

A weighted Wirtinger inequality

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Abstract

We establish a sharp estimate for the best constant $C > 0$ in the Wirtinger type inequality

$$\int_0^{2\pi} aw^2 \leq C \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{a} w'^2,$$

where $w \in W^{1,1}(0, 2\pi)$ is 2π -periodic and satisfies the constraint

$$\int_0^{2\pi} aw = 0$$

when the non negative function $a = a(t)$ belongs to $L^1(0, 2\pi)$, extending a result of [2], [3].

We establish, also, an estimate for the best constant $C(a, b)$ in more general Wirtinger inequality

$$\int_0^{2\pi} aw^2 \leq C(a, b) \int_0^{2\pi} bw'^2,$$

where w and a verify the previous assumptions and b is a non negative function such that $1/b$ and $\sqrt{a/b}$ belong to $L^1(0, 2\pi)$

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