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A new extension of a Hardy-Hilbert-type inequality

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Abstract

By introducing independent parameters, and applying weight coefficients and the technique of real analysis, we give a new extension of a Hardy-Hilbert-type inequality with a best possible constant factor. Furthermore, the equivalent forms, the operator expressions, and the reverses are considered.

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1 Introduction

If $p > 1$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, $a_n, b_n \geq 0$, $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p < \infty$ and $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^q < \infty$, then we have the Hardy-Hilbert inequality as follows (cf. [1]):

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p \right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^q \right)^{1/q}, \quad (1)$$

where the constant factor $\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)}$ is the best possible. We also have the following Hardy-Hilbert-type inequality (cf. [2]):

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(m/n) a_m b_n}{m-n} < \left[\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \right]^2 \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p \right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^q \right)^{1/q}, \quad (2)$$

where the constant factor $\left[\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \right]^2$ is still the best possible. In 2008, by introducing some parameters, Yang gave an extension of inequality (2) (cf. [3]): If $0 < \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \leq 1$, $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$, $a_n, b_n \geq 0$, $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1} a_n^p < \infty$, and $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1} b_n^q < \infty$, then the following inequality holds:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(m/n) a_m b_n}{m^\lambda - n^\lambda} < \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_1 / \lambda)} \right]^2 \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1} a_n^p \right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1} b_n^q \right)^{1/q}, \quad (3)$$

where the constant factor $[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_1/\lambda)}]^2$ is the best possible. There are lots of improvements, generalizations, and applications of inequality (2) ([3–11]). For more details, Yang gives a summary of introducing independent parameters ([12, 13]).

In this article, by introducing independent parameters, and applying weight coefficients and the technique of real analysis, we give a new extension of (2) with a best possible constant factor. Furthermore, the equivalent forms, the operator expressions, and the reverses are considered.

2 Some lemmas

We agree on the following assumptions in this paper: $p \neq 0, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \lambda > 0, 0 < \lambda_i \leq 1$ ($i = 1, 2$), $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda, k_\lambda(\lambda_2) = k_\lambda(\lambda_1) = [\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_1/\lambda)}]^2, \{\mu_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ and $\{v_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ are positive sequences, $U_m = \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i, V_n = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i$, and $a_m, b_n \geq 0$ ($m, n \in \mathbf{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$),

$$0 < \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p < \infty, \quad 0 < \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q < \infty.$$

Lemma 1 Define the weight coefficients as follows:

$$\omega(\lambda_2, m) := \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \frac{U_m^{\lambda_1}}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2}} v_n, \quad m \in \mathbf{N}, \tag{4}$$

$$\varpi(\lambda_1, n) := \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \frac{V_n^{\lambda_2}}{U_m^{1-\lambda_1}} \mu_m, \quad n \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{5}$$

We have the following inequalities:

$$\omega(\lambda_2, m) < k_\lambda(\lambda_1) \quad (m \in \mathbf{N}; 0 < \lambda_2 \leq 1, \lambda_1 > 0), \tag{6}$$

$$\varpi(\lambda_1, n) < k_\lambda(\lambda_1) \quad (n \in \mathbf{N}; 0 < \lambda_1 \leq 1, \lambda_2 > 0). \tag{7}$$

Proof Putting $\mu(t) := \mu_m, t \in (m-1, m]$ ($m = 1, 2, \dots$), $v(t) := v_n, t \in (n-1, n]$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$),

$$U(x) := \int_0^x \mu(t) dt \quad (x \geq 0), \quad V(y) := \int_0^y v(t) dt \quad (y \geq 0).$$

Then we have $U(m) = U_m, V(n) = V_n$ ($m, n \in \mathbf{N}$). $U'(x) = \mu(x) = \mu_m$ when $x \in (m-1, m]$; $V'(y) = v(y) = v_n$ when $y \in (n-1, n]$. Since the function $V(y)$ ($y > 0$) is strictly increasing and $f(x) = \frac{\ln(m/x)}{m^\lambda - x^\lambda}$ ($x > 0$) is strictly decreasing (cf. [4], Example 2.2.1), in view of $1 - \lambda_2 \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\lambda_2, m) &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_{n-1}^n \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \frac{U_m^{\lambda_1}}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2}} V'(t) dt \\ &< \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_{n-1}^n \frac{\ln(U_m/V(t))}{U_m^\lambda - V^\lambda(t)} \frac{U_m^{\lambda_1}}{V^{1-\lambda_2}(t)} V'(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Putting $u = \frac{V^\lambda(t)}{U_m^\lambda}$ in the above integral, and in view of the fact that (cf. [2])

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\ln u}{u-1} u^{a-1} du = \left[\frac{\pi}{\sin(a\pi)} \right]^2 \quad (0 < a < 1),$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\lambda_2, m) &< \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{V^{\lambda}(n)}{U_m^{\lambda}}}{\frac{V^{\lambda}(n+1)}{U_m^{\lambda}}} \frac{\ln u}{u-1} u^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}-1} du \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \int_0^{\frac{V^{\lambda}(\infty)}{U_m^{\lambda}}} \frac{\ln u}{u-1} u^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}-1} du \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln u}{u-1} u^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}-1} du \\ &= \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_2/\lambda)} \right]^2 = \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_1/\lambda)} \right]^2 = k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we prove that (6) is valid. In the same way, we can prove that (7) is valid too. \square

Lemma 2 *Suppose that $\{\mu_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ and $\{v_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ are decreasing sequences, and $U(\infty) = V(\infty) = \infty$, then we have the following inequalities:*

$$k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1)(1 - \theta_1(\lambda_2, m)) < \omega(\lambda_2, m) \quad (m \in \mathbf{N}; 0 < \lambda_2 \leq 1, \lambda_1 > 0), \tag{8}$$

$$k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1)(1 - \theta_2(\lambda_1, n)) < \varpi(\lambda_1, n) \quad (n \in \mathbf{N}; 0 < \lambda_1 \leq 1, \lambda_2 > 0), \tag{9}$$

where $\theta_1(\lambda_2, m) = O(\frac{1}{U_m^{\lambda_2/2}}) \in (0, 1)$ and $\theta_2(\lambda_1, n) = O(\frac{1}{V_n^{\lambda_1/2}}) \in (0, 1)$. Moreover, we get

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(1 + o_1(1)) \quad (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+), \tag{10}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1+\varepsilon}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(1 + o_2(1)) \quad (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+). \tag{11}$$

Proof By the decreasing property of $\{v_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$, and in view of $1 - \lambda_2 \geq 0, V(\infty) = \infty$, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\lambda_2, m) &\geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^{\lambda} - V_n^{\lambda}} \frac{U_m^{\lambda_1}}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2}} v_{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^{\lambda} - V_n^{\lambda}} \frac{U_m^{\lambda_1}}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2}} V'(t) dt \\ &> \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} \frac{\ln(U_m/V(t))}{U_m^{\lambda} - V^{\lambda}(t)} \frac{U_m^{\lambda_1}}{V^{1-\lambda_2}(t)} V'(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{V^{\lambda}(n)}{U_m^{\lambda}}}{\frac{V^{\lambda}(n+1)}{U_m^{\lambda}}} \frac{\ln u}{u-1} u^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}-1} du = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \int_{\frac{V^{\lambda}(1)}{U_m^{\lambda}}}^{\infty} \frac{\ln u}{u-1} u^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}-1} du \\ &= k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1) - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \int_0^{\frac{V^{\lambda}_1}{U_m^{\lambda}}} \frac{\ln u}{u-1} u^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}-1} du = k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1)(1 - \theta_1(\lambda_2, m)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\theta_1(\lambda_2, m) := \frac{1}{\lambda^2 k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1)} \int_0^{\frac{V^{\lambda}_1}{U_m^{\lambda}}} \frac{\ln u}{u-1} u^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}-1} du \in (0, 1).$$

In virtue of

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^{v_1^\lambda/x^\lambda} \frac{\ln u}{u-1} u^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}-1} du}{x^{-\lambda_2/2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\lambda^2 v_1^{\lambda_2}}{\lambda_2} \left(\frac{v_1^\lambda}{x^\lambda} - 1\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x^{\lambda_2/2}} \ln \frac{v_1}{x}\right) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

it is obvious that $\theta_1(\lambda_2, m) = O(\frac{1}{U_m^{\lambda_2/2}})$. Hence (8) is valid. In the same way, we can prove that (9) is valid too. Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} &= \frac{1}{\mu_1^\varepsilon} + \sum_{m=2}^\infty \int_{m-1}^m \frac{U'(t)}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\mu_1^\varepsilon} + \sum_{m=2}^\infty \int_{m-1}^m \frac{U'(t)}{U^{1+\varepsilon}(t)} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu_1^\varepsilon} + \sum_{m=2}^\infty \int_{U(m-1)}^{U(m)} \frac{1}{u^{1+\varepsilon}} du = \frac{1}{\mu_1^\varepsilon} + \int_{\mu_1}^\infty \frac{1}{u^{1+\varepsilon}} du \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{\mu_1^\varepsilon} + \frac{\varepsilon}{\mu_1^\varepsilon} - 1 \right) \right], \\ \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} &\geq \sum_{m=1}^\infty \int_m^{m+1} \frac{\mu_{m+1}}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} dt \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^\infty \int_m^{m+1} \frac{U'(t)}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} dt > \sum_{m=1}^\infty \int_m^{m+1} \frac{U'(t)}{U^{1+\varepsilon}(t)} dt \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^\infty \int_{U(m)}^{U(m+1)} \frac{1}{u^{1+\varepsilon}} du = \int_{\mu_1}^\infty \frac{1}{u^{1+\varepsilon}} du \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{\mu_1^\varepsilon} - 1 \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have (10). In the same way, we have (11). □

Remark 1 Taking $\varepsilon = a > 0$, we write by (10) and (11) that

$$\sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+a}} = O_1(1), \quad \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1+a}} = O_2(1).$$

3 Equivalent forms and operator expressions

Theorem 1 Suppose that $p > 1$, then we have the following equivalent inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} I &:= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m b_n \\ &< \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_1/\lambda)} \right]^2 \left[\sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right]^{1/p} \left[\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q \right]^{1/q}, \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &:= \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m \right)^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &< \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_1/\lambda)} \right]^2 \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right)^{1/p}. \tag{13}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof By Hölder’s inequality with weight (cf. [14]), we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m \right)^p \\
 &= \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \left[\frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)/q} v_n^{1/p}}{V_n^{(1-\lambda_2)/p} \mu_m^{1/q}} a_m \right] \left[\frac{V_n^{(1-\lambda_2)/p} \mu_m^{1/q}}{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)/q} v_n^{1/p}} \right] \right\}^p \\
 &\leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)p/q} v_n}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p/q}} a_m^p \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \frac{V_n^{(1-\lambda_2)(q-1)} \mu_m}{U_m^{1-\lambda_1} v_n^{q-1}} \right]^{p-1} \\
 &= (\varpi(\lambda_1, n))^{p-1} \frac{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}}{v_n} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)p/q} v_n}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p/q}} a_m^p. \tag{14}
 \end{aligned}$$

By (7), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &< (k_\lambda(\lambda_1))^{\frac{1}{q}} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)p/q} v_n}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p/q}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &= (k_\lambda(\lambda_1))^{\frac{1}{q}} \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)(p-1)} v_n}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &= (k_\lambda(\lambda_1))^{\frac{1}{q}} \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \omega(\lambda_2, m) \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}. \tag{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (8) and (15), we have (13).

Using Hölder’s inequality again, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{v_n^{1/p}}{V_n^{\frac{1}{p}-\lambda_2}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m \right] \left[\frac{V_n^{\frac{1}{p}-\lambda_2}}{v_n^{1/p}} b_n \right] \\
 &\leq J \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \tag{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

and then we have (12) by using (13). On the other hand, assuming that (12) is valid, setting

$$b_n = \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}} \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m \right]^{p-1}, \quad n \in \mathbf{N},$$

then we find $J = [\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q]^{1/p}$. By (15), it follows that $J < \infty$. If $J = 0$, then (13) is trivially valid. If $0 < J < \infty$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q = J^p = I \\ &< k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1) \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} < \infty, \\ J &= \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q \right]^{1/p} < k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1) \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence (13) is valid, which is equivalent to (12). □

Theorem 2 *Suppose that $p > 1$, $\{\mu_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ and $\{v_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ are decreasing positive sequences, and $U(\infty) = V(\infty) = \infty$, then the constant factor $k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1) = [\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\lambda_1 \pi / \lambda)}]^2$ is the best possible in (12) and (13).*

Proof For $0 < \varepsilon < p\lambda_1$, we set $\tilde{\lambda}_1 = \lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}$ ($\in (0, 1)$), $\tilde{\lambda}_2 = \lambda_2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{p}$ (> 0), $\tilde{a}_m = U_m^{\tilde{\lambda}_1-1} \mu_m$, $\tilde{b}_n = V_n^{\tilde{\lambda}_2-\varepsilon-1} v_n$. By (10), (11), and (9), in view of Remark 1, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} \tilde{a}_m^p &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (1 + o_1(1)), \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} \tilde{b}_n^q &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1+\varepsilon}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (1 + o_2(1)), \\ \tilde{I} &:= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^{\tilde{\lambda}_1} - V_n^{\tilde{\lambda}_2}} \tilde{a}_m \tilde{b}_n \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^{\tilde{\lambda}_1} - V_n^{\tilde{\lambda}_2}} \frac{V_n^{\tilde{\lambda}_2} \mu_m}{U_m^{1-\tilde{\lambda}_1}} \right] \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varpi(\tilde{\lambda}_1, n) \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} \geq k_{\lambda}(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \theta_2(\tilde{\lambda}_1, n)) \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} \\ &= k_{\lambda}(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} O\left(\frac{v_n}{V_n^{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{\varepsilon}{q} + \varepsilon + \lambda_1) + 1}}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \tilde{\lambda}_1 / \lambda)} \right]^2 [1 + o_2(1) - \varepsilon O(1)]. \end{aligned}$$

If there exists a positive number $K \leq k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1)$, such that (12) is still valid when replacing $k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1)$ by K , then, in particular, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \tilde{I} &= \varepsilon \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^{\tilde{\lambda}_1} - V_n^{\tilde{\lambda}_2}} \tilde{a}_m \tilde{b}_n \\ &< \varepsilon K \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} \tilde{a}_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} \tilde{b}_n^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain from the above results

$$\left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \tilde{\lambda}_1 / \lambda)} \right]^2 [1 + o_2(1) - \varepsilon O(1)] < K(1 + o_1(1))^{\frac{1}{p}} (1 + o_2(1))^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

and then it follows that $k_\lambda(\lambda_1) \leq K$ (for $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$). Hence $K = k_\lambda(\lambda_1)$ is the best value of (12).

We conform that the constant factor $k_\lambda(\lambda_1)$ in (13) is the best possible. Otherwise we can get a contradiction by (16): that the constant factor in (12) is not the best value. \square

For $p > 1$, setting

$$\varphi(m) := \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}}, \quad \psi(n) := \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{\nu_n^{q-1}} \quad (n, m \in \mathbf{N}),$$

then it follows that $[\psi(n)]^{1-p} = \frac{\nu_n}{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}}$, and we define the real weighted normed function spaces as follows:

$$l_{p,\varphi} := \left\{ a = \{a_m\}_{m=1}^\infty; \|a\|_{p,\varphi} = \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} |a_m|^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\},$$

$$l_{q,\psi} := \left\{ b = \{b_n\}_{n=1}^\infty; \|b\|_{q,\psi} = \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{\nu_n^{q-1}} |b_n|^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} < \infty \right\},$$

$$l_{p,\psi^{1-p}} := \left\{ c = \{c_n\}_{n=1}^\infty; \|c\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} = \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\nu_n}{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}} |c_n|^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\}.$$

For $a = \{a_m\}_{m=1}^\infty \in l_{p,\varphi}$, putting $h_n := \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m$, $h = \{h_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$, then it follows by (13) that $\|h\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} < k_\lambda(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p,\varphi}$, and $h \in l_{p,\psi^{1-p}}$.

Definition 1 Define a Hardy-Hilbert-type operator $T : l_{p,\varphi} \rightarrow l_{p,\psi^{1-p}}$ as follows: For $a_m \geq 0$, $a = \{a_m\}_{m=1}^\infty \in l_{p,\varphi}$, there exists a unique representation $Ta = h \in l_{p,\psi^{1-p}}$. We define the following formal inner product of Ta and $b = \{b_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in l_{q,\psi}$ ($b_n \geq 0$) as follows:

$$(Ta, b) := \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m b_n. \tag{17}$$

Hence (12) and (13) may be rewritten in terms of the following operator expressions:

$$(Ta, b) < k_\lambda(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p,\varphi} \|b\|_{q,\psi}, \tag{18}$$

$$\|Ta\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} < k_\lambda(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p,\varphi}. \tag{19}$$

It follows that the operator T is bounded with

$$\|T\| := \sup_{a(\neq \theta) \in l_{p,\varphi}} \frac{\|Ta\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}}}{\|a\|_{p,\varphi}} \leq k_\lambda(\lambda_1).$$

Since the constant factor $k_\lambda(\lambda_1)$ in (19) is the best possible, we have

$$\|T\| = k_\lambda(\lambda_1) = \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\lambda_1 \pi / \lambda)} \right]^2. \tag{20}$$

4 Some reverses

We set $\tilde{\varphi}(m) := (1 - \theta_1(\lambda_2, m)) \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}}$, $\tilde{\psi}(n) := (1 - \theta_2(\lambda_1, m)) \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}}$ ($n, m \in \mathbf{N}$). For $0 < p < 1$ or $p < 0$, we still use the formal symbol of the norm in this part for convenience.

Theorem 3 *Suppose that $0 < p < 1$, $\{\mu_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ and $\{v_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ are decreasing positive sequences, and $U(\infty) = V(\infty) = \infty$, then we have the following equivalent inequalities:*

$$I = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m b_n > \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_1 / \lambda)} \right]^2 \|a\|_{p, \tilde{\varphi}} \|b\|_{q, \tilde{\psi}}, \tag{21}$$

$$J = \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}} \left(\sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m \right)^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} > \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_1 / \lambda)} \right]^2 \|a\|_{p, \tilde{\varphi}} \tag{22}$$

where the constant factor $\left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_1 / \lambda)} \right]^2$ is the best possible.

Proof By the reverse Hölder inequality with weight (cf. [14]) and (7), we obtain the reverse forms of (14) and (15). It follows that (22) is valid by (8). Using the reverse Hölder inequality (cf. [14]), we find

$$I = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left[\frac{v_n^{1/p}}{V_n^{\frac{1}{p}-\lambda_2}} \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m \right] \left[\frac{V_n^{\frac{1}{p}-\lambda_2}}{v_n^{1/p}} b_n \right] \geq J \|b\|_{q, \tilde{\psi}}. \tag{23}$$

Hence (21) is valid by using (22). Setting

$$b_n = \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}} \left[\sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m \right]^{p-1}, \quad n \in \mathbf{N},$$

then we have $J = \left[\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q \right]^{1/p}$. Assume that (21) is valid. By the reverse of (15), it follows that $J > 0$. If $J = \infty$, then (22) is trivially valid. If $0 < J < \infty$, then we find

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q = J^p = I > k_\lambda(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \tilde{\varphi}} \left[\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

$$J = \left[\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q \right]^{1/p} > k_\lambda(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \tilde{\varphi}}.$$

Hence (22) is valid, which is equivalent to (21).

For $0 < \varepsilon < p\lambda_1$, we set $\tilde{\lambda}_1 = \lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}$ ($\in (0, 1)$), $\tilde{\lambda}_2 = \lambda_2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{p}$ (> 0), $\tilde{a}_m = U_m^{\tilde{\lambda}_1 - 1} \mu_m$, $\tilde{b}_n = V_n^{\tilde{\lambda}_2 - \varepsilon - 1} v_n$. By (10), (11), and (7), in view of Remark 1, we find

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (1 - \theta_1(\lambda_2, m)) \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} \tilde{a}_m^p \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - O\left(\frac{1}{U_m^{\lambda_2/2}}\right) \right) \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} O\left(\frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon+(\lambda_2/2)}}\right) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (1 + o_1(1) - \varepsilon O(1)), \\ & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} \tilde{b}_n^q = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1+\varepsilon}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (1 + o_2(1)), \\ \tilde{I} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \tilde{a}_m \tilde{b}_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \frac{V_n^{\lambda_2} \mu_m}{U_m^{1-\tilde{\lambda}_1}} \right] \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varpi(\tilde{\lambda}_1, n) \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} < k_\lambda(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \tilde{\lambda}_1/\lambda)} \right]^2 (1 + o_2(1)). \end{aligned}$$

If there exists a positive number $K \geq k_\lambda(\lambda_1)$, such that (21) is still valid when replacing $k_\lambda(\lambda_1)$ by K , then in particular, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \tilde{I} &= \varepsilon \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \tilde{a}_m \tilde{b}_n \\ &> \varepsilon K \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (1 - \theta_1(\lambda_2, m)) \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} \tilde{a}_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} \tilde{b}_n^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain from the above results that

$$\left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \tilde{\lambda}_1/\lambda)} \right]^2 (1 + o_2(1)) > K (1 + o_1(1) - \varepsilon O(1))^{\frac{1}{p}} (1 + o_2(1))^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

and then $k_\lambda(\lambda_1) \geq K$ (for $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$). Hence $K = k_\lambda(\lambda_1)$ is the best value of (21).

We conform that the constant factor $k_\lambda(\lambda_1)$ in (22) is the best possible. Otherwise we can get a contradiction by (23): that the constant factor in (21) is not the best value. \square

Theorem 4 Suppose that $p < 0$, $\{\mu_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ and $\{v_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ are decreasing positive sequences, and $U(\infty) = V(\infty) = \infty$, then we have the following equivalent inequalities:

$$I = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m b_n > \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_1/\lambda)} \right]^2 \|a\|_{p,\varphi} \|b\|_{q,\tilde{\psi}}, \tag{24}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_1 &= \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \theta_2(\lambda_1, n))^{1-p} v_n}{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m \right)^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &> \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_1/\lambda)} \right]^2 \|a\|_{p,\varphi}, \tag{25}
 \end{aligned}$$

where the constant factor $\left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \lambda_1/\lambda)} \right]^2$ is the best possible.

Proof Using the same way of obtaining (14) and (15), by the reverse Hölder inequality with weight and (9), we have

$$J_1 > (k_\lambda(\lambda_1))^{\frac{1}{q}} \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \omega(\lambda_2, m) \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}, \tag{26}$$

then we obtain (25) by (6). Using the reverse Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{(1 - \theta_2(\lambda_1, n))^{-\frac{1}{q}} v_n^{1/p}}{V_n^{\frac{1}{p}-\lambda_2}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m \right] \\
 &\quad \times \left[(1 - \theta_2(\lambda_1, n))^{\frac{1}{q}} \frac{V_n^{\frac{1}{p}-\lambda_2}}{v_n^{1/p}} b_n \right] \\
 &\geq J_1 \|b\|_{q,\tilde{\psi}}. \tag{27}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence (24) is valid by (25). Assuming that (24) is valid, setting

$$b_n = \frac{(1 - \theta_2(\lambda_1, n))^{1-p} v_n}{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}} \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} a_m \right]^{p-1}, \quad n \in \mathbf{N},$$

we find

$$J_1 = \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \theta_2(\lambda_1, n)) \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q \right]^{1/p}.$$

It follows that $J_1 > 0$ by (26). If $J_1 = \infty$, then (25) is trivially valid. If $0 < J_1 < \infty$, then we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \theta_2(\lambda_1, n)) \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q &= J_1^p = I \\
 &> k_\lambda(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p,\varphi} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \theta_2(\lambda_1, n)) \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \\
 J_1 &= \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \theta_2(\lambda_1, n)) \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q \right]^{1/p} > k_\lambda(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p,\varphi}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence (25) is valid, which is equivalent to (24).

For $0 < \varepsilon < q\lambda_2$, we set $\tilde{\lambda}_1 = \lambda_1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{q} (> 0)$, $\tilde{\lambda}_2 = \lambda_2 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} (\in (0, 1))$, $\tilde{a}_m = U_m^{\tilde{\lambda}_1 - \varepsilon - 1} \mu_m$, $\tilde{b}_n = V_n^{\tilde{\lambda}_2 - 1} v_n$. By (10), (11), and (6), in view of Remark 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} \tilde{a}_m^p = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (1 + o_1(1)), \\ & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \theta_2(\lambda_1, n)) \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} \tilde{b}_n^q \\ & = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - O\left(\frac{1}{V_n^{\lambda_1/2}}\right) \right) \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1+\varepsilon}} \\ & = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (1 + o_2(1) - \varepsilon O(1)), \\ \tilde{I} & = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \tilde{a}_m \tilde{b}_n \\ & = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \frac{U_m^{\tilde{\lambda}_1} v_n}{V_n^{1-\tilde{\lambda}_2}} \right] \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} \\ & = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varpi(\tilde{\lambda}_2, m) \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} < k_\lambda(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} \\ & = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \tilde{\lambda}_1/\lambda)} \right]^2 (1 + o_1(1)). \end{aligned}$$

If there exists a positive number $K \geq k_\lambda(\lambda_1)$, such that (24) is still valid as we replace $k_\lambda(\lambda_1)$ by K , then, in particular, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \tilde{I} & = \varepsilon \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m^\lambda - V_n^\lambda} \tilde{a}_m \tilde{b}_n \\ & > \varepsilon K \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} \tilde{a}_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \theta_2(\lambda_1, n)) \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{v_n^{q-1}} \tilde{b}_n^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

From the above results, we have

$$\left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\pi \tilde{\lambda}_1/\lambda)} \right]^2 (1 + o_1(1)) > K (1 + o_1(1))^{\frac{1}{p}} (1 + o_2(1) - \varepsilon O(1))^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

It follows that $k_\lambda(\lambda_1) \geq K$ (for $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$). Hence $K = k_\lambda(\lambda_1)$ is the best value of (24). We conform that the constant factor $k_\lambda(\lambda_1)$ in (25) is the best possible. Otherwise we can get a contradiction by (27): that the constant factor in (24) is not the best value. \square

Remark 2 For $\mu_i = v_i = 1$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots$), (12) reduces to (3); for $\lambda = 1$, $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{q}$, $\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{p}$, it follows by (12) that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m - V_n} a_m b_n < \left[\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \right]^2 \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right]^{1/p} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{v_n^{q-1}} b_n^q \right]^{1/q}; \tag{28}$$

for $\lambda = 1, \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{p}, \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{q}$, (12) reduces to the dual form of (28) as follows:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(U_m/V_n)}{U_m - V_n} a_m b_n < \left[\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \right]^2 \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{U_m^{p-2}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right]^{1/p} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n^{q-2}}{\nu_n^{q-1}} b_n^q \right]^{1/q}. \tag{29}$$

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