ and $0 < \omega \leq 2$.

LEMMA 1. $T'_{p,\omega}(t) = -\omega\theta_p(|T_{p,\omega}(t)|^p + 1)$ ($0 < t < 2/\omega$).

Proof. Since $F_p(T_{p,\omega}(t)) = (1 - \omega t)\theta_p$, it follows that $F_p'(T_{p,\omega}(t))T_{p,\omega}'(t) = -\omega\theta_p$ and hence

$$\frac{T_{p,\omega}'(t)}{|T_{p,\omega}(t)|^p + 1} = -\omega\theta_p,$$

which implies the desired inequality. \square

LEMMA 2.

$$\lim_{t \searrow 0} t^{q-1} T_{p,\omega}(t) = \left(\frac{q-1}{\omega\theta_p} \right)^{1/(p-1)} \tag{1}$$

$$\lim_{t \nearrow 1} (1-t)^{q-1} T_{p,\omega}(t) = 0 \quad (\omega < 2) \tag{2}$$

$$\lim_{t \nearrow 2/\omega} (2/\omega - t)^{q-1} T_{p,\omega}(t) = - \left(\frac{q-1}{\omega\theta_p} \right)^{1/(p-1)}. \tag{3}$$

Proof. Set $s = T_{p,\omega}(t)$. Then $t = \frac{\theta_p - F_p(s)}{\omega\theta_p}$. Hence $t \searrow 0$ if and only if $s \rightarrow \infty$. Note that one has

$$t^{q-1} T_{p,\omega}(t) = \left(\frac{1}{\omega\theta_p} \right)^{q-1} s(\theta_p - F_p(s))^{q-1} \quad (0 \leq s < \infty)$$

and so $\lim_{t \searrow 0} t^{q-1} T_{p,\omega}(t)$ exists if and only if $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s(\theta_p - F_p(s))^{q-1}$ exists. Set $h(s) = s(\theta_p - F_p(s))^{q-1}$ ($s \geq 0$). Then

$$h'(s) = (\theta_p - F_p(s))^{q-2} (\theta_p - F_p(s) - (q-1) \frac{s}{s^p + 1}) \quad (s \geq 0).$$

Set $g(s) = \theta_p - F_p(s) - (q-1)s/(s^p + 1)$ ($0 \leq s < \infty$). Then one has $g(0) = \theta_p$ and $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} g(s) = 0$. By differentiation

$$g'(s) = -\frac{1}{s^p + 1} - (q-1) \frac{s^p + 1 - ps^p}{(s^p + 1)^2} = \frac{-q}{(s^p + 1)^2} < 0.$$

It implies $g(s) > 0$ and thus $h'(s) > 0$ ($0 \leq s < \infty$) so that $h(s)$ is an increasing function. Since

$$\begin{aligned} h(s) &= s(\theta_p - F_p(s))^{q-1} = s \left(\int_s^\infty \frac{dt}{t^p + 1} \right)^{q-1} \\ &\leq s \left(\frac{s^{1-p}}{p-1} \right)^{q-1} = \frac{1}{(p-1)^{q-1}}, \end{aligned}$$

it follows that $h(s)$ is bounded on $[0, \infty)$. Therefore $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s(\theta_p - F_p(s))^{q-1}$, say, α exists and $\alpha > 0$. Therefore $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t^{q-1} T_{p,\omega}(t)$, say, β exists and one has $\beta = \alpha \cdot (\omega\theta_p)^{-q+1}$. By L'Hospital's theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= \lim_{t \searrow 0} t^{q-1} T_{p,\omega}(t) = \lim_{t \searrow 0} \frac{-\omega\theta_p(T_{p,\omega}(t)^p + 1)}{(1-q)t^{-q}} \\ &= \frac{\omega\theta_p}{q-1} \lim_{t \searrow 0} t^q T_{p,\omega}(t)^p = \frac{\omega\theta_p\beta^p}{q-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\beta = \left(\frac{q-1}{\omega\theta_p}\right)^{1/(p-1)}$.

If $\omega < 2$, then $T_{p,\omega}(1) < \infty$, so we have $\lim_{t \nearrow 1} (1-t)^{q-1} T_{p,\omega}(t) = 0$. To see (3) we remark that, since $F_p^{-1}(t)$ ($-\theta_p < t < \theta_p$) is an odd function,

$$T_{p,\omega}(2/\omega - t) = -T_{p,\omega}(t) \quad (0 < t < 2/\omega).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \nearrow 2/\omega} (2/\omega - t)^{q-1} T_{p,\omega}(t) &= -\lim_{t \searrow 0} t^{q-1} T_{p,\omega}(t) \\ &= -\left(\frac{q-1}{\omega\theta_p}\right)^{1/(p-1)}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 3. *Let $f \in C^1[0, 1]$. Then $|f|^q \in C^1[0, 1]$ and*

$$(|f|^q)'(t) = q(\operatorname{sgn} f(t))|f(t)|^{q-1}f'(t) \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1).$$

Proof. Since $x \mapsto |x|^q$ for $q > 1$ is $C^1(-\infty, \infty)$ and $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ is real-valued, $|f|^q$ is well-defined and belongs to $C^1[0, 1]$. The formula follows directly from $(|x|^q)' = q(\operatorname{sgn} x)|x|^{q-1}$. \square

LEMMA 4. *Let $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ with $f(0) = 0$. Then $\lim_{t \searrow 0} (\operatorname{sgn} f(t))f'(t)$, say α_f exists and is evaluated as $\alpha_f = |f'(0)|$. Additionally if $f(1) = 0$, then $\lim_{t \nearrow 1} (\operatorname{sgn} f(t))f'(t)$ exists and is evaluated as $|f'(1)|$.*

Proof. Since f' is continuous on $[0, 1]$, it follows that $\lim_{t \searrow 0} (\operatorname{sgn} f(t))f'(t) = 0$ when $f'(0) = 0$. Suppose $f'(0) > 0$. Then $\lim_{t \searrow 0} f(t)/t = f'(0) > 0$. Hence $f(t) > 0$ holds for sufficiently small $t > 0$. This implies the assertion. The case $f'(0) < 0$ is similar. \square

LEMMA 5. *For all $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ with $f(0) = 0$, we assume $f(1) = 0$ when $\omega \neq 1$. Then it holds*

$$\int_0^1 T_{p,\omega}'(t)|f(t)|^q dt = -\int_0^1 T_{p,\omega}(t)(|f(t)|^q)' dt.$$

Proof. Let $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ be as such. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \searrow 0} T_{p,\omega}(t)(|f(t)|^q)' &= q \lim_{t \searrow 0} T_{p,\omega}(t)(\operatorname{sgn} f(t))|f(t)|^{q-1}f'(t) \quad (\text{by Lemma 3}) \\ &= q \lim_{t \searrow 0} t^{q-1} T_{p,\omega}(t)(\operatorname{sgn} f(t))f'(t) \left| \frac{f(t)}{t} \right|^{q-1} \\ &= q \left(\frac{q-1}{\omega\theta_p}\right)^{1/(p-1)} |f'(0)|^q \quad (\text{by Lemmas 2 and (4)}), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that $\lim_{t \searrow 0} T_{p,\omega}(t)(|f(t)|^q)'$ exists. If $\omega < 2$, it is clear that $\lim_{t \nearrow 1} T_{p,\omega}(t)(|f(t)|^q)'$ exists. If $\omega = 2$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \nearrow 1} T_{p,2}(t)(|f(t)|^q)' &= q \lim_{t \nearrow 1} T_{p,2}(t)(\operatorname{sgn} f(t))|f(t)|^{q-1} f'(t) \\ &= q \lim_{t \nearrow 1} (1-t)^{q-1} T_{p,2}(t)(\operatorname{sgn} f(t)) f'(t) \left| \frac{f(t)}{t-1} \right|^{q-1} \\ &= -q \left(\frac{q-1}{\omega \theta_p} \right)^{1/(p-1)} |f'(1)|^{q-1} \quad (\text{by Lemma 4}) \end{aligned}$$

and so $\lim_{t \nearrow 1} T_{p,2}(t)(|f(t)|^q)'$ exists. Hence the function $t \rightarrow T_{p,\omega}(t)(|f(t)|^q)'$ has the unique continuous extension to $[0, 1]$, so that the integral of the right hand side should converge. To show the equality, we use the integration by parts.

$$\int_{\epsilon_0}^{\epsilon_1} T'_{p,\omega}(t)|f(t)|^q dt = \left[T_{p,\omega}(t)|f(t)|^q \right]_{\epsilon_0}^{\epsilon_1} - \int_{\epsilon_0}^{\epsilon_1} T_{p,\omega}(t)(|f(t)|^q)' dt. \quad (4)$$

Similar calculation shows

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \searrow 0} T_{p,\omega}(t)|f(t)|^q &= \lim_{t \searrow 0} t \cdot t^{q-1} T_{p,\omega}(t) \left| \frac{f(t)}{t} \right|^q \\ &= \lim_{t \searrow 0} t \cdot \left(\frac{q-1}{\omega \theta_p} \right)^{1/(p-1)} \cdot |f'(0)|^q = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If $\omega < 2$ then

$$\lim_{t \nearrow 1} T_{p,\omega}(t)|f(t)|^q = T_{p,\omega}(1)|f(1)|^q = 0.$$

Else if $\omega = 2$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \nearrow 1} T_{p,2}(t)|f(t)|^q &= \lim_{t \nearrow 1} (1-t) \cdot (1-t)^{q-1} T_{p,2}(t) \left| \frac{f(t)-f(1)}{t-1} \right|^q \\ &= - \lim_{t \nearrow 1} (1-t) \cdot \left(\frac{q-1}{\omega \theta_p} \right)^{1/(p-1)} \cdot |f'(1)|^q = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit $\epsilon_0 \searrow 0$, $\epsilon_1 \nearrow 0$, we see the left hand side of (4) thus converges, which also show the equality of the assertion. \square

Next we consider the function $S_{p,\omega}$ on $(0, 2/\omega)$ defined as follows:

$$S_{p,\omega}(t) = (|T_{p,\omega}(t)|^p + 1)^{-1/q} \quad (0 < t < 2/\omega).$$

As observed in the proof of Lemma 3, $S_{p,\omega}$ is a C^1 -function on $(0, 2/\omega)$. Since $\lim_{t \searrow 0} T_{p,\omega}(t) = \infty$, it follows that $\lim_{t \searrow 0} S_{p,\omega}(t) = 0$. We also have $\lim_{t \nearrow 2/\omega} T_{p,\omega}(t) = -\infty$ and so $\lim_{t \nearrow 2/\omega} S_{p,\omega}(t) = 0$. Therefore we can regard $S_{p,\omega}$ as a function on $[0, 2/\omega]$ such that $S_{p,\omega}(2/\omega) = S_{p,\omega}(0) = 0$. Actually we have more.

LEMMA 6. $S_{p,\omega}$ is a C^1 -function on $[0, 2/\omega]$ such that $S_{p,\omega}'(0) = -S_{p,\omega}'(2/\omega) = \omega(p-1)\theta_p$.

Proof. Set $s = T_{p,\omega}(t)$. Since

$$S_{p,\omega}'(t) = \omega\theta_p \frac{p}{q} \cdot (s^p + 1)^{-1/q} s^{p-1} = \omega(p-1)\theta_p \left(\frac{s^p}{(s^p + 1)} \right)^{1/q}$$

for sufficiently small $t > 0$, it follows that

$$\lim_{t \searrow 0} S_{p,\omega}'(t) = \omega(p-1)\theta_p.$$

Hence $\lim_{t \searrow 0} S_{p,\omega}(t)/t$, say $S_{p,\omega}'(0)$ exists and is evaluated as $\omega(p-1)\theta_p$. From the oddness property of $T_{p,\omega}(t)$, we have $S_{p,\omega}(t) = S_{p,\omega}(2/\omega - t)$ and so $S_{p,\omega}'(t) = -S_{p,\omega}'(2/\omega - t)$, which implies the desired equality. \square

We remark that $S_{p,\omega}(1/\omega) = 1$ and $S_{p,\omega}'(1/\omega) = 0$.

LEMMA 7. *We have*

$$S_{p,\omega}(t) = \begin{cases} \exp\left(\omega(1-p)\theta_p \int_t^{1/\omega} T_{p,\omega}(u)^{p-1} du\right) & (0 < t \leq 1/\omega) \\ \exp\left(\omega(p-1)\theta_p \int_t^{1/\omega} (-T_{p,\omega}(u))^{p-1} du\right) & (1/\omega < t < 2/\omega). \end{cases}$$

Proof. Set $s = T_{p,\omega}(t)$. Then $dt = -ds/\omega\theta_p(|s|^p + 1)$. If $0 < t \leq 1/\omega$, then $s \geq 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(1-p)\theta_p \int_t^{1/\omega} T_{p,\omega}(u)^{p-1} du &= \omega(1-p)\theta_p \int_{T_{p,\omega}(t)}^{T_{p,\omega}(1/\omega)} s^{p-1} \frac{-ds}{\omega\theta_p(s^p + 1)} \\ &= \frac{1-p}{p} \int_0^{T_{p,\omega}(t)} \frac{ps^{p-1}}{s^p + 1} ds \\ &= -\frac{1}{q} \int_0^{T_{p,\omega}(t)^p} \frac{dx}{x + 1} \quad (x = s^p) \\ &= -\frac{1}{q} \log(T_{p,\omega}(t)^p + 1), \end{aligned}$$

which implies the desired equality. Consider next the case $1/\omega < t < 2/\omega$. By the oddness property, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_{p,\omega}(t) &= S_{p,\omega}(2/\omega - t) = \exp\left(\omega(1-p)\theta_p \int_{2/\omega-t}^{1/\omega} T_{p,\omega}(u)^{p-1} du\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\omega(1-p)\theta_p \int_t^{1/\omega} T_{p,\omega}(2/\omega - v)^{p-1} (-dv)\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\omega(1-p)\theta_p \int_t^{1/\omega} (-T_{p,\omega}(v))^{p-1} (-dv)\right). \end{aligned}$$

So we have the lemma. \square

3. Proof of Theorem 1

Let $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ with $f(0) = 0$. Assume $f(1) = 0$ if $\omega \neq 1$. Set

$$A_{p,\omega} = - \left(\frac{\omega p \theta_p}{q} \right)^{1/(p-1)} = -(\omega(p-1)\theta_p)^{1/(p-1)}.$$

Then one has $\omega A_{p,\omega} \theta_p + (q/p)|A_{p,\omega}|^p = 0$. By the Hölder-Rogers and Young inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}'(t) |f(t)|^q dt &= - \int_0^1 A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}(t) (|f(t)|^q)' dt && \text{(by Lemma 5)} \\ &= -q \int_0^1 A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}(t) (\operatorname{sgn} f(t)) |f(t)|^{q-1} f'(t) dt && \text{(by Lemma 3)} \\ &\leq q \int_0^1 |A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}(t)| \cdot |f(t)|^{q-1} |f'(t)| dt \\ &\leq q \left(\int_0^1 |A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}(t)|^p |f(t)|^q dt \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_0^1 |f'(t)|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq q \left(\frac{1}{p} \int_0^1 |A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}(t)|^p |f(t)|^q dt + \frac{1}{q} \int_0^1 |f'(t)|^q dt \right). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}'(t) - \frac{q}{p} |A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}(t)|^p &= -\omega A_{p,\omega} \theta_p (|T_{p,\omega}(t)|^p + 1) - \frac{q}{p} |A_{p,\omega}|^p |T_{p,\omega}(t)|^p \\ &= -|T_{p,\omega}(t)|^p (\omega A_{p,\omega} \theta_p + \frac{q}{p} |A_{p,\omega}|^p) - \omega A_{p,\omega} \theta_p \\ &= -\omega A_{p,\omega} \theta_p \end{aligned}$$

for all $0 < t < 1$. Then we obtain

$$\int_0^1 (-\omega A_{p,\omega} \theta_p) |f(t)|^q dt \leq \int_0^1 |f'(t)|^q dt.$$

By definition of $A_{p,\omega}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{-\omega A_{p,\omega} \theta_p} &= \frac{1}{\omega \theta_p} \left(\frac{q}{\omega p \theta_p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} = \left(\frac{q}{p} \right)^{q/p} \left(\frac{1}{\omega \theta_p} \right)^q \\ &= \left(\frac{q}{p} \right)^{q/p} \left(\frac{p \sin(\pi/p)}{\omega \pi} \right)^q = \left(\frac{q}{p} \right)^{q/p} \cdot p^q \cdot \left(\frac{\sin(\pi/q)}{\omega \pi} \right)^q \\ &= \frac{1}{(q-1)} \left(\frac{q \sin(\pi/q)}{\omega \pi} \right)^q. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the former part of the theorem follows from

$$\int_0^1 |f(t)|^q dt \leq \frac{1}{(q-1)} \left(\frac{q \sin(\pi/q)}{\omega \pi} \right)^q \int_0^1 |f'(t)|^q dt,$$

that is

$$\|f\|_q \leq C_{q,\omega} \|f'\|_q. \tag{5}$$

To see the latter part, we see that the equality of (5) is attained if and only if all of the following three conditions hold:

$$\int_0^1 |A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}(t)|^p |f(t)|^q dt = \int_0^1 |f'(t)|^q dt \tag{6}$$

$$|A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}(t)|^p |f(t)|^q = B |f'(t)|^q \quad (0 < t < 1), \text{ for some non-negative number } B \tag{7}$$

$$-A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}(t) (\operatorname{sgn} f(t)) |f(t)|^{q-1} f'(t) \geq 0 \quad (0 < t < 1). \tag{8}$$

Without loss of generality, we can assume that $f \neq 0$. Then (6) and (7) imply $B = 1$. Then (7) holds if and only if

$$|A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}|^{p/q} |f(t)| = |f'(t)| \quad (0 < t < 1).$$

Note that (8) holds if and only if $(\operatorname{sgn} f(t)) f'(t) \geq 0 \quad (0 < t \leq \min(1, 1/\omega))$ and $(\operatorname{sgn} f(t)) f'(t) \leq 0 \quad (\min(1, 1/\omega) \leq t < 1)$. By this observation, the equality of (5) holds if and only if

$$|A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}(t)|^{p/q} f(t) = f'(t) \quad (0 < t \leq \min(1, 1/\omega))$$

and

$$|A_{p,\omega} T_{p,\omega}(t)|^{p/q} f(t) = -f'(t) \quad (\min(1, 1/\omega) \leq t < 1).$$

Since $|A_{p,\omega}|^{p/q} = \omega p \theta_p / q$ and $p/q = p - 1$, it follows that the equality of (5) holds if and only if

$$\omega(p - 1) \theta_p T_{p,\omega}(t)^{p-1} f(t) = f'(t) \quad (0 < t \leq \min(1, 1/\omega))$$

and

$$\omega(p - 1) \theta_p (-T_{p,\omega}(t))^{p-1} f(t) = -f'(t) \quad (\min(1, 1/\omega) < t < 1).$$

Then the equality of (5) holds if and only if

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \lambda_0 \exp\left(\omega(1 - p) \theta_p \int_t^{\min(1, 1/\omega)} T_{p,\omega}(u)^{p-1} du\right) & (0 < t \leq \min(1, 1/\omega)) \\ \lambda_1 \exp\left(\omega(p - 1) \theta_p \int_t^{\min(1, 1/\omega)} (-T_{p,\omega}(u))^{p-1} du\right) & (\min(1, 1/\omega) \leq t < 1) \end{cases}$$

for some real numbers λ_0, λ_1 . In this case one finds $\lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = f(\min(1, 1/\omega))$. We see that this function is a multiple of $S_{p,\omega}$ by Lemma 7. By Lemma 6, $S_{p,\omega}$ is a C^1 -function on $[0, 1]$ such that $S_{p,\omega}(0) = 0$. When $\omega = 2$ or $\omega < 2$, one has $S_{p,\omega}(1) = 0$ or $S_{p,\omega}(1) \neq 0$ respectively. By the condition of f the equality of (5) holds if and only if $\omega = 1, 2$ and f is a multiple of $S_{p,\omega}$. Now we finish the proof of the theorem.

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