

Certain inequalities of Kober and Lazarević type

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Abstract : In this work, the authors present new lower and upper bounds for $\cos x$ and $\cosh x$, thus improving some generalized inequalities of Kober and Lazarević type.

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1 Introduction

There has been growing interest among the researchers in generalizing and sharpening the Kober type [12] and Lazarević type [1, 2] inequalities. The famous inequalities are respectively given by

$$1 - \frac{2x}{\pi} \leq \cos x \leq 1 - \frac{x^2}{\pi}; \quad x \in [0, \pi/2] \quad (1.1)$$

and

$$\cosh x < \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x} \right)^p; \quad \forall x > 0 \quad (1.2)$$

if and only if $p \geq 3$.

In [5, 10, 11, 14] the generalizations and refinements of (1.1) are appeared. B. A. Bhayo and J. Sándor[10] refine the inequality of type (1.1) as follows:

$$1 - \frac{x^2/2}{1 + x^2/12} < \cos x < 1 - \frac{24x^2/(5\pi^2)}{1 + 4x^2/(5\pi^2)}; \quad x \in (0, \pi/2) \quad (1.3)$$

They further refine the upper bound of $\cos x$ in (1.3) as

$$\left(\frac{\pi^2 - 4x^2}{12}\right)^{3/2} < \cos x < \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{3}\right)^{3/2}; \quad x \in (0, \pi/2) \quad (1.4)$$

In [3 - 7], the generalizations and refinements of inequality of type (1.2) i.e. bounds of $\cosh x$ are appeared. The natural exponential bounds of $\cosh x$ were established very recently in [9], as follows:

$$e^{ax^2} < \cosh x < e^{x^2/2}; \quad x \in (0, 1) \quad (1.5)$$

where $a \approx 0.433781$.

In [13] it is given that, for all non-zero real numbers x , the inequality

$$\cosh x < \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^3 - \frac{12}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sinh x}\right)^2 \quad (1.6)$$

holds.

The main purpose of this paper is to refine the above mentioned bounds and present new improved sharp bounds for $\cos x$ and $\cosh x$.

2 Two Lemmas

Following are the tools to prove our main results.

Lemma 1. (*The Mitrinović - Adamović inequality [2, p.238]*): For $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ one has

$$\cos x < \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3. \quad (2.1)$$

For the recent refined form of (2.1), we refer reader to [15].

Lemma 2. (*l'Hôpital's Rule of Monotonicity [8, Thm. 1.25]*): Let $f, g : [l, m] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two continuous functions which are derivable in (l, m) and $g' \neq 0$ in (l, m) . If f'/g' is increasing (or decreasing) in (l, m) , then the functions $\frac{f(x)-f(l)}{g(x)-g(l)}$ and $\frac{f(x)-f(m)}{g(x)-g(m)}$ are also increasing (or decreasing) on (l, m) . If f'/g' is strictly monotone, then the monotonicity in the conclusion is also strict.

3 Main Results

In our main results we first give more sharp bounds for $\cos x$ than the corresponding bounds given in (1.1).

Theorem 1. *If $x \in (0, \pi/2)$ then*

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{2} < \cos x < 1 - \frac{4x^2}{\pi^2}. \quad (3.1)$$

Proof. Let, $1 - \frac{x^2}{a} < \cos x < 1 - \frac{x^2}{b}$, which implies that, $a < \frac{x^2}{1 - \cos x} < b$.

$$\text{Then } f(x) = \frac{x^2}{1 - \cos x} = \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)},$$

where $f_1(x) = x^2$ and $f_2(x) = 1 - \cos x$ with $f_1(0) = f_2(0) = 0$. By Differentiation we get

$$\frac{f_1'(x)}{f_2'(x)} = \frac{2x}{\sin x} = \frac{f_3(x)}{f_4(x)}$$

where $f_3(x) = 2x$ and $f_4(x) = \sin x$, with $f_3(0) = f_4(0) = 0$. Differentiation gives us

$\frac{f_3'(x)}{f_4'(x)} = \frac{2}{\cos x}$, which is clearly strictly increasing in $(0, \pi/2)$. By Lemma 2, $f(x)$ is strictly increasing in $(0, \pi/2)$. Therefore

$$f(0+) < f(x) < f(\pi/2)$$

Consequently, $a = f(0+) = 2$, by l'Hôpital's rule and $b = f(\pi/2) = \frac{(\pi/2)^2}{1 - \cos(\pi/2)} = \frac{\pi^2}{4}$. \square

Remark 1. *By using lemma 2, we can also obtain that, $\cos x < \frac{2}{2+x^2}$ in $(0, \pi/2)$. Thus*

$$\frac{2 - x^2}{2} < \cos x < \frac{2}{2 + x^2}; \quad x \in (0, \pi/2). \quad (3.2)$$

The upper bounds of (1.3) and (1.4) are refined in the next theorem.

Theorem 2. *For any $x \in (0, \pi/2)$ one has*

$$1 - \frac{x^2/2}{1 + x^2/12} < \cos x < 1 - \frac{x^2/2}{1 + x^2/b} \quad (3.3)$$

where the constants 12 and $b \approx 10.557960$ are best possible.

Proof. Let $1 - \frac{x^2/2}{1+x^2/a} < \cos x < 1 - \frac{x^2/2}{1+x^2/b}$, which implies that, $\frac{1}{a} < f(x) < \frac{1}{b}$; where

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2(1 - \cos x)}{2x^2(1 - \cos x)} = \frac{1}{2(1 - \cos x)} - \frac{1}{x^2}$$

Therefore,

$$f'(x) = \frac{-\sin x}{2(1 - \cos x)^2} + \frac{2}{x^3}$$

Using (2.1) we have

$$16 \sin^4\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) > 2x^3 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

, which gives

$$4(1 - \cos x)^2 - x^3 \sin x > 0$$

. So that $f'(x) > 0$. Thus, $f(x)$ is increasing in $(0, \pi/2)$. Hence $a = \frac{1}{f(0+)} = 12$ by l'Hôpital's rule and $b = \frac{1}{f(\pi/2)} \approx 10.557960$. \square

Note: Though the strict comparison may not be done between the bounds; the bounds in (3.3) are better than the corresponding bounds in (1.3) and (1.4).

In the following theorem, we conclude that the bounds of $\cosh x$ are more sharp than the corresponding bounds in (1.5).

Theorem 3. *If $x \in (0, 1)$ then*

$$1 + \frac{x^2}{2} < \cosh x < 1 + \frac{x^2}{b} \tag{3.4}$$

with the best possible constants 2 and $b \approx 1.841348$.

Proof. Let, $1 + \frac{x^2}{a} < \cosh x < 1 + \frac{x^2}{b}$, which implies that, $b < \frac{x^2}{\cosh x - 1} < a$.

$$\text{Then } f(x) = \frac{x^2}{\cosh x - 1} = \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)},$$

where $f_1(x) = x^2$ and $f_2(x) = \cosh x - 1$ with $f_1(0) = f_2(0) = 0$. By differentiation

$$\frac{f_1'(x)}{f_2'(x)} = \frac{2x}{\sinh x} = \frac{f_3(x)}{f_4(x)}$$

where $f_3(x) = 2x$ and $f_4(x) = \sinh x$ with $f_3(0) = f_4(0) = 0$. Differentiation gives

$$\frac{f_3'(x)}{f_4'(x)} = \frac{2}{\cosh x}$$

which is clearly decreasing in $(0, 1)$. By lemma 2, $f(x)$ is also strictly decreasing in $(0, 1)$. Clearly, then $a = f(0+) = 2$, by l'Hôpital's rule and $b = f(1-) = \frac{1}{\cosh 1 - 1} \approx 1.841348$. \square

Note : There is no strict comparison between the corresponding bounds of $\cosh x$ in (1.5) and (3.4).

Corollary 1. *If $x \in (0, 1)$ then*

$$2 < \cos x + \cosh x < 2 + c.x^2 \tag{3.5}$$

with the best possible constant $c \approx 0.137796$.

Proof. Combining (3.1) and (3.4), the assertion follows. \square

In the following theorem we give more tight bounds of $\cosh x$ than the corresponding bounds given in (1.5) and (1.6).

Theorem 4. *For $x \in (0, 1)$ one has*

$$1 + \frac{ax^2}{\pi^2 - x^2} < \cosh x < 1 + \frac{(\pi x)^2/2}{\pi^2 - x^2} \tag{3.6}$$

where the constants $a \approx 4.816910$ and $\frac{\pi^2}{2}$ are best possible.

Proof. Let $1 + \frac{ax^2}{\pi^2 - x^2} < \cosh x < 1 + \frac{bx^2}{\pi^2 - x^2}$, which implies that

$$a < \frac{(\cosh x - 1)(\pi^2 - x^2)}{x^2} < b. \text{ Then } f(x) = \frac{(\cosh x - 1)(\pi^2 - x^2)}{x^2}.$$

Therefore

$$f'(x) = \frac{\pi^2 x \sinh x - 2\pi^2(\cosh x - 1) - x^3 \sinh x}{x^3}.$$

Now by Taylor's series expansion we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^2 x \sinh x &= \pi^2 \left(x^2 + \frac{x^4}{6} + \frac{x^6}{120} + \frac{x^8}{5040} + \dots \right), \\ -2\pi^2 (\cosh x - 1) &= -\pi^2 \left(x^2 + \frac{x^4}{12} + \frac{x^6}{360} + \frac{x^8}{20160} + \dots \right), \\ -x^3 \sinh x &= -x^4 - \frac{x^6}{6} - \frac{x^8}{120} - \dots \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x^3} \left[\frac{(\pi^2 - 12)}{12} x^4 + \frac{(\pi^2 - 30)}{180} x^6 + \frac{(3\pi^2 - 168)}{20160} x^8 + \dots \right]$$

$$= - \left(\frac{12 - \pi^2}{12} \right) x - \left(\frac{30 - \pi^2}{180} \right) x^3 - \left(\frac{168 - 3\pi^2}{20160} \right) x^5$$

Thus, $f'(x) < 0$ in $(0, 1)$. So that $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing in $(0, 1)$. Consequently, $a = f(1-) = (\cosh 1 - 1)(\pi^2 - 1) \approx 4.816910$ and $b = f(0+) = \frac{\pi^2}{2}$ by l'Hôpital's rule. This completes the proof of theorem. \square

4 An Application

R. Klén, M. Visuri and M. Vuorinen [6, Theorem 3.1] proved the following double inequality

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{6} \leq \frac{\sin x}{x} \leq 1 - \frac{2x^2}{3\pi^2}; \quad x \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2). \quad (4.1)$$

A reader can see the refined form of (4.1) in the last theorem.

Theorem 5. For $x \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$, it is true that

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{6} \leq \frac{\sin x}{x} \leq 1 - \frac{4x^2}{3\pi^2}; \quad x \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2). \quad (4.2)$$

Proof. Clearly equality holds at $x = 0$. Due to symmetry, it suffices to prove the theorem in $(0, \pi/2)$. On integrating (3.1), we have

$$\int_0^x \left(1 - \frac{t^2}{2} \right) dt < \int_0^x \cos t \, dt < \int_0^x \left(1 - \frac{4t^2}{\pi^2} \right) dt$$

where $x \in (0, \pi/2)$. i. e.

$$x - \frac{x^3}{6} < \sin x < x - \frac{4x^3}{3\pi^2}$$

which proves our result. \square

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