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NEW INEQUALITIES INVOLVING CIRCULAR, INVERSE CIRCULAR, HYPERBOLIC, INVERSE HYPERBOLIC AND EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS

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Abstract. In this article, inequalities involving circular, inverse circular, hyperbolic, inverse hyperbolic and exponential functions are established. Obtained results provide new lower and upper bounds for the functions $x/\tan x$, $x/\arcsin x$, $\arctan x/x$, $\tanh x/x$ and $\operatorname{arcsinh} x/x$.

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1. Introduction

In recent years, many researchers have tried to obtain different bounds for functions of the type $\frac{f(x)}{x}$ or $\frac{x}{f(x)}$ where $f(x)$ is circular, inverse circular, hyperbolic or inverse hyperbolic function. The origin of this research is well-known Jordan's inequality [4, 12] which is stated as

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follows

$$\frac{2}{\pi} < \frac{\sin x}{x} < 1 ; x \in (0, 1). \quad (1.1)$$

The following inequalities

$$\left(\frac{\sinh^{-1} x}{x} \right)^2 \leq \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x} \leq \left(\frac{\sinh^{-1} x}{x\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right)^{1/2} ; x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (1.2)$$

$$\left(\frac{\tanh^{-1} u}{u} \right)^2 \leq \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{x} \leq \left(\frac{\tanh^{-1} u}{u(1-u^2)} \right)^{1/2} \quad (1.3)$$

where $|x| < 1$, $u = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1-x^2})}$ and

$$\left(\frac{\tan^{-1} v}{v} \right)^2 \leq \frac{\sinh^{-1} x}{x} \leq \left(\frac{\tan^{-1} v}{v(1+v^2)} \right)^{1/2} ; x \in \mathbb{R}, v = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{1+x^2} - 1)} \quad (1.4)$$

are due to Edward Neuman [6].

M. Becker and E. L. Stark [11] proved the inequality

$$\frac{\pi^2 - 4x^2}{\pi^2} < \frac{x}{\tan x} < \frac{\pi^2 - 4x^2}{8} ; 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}. \quad (1.5)$$

Many inequalities of these type and their refinements have been proved in [1-16] and the references therein. Motivated by these studies we aim to give natural exponential bounds for the functions mentioned above and to improve the bounds of (1.5). This paper is the continuation of author's earlier work [14].

2. Main Results

All the main results will be obtained by using l'Hôpital's Rule of Monotonicity [8] which is stated as follows

Lemma 1. (The monotone form of l'Hôpital's rule [8]) : *Let $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two continuous functions which are differentiable on (a, b) and $g' \neq 0$ in (a, b) . If f'/g' is increasing (or decreasing) on (a, b) , then the functions $\frac{f(x)-f(a)}{g(x)-g(a)}$ and $\frac{f(x)-f(b)}{g(x)-g(b)}$ are also increasing (or decreasing) on (a, b) . If f'/g' is strictly monotone, then the monotonicity in the conclusion is also strict.*

Now we state the Main results and their proofs.

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

$$e^{-ax^2} < \frac{x}{\sin^{-1}x} < e^{-x^2/6} \quad (2.1)$$

with the best possible constants $a \approx 0.451583$ and $1/6$.

Proof. Let $e^{-ax^2} < \frac{x}{\sin^{-1}x} < e^{-bx^2}$, which implies that, $b < \frac{\log(\sin^{-1}x/x)}{x^2} < a$.

Then

$$f(x) = \frac{\sin^{-1}x}{x} = \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)},$$

where $f_1(x) = \sin^{-1}x$ and $f_2(x) = x$, with $f_1(0) = f_2(0) = 0$. Differentiation gives

$$\frac{f_1'(x)}{f_2'(x)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}},$$

which is strictly increasing in $(0, 1)$. By lemma 1, $f(x)$ is strictly increasing in $(0, 1)$. Thus for $x_1 < x_2$ in $(0, 1)$ we have

$\frac{\sin^{-1}x_1}{x_1} < \frac{\sin^{-1}x_2}{x_2}$. Moreover, $x < \sin^{-1}x$ in $(0, 1)$, giving us $1 < \frac{\sin^{-1}x_1}{x_1} < \frac{\sin^{-1}x_2}{x_2} < \frac{\pi}{2}$, which implies that

$$0 < \log\left(\frac{\sin^{-1}x_1}{x_1}\right) < \log\left(\frac{\sin^{-1}x_2}{x_2}\right) < \log(\pi/2) \approx 0.451583.$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\log(\sin^{-1}x_1/x_1)}{\log(\sin^{-1}x_2/x_2)} < 1 \text{ and } x_1^2 < x_2^2.$$

$$\text{We claim that, } \frac{\log(\sin^{-1}x_1/x_1)}{x_1^2} < \frac{\log(\sin^{-1}x_2/x_2)}{x_2^2}.$$

For if, $\frac{\log(\sin^{-1}x_1/x_1)}{x_1^2} \geq \frac{\log(\sin^{-1}x_2/x_2)}{x_2^2}$ then

$$x_1^2 \leq \frac{\log(\sin^{-1}x_1/x_1)}{\log(\sin^{-1}x_2/x_2)} \cdot x_2^2, \text{ which is absurd.}$$

Therefore, $\frac{\log(\sin^{-1}x_1/x_1)}{x_1^2} < \frac{\log(\sin^{-1}x_2/x_2)}{x_2^2}$ for $x_1 < x_2$ in $(0, 1)$. Hence $\frac{\log(\sin^{-1}x/x)}{x^2}$ is strictly increasing in $(0, 1)$.

$$\text{Let, } g(x) = \frac{\log(\sin^{-1}x/x)}{x^2}.$$

Consequently, $b = g(0+) = 1/6$ by l'Hôpital's rule and $a = g(1-) = \log(\sin^{-1}1) = \log(\pi/2) \approx 0.451583$. \square

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

$$e^{-x^2/3} < \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x} < e^{-bx^2} \quad (2.2)$$

with the best possible constants $1/3$ and $b \approx 0.241564$.

Proof. Let $e^{-ax^2} < \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x} < e^{-bx^2}$, which implies that, $b < \frac{\log(x/\tan^{-1}x)}{x^2} < a$.

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

where $f_1(x) = x$ and $f_2(x) = \tan^{-1}x$, with $f_1(0) = f_2(0) = 0$. By differentiation we get

$$\frac{f_1'(x)}{f_2'(x)} = 1 + x^2, \text{ which is strictly increasing in } (0, 1).$$

By Lemma 1, $f(x)$ is also strictly increasing in $(0, 1)$. Therefore, for $x_1 < x_2$ in $(0, 1)$ we have

$$\frac{x_1}{\tan^{-1}x_1} < \frac{x_2}{\tan^{-1}x_2}. \text{ Again } \tan^{-1}x < x \text{ in } (0, 1),$$

giving us $1 < \frac{x_1}{\tan^{-1}x_1} < \frac{x_2}{\tan^{-1}x_2} < \frac{1}{\tan^{-1}(1)} \approx 1.273240$, which implies that

$$0 < \log(x_1/\tan^{-1}x_1) < \log(x_2/\tan^{-1}x_2) < 0.241565.$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\log(x_1/\tan^{-1}x_1)}{\log(x_2/\tan^{-1}x_2)} < 1 \text{ and } x_1^2 < x_2^2.$$

We claim that, $\frac{\log(x_1/\tan^{-1}x_1)}{x_1^2} > \frac{\log(x_2/\tan^{-1}x_2)}{x_2^2}$.

For if, $\frac{\log(x_1/\tan^{-1}x_1)}{x_1^2} \leq \frac{\log(x_2/\tan^{-1}x_2)}{x_2^2}$ then

$\frac{1}{x_1^2} \leq \frac{\log(x_2/\tan^{-1}x_2)}{\log(x_1/\tan^{-1}x_1)} \cdot \frac{1}{x_2^2}$ which is nonsense. Therefore, $\frac{\log(x_1/\tan^{-1}x_1)}{x_1^2} > \frac{\log(x_2/\tan^{-1}x_2)}{x_2^2}$ for $x_1 < x_2$ in $(0, 1)$. Thus, $\frac{\log(x/\tan^{-1}x)}{x^2}$ is strictly decreasing in $(0, 1)$.

$$\text{Let, } g(x) = \frac{\log(x/\tan^{-1}x)}{x^2}.$$

Consequently, $a = g(0+) = 1/3$ by l'Hôpital's rule and $b = g(1-) = \log(1/\tan^{-1}1) = \log(4/\pi) \approx 0.241564$. \square

Remark 1. Actually, we can see that $f(x) = \frac{x}{\tan^{-1}x}$ is strictly decreasing in $(-\infty, 0)$ and strictly increasing in $(0, \infty)$. Hence $g(x) = \frac{\log(x/\tan^{-1}x)}{x^2}$ is strictly increasing in $(-\infty, 0)$ and strictly decreasing in $(0, \infty)$. Consequently, $a = g(0-) = 1/3, b = g(-\infty+) = 0$, by l'Hôpital's rule in $(-\infty, 0)$ and $a = g(0+) = 1/3, b = g(\infty-) = 0$ by l'Hôpital's rule in $(0, \infty)$. Thus, for $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$

$$e^{-x^2/3} < \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x} < 1.$$

We now improve the bounds of (1.5) using natural exponential function.

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

$$e^{-ax^2} < \frac{x}{\tan x} < e^{-x^2/3} \tag{2.3}$$

with the best possible constants $a \approx 0.443023$ and $1/3$.

Proof. Let $e^{-ax^2} < \frac{x}{\tan x} < e^{-bx^2}$, which implies that, $b < \frac{\log(\tan x/x)}{x^2} < a$.

$$\text{Then } f(x) = \frac{\log(\tan x/x)}{x^2} = \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)}$$

where $f_1(x) = \log(\tan x/x)$ and $f_2(x) = x^2$, with $f_1(0+) = \log 1 = 0 = f_2(0)$. Differentiation gives

$$\frac{f_1'(x)}{f_2'(x)} = \frac{x \cdot \sec^2 x - \tan x}{2x^2 \cdot \tan x} = \frac{f_3(x)}{f_4(x)}$$

where $f_3(x) = x \cdot \sec^2 x - \tan x$ and $f_4(x) = 2x^2 \cdot \tan x$, with $f_3(0) = f_4(0) = 0$. Again by differentiation we have

$$\frac{f_3'(x)}{f_4'(x)} = \frac{\sec^2 x \cdot \tan x}{2 \tan x + x \cdot \sec^2 x} = \frac{1}{2 \cos^2 x + x/\tan x}.$$

Clearly, $\cos^2 x$ is strictly decreasing in $(0, 1)$. And $x/\tan x$ is also strictly decreasing in $(0, 1)$.

For if, $\frac{x_1}{\tan x_1} \leq \frac{x_2}{\tan x_2}$; $x_1 < x_2 \in (0, 1)$ then $x_1 \leq \frac{\tan x_1}{\tan x_2} \cdot x_2$ which is absurd, as $0 < \frac{\tan x_1}{\tan x_2} < 1$.

Therefore, $\frac{f_3'(x)}{f_4'(x)} = \frac{1}{2 \cos^2 x + x/\tan x}$ is strictly increasing in $(0, 1)$. By Lemma 1, $f(x)$ is strictly increasing in $(0, 1)$. Consequently, $a = f(1-) = \log(\tan 1) \approx 0.443023$ and $b = f(0+) = 1/3$ by l'Hôpital's rule. \square

Note. There is no strict comparison between lower bounds $\frac{\pi^2 - 4x^2}{\pi^2}$ and e^{-ax^2} , where $a \approx 0.443023$ of $\frac{x}{\tan x}$.

Remark 2. As a corollary, Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 give us

$$\frac{x}{\tan^{-1} x} < \frac{\tan x}{x}; x \in (0, 1). \quad (2.4)$$

which has already been proved in [9] and [13].

Theorem 4. If $x \in (0, 1)$ then

$$e^{-x^2/6} < \frac{\sinh^{-1} x}{x} < e^{-bx^2} \quad (2.5)$$

with the best possible constants $1/6$ and $b \approx 0.126274$.

Proof. Let $e^{-ax^2} < \frac{\sinh^{-1} x}{x} < e^{-bx^2}$, which implies that, $b < \frac{\log(x/\sinh^{-1} x)}{x^2} < a$.

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

where $f_1(x) = x$ and $f_2(x) = \sinh^{-1} x$, with $f_1(0) = f_2(0) = 0$. By differentiation we get

$$\frac{f_1'(x)}{f_2'(x)} = \frac{1}{(1/\sqrt{1+x^2})} = \sqrt{1+x^2}, \text{ which is clearly strictly increasing in } (0, 1). \text{ By Lemma 1, } f(x)$$

is also strictly increasing in $(0, 1)$. Therefore for $x_1 < x_2$ in $(0, 1)$ we have $\frac{x_1}{\sinh^{-1} x_1} < \frac{x_2}{\sinh^{-1} x_2}$.

Moreover, $\sinh^{-1}x < x$ in $(0, 1)$, giving us $1 < \frac{x_1}{\sinh^{-1}x_1} < \frac{x_2}{\sinh^{-1}x_2} < \frac{1}{\sinh^{-1}1} \approx 1.134593$, which implies that

$$0 < \log(x_1/\sinh^{-1}x_1) < \log(x_2/\sinh^{-1}x_2) < 0.126274.$$

Now, $\frac{\log(x_2/\sinh^{-1}x_2)}{\log(x_1/\sinh^{-1}x_1)} > 1$ and $\frac{1}{x_2} < \frac{1}{x_1}$. We claim that, $\frac{\log(x_1/\sinh^{-1}x_1)}{x_1^2} > \frac{\log(x_2/\sinh^{-1}x_2)}{x_2^2}$.

For if, $\frac{\log(x_1/\sinh^{-1}x_1)}{x_1^2} \leq \frac{\log(x_2/\sinh^{-1}x_2)}{x_2^2}$ then $\frac{1}{x_1^2} \leq \frac{\log(x_2/\sinh^{-1}x_2)}{\log(x_1/\sinh^{-1}x_1)} \cdot \frac{1}{x_2^2}$ which is nonsense. Therefore, $\frac{\log(x/\sinh^{-1}x)}{x^2}$ is strictly decreasing in $(0, 1)$.

$$\text{Let } g(x) = \frac{\log(x/\sinh^{-1}x)}{x^2}.$$

Consequently, $a = g(0+) = 1/6$ by l'Hôpital's rule and $b = g(1-) = \log(1/\sinh^{-1}1) \approx 0.126274$.

□

Theorem 5. *If $x \in (0, 1)$ then*

$$e^{-x^2/3} < \frac{\tanh x}{x} < e^{-bx^2} \quad (2.6)$$

with the best possible constants $1/3$ and $b \approx 0.272342$.

Proof. Let $e^{-ax^2} < \frac{\tanh x}{x} < e^{-bx^2}$, which implies that, $b < \frac{\log(x/\tanh x)}{x^2} < a$.

$$\text{Then } f(x) = \frac{x}{\tanh x} = \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)}$$

where $f_1(x) = x$ and $f_2(x) = \tanh x$, with $f_1(0) = f_2(0) = 0$. Differentiation gives

$\frac{f_1'(x)}{f_2'(x)} = \frac{1}{\text{sech}^2 x} = \cosh^2 x$, which is strictly increasing in $(0, 1)$. By Lemma 1, $f(x)$ is strictly increasing in $(0, 1)$.

Now, $g(x) = \frac{\log(x/\tanh x)}{x^2} = \frac{g_1(x)}{g_2(x)}$, where $g_1(x) = \log(x/\tanh x)$ and $g_2(x) = x^2$, with $g_1(0+) = g_2(0) = 0$. By differentiation we get

$$\frac{g_1'(x)}{g_2'(x)} = \frac{\tanh x - x \cdot \text{sech}^2 x}{2x^2 \cdot \tanh x} = \frac{g_3(x)}{g_4(x)}$$

where, $g_3(x) = \tanh x - x \cdot \text{sech}^2 x$ and $g_4(x) = 2x^2 \cdot \tanh x$, with $g_3(0) = g_4(0) = 0$. Again differentiating

$\frac{g_3'(x)}{g_4'(x)} = \frac{\text{sech}^2 x \cdot \tanh x}{x \cdot \text{sech}^2 x + 2 \tanh x} = \frac{1}{x/\tanh x + 4 \cosh^2 x}$, which is decreasing as $x/\tanh x$ and $\cosh^2 x$ are both increasing. By Lemma 1, $g(x)$ is decreasing in $(0, 1)$. Consequently, $a = g(0+) = 1/3$ and $b = g(1-) = \log(1/\tanh 1) \approx 0.272342$. □

Remark 3. Actually, $f(x) = \frac{x}{\tanh x}$ is strictly decreasing in $(-\infty, 0)$ and strictly increasing in $(0, \infty)$. Hence, $g(x) = \frac{\log(x/\tanh x)}{x^2}$ is strictly increasing in $(-\infty, 0)$ and strictly decreasing in $(0, \infty)$. Consequently

$$e^{-x^2/3} < \frac{\tanh x}{x} < 1; x \in (-\infty, \infty).$$

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

$$\frac{x}{\tan x} < \frac{\tanh x}{x}. \quad (2.7)$$

Proof. The corollary is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3 and Theorem 5. \square

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The author declares that there is no conflict of interests.

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