

Completely monotonic functions involving Bateman's G -function

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Abstract

In this paper, we prove the complete monotonicity of some functions involving Bateman's G -function and show that

$$\frac{1}{2x^2 + \alpha} < G(x) - \frac{1}{x} < \frac{1}{2x^2 + \beta}, \quad x > 0$$

where $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 0$ are the best possible constants, which is a refinement of a recent result. Then, we give a new proof of Slavić inequality about Wallis ratio W_m and provide a new inequality for W_m . Our new inequality improves some recent related works. We also present two inequalities for the hyperbolic tangent function.

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1 Introduction

A function $H : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be completely monotonic (see [45] and [11]), if $H^{(m)}(x)$ exists on J for all $m \geq 0$ and

$$(-1)^m H^{(m)}(x) \geq 0 \quad x \in J; m \geq 0. \quad (1)$$

For $x > 0$, the necessary and sufficient condition for the function $H(x)$ to be completely monotonic is the convergence of the following integral

$$H(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-xt} dv(t), \tag{2}$$

where $v(t)$ is a nonnegative measure on $t \geq 0$. The function $H(x)$ is said to be strictly completely monotonic if the inequality (1) is strict for all $x \in J$ and $m \geq 0$. The concept of completely monotonic function is the continuous analogue of the totally monotone sequence presented by Hausdorff in 1921 [15] (see also [45]). These functions find applications in several diverse fields such as in the theory of special functions, asymptotic analysis, probability, physics, and the list continues, see [2], [5], [6], [12], [13], [32], [34], [35], [38], [44] and the references therein.

The Bateman’s G -function is defined by (see Erdélyi [10])

$$G(t) = \psi\left(\frac{t}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{t}{2}\right), \quad t \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots \tag{3}$$

where $\psi(t)$ is the digamma (Psi) function which is defined by

$$\psi(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \ln \Gamma(t)$$

and $\Gamma(z)$ is the classical Euler gamma function which is defined for $Re(z) > 0$ by

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty e^{-w} w^{z-1} dw.$$

For more details on bounds, identities, properties and applications of Bateman’s G -function, refer to [10], [21]-[25], [31], [39] and the references therein. The following relations hold for the function $G(x)$ [10]:

$$G(x + 1) = -G(x) + 2x^{-1}, \tag{4}$$

$$G(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{2e^{-xv}}{1 + e^{-v}} dv, \quad x > 0 \tag{5}$$

$$G(x) = x^{-1} {}_2F_1\left(1, 1; 1 + x; \frac{1}{2}\right), \tag{6}$$

where

$${}_lF_m(v_1, \dots, v_l; w_1, \dots, w_m; z) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(v_1)_k \dots (v_l)_k}{(w_1)_k \dots (w_m)_k} \frac{z^k}{k!}$$

is the generalized hypergeometric function [3] defined for $l, m \in \mathbb{N}$, $v_j, w_j \in \mathbb{C}$, $w_j \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$ and

$$(v)_0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad (v)_n = \frac{\Gamma(v + n)}{\Gamma(v)}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Qiu and Vuorinen [39] established the inequality

$$\frac{(6 - 4 \ln 4)}{x^2} < G(x) - \frac{1}{x} < \frac{1}{2x^2}, \quad x > 1/2 \tag{7}$$

and Mortici [25] improved the inequality (7) to the double inequality

$$0 < \psi(x + h) - \psi(x) \leq \psi(h) + \gamma - h + h^{-1}, \quad x \geq 1; h \in (0, 1) \tag{8}$$

where γ is the Euler constant. Mahmoud and Agarwal [21] deduced the following asymptotic formula for $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$G(x) - \frac{1}{x} \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{k} x^{-2k}, \tag{9}$$

where B_m 's are the Bernoulli numbers [17] and they also presented the following inequality

$$\frac{1}{2x^2 + \frac{3}{2}} < G(x) - x^{-1} < \frac{1}{2x^2}, \quad x > 0 \tag{10}$$

which improves the lower bound of the inequality (7) for $x > \left(\frac{9-12\ln 2}{16\ln 2-11}\right)^{1/2}$. In [22] Mahmoud and Almuashi proved the following inequality

$$\sum_{n=1}^{2m} \frac{(2^{2n} - 1)}{n} B_{2n} x^{-2n} < G(x) - x^{-1} < \sum_{n=1}^{2m-1} \frac{(2^{2n} - 1)}{n} B_{2n} x^{-2n}, \quad m \in \mathbb{N} \tag{11}$$

where $\frac{(2^{2n}-1)}{n} B_{2n}$ are the best possible constants. Also, Mahmoud, Talat and Moustafa [23] studied the following family of approximations of Bateman's G -function

$$\chi(\rho, x) = \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{x + \rho}\right) + \frac{2}{x(x + 1)}, \quad 1 \leq \rho \leq 2; x > 0$$

which is asymptotically equivalent to the function $G(x)$ for $x \rightarrow \infty$.

Recently, Mahmoud and Almuashi [24] presented some identities, functional equations and an asymptotic expansion of the generalized Bateman's G -function $G_\sigma(x)$ defined by

$$G_\sigma(x) = \psi\left(\frac{x + \sigma}{2}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{x}{2}\right), \quad x \neq -2r, -2r - \sigma; \sigma \in (0, 2); \text{ for } r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Also, they presented the double inequality

$$\ln\left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{x + \phi}\right) < G_\sigma(x) - \frac{2\sigma}{x(x + \sigma)} < \ln\left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{x + \theta}\right), \quad x > 0; \sigma \in (0, 2)$$

where $\phi = \frac{\sigma}{e^{\gamma + \frac{2}{\sigma} + \psi(\frac{\sigma}{2})} - 1}$ and $\theta = 1$ are the best possible constants.

In this paper, we will study the complete monotonicity of some functions involving the function $G(x)$ and as a consequence, we will deduce a double inequality of it. Also, we will prove that the function

$$q(x) = \frac{1}{G(x) - \frac{1}{x}} - 2x^2, \quad x > 0$$

is strictly increasing and present a refinement of the lower bound of the inequality (10). We will apply our results to present a new proof of Slavić inequality about Wallis ratio $W_m = \frac{\Gamma(m+1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(m+1)}$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}$. We will also present a new inequality of W_m , which improves some recent results. Further, we will present two inequalities involving the hyperbolic tangent function.

2 Main Results

We begin by proving some auxiliary results involving Bernoulli numbers.

Lemma 2.1. *For any positive integer $s \geq 1$, we have*

$$B_{2s} = \frac{1}{2(2^{2s} - 1)} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2s + 1} \sum_{k=1}^{s-1} 2(2^{2k} - 1) \binom{2s+1}{2k} B_{2k} \right] \tag{12}$$

and

$$B_{2s} = \frac{1}{2(2^{2s} - 1)} \left[s - \sum_{k=1}^{s-1} (2^{2k} - 1) \binom{2s}{2k} B_{2k} \right]. \tag{13}$$

Proof. The identity [30]

$$B_m = \frac{1}{2(1 - 2^m)} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} 2^j \binom{m}{j} B_j, \quad m \in \mathbb{N} \tag{14}$$

can be rewritten as

$$B_m = \frac{1}{2(1 - 2^m)} \left[1 - m + \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} 2^{2j} \binom{m}{2j} B_{2j} \right], \quad m \geq 1$$

where $B_{2r+1} = 0$ for $r \in \mathbb{N}$ and hence

$$\sum_{k=1}^s 2^{2k} \binom{2s+1}{2k} B_{2k} = 2s, \quad s \geq 1 \tag{15}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{s-1} 2^{2k} \binom{2s}{2k} B_{2k} = (2s - 1) + 2(1 - 2^{2s})B_{2s}, \quad s \geq 2. \tag{16}$$

Also, Bernoulli numbers satisfy [4]

$$s - \frac{1}{2} = \sum_{k=1}^s \binom{2s+1}{2k} B_{2k}, \quad s \geq 1 \tag{17}$$

$$s - 1 = \sum_{k=1}^{s-1} \binom{2s}{2k} B_{2k}, \quad s \geq 2. \tag{18}$$

From the two identities (15) and (17), we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^s 2(2^{2k} - 1) \binom{2s+1}{2k} B_{2k} = 2s + 1 \quad s \geq 1 \tag{19}$$

and the two identities (16) and (18) give us

$$2(2^{2s} - 1)B_{2s} + \sum_{k=1}^{s-1} (2^{2k} - 1) \binom{2s}{2k} B_{2k} = s \quad s \geq 1. \tag{20}$$

□

Lemma 2.2. For $v = 2, 3, 4, \dots$, Bernoulli numbers satisfy

$$\frac{(2^{2v+2} - 1)}{(2^{2v} - 1)} \pi^2 < \frac{|B_{2v}|}{|B_{2v+2}|} (2v + 1)(2v + 2) < \frac{(2^{2v+2} - 1)}{(2^{2v} - 1)} (\pi^2 + 1). \tag{21}$$

Proof. The function

$$f(x) = x(8x - (9 + 3\pi^2)) + 1, \quad x \geq \frac{9 + 3\pi^2 + \sqrt{49 + 54\pi^2 + 9\pi^4}}{16} \approx 4.80006\dots$$

is increasing and positive, and hence

$$2^{2v-1}(2^{2v+2} - (9 + 3\pi^2)) + 1 > 0, \quad v \geq 2.$$

Then

$$(\pi^2 + 1)(2^{2v+2} - 1)(2^{2v-1} - 1) - \pi^2(2^{2v+1} - 1)(2^{2v} - 1) > 0, \quad v \geq 2$$

or

$$\frac{(2^{2v+1} - 1)}{(2^{2v-1} - 1)} \pi^2 < \frac{(2^{2v+2} - 1)}{(2^{2v} - 1)} (\pi^2 + 1), \quad v \geq 2. \tag{22}$$

From the Qi's result [36]

$$\frac{(2^{2v+2} - 1)}{(2^{2v} - 1)} \frac{\pi^2}{(2v + 1)(2v + 2)} < \frac{|B_{2v}|}{|B_{2v+2}|} < \frac{(2^{2v+1} - 1)}{(2^{2v-1} - 1)} \frac{\pi^2}{(2v + 1)(2v + 2)}, \quad v \geq 1 \tag{23}$$

and the inequality (22), we complete the proof. □

Now we will prove the complete monotonicity of some functions involving the function $G(x)$.

Lemma 2.3. For a positive integer m , the function

$$F(x) = G(x) - \frac{1}{x} - \sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{kx^{2k}}, \quad x > 0 \tag{24}$$

is strictly completely monotonic.

Proof. Using the formula [1]

$$\frac{1}{x^k} = \frac{1}{(k - 1)!} \int_0^\infty t^{k-1} e^{-xt} dt, \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \tag{25}$$

and the integral representation of $G(x)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int_0^\infty \left[e^t - 1 - (1 + e^t) \sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}t^{2k-1}}{k(2k - 1)!} \right] \frac{e^{-xt}}{1 + e^t} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \varphi(t) \frac{e^{-xt}}{1 + e^t} dt, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\varphi(t) = e^t - 1 - (1 + e^t) \sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} t^{2k-1}. \tag{26}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t) &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} - \sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{2(2^{2k}-1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} t^{2k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{2(2^{2k}-1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{r+2k-1}}{r!} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} - \sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{2(2^{2k}-1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} t^{2k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{2(2^{2k}-1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \sum_{s=2k-1}^{\infty} \frac{t^s}{(s-2k+1)!} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{4m} \frac{t^r}{r!} - \sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{2(2^{2k}-1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} t^{2k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{2(2^{2k}-1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \sum_{s=2k-1}^{4m} \frac{t^s}{(s-2k+1)!} \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=4m+1}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} - \sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{2(2^{2k}-1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \sum_{s=4m+1}^{\infty} \frac{t^s}{(s-2k+1)!}. \end{aligned}$$

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which can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t) &= \sum_{s=1}^{2m} \frac{t^{2s-1}}{(2s-1)!} - \sum_{s=1}^{2m} \frac{2(2^{2s}-1)B_{2s}}{(2s)!} t^{2s-1} - \sum_{s=1}^{2m} \frac{1}{(2s)!} \sum_{k=1}^s \frac{2(2^{2k}-1)(2s!)B_{2k}}{(2k)!(2s-2k)!} t^{2s-1} \\ &\quad + \sum_{s=1}^{2m} \frac{t^{2s}}{(2s)!} - \sum_{s=1}^{2m} \frac{1}{(2s+1)!} \sum_{k=1}^s \frac{2(2^{2k}-1)((2s+1)!)B_{2k}}{(2k)!(2s-2k+1)!} t^{2s} + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{s+4m+1}}{(s+4m+1)!} \\ &\quad - \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^m \left(\frac{2(2^{4k}-1)B_{4k}}{(4k)!(s+4(m-k)+2)!} + \frac{2(2^{4k-2}-1)B_{4k-2}}{(4k-2)!(s+4(m-k)+4)!} \right) t^{s+4m+1} \\ &= \sum_{s=1}^{2m} \left[2s - 4(2^{2s}-1)B_{2s} - \sum_{k=1}^{s-1} 2(2^{2k}-1) \binom{2s}{2k} B_{2k} \right] \frac{t^{2s-1}}{(2s)!} \\ &\quad + \sum_{s=1}^{2m} \left[2s + 1 - \sum_{k=1}^s 2(2^{2k}-1) \binom{2s+1}{2k} B_{2k} \right] \frac{t^{2s}}{(2s+1)!} + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{s+4m+1}}{(s+4m+1)!} \\ &\quad - \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^m \left[\left(1 + \frac{(2^{4k-2}-1)(4k)(4k-1)B_{4k-2}}{(2^{4k}-1)(s+4(m-k)+3)(s+4(m-k)+4)B_{4k}} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{2(2^{4k}-1)t^{s+4m+1}B_{4k}}{(4k)!(s+4(m-k)+2)!} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Using the identities (12) and (13) with the relation

$$(-1)^{r+1}B_{2r} > 0, \quad r \in \mathbb{N} \tag{27}$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t) = & \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^m \left[\left(1 - \frac{(2^{4k-2} - 1)(4k)(4k - 1)|B_{4k-2}|}{(2^{4k} - 1)(s + 4(m - k) + 3)(s + 4(m - k) + 4)|B_{4k}|} \right) \right. \\ & \left. \frac{2(2^{4k} - 1)|B_{4k}|t^{s+4m+1}}{(4k)!(s + 4(m - k) + 2)!} \right] + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{s+4m+1}}{(s + 4m + 1)!}. \end{aligned}$$

For $s \geq 0$ and $m \geq k \geq 1$, we have

$$(s + 4(m - k) + 3)(s + 4(m - k) + 4) \geq (s + 3)(s + 4) \geq 12$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t) \geq & \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{2(2^{4k} - 1)|B_{4k}|}{(4k)!(s + 4(m - k) + 2)!} \left(1 - \frac{(2^{4k-2} - 1)(4k)(4k - 1)|B_{4k-2}|}{12(2^{4k} - 1)|B_{4k}|} \right) t^{s+4m+1} \\ & + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{s+4m+1}}{(s + 4m + 1)!} \\ \geq & \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=2}^m \frac{2(2^{4k} - 1)|B_{4k}|}{(4k)!(s + 4(m - k) + 2)!} \left(1 - \frac{(2^{4k-2} - 1)(4k)(4k - 1)|B_{4k-2}|}{12(2^{4k} - 1)|B_{4k}|} \right) t^{s+4m+1} \\ & + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{30|B_4|}{(4!)(s + 4m - 2)!} \left(1 - \frac{|B_2|}{5|B_4|} \right) t^{s+4m+1} + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{s+4m+1}}{(s + 4m + 1)!}. \end{aligned}$$

Using inequality (21) with $v = 2k - 1$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we get

$$\varphi(t) > \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=2}^m \frac{2(2^{4k} - 1)|B_{4k}|}{(4k)!(s + 4(m - k) + 2)!} \left(1 - \frac{\pi^2 + 1}{12} \right) t^{s+4m+1} + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{s+4m+1}}{(s + 4m + 1)!} > 0,$$

which complete the proof. □

Lemma 2.4. For a positive integer m , the function

$$M(x) = \frac{1}{x} - G(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} \frac{(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{kx^{2k}}, \quad x > 0 \tag{28}$$

is strictly completely monotonic.

Proof. Using the formula (25) and the integral representation of $G(x)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(x) &= \int_0^{\infty} \left[(1 + e^t) \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} \frac{(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}t^{2k-1}}{k(2k - 1)!} - (e^t - 1) \right] \frac{e^{-xt}}{1 + e^t} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \mu(t) \frac{e^{-xt}}{1 + e^t} dt, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mu(t) = (1 + e^t) \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} t^{2k-1} - (e^t - 1).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(t) &= \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} t^{2k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{r+2k-1}}{r!} - \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} \mu(t) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} t^{2k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \sum_{s=2k-1}^{\infty} \frac{t^s}{(s - 2k + 1)!} - \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} t^{2k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \sum_{s=2k-1}^{4m-2} \frac{t^s}{(s - 2k + 1)!} - \sum_{r=1}^{4m-2} \frac{t^r}{r!} \\ &\quad + \sum_{s=4m-1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \frac{t^s}{(s - 2k + 1)!} - \sum_{r=4m-1}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!}. \end{aligned}$$

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which can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(t) &= \sum_{s=1}^{2m-1} \frac{2(2^{2s} - 1)B_{2s}}{(2s)!} t^{2s-1} + \sum_{s=1}^{2m-1} \frac{1}{(2s)!} \sum_{k=1}^s \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)(2s!)B_{2k}}{(2k)!(2s - 2k)!} t^{2s-1} - \sum_{s=1}^{2m-1} \frac{t^{2s-1}}{(2s - 1)!} \\ &\quad + \sum_{s=1}^{2m-1} \frac{1}{(2s + 1)!} \sum_{k=1}^s \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)(2s + 1)!B_{2k}}{(2k)!(2s - 2k + 1)!} t^{2s} - \sum_{s=1}^{2m-1} \frac{t^{2s}}{(2s)!} \\ &\quad + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \frac{t^{s+4m-1}}{(s + 4m - 2k)!} - \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{s+4m-1}}{(s + 4m - 1)!} \\ &= \sum_{s=1}^{2m-1} \left[2(2^{2s} - 1)B_{2s} - s + \sum_{k=1}^{s-1} (2^{2k} - 1) \binom{2s}{2k} B_{2k} \right] \frac{2t^{2s-1}}{(2s)!} \\ &\quad + \sum_{s=1}^{2m-1} \left[-(2s + 1) + \sum_{k=1}^s 2(2^{2k} - 1) \binom{2s+1}{2k} B_{2k} \right] \frac{t^{2s}}{(2s + 1)!} \\ &\quad + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{s + 4m - 3}{(s + 4m - 1)!} + \sum_{k=2}^{2m-1} \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!(s + 4m - 2k)!} \right] t^{s+4m-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the identities (12) and (13) with the relation (27), $\mu(t)$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(t) &> \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \left(\frac{2(2^{4k} - 1)B_{4k}}{(4k)!(s + 4(m - k))!} + \frac{2(2^{4k+2} - 1)B_{4k+2}}{(4k + 2)!(s + 4(m - k) - 2)!} \right) t^{s+4m-1} \\ &> \left[\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \left(1 - \frac{(2^{4k} - 1)(4k + 1)(4k + 2)|B_{4k}|}{(2^{4k+2} - 1)(s + 4(m - k) - 1)(s + 4(m - k))|B_{4k+2}|} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{2(2^{4k+2} - 1)|B_{4k+2}|t^{s+4m-1}}{(4k + 2)!(s + 4(m - k) - 2)!} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

For $s \geq 0$ and $m - k \geq 1$, we have

$$(s + 4(m - k) - 1)(s + 4(m - k)) \geq (s + 3)(s + 4) \geq 12$$

and then μ satisfies

$$\mu(t) > \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \left(1 - \frac{\pi^2 + 1}{12} \right) \frac{2(2^{4k+2} - 1)|B_{4k+2}|t^{s+4m-1}}{(4k + 2)!(s + 4(m - k) - 2)!} > 0,$$

which complete the proof. □

From the complete monotonicity of the two functions $F(x)$ and $M(x)$ with the asymptotic expansion (9), we get the following double inequality which posed as a conjecture in [21].

Lemma 2.5. *The following double inequality holds*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{k} x^{-2k} < G(x) - x^{-1} < \sum_{k=1}^{2l-1} \frac{(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{k} x^{-2k}, \quad l, m \in N; x > 0. \quad (29)$$

From the positivity of the two functions $\varphi(t)$ and $\mu(t)$ in the proofs of Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4, we obtain the following result:

Lemma 2.6. *The following double inequality holds*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{2^{2k}(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} x^{2k-1} \leq \tanh(x) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{2l-1} \frac{2^{2k}(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} x^{2k-1}, \quad l, m \in N; x \geq 0 \quad (30)$$

and the inequality is reversed if $x \leq 0$. Equality holds if $x = 0$.

Remark 1. In the case $|x| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and l or $m =$ tends to ∞ , in the inequality (30) in fact equality holds, since

$$\tanh(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2k}(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!} x^{2k-1}, \quad |x| < \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Elbert and Laforgia established the following lemma to study the monotonicity of some functions involving gamma function [9] (see also [48]).

Lemma 2.7. *Let K be a real-valued function defined on $x > a$, $a \in \mathbb{R}$ with $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} K(x) = 0$. Then $K(x) > 0$, if $K(x) > K(x + 1)$ for all $x > a$ and $K(x) < 0$, if $K(x) < K(x + 1)$ for all $x > a$.*

To present our next result, we can easily prove the following simple modification on Lemma 2.7:

Corollary 2.8. *Let K be a real-valued function defined on $x > a$, $a \in \mathbb{R}$ with $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} K(x) = 0$. Then for $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $K(x) > 0$, if $K(x) > K(x + m)$ for all $x > a$ and $K(x) < 0$, if $K(x) < K(x + m)$ for all $x > a$.*

Proof. For $m \in \mathbb{N}$, if we have $K(x) > K(x + m)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} K(x) = 0$, then

$$K(x) > K(x + m) > \dots > K(x + rm) > \dots > \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} K(x + rm) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} K(y) = 0.$$

The other case is similarly treated. □

Lemma 2.9. *The function*

$$q(x) = \frac{1}{G(x) - \frac{1}{x}} - 2x^2, \quad x > 0 \tag{31}$$

is strictly increasing.

Proof. For $x > 0$, we have

$$q'(x) = \frac{L(x)}{[G(x) - \frac{1}{x}]^2},$$

where

$$L(x) = -G'(x) - 4xG^2(x) + 8G(x) - \frac{(4x + 1)}{x^2}.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} L(x + 1) - L(x) &= G'(x) - G'(x + 1) + 4x [G^2(x) - G^2(x + 1)] - 4G^2(x + 1) \\ &\quad - 8[G(x) - G(x + 1)] + \frac{4x^2 + 6x + 1}{x^2(x + 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

and using equation (4) and its derivative, we get

$$L(x + 1) - L(x) = 2G'(x) - 4G^2(x + 1) + \frac{6x^2 + 10x + 3}{x^2(x + 1)^2} \triangleq L_1(x).$$

Consider the difference

$$\begin{aligned} L_1(x + 2) - L_1(x) &= 2[G'(x + 2) - G'(x)] - 4[G^2(x + 3) - G^2(x + 1)] \\ &\quad - \frac{4(27 + 135x + 220x^2 + 158x^3 + 51x^4 + 6x^5)}{x^2(x + 1)^2(x + 2)^2(x + 3)^2} \end{aligned}$$

and using equation (4) and its derivative, we obtain

$$L_1(x + 2) - L_1(x) = \frac{16}{(x + 1)(x + 2)} \left\{ G(x + 1) - \frac{4x^5 + 34x^4 + 98x^3 + 99x^2 + 3x - 9}{4x^2(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)^2} \right\}$$

$$\triangleq \frac{16}{(x + 1)(x + 2)} L_2(x).$$

Using equation (4), the function $L_2(x)$ satisfies

$$L_2(x + 2) - L_2(x) = -\frac{3(7x + 15)(7x + 20)}{2x^2(x + 1)(x + 2)^2(x + 3)^2(x + 4)(x + 5)^2} < 0.$$

From the asymptotic formula (9) and its derivative

$$G'(x) \sim -\frac{1}{x^2} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(2^{2k} - 1)B_{2k}}{x^{2k+1}}, \quad x \rightarrow \infty \tag{32}$$

we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} L(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} L_1(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} L_2(x) = 0.$$

Hence, using Corollary 2.8, we get that $L(x) > 0$ for all $x > 0$ which completes the proof. \square

As a consequence of the monotonicity of the function $q(x)$ with the asymptotic expansion (9), we obtain the following inequality:

Lemma 2.10. *The following double inequality holds*

$$\frac{1}{2x^2 + \alpha} < G(x) - \frac{1}{x} < \frac{1}{2x^2 + \beta}, \quad x > 0 \tag{33}$$

where $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 0$ are the best possible constants.

Remark 2. The double inequality (33) is a refinement of the double inequality (10).

Lemma 2.11. *The function*

$$U(x) = G(x) - \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{2x^2 + 1}, \quad x > 0 \tag{34}$$

is strictly completely monotonic.

Proof. Using the formula (25), the integral representation of $G(x)$ and the Laplace transform of sine function, we have

$$U(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \lambda(t)e^{-xt} dt,$$

where

$$\lambda(t) = \frac{e^t - 1}{e^t + 1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}\right).$$

Since $\sin z < 1$, we get

$$\lambda(t) > \frac{e^t - 1}{e^t + 1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} > 0, \quad t > \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{\sqrt{2} - 1} \right) \approx 1.76275 .$$

Also, from the generalization of Redheffer-Williams’s inequality [40], [41], [42], [46]

$$\frac{\pi^2 - x^2}{\pi^2 + x^2} \leq \frac{\sin x}{x} \leq \frac{12 - x^2}{12 + x^2}, \quad 0 < x \leq \pi$$

and the inequality (30) for $m = 4$, we obtain $\lambda(t) > \frac{t^5(2352-240t^2-17t^4)}{40320(24+t^2)} > 0$ for $0 < t < \sqrt{\frac{4\sqrt{3399}-120}{17}} \approx 2.58051$. □

As a consequence of the Lemma 2.11, we get

Lemma 2.12.

1. For odd positive integer r , we have

$$G^{(r)}(x) < -\frac{r!}{x^{r+1}} + \frac{r!(\sqrt{2})^r}{(2x^2 + 1)^{r+1}} \sum_{l=1}^{\frac{r+1}{2}} (-1)^l \binom{r+1}{2l-1} (\sqrt{2}x)^{r-2l+2} \quad x > 0 \tag{35}$$

2. For even positive integer r , we have

$$G^{(r)}(x) > \frac{r!}{x^{r+1}} + \frac{r!(\sqrt{2})^r}{(2x^2 + 1)^{r+1}} \sum_{l=1}^{\frac{r}{2}+1} (-1)^{l+1} \binom{r+1}{2l-1} (\sqrt{2}x)^{r-2l+2} \quad x > 0 \tag{36}$$

Also, as a consequence of the proof of Lemma 2.11, we obtain the following inequality:

Lemma 2.13. *The following double inequality holds*

$$\tanh(x) \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\sqrt{2}x), \quad x \geq 0. \tag{37}$$

Equality holds iff $x = 0$.

3 Applications: Some inequalities of Wallis ratio

The Wallis ratio

$$W_m = \frac{1.3.5...(2m - 1)}{2.4.6...(2m)} = \frac{\Gamma(m + 1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(m + 1)}, \quad m \in N \tag{38}$$

plays an important role in mathematics especially in special functions, combinatorics, graph theory and many other branches. For further details about its history and applications, we refer to [7], [16], [18], [20], [26]-[29].

Guo, Xu and Qi [14] deduced the inequality

$$\frac{C_1}{m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2m}\right)^m \sqrt{m-1} < W_m \leq \frac{C_2}{m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2m}\right)^m \sqrt{m-1}, \quad m \geq 2 \tag{39}$$

with the best possible constants $C_1 = \sqrt{\frac{e}{\pi}}$ and $C_2 = \frac{4}{3}$.

Recently, Qi and Mortici [37] presented the following improvement of the double inequality (39)

$$\sqrt{\frac{e}{\pi m}} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2(m+1/3)}\right]^{m+1/3} < W_m < \sqrt{\frac{e}{\pi m}} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2(m+1/3)}\right]^{m+1/3} e^{\frac{1}{144m^3}}, \quad m \in N. \tag{40}$$

Also, Zhang, Xu and Situ [47] presented the inequality

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{e\pi m}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2m}\right)^{m - \frac{1}{12m}} < W_m \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{e\pi m}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2m}\right)^{m - \frac{1}{12m+16}}, \quad m \in N. \tag{41}$$

Recently, Cristea [8] improved the upper bound of the inequality (41) by

$$W_m \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{e\pi m}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2m}\right)^{m - \frac{1}{12m} + \frac{1}{48m^2} - \frac{1}{2880m^3}}, \quad m \in N \tag{42}$$

which is better than the upper bound of the inequality (40).

3.1 New proof of Slavić inequality

Slavić [43] presented the following double inequality

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^{2l-1} \frac{(1-2^{-2k})B_{2k}}{k(1-2k)x^{2k-1}}\right) < \frac{\Gamma(x+1/2)}{\Gamma(x+1)} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{(1-2^{-2k})B_{2k}}{k(1-2k)x^{2k-1}}\right), \tag{43}$$

where $x > 0$ and $l, m \in N$. In the following sequel, we will present a new proof of Slavić inequality (43). Consider the two functions

$$S_L(x) = \frac{\Gamma(x+1/2)}{\Gamma(x+1)} \sqrt{x} \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^{2l-1} \frac{(1-2^{-2k})B_{2k}}{k(2k-1)x^{2k-1}}\right), \quad l \in N$$

and

$$S_U(x) = \frac{\Gamma(x+1/2)}{\Gamma(x+1)} \sqrt{x} \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{(1-2^{-2k})B_{2k}}{k(2k-1)x^{2k-1}}\right), \quad m \in N.$$

Using Lemma 2.5, we obtain

$$\frac{S'_L(x)}{S_L(x)} = G(2x) - \frac{1}{2x} - \left(\sum_{k=1}^{2l-1} \frac{(1-2^{-2k})B_{2k}}{kx^{2k}}\right) < 0, \quad l \in N$$

and

$$\frac{S'_U(x)}{S_U(x)} = G(2x) - \frac{1}{2x} - \left(\sum_{k=1}^{2m} \frac{(1 - 2^{-2k})B_{2k}}{kx^{2k}} \right) > 0, \quad m \in N.$$

Then the function $S_L(x)$ is decreasing and the function $S_U(x)$ is increasing and using the asymptotic expansion of the ratio of two gamma functions [19]

$$\frac{\Gamma(x+a)}{\Gamma(x+b)} \sim x^{a-b} \left[1 + \frac{(a-b)(a+b-1)}{2x} + O(x^{-2}) \right], \quad a, b \geq 0 \tag{44}$$

as $x \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} S_L(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} S_U(x) = 1.$$

Hence we get

$$S_L(x) > 1 \quad \text{and} \quad S_U(x) < 1,$$

which complete the proof of Slavić inequality (43).

Remark 3. In the case of $l = 1, m = 1$ and $x = m$, the inequality (43) will gives

$$\frac{e^{-\frac{1}{8m}}}{\sqrt{\pi m}} < W_m < \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{8m} + \frac{1}{192m^3}}}{\sqrt{\pi m}}, \quad m \in N \tag{45}$$

which is better than inequality (40) of Qi and Mortici [37].

3.2 New upper bound of W_n

Consider the function

$$M_L(x) = \frac{\Gamma(x+1/2)}{\Gamma(x+1)} \sqrt{x} e^{\frac{-1}{2\sqrt{2}} [\tan^{-1}(2\sqrt{2}x) - \frac{\pi}{2}]}, \quad x > 0.$$

Using the inequality (33), we get

$$\frac{M'_L(x)}{M_L(x)} = G(2x) - \frac{1}{2x} - \frac{1}{8x^2 + 1} > 0$$

and using the expansion (44), we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} M_L(x) = 1$. Then

$$M_L(x) < 1$$

and we obtain the following result:

Lemma 3.1. *The following double inequality holds*

$$\frac{\Gamma(x+1/2)}{\Gamma(x+1)} < \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} [\tan^{-1}(2\sqrt{2}x) - \frac{\pi}{2}]}}{\sqrt{x}}, \quad x > 0. \tag{46}$$

Remark 4. In the case of $x = m$ in the inequality (46), we have

$$W_m < \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} [\tan^{-1}(2\sqrt{2}m) - \frac{\pi}{2}]}}{\sqrt{\pi m}}, \quad m \in N \tag{47}$$

which is better than inequality (42) of Cristea [8].

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