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SOME EXTENSIONS OF HILBERT'S TYPE INEQUALITY AND ITS APPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT. By introducing parameters λ and μ , we give a generalization of the Hilbert's type integral inequality. As applications, we give its equivalent form.

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1. Introduction

If
$$f,g\geq 0,$$
 $p>1,$ $\frac{1}{p}+\frac{1}{q}=1,$ $0<\int_0^\infty f^p(x)dx<\infty$ and $0<\int_0^\infty g^q(x)dx<\infty$, then

$$(1.1) \qquad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \left\{ \int_0^\infty f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

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

where the constant factor $\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)}$ is the best possible. Inequality (1.1) is known as Hardy-Hilbert's integral inequality (see [1]); it is important in analysis and its applications (see [4]). Under the same condition of (1.1), we have the Hardy-Hilbert type inequality similar to (1.1):

$$(1.3) \qquad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{\max\{x,y\}} dx dy < pq \left\{ \int_0^\infty f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

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(1.4)
$$\int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)}{\max\{x,y\}} dx \right)^p dy < (pq)^p \int_0^\infty f^p(x) dx,$$

where the constant factor pq is the best possible. The corresponding inequality for series is:

(1.5)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m,n\}} < pq \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant factor pq is also the best possible. In particular, when p = q = 2, we have the well-known Hilbert type inequality:

(1.6)
$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{\max\{x,y\}} dx dy < 4 \left\{ \int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty g^2(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

In recent years, Kuang (see [3]) gave a strengthened form as:

(1.7)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m, n\}} < \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [pq - G(p, n)] a_n^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [pq - G(q, n)] b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where
$$G(r,n)=\frac{r+1/3r-4/3}{(2n+1)^{1/r}}>0\ (r=p,q).$$
 Yang (see [5, 8]) gave: for $\lambda>2-\min\{p,q\}$

(1.8)
$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{\max\{x^{\lambda}, y^{\lambda}\}} dx dy < \frac{pq\lambda}{(p+\lambda-2)(q+\lambda-2)} \times \left\{ \int_{0}^{\infty} x^{(p-1)(2-\lambda)-1} f^{p}(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_{0}^{\infty} x^{(q-1)(2-\lambda)-1} g^{q}(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

and

$$(1.9) \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{\max\{x^\lambda, y^\lambda\}} dx dy < \frac{pq\lambda}{(p+\lambda-2)(q+\lambda-2)} \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{1-\lambda} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{1-\lambda} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

At the same time, Yang (see [6, 7]) considered the refinement of other types of Hilbert's inequalities.

In this paper, we give a generalization of Hilbert's type inequality and an improvement as:

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x^{\lambda})g(y^{\mu})}{\max\{x,y\}} dx dy < \frac{pq}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}\mu^{\frac{1}{q}}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}-1} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\mu}-1} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where $\lambda > 0$ and $\mu > 0$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Lemma 2.1. Suppose $r > 1, \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{r} = 1, \lambda, \mu, \varepsilon > 0$. Then

(2.1)
$$\int_{1}^{\infty} x^{-\varepsilon(\frac{1}{s} + \frac{\mu}{\lambda r}) - 1} \int_{0}^{x^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}}} \frac{1}{\max\{1, t\}} t^{\frac{-1 - \mu\varepsilon}{r}} dt dx = O(1) \quad (\varepsilon \to o^{+}).$$

Proof. There exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$ which is large enough, such that $1 + \frac{-1 - \mu \varepsilon}{r} > 0$ for $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{\mu n}]$ and $x \ge 1$, we have

$$\int_0^{x^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}}} \frac{1}{\max\{1,t\}} t^{\frac{-1-\mu\varepsilon}{r}} dt = \int_0^{x^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}}} t^{\frac{-1-\mu\varepsilon}{r}} dt = \frac{1}{1+\frac{-1-\mu\varepsilon}{r}} \left(x^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}}\right)^{1+\frac{-1-\mu\varepsilon}{r}}.$$

Since for $a \ge 1$ the function $g(y) = \frac{1}{ya^y}$ $(y \in (0, \infty))$ is decreasing, we find

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{-1 - \mu\varepsilon}{r}} \left(x^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}} \right)^{1 + \frac{-1 - \mu\varepsilon}{r}} \le \frac{1}{1 + \frac{-1 - 1/n}{r}} \left(x^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}} \right)^{1 + \frac{-1 - 1/n}{r}},$$

so

$$0 < \int_{1}^{\infty} x^{-\varepsilon(\frac{1}{s} + \frac{\mu}{\lambda r}) - 1} \int_{0}^{x^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}}} \frac{1}{\max\{1, t\}} t^{\frac{-1 - \mu\epsilon}{r}} dt dx$$

$$< \int_{1}^{\infty} x^{-1} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{-1 - 1/n}{r}} \left(x^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}}\right)^{1 + \frac{-1 - 1/n}{r}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{-1 - 1/n}{r}}\right)^{2}.$$

Hence relation (2.1) is valid. The lemma is proved.

Now we study the following inequality:

Theorem 2.2. Suppose $f(x), g(x) \ge 0, p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \lambda > 0, \mu > 0$ and

$$0 < \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1} f^p(x) dx < \infty, \quad 0 < \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\mu} - 1} g^q(x) dx < \infty.$$

Then

$$(2.2) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x^{\lambda})g(y^{\mu})}{\max\{x,y\}} dx dy < \frac{pq}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}\mu^{\frac{1}{q}}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}-1} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\mu}-1} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant factor $\frac{pq}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}\mu^{\frac{1}{q}}}$ is the best possible for $\lambda=\mu$.

Proof. By Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{f(x^{\lambda})g(y^{\mu})}{\max\{x,y\}} dxdy
= \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\left[x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}-1}f(x)\right] \left[y^{\frac{1}{\mu}-1}g(y)\right]}{\max\left\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}, y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}\right\}} dxdy
= \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}-1}f(x)}{\left(\max\left\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}, y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}\right\}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left(\frac{x^{(1-\frac{1}{\lambda})p/q}}{y^{1-\frac{1}{\mu}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\frac{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}{y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{pq}} \right]
\times \left[\frac{y^{\frac{1}{\mu}-1}g(y)}{\left(\max\left\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}, y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}\right\}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \left(\frac{y^{(1-\frac{1}{\mu})}}{x^{(1-\frac{1}{\lambda})p/q}}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\frac{y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{pq}} \right] dxdy$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\mu} \left[\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} x^{p(\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1)} \frac{f^{p}(x)}{\max\left\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}, y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}\right\}} \frac{x^{(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda})p/q}}{y^{1 - \frac{1}{\mu}}} \left(\frac{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}{y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} dx dy \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left[\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} y^{q(\frac{1}{\mu} - 1)} \frac{g^{q}(y)}{\max\left\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}, y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}\right\}} \frac{y^{(1 - \frac{1}{\mu})q/p}}{x^{1 - \frac{1}{\lambda}}} \left(\frac{y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} dx dy \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Define the weight function $\varphi(x)$, $\psi(y)$ as

$$\varphi(x) := \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\max\left\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}, y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}\right\}} \cdot \frac{x^{(1-\frac{1}{\lambda})p/q}}{y^{1-\frac{1}{\mu}}} \left(\frac{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}{y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} dy, \qquad x \in (0, \infty),$$

$$\psi(y) := \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\max\left\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}, y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}\right\}} \cdot \frac{y^{(1-\frac{1}{\mu})q/p}}{x^{1-\frac{1}{\lambda}}} \left(\frac{y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} dx, \qquad y \in (0, \infty),$$

then above inequality yields

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x^\lambda)g(y^\mu)}{\max\{x,y\}} dx dy$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\mu} \left[\int_0^\infty \varphi(x) x^{p(\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1)} f^p(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\int_0^\infty \psi(y) y^{q(\frac{1}{\mu} - 1)} g^q(y) dy \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

For fixed x, let $y^{\frac{1}{\mu}} = x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}t$, we have

$$\begin{split} \varphi(x) &:= \mu x^{(p-1)(1-\frac{1}{\lambda})} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\max\{1,t\}} t^{\frac{1}{p}-1} dt \\ &= \mu p q x^{(p-1)(1-\frac{1}{\lambda})} \\ &= \mu p q x^{(p-1)(1-\frac{1}{\lambda})}. \end{split}$$

By the same token, $\psi(y) = \lambda pqy^{(q-1)(1-\frac{1}{\mu})}$, thus

$$(2.3) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x^{\lambda})g(y^{\mu})}{\max\{x,y\}} dx dy \le \frac{pq}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}\mu^{\frac{1}{q}}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}-1} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\mu}-1} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

If (2.3) takes the form of the equality, then there exist constants c and d, such that Kuang (see [2])

$$c\frac{x^{p(\frac{1}{\lambda}-1)}f^{p}(x)}{\max\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}},y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}\}} \cdot \frac{x^{(1-\frac{1}{\lambda})p/q}}{y^{1-\frac{1}{\mu}}} \left(\frac{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}{y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = d\frac{y^{q(\frac{1}{\mu}-1)}g^{q}(y)}{\max\left\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}},y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}\right\}} \cdot \frac{y^{(1-\frac{1}{\mu})q/p}}{x^{1-\frac{1}{\lambda}}} \left(\frac{y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$
 a.e. on $(0,\infty) \times (0,\infty)$.

Then we have

$$cx^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}f^p(x) = dy^{\frac{1}{\mu}}g^q(y)$$

a.e. on $(0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$.

Hence we have

$$cx^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}f^p(x) = dy^{\frac{1}{\mu}}g^q(y) = \text{constant}$$

a.e. on $(0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$,

which contradicts the facts that

$$0<\int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}f^p(x)dx<\infty\quad\text{and}\quad 0<\int_0^\infty y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}g^q(x)dx<\infty.$$

Hence (2.3) takes the form of strict inequality. So we have (2.2). For $0<\varepsilon<\frac{1}{2}$, setting $f_{\varepsilon}(x)=x^{\frac{-\varepsilon-1/\lambda}{p}}$, for $x\in[1,\infty)$; $f_{\varepsilon}(x)=0$, for $x\in(0,1)$, and $g_{\varepsilon}(y)=y^{\frac{-\varepsilon-1/\mu}{q}}$, for $y\in[1,\infty)$; $g_{\varepsilon}(y)=0$, for $y\in(0,1)$. Assume that the constant factor $\frac{pq}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}\mu^{\frac{1}{q}}}$ in (2.2) is not the best possible, then there exists a positive number K with $K<\frac{pq}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}\mu^{\frac{1}{q}}}$, such that (2.2) is valid by changing $\frac{pq}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}, \mu^{\frac{1}{q}}}$ to K. We have

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x^\lambda)g(y^\mu)}{\max\{x,y\}} dx dy < K \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\mu} - 1} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} = \frac{K}{\varepsilon}.$$

Since

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\max\{1,t\}} t^{\frac{-1-\varepsilon\mu}{q}} dt = pq + o(1) \qquad (\varepsilon \to 0^+),$$

setting $y^{\frac{1}{\mu}} = x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}t$, by (2.1), we find

$$\begin{split} &\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{f(x^{\lambda})g(y^{\mu})}{\max\{x,y\}} dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\left[x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}-1}f(x)\right] \left[y^{\frac{1}{\mu}-1}g(y)\right]}{\max\left\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}, y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}\right\}} dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{1}^{\infty} \int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{(\frac{1}{\lambda}-1)+\frac{-\varepsilon-\frac{1}{\lambda}}{p}} y^{(\frac{1}{\mu}-1)+\frac{-\varepsilon-\frac{1}{\mu}}{q}}}{\max\left\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}, y^{\frac{1}{\mu}}\right\}} dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{1}^{\infty} \int_{x^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}}}^{\infty} \frac{x^{(\frac{1}{\lambda}-1)+\frac{-\varepsilon-\frac{1}{\lambda}}{p}} (t^{\mu}x^{\frac{\mu}{\lambda}})^{(\frac{1}{\mu}-1)+\frac{-\varepsilon-\frac{1}{\mu}}{q}}}{\max\left\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}, tx^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}\right\}} x^{\frac{\mu}{\lambda}} \mu t^{\mu-1} dx dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{1}^{\infty} x^{-\varepsilon(\frac{1}{p}+\frac{\mu}{\lambda q})-1} \int_{x^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\max\{1,t\}} t^{\frac{-1-\varepsilon\mu}{q}} dt dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{1}^{\infty} x^{-\varepsilon(\frac{1}{p}+\frac{\mu}{\lambda q})-1} \left(\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\max\{1,t\}} t^{\frac{-1-\varepsilon\mu}{q}} dt dx - \int_{0}^{x^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}}} \frac{1}{\max\{1,t\}} t^{\frac{-1-\varepsilon\mu}{q}} dt dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda\varepsilon} \left[\frac{pq}{\frac{1}{p}+\frac{\mu}{\lambda q}} + o(1)\right]. \end{split}$$

Since for $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough, we have

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \left[\frac{pq}{\frac{1}{p} + \frac{\mu}{\lambda q}} + o(1) \right] < K.$$

It is obvious that $\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}\mu^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \frac{\lambda}{p} + \frac{\mu}{q}$ (i.e. $\frac{1}{\lambda}\frac{1}{\frac{1}{p} + \frac{\mu}{\lambda q}} \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}\mu^{\frac{1}{q}}}$) by Young's inequality. Consider the case of taking the form of the equality for Young's inequality, we get $\mu^{\frac{1}{q}} = \lambda^{\frac{p-1}{p}}$, i.e. $\lambda = \mu$, Then

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \left[\frac{pq}{\frac{1}{p} + \frac{\mu}{\lambda q}} + o(1) \right] = \frac{pq}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}} \mu^{\frac{1}{q}}} + o(1) < K.$$

Thus we get $\frac{pq}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}\mu^{\frac{1}{q}}} \leq K$, which contradicts the hypothesis. Hence the constant factor $\frac{pq}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}\mu^{\frac{1}{q}}}$ in (2.2) is best possible for $\lambda = \mu$.

Remark 2.3. For $\lambda = \mu$, inequality (2.2) becomes

$$(2.4) \qquad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x^{\lambda})g(y^{\lambda})}{\max\{x,y\}} dx dy < \frac{pq}{\lambda} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant factor $\frac{pq}{\lambda}$ is the best possible.

Theorem 2.4. Suppose $f \ge 0$, p > 1, $\lambda > 0$ and $0 < \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1} f^p(x) dx < \infty$. Then

(2.5)
$$\int_0^\infty \left[\int_0^\infty \frac{f(x^{\lambda})}{\max\{x,y\}} dx \right]^p dy < \frac{1}{\lambda} (pq)^p \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1} f(x)^p dx,$$

where the constant factor $\frac{1}{\lambda}(pq)^p$ is the best possible. Inequality (2.5) is equivalent to (2.4).

Proof. Setting g(y) as

$$\left[\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1} f(x)}{\max\left\{x^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}, y^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}\right\}} dx \right]^{p - 1} > 0, \qquad y \in (0, \infty).$$

then by (2.4), we find

$$\lambda^{-2} \int_0^\infty y^{\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1} g^q(y) dy = \lambda^{p-1} \int_0^\infty \left[\int_0^\infty \frac{f(x^{\lambda})}{\max\{x, y\}} dx \right]^p dy$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x^{\lambda}) g(y^{\lambda})}{\max\{x, y\}} dx dy$$

$$\leq \frac{pq}{\lambda} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty y^{\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1} g^q(y) dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$
(2.6)

Hence we obtain

(2.7)
$$0 < \int_0^\infty y^{\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1} g^q(y) dy \le \lambda^p (pq)^p \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1} f^p(x) dx < \infty.$$

By (2.4), both (2.6) and (2.7) take the form of strict inequality, so we have (2.5).

On the other hand, suppose that (2.5) is valid. By Hölder's inequality, we find

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{f(x^{\lambda})g(y^{\lambda})}{\max\{x,y\}} dx dy$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} \left[\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{f(x^{\lambda})}{\max\{x,y\}} dx \right] g(y^{\lambda}) dy$$

$$\leq \left\{ \int_{0}^{\infty} \left[\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{f(x^{\lambda})}{\max\{x,y\}} dx \right]^{p} dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_{0}^{\infty} g^{q}(y^{\lambda}) dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$
(2.8)

Then by (2.5), we have (2.4). Thus (2.4) and (2.5) are equivalent.

If the constant $\frac{1}{\lambda}(pq)^p$ in (2.5) is not the best possible, by (2.8), we may get a contradiction that the constant factor in (2.4) is not the best possible. Thus we complete the proof of the theorem.

Remark 2.5.

- (i) For $\lambda = \mu = 1$, (2.2) and (2.5) reduce respectively to (1.3) and (1.4). It follows that (2.2) is a new extension of (1.6) and (1.3) with some parameters and the equivalent form (2.4) is a new extension of (1.4).
- (ii) It is amazing that (2.4) and (1.9) are different, although both of them are the extensions of (1.6) with (p,q)-parameter and the best constant factor.

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