

# A Reverse Hilbert's Type Inequality with Multi-Parameters

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**Abstract** By introducing some parameters and estimating the weight function, we obtain a reverse Hilbert's type inequality with the best constant factor. As its applications, we build its equivalent form and some particular results.

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## 1. Introduction

If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\} \geq 0$ , such that  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p < \infty$  and  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^q < \infty$ , then we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m, n\}} < pq \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}, \quad (1.1)$$

where the constant factor  $pq$  is the best possible. Inequality (1.1) is Hilbert's type inequality<sup>[1,Th.342]</sup>, and is important in analysis and its applications<sup>[2]</sup>. Recently, Kuang<sup>[3]</sup> gave a strengthened version of (1.1); Yang<sup>[4,5]</sup> considered a refinement of another Hilbert's type inequality.

In 2004, by introducing a parameter  $\lambda$  ( $2 - \min\{p, q\} < \lambda \leq 2$ ), Yang<sup>[6,7]</sup> gave two generalizations of (1.1) and the extended equivalent forms as follows:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} < k_\lambda(p) \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{(p-1)(2-\lambda)-1} a_n^p \right]^{1/p} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{(q-1)(2-\lambda)-1} b_n^q \right]^{1/q}; \quad (1.2)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p+\lambda-3} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^p < [k_\lambda(p)]^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{(p-1)(2-\lambda)-1} a_n^p; \quad (1.3)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} < k_\lambda(p) \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{1-\lambda} a_n^p \right]^{1/p} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{1-\lambda} b_n^q \right]^{1/q}; \quad (1.4)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{(p-1)(\lambda-1)} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^p < [k_\lambda(p)]^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{1-\lambda} a_n^p, \quad (1.5)$$

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where the constant factors  $k_\lambda(p) = \frac{pq\lambda}{(p+\lambda-2)(q+\lambda-2)}$  and  $[k_\lambda(p)]^p$  are all the best possible. Inequality (1.2) is equivalent to (1.3); (1.4) is equivalent to (1.5).

In 2005, Yang<sup>[8]</sup> built a reverse Hilbert's type inequality and its equivalent form as:

If  $0 < p < 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, A = \{(\lambda, \alpha) : \lambda, \alpha > 0, 0 < \phi_r \leq 1 (r = p, q), \phi_p + \phi_q = \lambda\} \neq \Phi$ , and  $a_n, b_n \geq 0$  satisfy  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p(1-\phi_q)-1} a_n^p < \infty$  and  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q < \infty$ , then for  $(\lambda, \alpha)$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n b_n}{(m^\alpha + n^\alpha)^\lambda} > \frac{1}{\alpha} B\left(\frac{\phi_p}{\alpha}, \frac{\phi_q}{\alpha}\right) \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(n)] n^{p(1-\phi_q)-1} a_n^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}; \quad (1.6)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p\phi_p-1} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(m^\alpha + n^\alpha)^\lambda} \right]^p > \left[ \frac{1}{\alpha} B\left(\frac{\phi_p}{\alpha}, \frac{\phi_q}{\alpha}\right) \right]^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(n)] n^{p(1-\phi_q)-1} a_n^p, \quad (1.7)$$

where  $0 < \theta_p(n) = O(\frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{\phi_p}}}) < 1$ , and the constant factors  $\frac{1}{\alpha} B(\frac{\phi_p}{\alpha}, \frac{\phi_q}{\alpha})$  and  $\left[ \frac{1}{\alpha} B(\frac{\phi_p}{\alpha}, \frac{\phi_q}{\alpha}) \right]^p$  are the best possible. Inequality (1.6) is equivalent to (1.7).

This paper gives another reverse Hilbert's type inequality as (1.6). As applications, we also consider the equivalent form and some particular results.

## 2. Some Lemmas

**Lemma 2.1** Suppose  $0 < p < 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \lambda > 0, 0 < \phi_p \leq 1, 0 < \psi_q \leq 1$  and  $\phi_p + \psi_q = \lambda$ . Define the weight functions  $\omega_\lambda(p, n)$  as:

$$\omega_\lambda(p, n) = n^{\phi_p} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^{1-\psi_q}, \quad n \in N. \quad (2.1)$$

Then we have

$$\frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q} [1 - \theta_p(n)] < \omega_\lambda(p, n) < \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q}, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $0 < \theta_p(n) = \frac{\phi_p}{\lambda n^{\psi_q}} < 1$ .

**Proof** Since  $0 < \psi_q \leq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_\lambda(p, n) &< n^{\phi_p} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\max\{y^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{1-\psi_q} dy \\ &= n^{\phi_p} \left[ \int_0^n \frac{1}{n^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{1-\psi_q} dy + \int_n^\infty \frac{1}{y^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{1-\psi_q} dy \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\psi_q} + \frac{1}{\phi_p} = \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q}. \end{aligned}$$

Define  $\theta_p(n)$  as

$$\theta_p(n) = \frac{\phi_p \psi_q n^{\phi_p}}{\lambda} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\max\{y^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{1-\psi_q} dy, \quad n \in N. \quad (2.3)$$

Since for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\max\{y^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{1-\psi_q} dy = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{n^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{1-\psi_q} dy = \frac{1}{\psi_q n^\lambda},$$

by (2.3), we have  $\theta_p(n) = \frac{\phi_p}{\lambda n^{\psi_q}}$ .

Hence for  $0 < \psi_q \leq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_\lambda(p, n) &> n^{\phi_p} \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{\max\{y^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{1-\psi_q} dy \\ &= n^{\phi_p} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\max\{y^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{1-\psi_q} dy - \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\max\{y^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{1-\psi_q} dy \right] \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q} [1 - \theta_p(n)].\end{aligned}$$

Inequality (2.2) is valid. The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2** If  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $0 < \phi_p \leq 1$ ,  $0 < \psi_q \leq 1$ ,  $\phi_p + \psi_q = \lambda$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < p\psi_q$ , then we have

$$I := \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{n^{-1+\phi_p-\frac{\varepsilon}{q}}}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} m^{-1+\psi_q-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}} < \left[ \frac{1}{\psi_q - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}} + \frac{1}{\phi_p + \frac{\varepsilon}{p}} \right] \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}}. \quad (2.4)$$

**Proof** For  $0 < p < 1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}I &< \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{n^{-1+\phi_p-\frac{\varepsilon}{q}}}{\max\{y^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} y^{-1+\psi_q-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}} dy \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left[ n^{-1+\phi_p-\frac{\varepsilon}{q}} \left( \int_0^n \frac{y^{-1+\psi_q-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}}}{n^\lambda} dy + \int_n^\infty \frac{y^{-1+\psi_q-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}}}{y^\lambda} dy \right) \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{\psi_q - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}} + \frac{1}{\phi_p + \frac{\varepsilon}{p}} \right] \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence, (2.4) is valid. The lemma is proved.  $\square$

### 3. Main results and applications

**Theorem 3.1** If  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $0 < \phi_p \leq 1$ ,  $0 < \psi_q \leq 1$ ,  $\phi_p + \psi_q = \lambda$  and  $a_n, b_n \geq 0$  satisfy  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_n^p < \infty$  and  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q < \infty$ , then we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} > \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^\infty [1 - \theta_p(n)] n^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_n^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $0 < \theta_p(n) = \frac{\phi_p}{\lambda n^{\psi_q}} < 1$  and the constant factor  $\frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q}$  is the best possible. In particular,

(a) for  $\phi_p = \psi_q = \frac{\lambda}{2}$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} > \frac{4}{\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2n^{\frac{\lambda}{2}}} \right] n^{p(1-\frac{\lambda}{2})-1} a_n^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{q(1-\frac{\lambda}{2})-1} b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}; \quad (3.2)$$

(b) for  $\lambda = 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m, n\}} > \frac{1}{\phi_p \psi_q} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left[ 1 - \frac{\phi_p}{n^{\psi_q}} \right] n^{p\phi_p-1} a_n^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{q\psi_q-1} b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \quad (3.3)$$

**Proof** By the reverse Hölder's inequality<sup>[9]</sup>, since  $0 < p < 1$  and  $q < 0$ , we have

$$H(a_m, b_n) := \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\max\{m^{\lambda}, n^{\lambda}\}} \left[ \frac{m^{(1-\psi_q)/q}}{n^{(1-\phi_p)/p}} a_m \right] \left[ \frac{n^{(1-\phi_p)/p}}{m^{(1-\psi_q)/q}} b_n \right] \\
&\geq \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{m^{\psi_q}}{\max\{m^{\lambda}, n^{\lambda}\}} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{1-\phi_p}} \right] m^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_m^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \times \\
&\quad \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{\phi_p}}{\max\{m^{\lambda}, n^{\lambda}\}} \cdot \frac{1}{m^{1-\psi_q}} \right] n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \tag{3.4}
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lambda > 0$ , and  $1 - \phi_p \geq 0$ ,  $1 - \psi_q \geq 0$ , in view of (2.1), we rewrite (3.4) as:

$$H(a_m, b_n) > \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_{\lambda}(p, n) n^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_n^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_{\lambda}(q, n) n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

and then by (2.2), we have (3.1).

For  $0 < \varepsilon < p\psi_q$ , set  $a'_n$  and  $b'_n$  as:  $a'_n = n^{-1+\psi_q-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}}$ ,  $b'_n = n^{-1+\phi_p-\frac{\varepsilon}{q}}$ ,  $n \in N$ . Since  $\phi_p > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(n)] n^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_n'^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n'^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_p}{n^{\psi_q+1+\varepsilon}}}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}} (1 - o(1))^{\frac{1}{p}} (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+). \tag{3.5}
\end{aligned}$$

If the constant factor  $\frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q}$  in (3.1) is not the best possible, then there exists a positive number  $K$  (with  $K > \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q}$ ), such that (3.1) is still valid if we replace  $\frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q}$  by  $K$ . In particular, by (3.5) and (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&K \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}} \{1 - o(1)\}^{\frac{1}{p}} = K \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(n)] n^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_n'^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n'^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&< I < \left[ \frac{1}{\psi_q - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}} + \frac{1}{\phi_p + \frac{\varepsilon}{p}} \right] \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$K \{1 - o(1)\}^{\frac{1}{p}} < \left[ \frac{1}{\psi_q - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}} + \frac{1}{\phi_p + \frac{\varepsilon}{p}} \right],$$

and then  $K \leq \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q}$  ( $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ ). By this contradiction we can conclude that the constant  $\frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q}$  in (3.1) is the best possible. Thus the theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2** If  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $0 < \phi_p \leq 1$ ,  $0 < \psi_q \leq 1$ ,  $\phi_p + \psi_q = \lambda$  and  $a_n \geq 0$  satisfies  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_n^p < \infty$ , then we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p\phi_p-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\max\{m^{\lambda}, n^{\lambda}\}} \right]^p > \left( \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q} \right)^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(n)] n^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_n^p, \tag{3.6}$$

where  $0 < \theta_p(n) = \frac{\phi_p}{\lambda n^{\psi_q}} < 1$ , and the constant factor  $\left( \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q} \right)^p$  is the best possible. Inequality (3.6) is equivalent to (3.1). In particular,

(a) for  $\phi_p = \psi_q = \frac{\lambda}{2}$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\frac{p\lambda}{2}-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^p > \left( \frac{4}{\lambda} \right)^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2n^{\frac{\lambda}{2}}} \right] n^{p(1-\frac{\lambda}{2})-1} a_n^p; \quad (3.7)$$

(b) for  $\lambda = 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p\phi_p-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\max\{m, n\}} \right]^p > \left( \frac{1}{\phi_p \psi_q} \right)^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - \frac{\phi_p}{n^{\psi_q}} \right] n^{p\phi_p-1} a_n^p. \quad (3.8)$$

**Proof** Setting

$$b_n = n^{p\phi_p-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^{p-1},$$

by (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q \right]^p &= \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p\phi_p-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^p \right\}^p \\ &= \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^p \\ &\geq \left( \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q} \right)^p \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(n)] n^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_n^p \right\} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q \right\}^{p-1}; \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p\phi_p-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^p \\ &\geq \left( \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q} \right)^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(n)] n^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_n^p > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q = \infty$ , since

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_n(p)] n^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_n^p < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_n^p < \infty,$$

(3.10) takes the form of strict inequality, so does (3.9). If  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q < \infty$ , by using (3.1), (3.9) takes the form of strict inequality, so does (3.10). Hence we have (3.6).

On the other hand, if (3.6) is valid, by the reverse Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{\frac{1}{q}-1+\phi_p} a_m}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right] \left[ n^{1-\phi_p-\frac{1}{q}} b_n \right] \\ &\geq \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p\phi_p-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

By (3.6), we have (3.1). Hence, inequalities (3.1) and (3.6) are equivalent. If the constant factor in (3.6) is not the best possible, we can conclude that the constant factor in (3.1) is not the best possible by (3.11). The theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3** If  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $0 < \phi_p \leq 1$ ,  $0 < \psi_q \leq 1$ ,  $\phi_p + \psi_q = \lambda$  and  $b_n \geq 0$

satisfies  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q < \infty$ , then we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(m)]^{1-q} m^{q\psi_q-1} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^q < \left( \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q} \right)^q \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q, \quad (3.12)$$

where  $0 < \theta_p(m) = \frac{\phi_p}{\lambda m^{\psi_q}} < 1$  and the constant factor  $\left( \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q} \right)^q$  is the best possible. Inequality (3.12) is equivalent to (3.1). In particular,

(a) for  $\phi_p = \psi_q = \frac{\lambda}{2}$ , we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2m^{\frac{\lambda}{2}}} \right]^{1-q} m^{\frac{q\lambda}{2}-1} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^q < \left( \frac{4}{\lambda} \right)^q \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\frac{\lambda}{2})-1} b_n^q; \quad (3.13)$$

(b) for  $\lambda = 1$

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - \frac{\phi_p}{m^{\psi_q}} \right]^{1-q} m^{q\psi_q-1} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{\max\{m, n\}} \right]^q < \left( \frac{1}{\phi_p \psi_q} \right)^q \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q\psi_q-1} b_n^q. \quad (3.14)$$

**Proof** Setting

$$a_m = [1 - \theta_p(m)]^{1-q} m^{q\psi_q-1} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^{q-1},$$

then by (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(m)] m^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_m^p \right]^q &= \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(m)]^{1-q} m^{q\psi_q-1} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^q \right\}^q \\ &= \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^q \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q} \right)^q \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(m)] m^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_m^p \right\}^{q-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(m)] m^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_m^p = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(m)]^{1-q} m^{q\psi_q-1} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^q \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\lambda}{\phi_p \psi_q} \right)^q \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{q(1-\phi_p)-1} b_n^q < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

By using (3.1), (3.15) and (3.16) take the form of strict inequality, and we have (3.12).

On the other hand, if (3.12) is valid, by the reverse Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left\{ [1 - \theta_p(m)]^{\frac{1}{p}} m^{1-\psi_q-\frac{1}{p}} a_m \right\} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[1 - \theta_p(m)]^{-\frac{1}{p}} m^{-1+\psi_q+\frac{1}{p}} b_n}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right\} \\ &\geq \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(m)] m^{p(1-\psi_q)-1} a_m^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \times \\ &\quad \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [1 - \theta_p(m)]^{1-q} m^{q\psi_q-1} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n^q}{\max\{m^\lambda, n^\lambda\}} \right]^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

By (3.12), we have (3.1). Hence, inequalities (3.1) and (3.12) are equivalent. If the constant factor in (3.12) is not the best possible, we can conclude that the constant factor in (3.1) is not the best possible by (3.17). The theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Remark** Inequalities (3.1), (3.6) and (3.12) are equivalent.

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