



# On a Hardy-Hilbert-type inequality with a general homogeneous kernel

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## Abstract

By the method of weight coefficients and techniques of real analysis, a Hardy-Hilbert-type inequality with a general homogeneous kernel and a best possible constant factor is given. The equivalent forms, the operator expressions with the norm, the reverses and some particular examples are also considered.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Suppose that  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $f(x), g(y) \geq 0$ ,  $f \in L^p(\mathbf{R}_+)$ ,  $g \in L^q(\mathbf{R}_+)$ ,

$$\|f\|_p = \left( \int_0^\infty f^p(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} > 0,$$

$\|g\|_q > 0$ . We have the following Hardy-Hilbert integral inequality with the best possible constant factor  $\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)}$  (cf. [1]):

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \|f\|_p \|g\|_q. \quad (1.1)$$

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Assuming that  $a_m, b_n \geq 0, a = \{a_m\}_{m=1}^\infty \in l^p, b = \{b_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in l^q,$

$$\|a\|_p = \left(\sum_{m=1}^\infty a_m^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} > 0, \|b\|_q > 0,$$

we have the following Hardy-Hilbert inequality with the same best possible constant factor  $\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)}$  (cf. [1]):

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \|a\|_p \|b\|_q. \tag{1.2}$$

The inequalities (1.1) and (1.2) have proven to be of importance in Analysis and its applications (cf. [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6]).

If  $k(x, y)$  is a finite positive homogeneous function of degree  $-1$  in  $\mathbf{R}_+^2$  where

$$k = \int_0^\infty k(u, 1)u^{-1/p}du = \int_0^\infty k_\lambda(1, u)u^{-1/q}du \in \mathbf{R}_+,$$

$k(x, y)x^{-1/p}(k(x, y)y^{-1/q})$  is strictly decreasing with respect to  $x > 0 (y > 0), \mu_i, v_j > 0 (i, j \in \mathbf{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}),$  and

$$U_m := \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i, V_n := \sum_{j=1}^n v_j (m, n \in \mathbf{N}), \tag{1.3}$$

then for

$$0 < \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{a_m^p}{\mu_m^{p-1}} < \infty, \quad 0 < \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{b_n^q}{v_n^{q-1}} < \infty,$$

we have the following Hardy-Hilbert-type inequality (cf. [1], Theorem 320, replacing  $\mu_m^{1/q}a_m$  and  $v_n^{1/p}b_n$  by  $a_m$  and  $b_n$ ) :

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty k(U_m, V_n)a_m b_n < k \left( \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{a_m^p}{\mu_m^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{b_n^q}{v_n^{q-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \tag{1.4}$$

In particular, for  $k(x, y) = \frac{1}{x+y},$  we obtain (cf. [1], Theorem 321, replacing  $\mu_m^{1/q}a_m$  and  $v_n^{1/p}b_n$  by  $a_m$  and  $b_n$ ):

$$\sum_{m=1}^\infty \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{a_m b_n}{U_m + V_n} < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{p})} \left( \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{a_m^p}{\mu_m^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{b_n^q}{v_n^{q-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \tag{1.5}$$

For  $\mu_i = v_j = 1 (i, j \in \mathbf{N}),$  (1.5) reduces to (1.2). We still consider (1.5) as a Hardy-Hilbert-type inequality.

**Note.** The authors of [1] did not prove that the inequalities (1.4) and (1.5) are valid with the best possible constant factors.

In 1998, by introducing an independent parameter  $\lambda \in (0, 1),$  Yang [7] gave an extension of (1.1) for  $p = q = 2$  with the kernel  $\frac{1}{(x+y)^\lambda}.$  Following [7], Yang [5] gave some extensions of (1.1) and (1.2) as follows:

If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbf{R} = (-\infty, \infty), \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda, k_\lambda(x, y)$  is a non-negative homogeneous function of degree  $-\lambda,$  with  $k(\lambda_1) = \int_0^\infty k_\lambda(t, 1)t^{\lambda_1-1}dt \in \mathbf{R}_+ = (0, \infty), \phi(x) = x^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}, \psi(y) = y^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}, f(x), g(y) \geq 0,$

$$f \in L_{p,\phi}(\mathbf{R}_+) = \left\{ f; \|f\|_{p,\phi} := \left( \int_0^\infty \phi(x)|f(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\},$$

$g \in L_{q,\psi}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ ,  $\|f\|_{p,\phi}, \|g\|_{q,\psi} > 0$ , then

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty k_\lambda(x, y) f(x) g(y) dx dy < k(\lambda_1) \|f\|_{p,\phi} \|g\|_{q,\psi}, \tag{1.6}$$

where the constant factor  $k(\lambda_1)$  is the best possible.

Moreover, if  $k_\lambda(x, y)$  is finite and  $k_\lambda(x, y)x^{\lambda_1-1}(k_\lambda(x, y)y^{\lambda_2-1})$  is strictly decreasing with respect to  $x > 0$  ( $y > 0$ ), then for  $a_m, b_n \geq 0$ ,

$$a \in l_{p,\phi} = \left\{ a; \|a\|_{p,\phi} := \left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty \phi(n) |a_n|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\},$$

$b = \{b_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in l_{q,\psi}, \|a\|_{p,\phi}, \|b\|_{q,\psi} > 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^\infty \sum_{n=1}^\infty k_\lambda(m, n) a_m b_n < k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p,\phi} \|b\|_{q,\psi}, \tag{1.7}$$

where the constant factor  $k(\lambda_1)$  is still the best possible. We shall call (1.6) as Yang-Hilbert-type integral inequalities, and (1.7) as discrete Yang-Hilbert-type inequality.

Clearly, for

$$\lambda = 1, k_1(x, y) = \frac{1}{x + y}, \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{q}, \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{p},$$

the inequality (1.6) reduces to (1.1), while (1.7) reduces to (1.2). Some other results including multiple and multidimensional Hilbert-type inequalities are provided by [9]- [28].

In 2015, by adding a few conditions, Yang [29] gave an extension of (1.5) as follows:

$$\sum_{m=1}^\infty \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{a_m b_n}{(U_m + V_n)^\lambda} < B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \left( \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1} a_m^p}{\mu_m^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1} b_n^q}{\nu_n^{q-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where, the constant factor  $B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  is the best possible. For  $\lambda = 1, \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{q}, \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{p}$ , (1.8) reduces to (1.5).

In this paper, by the method of weight coefficients and techniques of real analysis a Hardy-Hilbert-type inequality with a general homogeneous kernel and a best possible constant factor is given, which is an extension of (1.4), (1.8) and (1.7). The equivalent forms, the operator expression with the norm, the reverses and some particular examples are also considered.

### 2. Some lemmas

In the following, we shall consider that  $\mu_i, \nu_j > 0$  ( $i, j \in \mathbf{N}$ ),  $U_m$  and  $V_n$  are defined as in (1.3),  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbf{R}, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda, p \neq 0, 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, a_m, b_n \geq 0 (m, n \in \mathbf{N})$ ,

$$\|a\|_{p,\Phi_\lambda} = \left( \sum_{m=1}^\infty \Phi_\lambda(m) a_m^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad \|b\|_{q,\Psi_\lambda} = \left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty \Psi_\lambda(n) b_n^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where

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

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $h(t)$  be a non-negative measurable function in  $\mathbf{R}_+$ ,  $a \in \mathbf{R}$ , and suppose that there exists a constant  $\delta_0 > 0$ , such that for any  $\delta \in [0, \delta_0)$ ,*

$$k(a \pm \delta) := \int_0^\infty h(t)t^{(a \pm \delta)-1} dt \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Then we have

$$k(a \pm \delta) = k(a) + o(1)(\delta \rightarrow 0^+). \tag{2.1}$$

**Proof .** For any  $\delta \in [0, \frac{\delta_0}{2})$ , it follows that

$$h(t)t^{(a \pm \delta)-1} \leq g(t) := \begin{cases} h(t)t^{(a-\frac{\delta_0}{2})-1}, & t \in (0, 1], \\ h(t)t^{(a+\frac{\delta_0}{2})-1}, & t \in (1, \infty). \end{cases}$$

Since we find

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^\infty g(t)dt = \int_0^1 h(t)t^{(a-\frac{\delta_0}{2})-1} dt + \int_1^\infty h(t)t^{(a+\frac{\delta_0}{2})-1} dt \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty h(t)t^{(a-\frac{\delta_0}{2})-1} dt + \int_0^\infty h(t)t^{(a+\frac{\delta_0}{2})-1} dt \\ &= k(a - \frac{\delta_0}{2}) + k(a + \frac{\delta_0}{2}) \in \mathbf{R}, \end{aligned}$$

then for any  $\delta \in (0, \frac{\delta_0}{2})$ , by Lebesgue control convergence theorem (cf. [31]), it follows that

$$k(a \pm \delta) = \int_0^\infty h(t)t^{(a \pm \delta)-1} dt = \int_0^\infty h(t)t^{a-1} dt + o(1)(\delta \rightarrow 0^+),$$

and then (2.1) follows.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $g(t) (> 0)$  is decreasing in  $\mathbf{R}_+$  and strictly decreasing in  $[n_0, \infty) \subset \mathbf{R}_+$  ( $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$ ), satisfying  $\int_0^\infty g(t)dt \in \mathbf{R}_+$ , then we have*

$$\int_1^\infty g(t)dt < \sum_{n=1}^\infty g(n) < \int_0^\infty g(t)dt. \tag{2.2}$$

**Proof .** By the assumption we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_n^{n+1} g(t)dt \leq g(n) \leq \int_{n-1}^n g(t)dt \quad (n = 1, \dots, n_0), \\ \int_{n_0+1}^{n_0+2} g(t)dt < g(n_0 + 1) < \int_{n_0}^{n_0+1} g(t)dt, \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

and thus it follows that

$$0 < \int_1^{n_0+2} g(t)dt < \sum_{n=1}^{n_0+1} g(n) < \sum_{n=1}^{n_0+1} \int_{n-1}^n g(t)dt = \int_0^{n_0+1} g(t)dt.$$

Similarly, we have

$$0 < \int_{n_0+2}^\infty g(t)dt \leq \sum_{n=n_0+2}^\infty g(n) \leq \int_{n_0+1}^\infty g(t)dt < \infty.$$

Hence, adding by parts the above two inequalities, we obtain (2.2).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $k_\lambda(x, y)$  be a finite positive homogeneous function of degree  $-\lambda$  in  $\mathbf{R}_+^2$ , satisfying

$$k_\lambda(ux, uy) = u^{-\lambda}k_\lambda(x, y),$$

for any  $u, x, y > 0$ . Let also

$$k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{x^{1-\lambda_1}} \quad (k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{y^{1-\lambda_2}})$$

be strictly decreasing with respect to  $x > 0$  ( $y > 0$ ),

$$k(\lambda_1) := \int_0^\infty k_\lambda(u, 1)u^{\lambda_1-1}du = \int_0^\infty k_\lambda(1, u)u^{\lambda_2-1}du \in \mathbf{R}_+, \tag{2.4}$$

and define the weight coefficients as follows:

$$\omega(\lambda_2, m) : = \sum_{n=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \frac{U_m^{\lambda_1} v_n}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2}}, m \in \mathbf{N}, \tag{2.5}$$

$$\varpi(\lambda_1, n) : = \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \frac{V_n^{\lambda_2} \mu_m}{U_m^{1-\lambda_1}}, n \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.6}$$

Then, we have the following inequalities:

$$\omega(\lambda_2, m) < k(\lambda_1) (m \in \mathbf{N}), \tag{2.7}$$

$$\varpi(\lambda_1, n) < k(\lambda_1) (n \in \mathbf{N}). \tag{2.8}$$

**Proof .** We set  $\mu(t) := \mu_m, t \in (m - 1, m](m \in \mathbf{N}); v(t) := v_n, t \in (n - 1, n](n \in \mathbf{N})$ ,

$$U(x) := \int_0^x \mu(t)dt (x \geq 0), V(y) := \int_0^y v(t)dt (y \geq 0). \tag{2.9}$$

Then by (1.3), it follows that

$$U(m) = U_m, V(n) = V_n (m, n \in \mathbf{N}).$$

For  $x \in (m - 1, m)$ , it follows that

$$U'(x) = \mu(x) = \mu_m (m \in \mathbf{N});$$

for  $y \in (n - 1, n)$ , it follows that

$$V'(y) = v(y) = v_n (n \in \mathbf{N}).$$

Since  $V(y)$  is strictly increasing in  $(n - 1, n]$ , in view of (2.3) and (2.2), we derive that

$$\omega(\lambda_2, m) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_{n-1}^n k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \frac{U_m^{\lambda_1}}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2}} V'(y)dy < \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_{n-1}^n k_\lambda(U_m, V(y)) \frac{U_m^{\lambda_1} V'(y)}{V^{1-\lambda_2}(y)} dy.$$

Setting  $t = \frac{V(y)}{U_m}$ , we obtain  $V'(y)dy = U_m dt$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\lambda_2, m) &< \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_{\frac{V(n-1)}{U_m}}^{\frac{V(n)}{U_m}} k_\lambda(1, t)t^{\lambda_2-1}dt = \int_0^{\frac{V(\infty)}{U_m}} k_\lambda(1, t)t^{\lambda_2-1}dt \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty k_\lambda(1, t)t^{\lambda_2-1}dt = k(\lambda_1). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $U(x)$  is strictly increasing in  $(m - 1, m]$ , we similarly obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \varpi(\lambda_1, n) &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \int_{m-1}^m k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) \frac{V_n^{\lambda_2} U'(x)}{U_m^{1-\lambda_1}} dx \\ &< \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \int_{m-1}^m k_{\lambda}(U(x), V_n) \frac{V_n^{\lambda_2} U'(x)}{U^{1-\lambda_1}(x)} dx \\ &\stackrel{t=U(x)/V_n}{=} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{U(m-1)}{V_n}}^{\frac{U(m)}{V_n}} k_{\lambda}(t, 1) t^{\lambda_1-1} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{U(\infty)}{V_n}} k_{\lambda}(t, 1) t^{\lambda_1-1} dt \leq k(\lambda_1). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we get inequalities (2.7) and (2.8).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Adopting the assumptions of Lemma 2.3, if there exist constants  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in \mathbf{R}$ , and  $L > 0$ , such that  $\tau_1 < \lambda_1 < \tau_2$ ,*

$$k_{\lambda}(u, 1) \leq \frac{L}{u^{\tau_1}} \quad (u \in (0, 1)), \quad k_{\lambda}(u, 1) \leq \frac{L}{u^{\tau_2}} \quad (u \in [1, \infty)),$$

there exist  $m_0, n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$ , such that

$$\mu_m \geq \mu_{m+1} \quad (m \in \{m_0, m_0 + 1, \dots\}), \quad v_n \geq v_{n+1} \quad (n \in \{n_0, n_0 + 1, \dots\}), \quad \text{and } U(\infty) = V(\infty) = \infty,$$

then, we have

(i)

$$k(\lambda_1)(1 - \theta(\lambda_2, m)) < \omega(\lambda_2, m) \quad (m \in \mathbf{N}), \tag{2.10}$$

$$k(\lambda_1)(1 - \vartheta(\lambda_1, n)) < \varpi(\lambda_1, n) \quad (n \in \mathbf{N}), \tag{2.11}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\lambda_2, m) &: = \frac{1}{k(\lambda_1)} \int_0^{\frac{V_{n_0}}{U_m}} k_{\lambda}(1, t) t^{\lambda_2-1} dt \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{U_m^{\alpha}}\right) \in (0, 1) \quad (\alpha = \tau_2 - \lambda_1 > 0), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta(\lambda_1, n) &: = \frac{1}{k(\lambda_1)} \int_0^{\frac{U_{m_0}}{V_n}} k_{\lambda}(t, 1) t^{\lambda_1-1} dt \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{V_n^{\beta}}\right) \in (0, 1) \quad (\beta = \lambda_1 - \tau_1 > 0); \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+b}} = \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{U_{m_0}^b} + bO_1(1) \right), \tag{2.12}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1+b}} = \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{V_{n_0}^b} + bO_2(1) \right), \tag{2.13}$$

for any  $b > 0$ .

**Proof .** Since  $v_n \geq v_{n+1} (n \geq n_0)$  and  $V(\infty) = \infty$ , by Lemma 2.2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\lambda_2, m) &\geq \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) \frac{U_m^{\lambda_1} v_{n+1}}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2}} = \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) \frac{U_m^{\lambda_1} V'(y)}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2}} dy \\ &> \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V(y)) \frac{U_m^{\lambda_1} V'(y)}{V^{1-\lambda_2}(y)} dy = \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{V(n)}{U_m}}^{\frac{V(n+1)}{U_m}} k_{\lambda}(1, t) t^{\lambda_2-1} dt \\ &= \int_{\frac{V_{n_0}}{U_m}}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(1, t) t^{\lambda_2-1} dt = k(\lambda_1)(1 - \theta(\lambda_2, m)), \end{aligned}$$

where, we derive that

$$\theta(\lambda_2, m) = \frac{1}{k(\lambda_1)} \int_0^{\frac{V_{n_0}}{U_m}} k_{\lambda}(1, t) t^{\lambda_2-1} dt = \frac{1}{k(\lambda_1)} \int_{\frac{U_m}{V_{n_0}}}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(v, 1) v^{\lambda_1-1} dv \in (0, 1).$$

For  $\alpha = \tau_2 - \lambda_1 > 0$ ,  $U_m > V_{n_0}$ , we obtain

$$0 < \theta(\lambda_2, m) \leq \frac{L}{k(\lambda_1)} \int_{\frac{U_m}{V_{n_0}}}^{\infty} v^{-\alpha-1} dv = \frac{L}{\alpha k(\lambda_1)} \left(\frac{V_{n_0}}{U_m}\right)^{\alpha},$$

namely,  $\theta(\lambda_2, m) = O(\frac{1}{U_m^{\alpha}})$ . Hence we have (2.10). Similarly, we obtain (2.11).

For  $b > 0$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+b}} &= \sum_{m=1}^{m_0} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+b}} + \sum_{m=m_0+1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+b}} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{m_0} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+b}} + \sum_{m=m_0+1}^{\infty} \int_{m-1}^m \frac{U'(x)}{U_m^{1+b}} dx \\ &< \sum_{m=1}^{m_0} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+b}} + \sum_{m=m_0+1}^{\infty} \int_{m-1}^m \frac{U'(x)}{U^{1+b}(x)} dx \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{m_0} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+b}} + \int_{m_0}^{\infty} \frac{dU(x)}{U^{1+b}(x)} = \sum_{m=1}^{m_0} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+b}} + \frac{1}{bU_{m_0}^b} \\ &= \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{U_{m_0}^b} + b \sum_{m=1}^{m_0} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+b}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+b}} &\geq \sum_{m=m_0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_{m+1}}{U_m^{1+b}} = \sum_{m=m_0}^{\infty} \int_m^{m+1} \frac{U'(x)}{U_m^{1+b}} dx \\ &> \sum_{m=m_0}^{\infty} \int_m^{m+1} \frac{U'(x) dx}{U^{1+b}(x)} = \int_{m_0}^{\infty} \frac{dU(x)}{U^{1+b}(x)} = \frac{1}{bU_{m_0}^b}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we obtain (2.12). Similarly, we get (2.13).  $\square$

**Note.** For example,

$$\mu_m = \frac{1}{m^{\sigma}}, \quad v_n = \frac{1}{n^{\sigma}} \quad (0 \leq \sigma \leq 1; m, n \in \mathbf{N})$$

satisfy the conditions of Lemma 2.4 (for  $m_0 = n_0 = 1$ ).

### 3. Main results

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $k_\lambda(x, y)$  be a finite positive homogeneous function of degree  $-\lambda$  in  $\mathbf{R}_+^2$ ,*

$$k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{x^{1-\lambda_1}} (k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{y^{1-\lambda_2}})$$

*be strictly decreasing with respect to  $x > 0$  ( $y > 0$ ), and  $k(\lambda_1) (\in \mathbf{R}_+)$  as defined by (2.4). Then for  $p > 1$ , and  $\|a\|_{p, \Phi_\lambda}, \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda} \in \mathbf{R}_+$ , we have the following equivalent inequalities:*

$$I := \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) a_m b_n < k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \Phi_\lambda} \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda}, \tag{3.1}$$

$$J := \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) a_m \right]^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} < k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \Phi_\lambda}. \tag{3.2}$$

**Proof .** By Hölder’s weighted inequality (cf. [30]) and (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) a_m \right]^p = \left[ \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \left( \frac{U_m^{\frac{1-\lambda_1}{q}} a_m}{V_n^{\frac{1-\lambda_2}{p}} \mu_m^{\frac{1}{q}}} \right) \left( \frac{V_n^{\frac{1-\lambda_2}{p}} \mu_m^{\frac{1}{q}}}{U_m^{\frac{1-\lambda_1}{q}}} \right) \right]^p \\ & \leq \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \left( \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)p/q}}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p/q}} a_m^p \right) \times \left[ \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \frac{V_n^{(1-\lambda_2)(q-1)} \mu_m}{U_m^{1-\lambda_1}} \right]^{p-1} \\ & = \frac{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}}{(\varpi(\lambda_1, n))^{1-p} v_n} \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)(p-1)} v_n}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

In view of (2.8) and (2.5), we find

$$\begin{aligned} J & \leq (k(\lambda_1))^{\frac{1}{q}} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)(p-1)} v_n}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ & = (k(\lambda_1))^{\frac{1}{q}} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^\infty \sum_{n=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)(p-1)} v_n}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ & = (k(\lambda_1))^{\frac{1}{q}} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^\infty \omega(\lambda_2, m) \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Then by (2.7), we derive (3.2).

By Hölder’s inequality (cf. [30]), we get

$$I = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left[ \frac{v_n^{\frac{1}{p}}}{V_n^{\frac{1-p}{p}\lambda_2}} \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) a_m \right] \left( \frac{V_n^{\frac{1-p}{p}\lambda_2}}{v_n^{\frac{1}{p}}} b_n \right) \leq J \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda}. \tag{3.5}$$

Then by (3.2), we derive (3.1).



On the other hand, assuming that (3.1) is valid, we set

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

Then we obtain  $J^p = \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda}^q$ . If  $J = 0$ , then (3.2) is trivially valid; if  $J = \infty$ , then by (3.4) and (2.7), it is impossible. Suppose that  $0 < J < \infty$ . By (3.1), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda}^q &= J^p = I < k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \Phi_\lambda} \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda}, \\ \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda}^{q-1} &= J < k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \Phi_\lambda}, \end{aligned}$$

and then (3.2) follows, which is equivalent to (3.1).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Adopting the assumptions of Theorem 3.1, if there exist constants  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\delta_0, L > 0$ , such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1 < \lambda_1 < \tau_2, k(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \in \mathbf{R}_+ (\tilde{\lambda}_1 \in (\lambda_1 - \delta_0, \lambda_1 + \delta_0)), \\ k_\lambda(u, 1) \leq \frac{L}{u^{\tau_1}} (u \in (0, 1)), k_\lambda(u, 1) \leq \frac{L}{u^{\tau_2}} (u \in [1, \infty)), \end{aligned}$$

and if there exist  $m_0, n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$ , such that

$$\mu_m \geq \mu_{m+1} (m \in \{m_0, m_0 + 1, \dots\}), v_n \geq v_{n+1} (n \in \{n_0, n_0 + 1, \dots\}),$$

and  $U(\infty) = V(\infty) = \infty$ , then the constant factor  $k(\lambda_1)$  in (3.1) and (3.2) is the best possible.

**Proof .** For  $\varepsilon \in (0, p\delta_0)$ , we set

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\lambda}_1 &= \lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}, \tilde{\lambda}_2 = \lambda_2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{p}, \text{ and } \tilde{a} = \{\tilde{a}_m\}_{m=1}^\infty, \tilde{b} = \{\tilde{b}_n\}_{n=1}^\infty, \\ \tilde{a}_m &:= U_m^{\tilde{\lambda}_1-1} \mu_m = U_m^{\lambda_1-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}-1} \mu_m, \tilde{b}_n = V_n^{\tilde{\lambda}_2-\varepsilon-1} v_n = V_n^{\lambda_2-\frac{\varepsilon}{q}-1} v_n. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Then

$$k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{x^{1-\tilde{\lambda}_1}} (= k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{x^{1-\lambda_1}} \frac{1}{x^{\varepsilon/p}})$$

remains strictly decreasing with respect to  $x > 0$  and by (2.11), we have

$$k(\tilde{\lambda}_1)(1 - \vartheta(\tilde{\lambda}_1, n)) < \varpi(\tilde{\lambda}_1, n), \vartheta(\tilde{\lambda}_1, n) = O\left(\frac{1}{V_n^{\tilde{\beta}}}\right) \in (0, 1), \tag{3.7}$$

where,  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \tilde{\beta} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} (\tilde{\lambda}_1 - \tau_1) = \lambda_1 - \tau_1 > 0$ .

By (2.12) and (2.13), we find

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{a}\|_{p, \Phi_\lambda} \|\tilde{b}\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda} &= \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1+\varepsilon}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left( \frac{1}{U_{m_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon O_1(1) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \frac{1}{V_{n_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon O_2(1) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{I} & : = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) \tilde{a}_m \tilde{b}_n \\
 & = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) \frac{V_n^{\tilde{\lambda}_2} \mu_m}{U_m^{1-\tilde{\lambda}_1}} \right) \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} \\
 & = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varpi(\tilde{\lambda}_1, n) \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} \geq k(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \vartheta(\tilde{\lambda}_1, n)) \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} \\
 & = k(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} O\left(\frac{v_n}{V_n^{(\frac{\varepsilon}{q} + \beta) + 1}}\right) \right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} k(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \left[ \frac{1}{V_{n_0}^{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon(O_2(1) - \tilde{O}(1)) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

If there exists a positive constant  $K \leq k(\lambda_1)$ , such that (3.1) is satisfied when replacing  $k(\lambda_1)$  by  $K$ , then in particular we have  $\varepsilon \tilde{I} < \varepsilon K \|\tilde{a}\|_{p, \Phi_{\lambda}} \|\tilde{b}\|_{q, \Psi_{\lambda}}$ , namely

$$k\left(\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}\right) \left[ \frac{1}{V_{n_0}^{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon(O_2(1) - \tilde{O}(1)) \right] < K \left( \frac{1}{U_{m_0}^{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon O_1(1) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \frac{1}{V_{n_0}^{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon O_2(1) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

In view of Lemma 2.1, it follows that  $k(\lambda_1) \leq K(\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+)$ . Hence,  $K = k(\lambda_1)$  is the best possible constant factor of (3.1).

The constant factor  $k(\lambda_1)$  in (3.2) is still the best possible. Otherwise, by (3.5) we would reach the contradiction that the constant factor in (3.1) is not the best possible.  $\square$

**Remark 3.3.** For  $\lambda = 1, \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{q}, \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{p}$ , (3.1) reduces to (1.4); for  $k_{\lambda}(x, y) = \frac{1}{(x+y)^{\lambda}}$ , (3.1) reduces to (1.8); for  $\mu_i = v_j = 1(i, j \in \mathbf{N})$ , (3.1) reduces to (1.7). Hence, the inequality (3.1) is an extension of (1.4), (1.8) and (1.7) with the best possible constant factor  $k(\lambda_1)$ .

#### 4. Operator expressions and examples

For  $p > 1$ , we find  $\Psi_{\lambda}^{1-p}(n) = \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}}$  and define the following normed spaces:

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_{p, \Phi_{\lambda}} & : = \{a = \{a_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}; \|a\|_{p, \Phi_{\lambda}} < \infty\}, \\
 l_{q, \Psi_{\lambda}} & : = \{b = \{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}; \|b\|_{q, \Psi_{\lambda}} < \infty\}, \\
 l_{p, \Psi_{\lambda}^{1-p}} & : = \{c = \{c_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}; \|c\|_{p, \Psi_{\lambda}^{1-p}} < \infty\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Assuming that  $a = \{a_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty} \in l_{p, \Phi_{\lambda}}$ , and setting

$$c = \{c_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, c_n := \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) a_m, n \in \mathbf{N},$$

we can rewrite (3.2) as follows:

$$\|c\|_{p, \Psi_{\lambda}^{1-p}} < k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \Phi_{\lambda}} < \infty.$$

Namely,  $c \in l_{p, \Psi_{\lambda}^{1-p}}$ .

**Definition 4.1.** Define a Hardy-Hilbert-type operator  $T : l_{p,\Phi_\lambda} \rightarrow l_{p,\Psi_\lambda^{1-p}}$  as follows: For any  $a = \{a_m\}_{m=1}^\infty \in l_{p,\Phi_\lambda}$ , there exists a unique representation  $Ta = c \in l_{p,\Psi_\lambda^{1-p}}$ . Additionally, we define the formal inner product of  $Ta$  and  $b = \{b_n\}_{n=1}^\infty (\in l_{q,\Psi_\lambda})$  as follows:

$$(Ta, b) := \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left( \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) a_m \right) b_n. \tag{4.1}$$

Then, we can rewrite (3.1) and (3.2) in the following manner:

$$(Ta, b) < k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p,\Phi_\lambda} \|b\|_{q,\Psi_\lambda}, \tag{4.2}$$

$$\|Ta\|_{p,\Psi_\lambda^{1-p}} < k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p,\Phi_\lambda}. \tag{4.3}$$

We define the norm of the operator  $T$  as follows:

$$\|T\| := \sup_{a(\neq 0) \in l_{p,\Phi_\lambda}} \frac{\|Ta\|_{p,\Psi_\lambda^{1-p}}}{\|a\|_{p,\Phi_\lambda}}. \tag{4.4}$$

Then by (4.3), we obtain that  $\|T\| \leq k(\lambda_1)$ . Since by Theorem 3.2, the constant factor in (4.3) is the best possible, we have

$$\|T\| = k(\lambda_1). \tag{4.5}$$

**Example 4.2.** For  $s \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $0 < c_1 \leq \dots \leq c_s < \infty$ ,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > -\alpha$ ,  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$ , we set

$$k_\lambda(x, y) := \prod_{k=1}^s \frac{(\min\{x, c_k y\})^{\frac{\alpha}{s}}}{(\max\{x, c_k y\})^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}} ((x, y) \in \mathbf{R}_+^2 = \mathbf{R}_+ \times \mathbf{R}_+).$$

(a) We find

$$\begin{aligned} k_s(\lambda_1) & : = \int_0^\infty k_\lambda(1, u) t^{\lambda_2-1} du = \int_0^\infty k_\lambda(t, 1) t^{\lambda_1-1} dt \\ & = \int_0^\infty \prod_{k=1}^s \frac{(\min\{t, c_k\})^{\frac{\alpha}{s}}}{(\max\{t, c_k\})^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}} t^{\lambda_1-1} dt \\ & = \int_0^{c_1} \prod_{k=1}^s \frac{(\min\{t, c_k\})^{\frac{\alpha}{s}} t^{\lambda_1-1}}{(\max\{t, c_k\})^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}} dt + \int_{c_s}^\infty \prod_{k=1}^s \frac{(\min\{t, c_k\})^{\frac{\alpha}{s}} t^{\lambda_1-1}}{(\max\{t, c_k\})^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}} dt \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=1}^{s-1} \int_{c_i}^{c_{i+1}} \prod_{k=1}^s \frac{(\min\{t, c_k\})^{\frac{\alpha}{s}} t^{\lambda_1-1}}{(\max\{t, c_k\})^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}} dt \\ & = \prod_{k=1}^s \frac{1}{c_k^{(\lambda+\alpha)/s}} \int_0^{c_1} t^{\lambda_1+\alpha-1} dt + \prod_{k=1}^s c_k^{\alpha/s} \int_{c_s}^\infty t^{-\lambda_2-\alpha-1} dt \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=1}^{s-1} \int_{c_i}^{c_{i+1}} \prod_{k=1}^i \frac{c_k^{\frac{\alpha}{s}}}{t^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}} \prod_{k=i+1}^s \frac{t^{\frac{\alpha}{s}}}{c_k^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}} t^{\lambda_1-1} dt \\ & = \frac{c_1^{\lambda_1+\alpha}}{\lambda_1 + \alpha} \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^s c_k^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}} + \frac{1}{(\lambda_2 + \alpha) c_s^{\lambda_2+\alpha}} \prod_{k=1}^s c_k^{\frac{\alpha}{s}} \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=1}^{s-1} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^i c_k^{\frac{\alpha}{s}}}{\prod_{k=i+1}^s c_k^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}} \int_{c_i}^{c_{i+1}} t^{\lambda_1 - \frac{i\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha - 1} dt. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\lambda_1 - \frac{i\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha \neq 0$ , then

$$\int_{c_i}^{c_{i+1}} t^{\lambda_1 - \frac{i\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha - 1} dt = \frac{c_{i+1}^{\lambda_1 - \frac{i\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha} - c_i^{\lambda_1 - \frac{i\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha}}{\lambda_1 - \frac{i\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha};$$

if there exists a  $i_0 \in \{1, \dots, s - 1\}$ , such that  $\lambda_1 - \frac{i_0\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i_0}{s})\alpha = 0$ , then we find

$$\int_{c_{i_0}}^{c_{i_0+1}} t^{\lambda_1 - \frac{i_0\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i_0}{s})\alpha - 1} dt = \ln\left(\frac{c_{i_0+1}}{c_{i_0}}\right) = \lim_{i \rightarrow i_0} \int_{c_i}^{c_{i+1}} t^{\lambda_1 - \frac{i\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha - 1} dt,$$

and we still indicate  $\ln(\frac{c_{i_0+1}}{c_{i_0}})$  by the following formal expression:

$$\frac{c_{i_0+1}^{\lambda_1 - \frac{i_0\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i_0}{s})\alpha} - c_{i_0}^{\lambda_1 - \frac{i_0\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i_0}{s})\alpha}}{\lambda_1 - \frac{i_0\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i_0}{s})\alpha}.$$

Hence, we may reset

$$k_s(\lambda_1) = \frac{c_1^{\lambda_1 + \alpha}}{\lambda_1 + \alpha} \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^s c_k^{\frac{\lambda_1 + \alpha}{s}}} + \frac{1}{(\lambda_2 + \alpha)c_s^{\lambda_2 + \alpha}} \prod_{k=1}^s c_k^{\frac{\alpha}{s}} + \sum_{i=1}^{s-1} \left[ \frac{c_{i+1}^{\lambda_1 - \frac{i\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha} - c_i^{\lambda_1 - \frac{i\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha}}{\lambda_1 - \frac{i\lambda}{s} + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^i c_k^{\frac{\alpha}{s}}}{\prod_{k=i+1}^s c_k^{\frac{\lambda_1 + \alpha}{s}}} \right] \in \mathbf{R}_+. \tag{4.6}$$

In particular,

(i) for  $s = 1$  (or  $c_s = \dots = c_1$ ), we have

$$k_\lambda(x, y) = \frac{(\min\{x, c_1 y\})^\alpha}{(\max\{x, c_1 y\})^{\lambda + \alpha}}$$

and

$$k_1(\lambda_1) = \frac{\lambda + 2\alpha}{(\lambda_1 + \alpha)(\lambda_2 + \alpha)} \frac{1}{c_1^{\lambda_2}}; \tag{4.7}$$

(ii) for  $s = 2$ , we have

$$k_\lambda(x, y) = \frac{(\min\{x, c_1 y\} \min\{x, c_2 y\})^{\alpha/2}}{(\max\{x, c_1 y\} \max\{x, c_2 y\})^{(\lambda + \alpha)/2}}$$

and

$$k_2(\lambda_1) = \left(\frac{c_1}{c_2}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \left[ \frac{c_1^{\lambda_1 - \frac{\lambda}{2}}}{(\lambda_1 + \alpha)c_2^{\lambda/2}} + \frac{1}{(\lambda_2 + \alpha)c_2^{\lambda_2}} + \frac{c_2^{\lambda_1 - \frac{\lambda}{2}} - c_1^{\lambda_1 - \frac{\lambda}{2}}}{(\lambda_1 - \frac{\lambda}{2})c_2^{\lambda/2}} \right]; \tag{4.8}$$

(iii) for  $\alpha = 0$ , we have

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0, \quad k_\lambda(x, y) = \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^s (\max\{x, c_k y\})^{\lambda/s}}$$

and

$$k_s(\lambda_1) = \tilde{k}_s(\lambda_1) := \frac{c_1^{\lambda_1}}{\lambda_1} \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^s c_k^{\frac{\lambda}{s}}} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2 c_s^{\lambda_2}} + \sum_{i=1}^{s-1} \frac{c_{i+1}^{\lambda_1 - \frac{i}{s}\lambda} - c_i^{\lambda_1 - \frac{i}{s}\lambda}}{\lambda_1 - \frac{i}{s}\lambda} \frac{1}{\prod_{k=i+1}^s c_k^{\lambda/s}}; \tag{4.9}$$

(iv) for  $\alpha = -\lambda$ , we have

$$\lambda < \lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0, \quad k_\lambda(x, y) = \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^s (\min\{x, c_k y\})^{\lambda/s}}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} k_s(\lambda_1) &= \widehat{k}_s(\lambda_1) := \frac{c_1^{-\lambda_2}}{(-\lambda_2)} + \frac{1}{(-\lambda_1)c_s^{-\lambda_1}} \prod_{k=1}^s c_k^{-\lambda/s} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{s-1} \left( \frac{c_{i+1}^{\lambda_1 - \frac{s-i}{s}\lambda} - c_i^{\lambda_1 - \frac{s-i}{s}\lambda}}{\lambda_1 - \frac{s-i}{s}\lambda} \prod_{k=1}^i c_k^{-\lambda/s} \right); \end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

(v) for  $\lambda = 0$ , we have  $\lambda_2 = -\lambda_1, |\lambda_1| < \alpha (\alpha > 0)$ ,

$$k_0(x, y) = \prod_{k=1}^s \left( \frac{\min\{x, c_k y\}}{\max\{x, c_k y\}} \right)^{\alpha/s},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} k_s(\lambda_1) &= k_s^{(0)}(\lambda_1) := \frac{c_1^{\lambda_1 + \alpha}}{a + \lambda_1} \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^s c_k^{\alpha/s}} + \frac{c_s^{\lambda_1 - \alpha}}{a - \lambda_1} \prod_{k=1}^s c_k^{\alpha/s} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{s-1} \left[ \frac{c_{i+1}^{\lambda_1 + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha} - c_i^{\lambda_1 + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha}}{\lambda_1 + (1 - \frac{2i}{s})\alpha} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^i c_k^{\alpha/s}}{\prod_{k=i+1}^s c_k^{\alpha/s}} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{4.11}$$

We set  $\delta_0 = \min\{\lambda_1 + \alpha, \lambda_2 + \alpha\}$ . For  $\tilde{\lambda}_1 \in (\lambda_1 - \delta_0, \lambda_1 + \delta_0), \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \tilde{\lambda}_2 = \lambda$ , we obtain that

$$\tilde{\lambda}_1 + \alpha > \lambda_1 - \delta_0 + \alpha \geq 0, \quad \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \alpha = \lambda - \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \alpha > \lambda - (\lambda_1 + \delta_0) + \alpha = \lambda_2 + \alpha - \delta_0 \geq 0,$$

and  $k_s(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \in \mathbf{R}_+$ .

(b) Since we find

$$\begin{aligned} k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{y^{1-\lambda_2}} &= \frac{1}{y^{1-\lambda_2}} \prod_{k=1}^s \frac{(\min\{c_k^{-1}x, y\})^{\frac{\alpha}{s}}}{c_k^{\frac{\lambda}{s}} (\max\{c_k^{-1}x, y\})^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{y^{1-\lambda_2-\alpha}} \prod_{k=1}^s \frac{1}{c_k^{\frac{\lambda}{s}} (c_k^{-1}x)^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}}, & 0 < y \leq c_s^{-1}x, \\ \frac{1}{y^{1+\lambda_1+\alpha-\frac{i}{s}(\lambda+2\alpha)}} \frac{\prod_{k=i+1}^s (c_k^{-1}x)^{\frac{\alpha}{s}}}{\prod_{k=1}^s c_k^{\frac{\lambda}{s}} \prod_{k=1}^i (c_k^{-1}x)^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}}, & c_{i+1}^{-1}x < y \leq c_i^{-1}x \\ & (i = 1, \dots, s-1), \\ \frac{1}{y^{1+\lambda_1+\alpha}} \prod_{k=1}^s \frac{(c_k^{-1}x)^{\frac{\alpha}{s}}}{c_k^{\frac{\lambda}{s}} (y)^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}}, & c_1^{-1}x < y < \infty, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

then for  $\lambda_2 < 1 - \alpha (\lambda_1 > -\alpha)$ , we get that  $k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{y^{1-\lambda_2}}$  is strict decreasing with respect to  $y > 0$ . Similarly, since

$$k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{x^{1-\lambda_1}} = \frac{1}{x^{1-\lambda_1}} \prod_{k=1}^s \frac{(\min\{x, c_k y\})^{\frac{\alpha}{s}}}{(\max\{x, c_k y\})^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^{1-\lambda_1-\alpha}} \prod_{k=1}^s \frac{1}{(c_k y)^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}}, 0 < x \leq c_1 y, \\ \frac{1}{x^{1-\lambda_1-\alpha+\frac{i}{s}(\lambda+2\alpha)}} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^i (c_k y)^{\frac{\alpha}{s}}}{\prod_{k=i+1}^s (c_k y)^{\frac{\lambda+\alpha}{s}}}, c_i y < x \leq c_{i+1} y \\ \quad (i = 1, \dots, s-1), \\ \frac{1}{x^{1+\lambda_2+\alpha}} \prod_{k=1}^s (c_k y)^{\frac{\alpha}{s}}, c_s y < x < \infty, \end{cases}$$

then for  $\lambda_1 < 1 - \alpha$  ( $\lambda_2 > -\alpha$ ), we have that  $k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{x^{1-\lambda_1}}$  is strict decreasing with respect to  $x > 0$ .

(c) There exist  $\tau_1 \in (-\alpha, \lambda_1)$  and  $\tau_2 \in (\lambda_1, \lambda + \alpha)$ , such that

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} u^{\tau_1} k_\lambda(u, 1) = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} u^{\tau_1} \frac{u^\alpha}{\prod_{k=1}^s c_k^{(\lambda+\alpha)/s}} = 0,$$

and

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} u^{\tau_2} k_\lambda(u, 1) = \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^s c_k^{\alpha/s}}{u^{\lambda+\alpha-\tau_2}} = 0.$$

It follows that there exists  $L > 0$ , such that

$$k_\lambda(u, 1) \leq \frac{L}{u^{\tau_1}} (u \in (0, 1)), k_\lambda(u, 1) \leq \frac{L}{u^{\tau_2}} (u \in [1, \infty)).$$

In view of (a), (b) and (c), by (4.5), we have

$$\|T\| = k_s(\lambda_1). \tag{4.12}$$

**Example 4.3.** For  $-1 < \alpha \leq 1, 0 < \lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 1, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$ , we set

$$k_\lambda(x, y) := \frac{1}{x^\lambda + y^\lambda + \alpha|x^\lambda - y^\lambda|} \quad ((x, y) \in \mathbf{R}_+^2).$$

(a) We find

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < k_\alpha(\lambda_1) &:= \int_0^\infty k_\lambda(1, t) t^{\lambda_2-1} dt = \int_0^\infty k_\lambda(t, 1) t^{\lambda_1-1} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{\lambda_1-1} dt}{t^\lambda + 1 + \alpha|t^\lambda - 1|} = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\lambda_1-1} + t^{\lambda_2-1}}{1 + \alpha + (1 - \alpha)t^\lambda} dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\lambda_1-1} + t^{\lambda_2-1}}{1 + \alpha} dt = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} \right) < \infty, \end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

namely,  $k_\alpha(\lambda_1) \in \mathbf{R}_+$ .

(i) For  $\alpha = 1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} k_1(\lambda_1) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{\lambda_1-1}}{t^\lambda + 1 + |t^\lambda - 1|} dt = \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{\lambda_1-1}}{2 \max\{t^\lambda, 1\}} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (t^{\lambda_1-1} + t^{\lambda_2-1}) dt = \frac{\lambda}{2\lambda_1\lambda_2}; \end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

(ii) for

$$0 < \alpha < 1, \quad 0 < \frac{1 - \alpha}{1 + \alpha} < 1,$$

in view of the Lebesgue term by term integration theorem (cf. [31]), we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_\alpha(\lambda_1) &= \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\lambda_1-1} + t^{\lambda_2-1}}{1 + \frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}t^\lambda} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \int_0^1 (t^{\lambda_1-1} + t^{\lambda_2-1}) \sum_{k=0}^\infty (-1)^k \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^k t^{\lambda k} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \int_0^1 (t^{\lambda_1-1} + t^{\lambda_2-1}) \sum_{k=0}^\infty \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^{2k} t^{2\lambda k} \left(1 - \frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}t^\lambda\right) dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^{2k} \int_0^1 (t^{\lambda_1-1} + t^{\lambda_2-1}) t^{2\lambda k} \left(1 - \frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}t^\lambda\right) dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^\infty (-1)^k \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^k \int_0^1 (t^{\lambda_1-1} + t^{\lambda_2-1}) t^{\lambda k} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^\infty (-1)^k \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^k \left(\frac{1}{\lambda k + \lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda k + \lambda_2}\right); \tag{4.15}
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii) for  $\alpha = 0$ , we obtain

$$k_0(\lambda_1) = \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{\lambda_1-1} dt}{t^\lambda + 1} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^\infty \frac{v^{(\lambda_1/\lambda)-1} dv}{v + 1} = \frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin(\frac{\pi\lambda_1}{\lambda})}; \tag{4.16}$$

(iv) for

$$-1 < \alpha < 0, \quad 0 < \frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha} < 1,$$

by the Lebesgue term by term integration theorem (cf. [31]), we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_\alpha(\lambda_1) &= \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\lambda_1-1} + t^{\lambda_2-1}}{1 + \frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}t^\lambda} dt \\
 &\stackrel{v=\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}t^{-\lambda}}{=} \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \int_{\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}}^\infty \frac{1}{v+1} \left[ \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} + \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \right] dv \\
 &= \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{v+1} v^{(1-\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda})-1} dv + \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{v+1} v^{(1-\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda})-1} dv \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \int_0^{\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \frac{1}{v+1} \left[ \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} + \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \right] dv \\
 &= \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \left[ \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} \frac{\pi}{\sin(\frac{\pi\lambda_1}{\lambda})} + \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \frac{\pi}{\sin(\frac{\pi\lambda_2}{\lambda})} \right] \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \int_0^{\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^\infty (-1)^k v^k \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} + \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \right] dv
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \left[ \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} + \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \right] \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\lambda_1}{\lambda}\right)} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \int_0^{\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k v^k \left[ \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} + \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \right] dv \\
 &= \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \left[ \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} + \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \right] \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\lambda_1}{\lambda}\right)} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \int_0^{\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (v^{2k} - v^{2k+1}) \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} + \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \right] dv \\
 &= \frac{1}{\lambda(1+a)} \left[ \left(\frac{1+a}{1-a}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} + \left(\frac{1+a}{1-a}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \right] \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\lambda_1}{\lambda}\right)} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{\lambda(1+a)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\frac{1+a}{1-a}} (v^{2k} - v^{2k+1}) \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \left(\frac{1+a}{1-a}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} + \left(\frac{1+a}{1-a}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \right] dv \\
 &= \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \left[ \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} + \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \right] \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\lambda_1}{\lambda}\right)} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}} (-1)^k v^k \left[ \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} + \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} v^{-\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \right] dv \\
 &= \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \left[ \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} + \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \right] \frac{\pi}{\lambda \sin\left(\frac{\pi\lambda_1}{\lambda}\right)} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{k+1} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda k + \lambda_2} + \frac{1}{\lambda k + \lambda_1} \right); \tag{4.17}
 \end{aligned}$$

(v) for  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{\lambda}{2}, 0 < \lambda < 2, -1 < \alpha < 1$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_{\alpha}\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right) &= 2 \int_0^1 \frac{t^{(\lambda/2)-1}}{1+\alpha+(1-\alpha)t^{\lambda}} dt \\
 &\stackrel{u=\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)t^{\lambda}}{=} \frac{4}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{1}{1+u^2} du \\
 &= \frac{4}{\lambda(1+\alpha)} \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \arctan\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \tag{4.18}
 \end{aligned}$$

We set  $\delta_0 = \min\{1 - \lambda_1, 1 - \lambda_2\}$ . For  $\tilde{\lambda}_1 \in (\lambda_1 - \delta_0, \lambda_1 + \delta_0), \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \tilde{\lambda}_2 = \lambda$ , we find  $\tilde{\lambda}_1 - 1 < \lambda_1 + \delta_0 - 1 \leq 0, \tilde{\lambda}_2 - 1 = \lambda - \tilde{\lambda}_1 - 1 < \lambda - (\lambda_1 - \delta_0) - 1 = \lambda_2 - 1 + \delta_0 \leq 0$  and then  $k_{\alpha}(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \in \mathbf{R}_+$ .

(b) For fixed  $x > 0$ , in view of  $-1 < \alpha \leq 1, 0 < \lambda_2 < 1$ , we obtain that

$$k_{\lambda}(x, y) \frac{1}{y^{1-\lambda_2}} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(1+\alpha)x^{\lambda} + (1-\alpha)y^{\lambda}} \frac{1}{y^{1-\lambda_2}}, & 0 < y < x \\ \frac{1}{(1-\alpha)x^{\lambda} + (1+\alpha)y^{\lambda}} \frac{1}{y^{1-\lambda_2}}, & y \geq x \end{cases},$$



is strictly decreasing with respect to  $y > 0$ . Similarly, for fixed  $y > 0$ ,  $k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{x^{1-\lambda_1}}$  is strict decreasing with respect to  $x > 0$ .

(c) There exist  $\tau_1 \in (0, \lambda_1)$  and  $\tau_2 \in (\lambda_1, \lambda)$ , such that

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} u^{\tau_1} k_\lambda(u, 1) = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{u^{\tau_1}}{u^\lambda + 1 + \alpha|u^\lambda - 1|} = 0,$$

and

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} u^{\tau_2} k_\lambda(u, 1) = \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u^{\tau_2}}{u^\lambda + 1 + \alpha|u^\lambda - 1|} = 0.$$

It follows that there exists  $L > 0$ , such that

$$k_\lambda(u, 1) \leq \frac{L}{u^{\tau_1}} \quad (u \in (0, 1)), \quad k_\lambda(u, 1) \leq \frac{L}{u^{\tau_2}} \quad (u \in [1, \infty)).$$

In view of (a), (b) and (c), by (4.5), we have

$$\|T\| = k_\alpha(\lambda_1) = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\lambda_1-1} + t^{\lambda_2-1}}{1 + \alpha + (1 - \alpha)t^\lambda} dt. \tag{4.19}$$

### 5. Some reverses

In the following, we also set

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Phi}_\lambda(m) & : = (1 - \theta(\lambda_2, m)) \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}}, \\ \tilde{\Psi}_\lambda(n) & : = (1 - \vartheta(\lambda_1, n)) \frac{V_n^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}}{\nu_n^{q-1}} \quad (m, n \in \mathbf{N}). \end{aligned}$$

For  $0 < p < 1$  or  $p < 0$ , we still use the formal symbols of  $\|a\|_{p, \Phi_\lambda}$ ,  $\|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda}$ ,  $\|a\|_{p, \tilde{\Phi}_\lambda}$  and  $\|b\|_{q, \tilde{\Psi}_\lambda}$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *Adopting the assumptions of Theorem 3.2, for  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\|a\|_{p, \Phi_\lambda}, \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda} \in \mathbf{R}_+$ , we have the following equivalent inequalities with the best possible constant factor  $k(\lambda_1)$ :*

$$I = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) a_m b_n > k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \tilde{\Phi}_\lambda} \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda}, \tag{5.1}$$

$$J = \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\nu_n}{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^\infty k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) a_m \right]^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} > k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \tilde{\Phi}_\lambda}. \tag{5.2}$$

**Proof .** By the reverse Hölder inequality (cf. [30]) and (2.6), we obtain the reverses of (3.3). By (2.8) and (2.5), we derive the reverse of (3.4). Then by (2.10), we have (5.2). By the reverse Hölder inequality, we get the reverse of (3.5). Then by (5.2), we obtain (5.1).

On the other hand, assuming that (5.1) is valid, we set  $b_n$  as in Theorem ???. Then we find  $J^p = \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda}^q$ . If  $J = \infty$ , then (5.2) is trivially valid; if  $J = 0$ , then by the reverse of (3.4) and (2.10), it is impossible. Suppose that  $0 < J < \infty$ . By (5.1), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda}^q & = J^p = I > k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \tilde{\Phi}_\lambda} \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda}, \\ \|b\|_{q, \Psi_\lambda}^{q-1} & = J > k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \tilde{\Phi}_\lambda}, \end{aligned}$$

and then (5.2) follows, which is equivalent to (5.1).

For  $\varepsilon \in (0, p\delta_0)$ , we set  $\tilde{\lambda}_1, \tilde{\lambda}_2, \tilde{a}_m$  and  $\tilde{b}_n$  as (3.6). Then it follows that

$$\varpi(\tilde{\lambda}_1, n) < k(\tilde{\lambda}_1) (n \in \mathbf{N}).$$

By (2.12), (2.13) and (3.7), we find

$$\begin{aligned} \|a\|_{p, \tilde{\Phi}_\lambda} \|b\|_{q, \tilde{\Psi}_\lambda} &= \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (1 - \theta(\lambda_2, m)) \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1+\varepsilon}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} O\left(\frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\alpha+\varepsilon}}\right) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1+\varepsilon}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left[ \frac{1}{U_{m_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon(O_1(1) - O_3(1)) \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \frac{1}{V_{n_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon O_2(1) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \\ \tilde{I} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \tilde{a}_m \tilde{b}_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \frac{V_n^{\tilde{\lambda}_2} \mu_m}{U_m^{1-\tilde{\lambda}_1}} \right) \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varpi(\tilde{\lambda}_1, n) \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} \leq k(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{\varepsilon+1}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} k(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \left( \frac{1}{V_{n_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon O_2(1) \right). \end{aligned}$$

If there exists a constant  $K \geq k(\lambda_1)$ , such that (5.1) is valid when replacing  $k(\lambda_1)$  by  $K$ , then in particular we have  $\varepsilon \tilde{I} > \varepsilon K \|a\|_{p, \tilde{\Phi}_\lambda} \|b\|_{q, \tilde{\Psi}_\lambda}$ , namely

$$k\left(\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}\right) \left( \frac{1}{V_{n_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon O_2(1) \right) > K \left[ \frac{1}{U_{m_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon(O_1(1) - O_3(1)) \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \frac{1}{V_{n_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon O_2(1) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

In view of Lemma 2.1, it follows that  $k(\lambda_1) \geq K(\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+)$ . Hence,  $K = k(\lambda_1)$  is the best possible constant factor of (5.1).

The constant factor  $k(\lambda_1)$  in (5.2) is still the best possible. Otherwise, we would reach a contradiction by the reverse of (3.5) that the constant factor in (5.1) is not the best possible.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.2.** *Adopting the assumptions of Theorem 3.2, if  $p < 0$ , then we have the following equivalent inequalities with the best possible constant factor  $k(\lambda_1)$ :*

$$I = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) a_m b_n > k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \Phi_\lambda} \|b\|_{q, \tilde{\Psi}_\lambda}, \tag{5.3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &: = \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n^{p\lambda_2-1} v_n}{(1 - \vartheta(\lambda_1, n))^{p-1}} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) a_m \right]^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &> k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \Phi_\lambda}. \end{aligned} \tag{5.4}$$

**Proof .** By the reverse weighted Hölder inequality (cf. [30]) and (2.6), since  $p < 0$ , in view of (2.11), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) a_m \right]^p \\
 = & \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) a_m \left( \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)/q}}{V_n^{(1-\lambda_2)/p} \mu_m^{1/q}} a_m \right) \left( \frac{V_n^{(1-\lambda_2)/p} \mu_m^{1/q}}{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)/q}} \right) \right]^p \\
 \leq & \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) a_m \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)p/q}}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p/q}} a_m^p \\
 & \times \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) a_m \frac{V_n^{(1-\lambda_2)(q-1)} \mu_m}{U_m^{1-\lambda_1}} \right]^{p-1} \\
 = & \frac{V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}}{(\varpi(\lambda_1, n))^{1-p}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) a_m \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)(p-1)}}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \\
 \leq & \frac{(k(\lambda_1))^{p-1} V_n^{1-p\lambda_2}}{(1 - \vartheta(\lambda_1, n))^{1-p} v_n} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) a_m \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)(p-1)} v_n}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p, \\
 J_1 \geq & (k(\lambda_1))^{\frac{1}{q}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)(p-1)} v_n}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 = & (k(\lambda_1))^{\frac{1}{q}} \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) \frac{U_m^{(1-\lambda_1)(p-1)} v_n}{V_n^{1-\lambda_2} \mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 = & (k(\lambda_1))^{\frac{1}{q}} \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \omega(\lambda_2, m) \frac{U_m^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}}{\mu_m^{p-1}} a_m^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}. \tag{5.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then by (2.7), we have (5.4).

By the reverse Hölder inequality (cf. [30]), we have

$$I = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n^{\lambda_2 - \frac{1}{p}} v_n^{1/p}}{(1 - \vartheta(\lambda_1, n))^{1/q}} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) a_m \right] \times \left[ (1 - \vartheta(\lambda_1, n))^{\frac{1}{q}} \frac{V_n^{\frac{1}{p} - \lambda_2}}{v_n^{1/p}} b_n \right] \geq J_1 \|b\|_{q, \tilde{\Psi}_{\lambda}}. \tag{5.6}$$

Then by (5.4), we have (5.3).

On the other hand, assuming that (5.3) is valid, we set  $b_n$  as follows:

$$b_n := \frac{V_n^{p\lambda_2 - 1} v_n}{(1 - \vartheta(\lambda_1, n))^{p-1}} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(U_m, V_n) a_m \right]^{p-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then we find  $J_1^p = \|b\|_{q, \tilde{\Psi}_{\lambda}}^q$ . If  $J_1 = \infty$ , then (5.4) is trivially valid; if  $J_1 = 0$ , then by (5.5) and (2.7), it is impossible. Suppose that  $0 < J_1 < \infty$ . By (5.3), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|b\|_{q, \tilde{\Psi}_{\lambda}}^q &= J_1^p = I > k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \Phi_{\lambda}} \|b\|_{q, \tilde{\Psi}_{\lambda}}, \\
 \|b\|_{q, \tilde{\Psi}_{\lambda}}^{q-1} &= J_1 > k(\lambda_1) \|a\|_{p, \Phi_{\lambda}},
 \end{aligned}$$

and then (5.4) follows, which is equivalent to (5.3).

For  $\varepsilon \in (0, q\delta_0)$ , we set  $\tilde{\lambda}_1 = \lambda_1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{q}$ ,  $\tilde{\lambda}_2 = \lambda_2 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}$ , and

$$\tilde{a}_m := U_m^{\tilde{\lambda}_1 - 1 - \varepsilon} \mu_m = U_m^{\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p} - 1} \mu_m, \tilde{b}_n = V_n^{\tilde{\lambda}_2 - 1} v_n = V_n^{\lambda_2 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} - 1} v_n.$$

Then  $k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{y^{1-\lambda_2}} (= k_\lambda(x, y) \frac{1}{y^{1-\lambda_2}} \frac{1}{x^{\varepsilon/q}})$  ( $0 < q < 1$ ) is still strictly decreasing with respect to  $y > 0$  and

$$\omega(\tilde{\lambda}_2, m) < k(\tilde{\lambda}_1). \tag{5.7}$$

By (2.12), (2.13) and (5.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{a}\|_{p, \Phi_\lambda} \|\tilde{b}\|_{q, \tilde{\Psi}_\lambda} &= \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \vartheta(\lambda_1, n)) \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1+\varepsilon}} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n}{V_n^{1+\varepsilon}} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} O\left(\frac{v_n}{V_n^{1+\beta+\varepsilon}}\right) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left( \frac{1}{U_{m_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon O_1(1) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[ \frac{1}{V_{n_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon(O_2(1) - O_4(1)) \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \\ \tilde{I} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \tilde{a}_m \tilde{b}_n = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_\lambda(U_m, V_n) \frac{U_m^{\tilde{\lambda}_1} v_n}{V_n^{1-\tilde{\lambda}_2}} \right] \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \omega(\tilde{\lambda}_2, m) \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} \leq k(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_m}{U_m^{1+\varepsilon}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} k(\tilde{\lambda}_1) \left( \frac{1}{U_{m_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon O_1(1) \right). \end{aligned}$$

If there exists a constant  $K \geq k(\lambda_1)$ , such that (5.3) is valid when replacing  $k(\lambda_1)$  by  $K$ , then in particular, we have  $\varepsilon \tilde{I} > \varepsilon K \|\tilde{a}\|_{p, \Phi_\lambda} \|\tilde{b}\|_{q, \tilde{\Psi}_\lambda}$ , namely

$$k\left(\lambda_1 + \frac{1}{q}\right) \left( \frac{1}{U_{m_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon O_1(1) \right) > K \left( \frac{1}{U_{m_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon O_1(1) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[ \frac{1}{V_{n_0}^\varepsilon} + \varepsilon(O_2(1) - O_4(1)) \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

In view of Lemma 2.1, it follows that  $k(\lambda_1) \geq K(\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+)$ . Hence,  $K = k(\lambda_1)$  is the best possible constant factor of (5.3).

The constant factor  $k(\lambda_1)$  in (5.4) is still the best possible. Otherwise, by (5.6) we would reach the contradiction that the constant factor in (5.3) is not the best possible.  $\square$

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