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## A RELATION TO HARDY-HILBERT'S INTEGRAL INEQUALITY AND MULHOLLAND'S INEQUALITY

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## Abstract

This paper deals with a relation between Hardy-Hilbert's integral inequality and Mulholland's integral inequality with a best constant factor, by using the Beta function and introducing a parameter  $\lambda$ . As applications, the reverse, the equivalent form and some particular results are considered.

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# 1. Introduction

If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $f, g \geq 0$  satisfy  $0 < \int_0^\infty f^p(x)dx < \infty$  and  $0 < \int_0^\infty g^q(x)dx < \infty$ , then one has two equivalent inequalities as (see [1]):

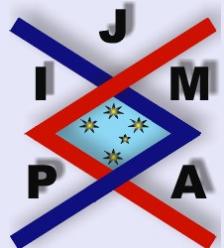
$$(1.1) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dxdy \\ < \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} \left\{ \int_0^\infty f^p(x)dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty g^q(x)dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

$$(1.2) \quad \int_0^\infty \left( \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)}{x+y} dx \right)^p dy < \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} \right]^p \int_0^\infty f^p(x)dx,$$

where the constant factors  $\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)}$  and  $\left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \right]^p$  are all the best possible. Inequality (1.1) is called Hardy-Hilbert's integral inequality, which is important in analysis and its applications (cf. Mitrinovic et al. [2]).

If  $0 < \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} F^p(x)dx < \infty$  and  $0 < \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{y} G^q(y)dy < \infty$ , then the Mulholland's integral inequality is as follows (see [1, 3]):

$$(1.3) \quad \int_1^\infty \int_1^\infty \frac{F(x)F(y)}{xy \ln xy} dxdy \\ < \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} \left\{ \int_1^\infty \frac{F^p(x)}{x} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_1^\infty \frac{G^q(y)}{y} dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$



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where the constant factor  $\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)}$  is the best possible. Setting  $f(x) = F(x)/x$ , and  $g(y) = G(y)/y$  in (1.3), by simplification, one has (see [12])

$$(1.4) \quad \int_1^\infty \int_1^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{\ln xy} dx dy \\ < \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} \left\{ \int_1^\infty x^{p-1} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_1^\infty x^{q-1} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

We still call (1.4) Mulholland's integral inequality.

In 1998, Yang [11] first introduced an independent parameter  $\lambda$  and the  $\beta$  function for given an extension of (1.1) (for  $p = q = 2$ ). Recently, by introducing a parameter  $\lambda$ , Yang [8] and Yang et al. [10] gave some extensions of (1.1) and (1.2) as: If  $\lambda > 2 - \min\{p, q\}$ ,  $f, g \geq 0$  satisfy  $0 < \int_0^\infty x^{1-\lambda} f^p(x) dx < \infty$  and  $0 < \int_0^\infty x^{1-\lambda} g^q(x) dx < \infty$ , then one has two equivalent inequalities as:

$$(1.5) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y)^\lambda} dx dy \\ < k_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{1-\lambda} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{1-\lambda} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

and

$$(1.6) \quad \int_0^\infty y^{(p-1)(\lambda-1)} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)}{(x+y)^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy < [k_\lambda(p)]^p \int_0^\infty x^{1-\lambda} f^p(x) dx,$$

where the constant factors  $k_\lambda(p)$  and  $[k_\lambda(p)]^p$  ( $k_\lambda(p) = B\left(\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}, \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}\right)$ ,  $B(u, v)$  is the  $\beta$  function) are all the best possible. By introducing a parameter




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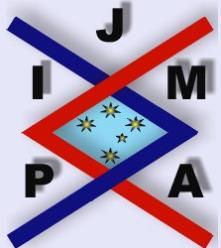
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$\alpha$ , Kuang [5] gave an extension of (1.1), and Yang [9] gave an improvement of [5] as: If  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $f, g \geq 0$  satisfy  $0 < \int_0^\infty x^{(p-1)(1-\alpha)} f^p(x) dx < \infty$  and  $0 < \int_0^\infty x^{(q-1)(1-\alpha)} g^q(x) dx < \infty$ , then

$$(1.7) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x^\alpha + y^\alpha} dxdy \\ < \frac{\pi}{\alpha \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{(p-1)(1-\alpha)} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{(q-1)(1-\alpha)} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant  $\frac{\pi}{\alpha \sin(\pi/p)}$  is the best possible. Recently, Sulaiman [6] gave some new forms of (1.1) and Hong [14] gave an extension of Hardy-Hilbert's inequality by introducing two parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\alpha$ . Yang et al. [13] provided an extensive account of the above results.

The main objective of this paper is to build a relation to (1.1) and (1.4) with a best constant factor, by introducing the  $\beta$  function and a parameter  $\lambda$ , related to the double integral  $\int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(u(x)+u(y))^\lambda} dxdy$  ( $\lambda > 0$ ). As applications, the re-version, the equivalent form and some particular results are considered.




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## 2. Some Lemmas

First, we need the formula of the  $\beta$  function as (cf. Wang et al. [7]):

$$(2.1) \quad B(u, v) := \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(1+t)^{u+v}} t^{u-1} dt = B(v, u) \quad (u, v > 0).$$

**Lemma 2.1 (cf. [4]).** If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\omega(\sigma) > 0$ ,  $f, g \geq 0$ ,  $f \in L_\omega^p(E)$  and  $g \in L_\omega^q(E)$ , then one has the Hölder's inequality with weight as:

$$(2.2) \quad \int_E \omega(\sigma) f(\sigma) g(\sigma) d\sigma \leq \left\{ \int_E \omega(\sigma) f^p(\sigma) d\sigma \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_E \omega(\sigma) g^q(\sigma) d\sigma \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

if  $p < 1$  ( $p \neq 0$ ), with the above assumption, one has the reverse of (2.2), where the equality (in the above two cases) holds if and only if there exists non-negative real numbers  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , such that they are not all zero and  $c_1 f^p(\sigma) = c_2 g^q(\sigma)$ , a. e. in  $E$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** If  $p \neq 0, 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\phi_r = \phi_r(\lambda) > 0$  ( $r = p, q$ ),  $\phi_p + \phi_q = \lambda$ , and  $u(t)$  is a differentiable strict increasing function in  $(a, b)$  ( $-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty$ ) such that  $u(a+) = 0$  and  $u(b-) = \infty$ , for  $r = p, q$ , define  $\omega_r(x)$  as

$$(2.3) \quad \omega_r(x) := (u(x))^{\lambda - \phi_r} \int_a^b \frac{(u(y))^{\phi_r - 1} u'(y)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dy \quad (x \in (a, b)).$$

Then for  $x \in (a, b)$ , each  $\omega_r(x)$  is constant, that is

$$(2.4) \quad \omega_r(x) = B(\phi_p, \phi_q) \quad (r = p, q).$$



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*Proof.* For fixed  $x$ , setting  $v = \frac{u(y)}{u(x)}$  in (2.3), one has

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_r(x) &= (u(x))^{\lambda-\phi_r} \int_a^b \frac{(u(y))^{\phi_r-1} u'(y)}{(u(x))^\lambda (1+u(y)/u(x))^\lambda} dy \\ &= (u(x))^{\lambda-\phi_r} \int_0^\infty \frac{(vu(x))^{\phi_r-1}}{(u(x))^\lambda (1+v)^\lambda} u(x) dv \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{v^{\phi_r-1}}{(1+v)^\lambda} dv \quad (r=p,q).\end{aligned}$$

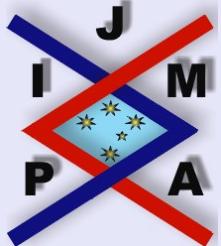
By (2.1), one has (2.4). The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\phi_r > 0$  ( $r = p, q$ ), satisfy  $\phi_p + \phi_q = \lambda$ , and  $u(t)$  is a differentiable strict increasing function in  $(a, b)$  ( $-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty$ ) satisfying  $u(a+) = 0$  and  $u(b-) = \infty$ , then for  $c = u^{-1}(1)$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < q\phi_p$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}I &:= \int_c^b \int_c^b \frac{(u(x))^{\phi_q - \frac{\varepsilon}{p} - 1} u'(x)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} (u(y))^{\phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} - 1} u'(y) dx dy \\ (2.5) \quad &> \frac{1}{\varepsilon} B \left( \phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}, \phi_q + \frac{\varepsilon}{q} \right) - O(1); \end{aligned}$$

if  $0 < p < 1$  (or  $p < 0$ ), with the above assumption and  $0 < \varepsilon < -q\phi_q$  (or  $0 < \varepsilon < q\phi_p$ ), then

$$(2.6) \quad I < \frac{1}{\varepsilon} B \left( \phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}, \phi_q + \frac{\varepsilon}{q} \right).$$




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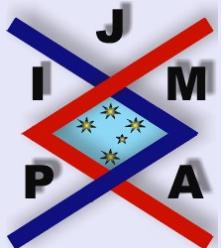
*Proof.* For fixed  $x$ , setting  $v = \frac{u(y)}{u(x)}$  in  $I$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.7) \quad I &:= \int_c^b (u(x))^{\phi_q - \frac{\varepsilon}{p} - 1} u'(x) \left[ \int_c^b \frac{(u(y))^{\phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} u'(y) dy \right] dx \\
&= \int_c^b (u(x))^{-1-\varepsilon} u'(x) \int_{\frac{1}{u(x)}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+v)^\lambda} v^{\phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} - 1} dv dx \\
&= \int_c^b \frac{u'(x) dx}{(u(x))^{1+\varepsilon}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{v^{\phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(1+v)^\lambda} dv \\
&\quad - \int_c^b \frac{u'(x)}{(u(x))^{1+\varepsilon}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{u(x)}} \frac{v^{\phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(1+v)^\lambda} dv dx \\
&> \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{v^{\phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(1+v)^\lambda} dv - \int_c^b \frac{u'(x)}{(u(x))} \left[ \int_0^{\frac{1}{u(x)}} v^{\phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} - 1} dv \right] dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{v^{\phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(1+v)^\lambda} dv - \left( \phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} \right)^{-2}.
\end{aligned}$$

By (2.1), inequality (2.5) is valid. If  $0 < p < 1$  (or  $p < 0$ ), by (2.7), one has

$$I < \int_c^b \frac{u'(x)}{(u(x))^{1+\varepsilon}} dx \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+v)^\lambda} v^{\phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} - 1} dv,$$

and then by (2.1), inequality (2.6) follows. The lemma is proved.  $\square$




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### 3. Main Results

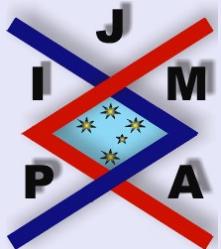
**Theorem 3.1.** If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\phi_r > 0$  ( $r = p, q$ ),  $\phi_p + \phi_q = \lambda$ ,  $u(t)$  is a differentiable strict increasing function in  $(a, b)$  ( $-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty$ ), such that  $u(a+) = 0$  and  $u(b-) = \infty$ , and  $f, g \geq 0$  satisfy  $0 < \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{p(1-\phi_q)-1}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx < \infty$  and  $0 < \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{q(1-\phi_p)-1}}{(u'(x))^{q-1}} g^q(x) dx < \infty$ , then

$$(3.1) \quad \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dxdy \\ < B(\phi_p, \phi_q) \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{p(1-\phi_q)-1}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{q(1-\phi_p)-1}}{(u'(x))^{q-1}} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant factor  $B(\phi_p, \phi_q)$  is the best possible. If  $p < 1$  ( $p \neq 0$ ),  $\{\lambda; \phi_r > 0$  ( $r = p, q$ ),  $\phi_p + \phi_q = \lambda\} \neq \emptyset$ , with the above assumption, one has the reverse of (3.1), and the constant is still the best possible.

*Proof.* By (2.2), one has

$$J := \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dxdy$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{1}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} \left[ \frac{(u(x))^{(1-\phi_q)/q}}{(u(y))^{(1-\phi_p)/p}} \frac{(u'(y))^{1/p}}{(u'(x))^{1/q}} f(x) \right] \\
&\quad \times \left[ \frac{(u(y))^{(1-\phi_p)/p}}{(u(x))^{(1-\phi_q)/q}} \frac{(u'(x))^{1/q}}{(u'(y))^{1/p}} g(y) \right] dx dy \\
&\leq \left\{ \int_a^b \left[ \int_a^b \frac{(u(y))^{\phi_p-1} u'(y)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dy \right] \frac{(u(x))^{(p-1)(1-\phi_q)}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
(3.2) \quad &\quad \times \left\{ \int_a^b \left[ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{\phi_q-1} u'(x)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx \right] \frac{(u(y))^{(q-1)(1-\phi_p)}}{(u'(y))^{q-1}} g^q(y) dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.
\end{aligned}$$

If (3.2) takes the form of equality, then by (2.2), there exist non-negative numbers  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , such that they are not all zero and

$$c_1 \frac{u'(y)(u(x))^{(p-1)(1-\phi_q)}}{(u(y))^{1-\phi_p}(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) = c_2 \frac{u'(x)(u(y))^{(q-1)(1-\phi_p)}}{(u(x))^{1-\phi_q}(u'(y))^{q-1}} g^q(y),$$

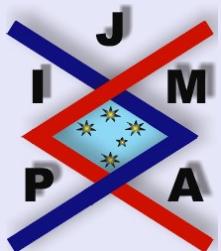
a.e. in  $(a, b) \times (a, b)$ .

It follows that

$$c_1 \frac{(u(x))^{p(1-\phi_q)}}{(u'(x))^p} f^p(x) = c_2 \frac{(u(y))^{q(1-\phi_p)}}{(u'(y))^q} g^q(y) = c_3, \text{ a.e. in } (a, b) \times (a, b),$$

where  $c_3$  is a constant. Without loss of generality, suppose  $c_1 \neq 0$ . One has

$$\frac{(u(x))^{p(1-\phi_q)-1}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) = \frac{c_3 u'(x)}{c_1 u(x)}, \text{ a.e. in } (a, b),$$




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which contradicts  $0 < \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{p(1-\phi_q)-1}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx < \infty$ . Then by (2.3), one has

$$(3.3) \quad J < \left\{ \int_a^b \omega_p(x) \frac{(u(x))^{p(1-\phi_q)-1}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty \omega_q(x) \frac{(u(x))^{q(1-\phi_p)-1}}{(u'(x))^{q-1}} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

and in view of (2.4), it follows that (3.1) is valid.

For  $0 < \varepsilon < q\phi_p$ , setting  $f_\varepsilon(x) = g_\varepsilon(x) = 0$ ,  $x \in (a, c)$  ( $c = u^{-1}(1)$ );

$$f_\varepsilon(x) = (u(x))^{\phi_q - \frac{\varepsilon}{p} - 1} u'(x), \quad g_\varepsilon(x) = (u(x))^{\phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q} - 1} u'(x),$$

$x \in [c, b)$ , we find

$$(3.4) \quad \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{p(1-\phi_q)-1}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f_\varepsilon^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{q(1-\phi_p)-1}}{(u'(x))^{q-1}} g_\varepsilon^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}.$$

If the constant factor  $B(\phi_p, \phi_q)$  in (3.1) is not the best possible, then, there exists a positive constant  $k < B(\phi_p, \phi_q)$ , such that (3.1) is still valid if one replaces



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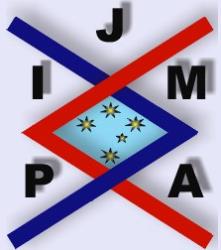
$B(\phi_p, \phi_q)$  by  $k$ . In particular, by (2.6) and (3.4), one has

$$\begin{aligned} & B\left(\phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}, \phi_q + \frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right) - \varepsilon O(1) \\ & < \varepsilon \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f_\varepsilon(x)g_\varepsilon(y)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx dy \\ & < \varepsilon k \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{p(1-\phi_q)-1}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f_\varepsilon^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{q(1-\phi_p)-1}}{(u'(x))^{q-1}} g_\varepsilon^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} = k, \end{aligned}$$

and then  $B(\phi_p, \phi_q) \leq k$  ( $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ ). This contradicts the fact that  $k < B(\phi_p, \phi_q)$ . Hence the constant factor  $B(\phi_p, \phi_q)$  in (3.1) is the best possible.

For  $0 < p < 1$  (or  $p < 0$ ), by the reverse of (2.2) and using the same procedures, one can obtain the reverse of (3.1). For  $0 < \varepsilon < -q\phi_q$  (or  $0 < \varepsilon < q\phi_p$ ), setting  $f_\varepsilon(x)$  and  $g_\varepsilon(x)$  as the above, we still have (3.4). If the constant factor  $B(\phi_p, \phi_q)$  in the reverse of (3.1) is not the best possible, then, there exists a positive constant  $K > B(\phi_p, \phi_q)$ , such that the reverse of (3.1) is still valid if one replaces  $B(\phi_p, \phi_q)$  by  $K$ . In particular, by (2.7) and (3.4), one has

$$\begin{aligned} & B\left(\phi_p - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}, \phi_q + \frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right) \\ & > \varepsilon \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f_\varepsilon(x)g_\varepsilon(y)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx dy \\ & > \varepsilon K \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{p(1-\phi_q)-1}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f_\varepsilon^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{q(1-\phi_p)-1}}{(u'(x))^{q-1}} g_\varepsilon^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} = K, \end{aligned}$$




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and then  $B(\phi_p, \phi_q) \geq K$  ( $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ ). This contradiction concludes that the constant in the reverse of (3.1) is the best possible. The theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let the assumptions of Theorem 3.1 hold.*

(i) *If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , one obtains the equivalent inequality of (3.1) as follows*

$$(3.5) \quad \int_a^b \frac{u'(y)}{(u(y))^{1-p\phi_p}} \left[ \int_a^b \frac{f(x)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy \\ < [B(\phi_p, \phi_q)]^p \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{p(1-\phi_q)-1}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx;$$

(ii) *If  $0 < p < 1$ , one obtains the reverse of (3.5) equivalent to the reverse of (3.1);*

(iii) *If  $p < 0$ , one obtains inequality (3.5) equivalent to the reverse of (3.1),*

*where the constants in the above inequalities are all the best possible.*

*Proof.* Set

$$g(y) := \frac{u'(y)}{(u(y))^{1-p\phi_p}} \left[ \int_a^b \frac{f(x)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx \right]^{p-1},$$




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and use (3.1) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &< \int_a^b \frac{(u(y))^{q(1-\phi_p)-1}}{(u'(y))^{q-1}} g^q(y) dy \\
 &= \int_a^b \frac{u'(y)}{(u(y))^{1-p\phi_p}} \left[ \int_a^b \frac{f(x)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy \\
 &= \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx dy \leq B(\phi_p, \phi_q) \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{p(1-\phi_q)-1}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(y))^{q(1-\phi_p)-1}}{(u'(y))^{q-1}} g^q(y) dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} ;
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &< \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(y))^{q(1-\phi_p)-1}}{(u'(y))^{q-1}} g^q(y) dy \right\}^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &= \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{u'(y)}{(u(y))^{1-p\phi_p}} \left[ \int_a^b \frac{f(x)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\leq B(\phi_p, \phi_q) \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{p(1-\phi_q)-1}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

It follows that (3.6) takes the form of strict inequality by using (3.1); so does




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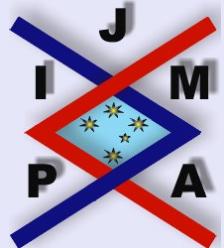
(3.7). Hence one can get (3.5). On the other hand, if (3.5) is valid, by (2.2),

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx dy \\
 &= \int_a^b \left[ \frac{(u'(y))^{\frac{1}{p}}}{(u(y))^{\frac{1}{p}-\phi_p}} \int_a^b \frac{f(x)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx \right] \left[ \frac{(u(y))^{\frac{1}{p}-\phi_p}}{(u'(y))^{\frac{1}{p}}} g(y) \right] dy \\
 &\leq \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{u'(y)}{(u(y))^{1-p\phi_p}} \left[ \int_a^b \frac{f(x)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 (3.8) \quad &\times \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(y))^{q(1-\phi_p)-1}}{(u'(y))^{q-1}} g^q(y) dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence by (3.5), (3.1) yields. It follows that (3.1) and (3.5) are equivalent.

If the constant factor in (3.5) is not the best possible, one can get a contradiction that the constant factor in (3.1) is not the best possible by using (3.8). Hence the constant factor in (3.5) is still the best possible.

If  $0 < p < 1$  (or  $p < 0$ ), one can get the reverses of (3.6), (3.7) and (3.8), and thus concludes the equivalence. By (3.6), for  $0 < p < 1$ , one can obtain the reverse of (3.5); for  $p < 0$ , one can get (3.5). If the constant factor in the reverse of (3.5) (or simply (3.5)) is not the best possible, then one can get a contradiction that the constant factor in the reverse of (3.1) is not the best possible by using the reverse of (3.8). Thus the theorem is proved.  $\square$




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## 4. Some Particular Results

We point out that the constant factors in the following particular results of Theorems 3.1 – 3.2 are all the best possible.

### 4.1. The first reversible form

**Corollary 4.1.** *Let the assumptions of Theorems 3.1 – 3.2 hold. For*

$$\phi_r = \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right) (\lambda - 2) + 1 \quad (r = p, q),$$

$$0 < \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{1-\lambda}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx < \infty$$

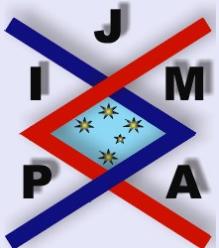
and

$$0 < \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{1-\lambda}}{(u'(x))^{q-1}} g^q(x) dx < \infty,$$

setting  $k_\lambda(p) = B\left(\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}, \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}\right)$ ,

- (i) If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\lambda > 2 - \min\{p, q\}$ , then we have the following two equivalent inequalities:

$$(4.1) \quad \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx dy$$



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$$< k_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{1-\lambda}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{1-\lambda}}{(u'(x))^{q-1}} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

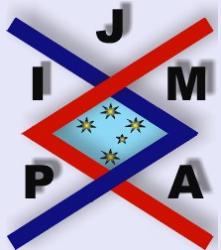
and

$$(4.2) \quad \int_a^b \frac{u'(y)}{(u(y))^{(p-1)(1-\lambda)}} \left[ \int_a^b \frac{f(x)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy \\ < [k_\lambda(p)]^p \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{1-\lambda}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx.$$

- (ii) If  $0 < p < 1$  and  $2 - p < \lambda < 2 - q$ , one obtains two equivalent reverses of (4.1) and (4.2),
- (iii) If  $p < 0$  and  $2 - q < \lambda < 2 - p$ , we have the reverse of (4.1) and the inequality (4.2), which are equivalent. In particular, by (4.1),

(a) setting  $u(x) = x^\alpha$  ( $\alpha > 0, x \in (0, \infty)$ ), one has

$$(4.3) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dxdy \\ < \frac{1}{\alpha} k_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{p-1+\alpha(2-\lambda-p)} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{q-1+\alpha(2-\lambda-q)} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$




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(b) setting  $u(x) = \ln x$ ,  $x \in (1, \infty)$ , one has

$$(4.4) \quad \int_1^\infty \int_1^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\ln xy)^\lambda} dxdy \\ < k_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_1^\infty x^{p-1} (\ln x)^{1-\lambda} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_1^\infty x^{q-1} (\ln x)^{1-\lambda} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

(c) setting  $u(x) = e^x$ ,  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , one has

$$(4.5) \quad \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(e^x + e^y)^\lambda} dxdy \\ < k_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{(2-p-\lambda)x} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{(2-q-\lambda)x} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

(d) setting  $u(x) = \tan x$ ,  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , one has

$$(4.6) \quad \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\tan x + \tan y)^\lambda} dxdy$$




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$$< k_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{1-\lambda} x}{\sec^{2(p-1)} x} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{1-\lambda} x}{\sec^{2(q-1)} x} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

(e) setting  $u(x) = \sec x - 1$ ,  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , one has

$$(4.7) \quad \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\sec x + \sec y - 2)^\lambda} dxdy \\ < k_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(\sec x - 1)^{1-\lambda}}{(\sec x \tan x)^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(\sec x - 1)^{1-\lambda}}{(\sec x \tan x)^{q-1}} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

## 4.2. The second reversible form

**Corollary 4.2.** Let the assumptions of Theorems 3.1 – 3.2 hold. For

$$\phi_r = \frac{\lambda - 1}{2} + \frac{1}{r} \quad (r = p, q),$$

$$0 < \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{p\frac{1-\lambda}{2}}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx < \infty$$

and

$$0 < \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{q\frac{1-\lambda}{2}}}{(u'(x))^{q-1}} g^q(x) dx < \infty,$$




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setting  $\tilde{k}_\lambda(p) = B\left(\frac{p\lambda-p+2}{2p}, \frac{q\lambda-q+2}{2q}\right)$ ,

(i) If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\lambda > 1 - 2 \min\{\frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{q}\}$ , then one can get two equivalent inequalities as follows:

$$(4.8) \quad \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx dy \\ < \tilde{k}_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{p\frac{1-\lambda}{2}}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{q\frac{1-\lambda}{2}}}{(u'(x))^{q-1}} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

$$(4.9) \quad \int_a^b \frac{u'(y)}{(u(y))^{p\frac{1-\lambda}{2}}} \left[ \int_a^b \frac{f(x)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy \\ < [\tilde{k}_\lambda(p)]^p \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{p\frac{1-\lambda}{2}}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx,$$

(ii) If  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $1 - \frac{2}{p} < \lambda < 1 - \frac{2}{q}$ , one can get two equivalent reversions of (4.8) and (4.9),

(iii) If  $p < 0$ ,  $1 - \frac{2}{q} < \lambda < 1 - \frac{2}{p}$ , one can get the reversion of (4.8) and inequality (4.9), which are equivalent. In particular, by (4.8),




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(a) setting  $u(x) = x^\alpha$  ( $\alpha > 0, x \in (0, \infty)$ ), one has

$$(4.10) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dx dy \\ < \frac{1}{\alpha} \tilde{k}_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{p-1+\alpha(1-p\frac{1+\lambda}{2})} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{q-1+\alpha(1-q\frac{1+\lambda}{2})} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

(b) setting  $u(x) = \ln x, x \in (1, \infty)$ , one has

$$(4.11) \quad \int_1^\infty \int_1^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\ln xy)^\lambda} dx dy \\ < \tilde{k}_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_1^\infty x^{p-1} (\ln x)^{p\frac{1-\lambda}{2}} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_1^\infty x^{q-1} (\ln x)^{q\frac{1-\lambda}{2}} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

(c) setting  $u(x) = e^x, x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , one has

$$(4.12) \quad \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(e^x + e^y)^\lambda} dx dy$$




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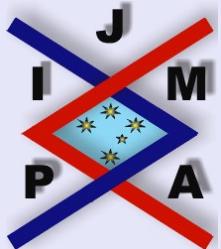
$$< \tilde{k}_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(1-p\frac{1+\lambda}{2})x} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(1-q\frac{1+\lambda}{2})x} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

(d) setting  $u(x) = \tan x$ ,  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , one has

$$(4.13) \quad \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\tan x + \tan y)^\lambda} dxdy \\ < \tilde{k}_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{p\frac{1-\lambda}{2}} x}{\sec^{2(p-1)} x} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{q\frac{1-\lambda}{2}} x}{\sec^{2(q-1)} x} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

(e) setting  $u(x) = \sec x - 1$ ,  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , one has

$$(4.14) \quad \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\sec x + \sec y - 2)^\lambda} dxdy \\ < \tilde{k}_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(\sec x - 1)^{p\frac{1-\lambda}{2}}}{(\sec x \tan x)^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(\sec x - 1)^{q\frac{1-\lambda}{2}}}{(\sec x \tan x)^{q-1}} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$




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### 4.3. The form which does not have a reverse

**Corollary 4.3.** Let the assumptions of Theorems 3.1 – 3.2 hold. For

$$\phi_r = \frac{\lambda}{r} (r = p, q), \quad \text{if } p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \lambda > 0,$$

$$0 < \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{(p-1)(1-\lambda)}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx < \infty$$

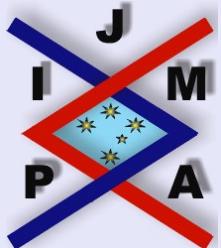
and

$$0 < \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{(q-1)(1-\lambda)}}{(u'(x))^{q-1}} g^q(x) dx < \infty,$$

then one can get two equivalent inequalities as:

$$(4.15) \quad \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx dy \\ < B \left( \frac{\lambda}{p}, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right) \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{(p-1)(1-\lambda)}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{(q-1)(1-\lambda)}}{(u'(x))^{q-1}} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

$$(4.16) \quad \int_a^b \frac{u'(y)}{(u(y))^{1-\lambda}} \left[ \int_a^b \frac{f(x)}{(u(x) + u(y))^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy \\ < \left[ B \left( \frac{\lambda}{p}, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right) \right]^p \int_a^b \frac{(u(x))^{(p-1)(1-\lambda)}}{(u'(x))^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx.$$



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In particular, by (4.15),

(a) setting  $u(x) = x^\alpha (\alpha > 0; x \in (0, \infty))$ , one has

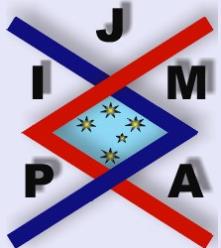
$$(4.17) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dx dy \\ < \frac{1}{\alpha} B\left(\frac{\lambda}{p}, \frac{\lambda}{q}\right) \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{(p-1)(1-\alpha\lambda)} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{(q-1)(1-\alpha\lambda)} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

(b) setting  $u(x) = \ln x, x \in (1, \infty)$ , one has

$$(4.18) \quad \int_1^\infty \int_1^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\ln xy)^\lambda} dx dy \\ < B\left(\frac{\lambda}{p}, \frac{\lambda}{q}\right) \left\{ \int_1^\infty x^{p-1} (\ln x)^{(p-1)(1-\lambda)} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_1^\infty x^{q-1} (\ln x)^{(q-1)(1-\lambda)} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

(c) setting  $u(x) = e^x, x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , one has

$$(4.19) \quad \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(e^x + e^y)^\lambda} dx dy$$




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$$< B \left( \frac{\lambda}{p}, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right) \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(1-p)\lambda x} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(1-q)\lambda x} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

(d) setting  $u(x) = \tan x, x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , one has

$$(4.20) \quad \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\tan x + \tan y)^{\lambda}} dxdy \\ < B \left( \frac{\lambda}{p}, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right) \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{(p-1)(1-\lambda)} x}{\sec^{2(p-1)} x} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{(q-1)(1-\lambda)} x}{\sec^{2(q-1)} x} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};$$

(e) setting  $u(x) = \sec x - 1, x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , one has

$$(4.21) \quad \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\sec x + \sec y - 2)^{\lambda}} dxdy \\ < B \left( \frac{\lambda}{p}, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right) \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(\sec x - 1)^{(p-1)(1-\lambda)}}{(\sec x \tan x)^{p-1}} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(\sec x - 1)^{(q-1)(1-\lambda)}}{(\sec x \tan x)^{q-1}} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$




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**Remark 1.** For  $\alpha = 1$ , (4.3) reduces to (1.5). For  $\lambda = 1$ , inequalities (4.3), (4.10) and (4.17) reduce to (1.7), and inequalities (4.4), (4.11) and (4.18) reduce to (1.4). It follows that inequality (3.5) is a relation between (1.4) and (1.7)(or (1.1)) with a parameter  $\lambda$ . Still for  $\lambda = 1$ , (4.5), (4.12) and (4.19) reduce to

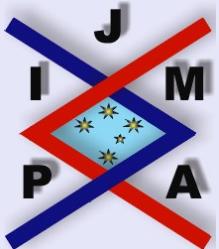
$$(4.22) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{e^x + e^y} dx dy \\ < \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(1-p)x} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(1-q)x} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

(4.6), (4.13) and (4.20) reduce to

$$(4.23) \quad \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{\tan x + \tan y} dx dy \\ < \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2(p-1)} x f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2(q-1)} x g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

and (4.7), (4.14) and (4.21) reduce to

$$(4.24) \quad \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{\sec x + \sec y - 2} dx dy \\ < \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left( \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x} \right)^{p-1} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left( \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x} \right)^{q-1} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$




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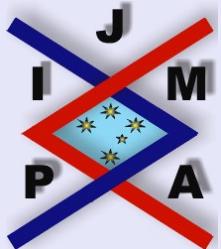
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