

## Lecture 5.

<http://web.mat.bham.ac.uk/~malevao/MSM3G06/>

**Hardy's inequality for series.**

**Theorem**

If  $p > 1$ ,  $a_n \geq 0$  is a non-zero sequence and  $A_n = a_1 + \cdots + a_n$ , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{A_n}{n} \right)^p < \left( \frac{p}{p-1} \right)^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p. \quad (1)$$

*The constant is the best possible.*

**Hilbert's double series theorem.**

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 < \infty$ , then the double series  $\sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n a_m}{n+m}$  converges whenever  $a_n \geq 0$  for all  $n$ .

### Proof of Hardy's inequality for series.

$$\text{Let } \Phi_n = \frac{1}{n^p} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^p} + \frac{1}{(n+2)^p} + \dots$$

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$$\sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{A_n}{n}\right)^p \leq \sum_{n=1}^N (A_n^p - A_{n-1}^p) \Phi_n.$$

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$$A_n^p - A_{n-1}^p = p\xi^{p-1}a_n \leq pA_n^{p-1}a_n$$

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$$\Phi_n \leq \frac{p}{p-1} \frac{1}{n^{p-1}}$$