

## On a Reverse Hardy-Hilbert's Inequality

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**ABSTRACT.** This paper deals with a reverse Hardy-Hilbert's inequality with a best constant factor by introducing two parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\alpha$ . We also consider the equivalent form and the analogue integral inequalities. Some particular results are given.

### 1. Introduction

If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $a_n, b_n \geq 0$  ( $n \in N$ ), such that  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p < \infty$  and  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^q < \infty$ , then the well known Hardy-Hilbert's inequality is as follows ( see Hardy et al. [1]):

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

where the constant factor  $\pi/\sin(\pi/p)$  is the best possible. The analogue integral form of (1.1) is:

If  $f(x), g(x) \geq 0$ , such that  $0 < \int_0^{\infty} f^p(x) dx < \infty$  and  $0 < \int_0^{\infty} g^q(x) dx < \infty$ , then

$$(1.2) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{p})} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant factor  $\pi/\sin(\pi/p)$  is still the best possible.

Inequalities (1.1) and (1.2) are important in analysis and its applications ( see Mitrinovic et al. [2] ). In recent years, (1.1) was strengthened by [3], [4] as:

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} < \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{p})} - \frac{1-\gamma}{n^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right] a_n^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{p})} - \frac{1-\gamma}{n^{\frac{1}{q}}} \right] b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where  $\gamma$  is Euler constant and  $1-\gamma (= 0.42278433^+)$  is the best value.

By introducing a parameter, Yang [5], [6] gave two extensions of (1.1) as:

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If the series in the right of the following inequalities converge to positive numbers, then

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

where the constant factor  $k_{\lambda}(p) = B\left(\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}, \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}\right)$  ( $2 - \min\{p, q\} < \lambda \leq 2$ ) is the best possible ( $B(u, v)$  is the  $\beta$  function); and the other is

$$(1.5) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha}} < \frac{\pi}{\alpha \sin(\frac{\pi}{p})} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{(p-1)(1-\alpha)} a_n^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{(q-1)(1-\alpha)} b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant factor  $\pi/[\alpha \sin(\pi/p)]$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq \min\{p, q\}$ ) is the best possible. For  $\lambda = \alpha = 1$ , both (1.4) and (1.5) reduce to (1.1).

In 2003, Yang et al. [7] summarized the way of weight coefficient on research for Hilbert-type inequalities. More recently, Zhao [8] consider some inverses of Pachpatte's inequalities. But the problem on how to build the reverse of (1.1) is still unsolved.

The main objective of this paper is to deal with a reverse inequality of (1.1) with a best constant factor by introducing two parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\alpha$ . The equivalent form, the analogue integral inequalities and some particular results are considered.

## 2. A reverse Hardy-Hilbert's integral inequality

For  $\lambda > 2 - \min\{p, q\}$ , the analogue integral inequality of (1.4) is (see [9]):

$$(2.1) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y)^{\lambda}} dx dy \\ < k_{\lambda}(p) \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} x^{1-\lambda} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} y^{1-\lambda} g^q(y) dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant factor  $k_{\lambda}(p) = B\left(\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}, \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}\right)$  is the best possible. For  $\lambda = 1$ , (2.1) reduces to (1.2). The expression of the  $\beta$  function  $B(p, q)$  is as follows ( see [10] ):

$$(2.2) \quad B(p, q) = B(q, p) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{u^{p-1}}{(1+u)^{p+q}} du \quad (p, q > 0).$$

Setting  $x = X^{\alpha}$ ,  $y = Y^{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha > 0$ ) in (2.1), and putting  $F(X) = X^{\alpha-1} f(X^{\alpha})$ ,  $G(Y) = Y^{\alpha-1} G(Y^{\alpha})$ , by simplification, one has

$$(2.3) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{F(X)G(Y)}{(X^{\alpha} + Y^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} dXdY < \frac{k_{\lambda}(p)}{\alpha} \\ \times \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(X^{1-\alpha} F(X))^p}{X^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dX \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(Y^{1-\alpha} G(Y))^q}{Y^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dY \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

For  $\alpha = 1$ , (2.3) reduces to the form of (2.1). We can conclude that inequalities (2.3) and (2.1) are equivalent, and so the constant factor  $\frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p)$  in (2.3) is still the best possible. For  $\lambda = 1$  ( $\alpha > 0$ ) in (2.3), one has (see [6])

$$(2.4) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{F(X)G(Y)}{X^\alpha + Y^\alpha} dXdY < \frac{\pi}{\alpha \sin(\frac{\pi}{p})} \\ \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty X^{(p-1)(1-\alpha)} F^p(X) dX \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty Y^{(q-1)(1-\alpha)} G^q(Y) dY \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Inequality (2.4) is an analogue integral form of (1.5), which is an extension of (1.2) with a parameter  $\alpha > 0$ .

We discover that for  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , and  $2 - p < \lambda < 2 - q$ , the constant factor  $k_\lambda(p)$  in (2.1) is defined. In the following, a reverse of (2.3) is considered.

**Lemma 2.1.** *If  $0 < r < 1$  (or  $r < 0$ ),  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$  and  $2 - \max\{r, s\} < \lambda < 2 - \min\{r, s\}$ , define the weight function  $\omega_{\lambda, \alpha}(r, x)$  ( $x \in (0, \infty)$ ) as*

$$(2.5) \quad \omega_{\lambda, \alpha}(r, x) := x^{\alpha(\frac{s+\lambda-2}{s})} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{1-\alpha \frac{r+\lambda-2}{r}} dy,$$

then we have

$$(2.6) \quad \omega_{\lambda, \alpha}(r, x) = \frac{1}{\alpha} B\left(\frac{r+\lambda-2}{r}, \frac{s+\lambda-2}{s}\right) \quad (x \in (0, \infty)).$$

*Proof.* Setting  $u = (y/x)^\alpha$  in the integral of (2.5), we obtain

$$\omega_{\lambda, \alpha}(r, x) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} u^{\frac{r+\lambda-2}{r}-1} du.$$

Since  $\frac{r+\lambda-2}{r} + \frac{s+\lambda-2}{s} = \lambda$ , by (2.2), we have (2.6). The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $2 - p < \lambda < 2 - q$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < \alpha(1-q)(p+\lambda-2)$ , one has*

$$(2.7) \quad I := \int_1^\infty \int_1^\infty \frac{x^{\frac{\alpha(p+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{p}-1}}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} y^{\frac{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{q}-1} dy dx \\ < \frac{1}{\varepsilon \alpha} B\left(\frac{q+\lambda-2}{q} - \frac{\varepsilon}{q\alpha}, \frac{p+\lambda-2}{p} + \frac{\varepsilon}{q\alpha}\right).$$

*Proof.* For fixed  $x$ , setting  $u = (y/x)^\alpha$ , we find  $dy = \frac{x}{\alpha} u^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} du$ , and

$$I < \int_1^\infty \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{y^{\frac{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{q}-1}}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dy \right] x^{\frac{\alpha(p+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{p}-1} dx \\ = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_1^\infty \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{u^{\frac{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{q\alpha}-1}}{(1+u)^\lambda} du \right] x^{-1-\varepsilon} dx = \frac{1}{\varepsilon \alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{u^{\left(\frac{q+\lambda-2}{q} - \frac{\varepsilon}{q\alpha}\right)-1}}{(1+u)^\lambda} du.$$

By (2.2), we have (2.7). The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** (*The reverse Hölder's integral inequality*) If  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $f(t), g(t) \geq 0$  and  $f \in L^p(E)$ ,  $g \in L^q(E)$ , then

$$(2.8) \quad \int_E f(t)g(t)dt \geq \left( \int_E f^p(t)dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_E g^q(t)dt \right)^{1/q},$$

where the equality holds if and only if there exists real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , such that they are not all zero and  $af^p(t) = bg^q(t)$ , a.e. in  $E$  (see [11], p.29).

**Theorem 2.4.** If  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $2 - p < \lambda < 2 - q$ ,  $f(x), g(x) \geq 0$ ,  $0 < \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha} f(x))^p}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx < \infty$  and  $0 < \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha} g(x))^q}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx < \infty$ , then

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dxdy > \frac{1}{\alpha} k_\lambda(p) \\ & \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha} f(x))^p}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha} g(x))^q}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

where the constant factor  $\frac{1}{\alpha} k_\lambda(p)$  ( $k_\lambda(p) = B\left(\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}, \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}\right)$ ) is the best possible. In particular, for  $\alpha = 1$ , one has

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y)^\lambda} dxdy \\ & > k_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{1-\lambda} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{1-\lambda} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By the reverse Hölder's inequality (2.8), we have

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{f(x)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^{\frac{\lambda}{p}}} \left( \frac{x^{p-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}}{y^{q-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{pq}} \right] \left[ \frac{g(y)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^{\frac{\lambda}{q}}} \left( \frac{y^{q-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}}{x^{p-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{pq}} \right] dxdy \\ & \geq \left\{ \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f^p(x)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} \left( \frac{x^{p-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}}{y^{q-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} dxdy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{g^q(y)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} \left( \frac{y^{q-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}}{x^{p-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} dxdy \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that (2.11) takes the form of strict inequality. Otherwise (see Lemma 2.3), there exist real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , such that they are not all zero and

$$a \frac{f^p(x)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} \left( \frac{x^{p-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}}{y^{q-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = b \frac{g^q(y)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} \left( \frac{y^{q-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}}{x^{p-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

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

It follows that  $ax^{p-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}f^p(x) = by^{q-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}g^q(y)$ , a.e.in  $(0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$ . Hence there exists a real number  $c$ , such that

$$ax^{p-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}f^p(x) = c, \quad by^{q-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}g^q(y) = c, \text{ a.e.in } (0, \infty).$$

Suppose  $a \neq 0$ . One has  $x^{p-1-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}f^p(x) = \frac{c}{a}x^{-1}$ , a.e.in  $(0, \infty)$ , which contradicts the face that  $0 < \int_0^\infty x^{p-1-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}f^p(x)dx < \infty$ . Hence by (2.5), we can reduce (2.11) as

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dx dy \\ & > \left\{ \int_0^\infty \omega_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, x) \frac{(x^{1-\alpha}f(x))^p}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty \omega_{\lambda,\alpha}(p, y) \frac{(y^{1-\alpha}g(y))^q}{y^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.6), we have (2.9).

For  $0 < \varepsilon < \alpha(1-q)(p+2-\lambda)$ , setting  $\tilde{f}(x), \tilde{g}(x)$  as:  $f(x) = g(x) = 0, x \in (0, 1)$ ;

$$f(x) = x^{\frac{\alpha(p+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{p}-1}, \quad g(x) = x^{\frac{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{q}-1}, \quad x \in [1, \infty),$$

then we obtain

$$(2.13) \quad \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha}\tilde{f}(x))^p}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha}\tilde{g}(x))^q}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}.$$

If there exist parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$ , such that the constant factor  $\frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p)$  in (2.9) is not the best possible, then there exists a positive number  $k$ , with  $k > \frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p)$ , such that (2.9) is still valid if one replaces  $\frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p)$  by  $k$ . In particular, one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{\tilde{f}(x)\tilde{g}(y)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dx dy > \varepsilon k \\ & \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha}\tilde{f}(x))^p}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha}\tilde{g}(x))^q}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.7) and (2.13), it follows that

$$\frac{1}{\alpha}B\left(\frac{q+\lambda-2}{q} - \frac{\varepsilon}{q\alpha}, \frac{p+\lambda-2}{p} + \frac{\varepsilon}{q\alpha}\right) > k,$$

and then  $\frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p) \geq k$  ( $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ ). This contradicts the face that  $k > \frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p)$ . Hence the constant factor  $\frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p)$  in (2.9) is the best possible. The theorem is proved.

**Remark 2.5.** Following (2.9) and (2.3) for  $\lambda = 2$ , one can get a two-sides inequality as

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha}f(x))^p}{x} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha}g(x))^q}{x} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & < \alpha \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^2} dx dy \\ & < \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha}f(x))^r}{x} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{r}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha}g(x))^s}{x} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{s}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha > 0, 0 < p < 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , and  $r > 1, \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** If  $0 < p < 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \alpha > 0, 2 - p < \lambda < 2 - q, f(x) \geq 0$ , such that  $0 < \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha} f(x))^p}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx < \infty$ , then

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty y^{\alpha[(p-1)(\lambda-2)+1]-1} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy \\ & > \left[ \frac{k_\lambda(p)}{\alpha} \right]^p \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha} f(x))^p}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx, \end{aligned}$$

where the constant factor  $\left[ \frac{1}{\alpha} k_\lambda(p) \right]^p$  ( $k_\lambda(p) = B\left(\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}, \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}\right)$ ) is the best possible. Inequality (2.15) is equivalent to (2.9). In particular, for  $\alpha = 1$ , one has

$$(2.16) \quad \int_0^\infty y^{(p-1)(\lambda-2)} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)}{(x+y)^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy > [k_\lambda(p)]^p \int_0^\infty x^{1-\lambda} f^p(x) dx.$$

If  $p < 0$  and  $2 - q < \lambda < 2 - p$ , one has the reversions of (2.15) and (2.16), and the constant factors in the two reversions are all the best possible.

*Proof.* Setting  $g(y)$  as

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

then by (2.9), one has

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 & < \int_0^\infty \frac{(y^{1-\alpha} g(y))^q}{y^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dy \\ & = \int_0^\infty y^{\alpha[(p-1)(\lambda-2)+1]-1} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy \\ & = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dx dy \geq \frac{1}{\alpha} k_\lambda(p) \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha} f(x))^p}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha} g(x))^q}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

and then

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(y^{1-\alpha} g(y))^q}{y^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dy \right\}^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \\ & = \left\{ \int_0^\infty y^{\alpha[(p-1)(\lambda-2)+1]-1} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ & \geq \frac{1}{\alpha} k_\lambda(p) \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(x^{1-\alpha} f(x))^p}{x^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\int_0^\infty \frac{(y^{1-\alpha} g(y))^q}{y^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dy < \infty$ , then in view of (2.9), (2.17) takes strict inequality; so does (2.18). If  $\int_0^\infty \frac{(y^{1-\alpha} g(y))^q}{y^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dy = \infty$ , then (2.18) takes strict inequality. Hence we have (2.15).

On the other hand, if (2.15) is valid, by the reverse Hölder's inequality (2.8), one has

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.19) \quad & \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dx dy \\
&= \int_0^\infty [y^{\frac{1+\alpha(q+\lambda-2)-q}{q}} \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dx] [y^{\frac{q-1-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}{q}} g(y)] dy \\
&\geq \left\{ \int_0^\infty y^{\alpha[(p-1)(\lambda-2)+1]-1} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)}{(x^\alpha + y^\alpha)^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{(y^{1-\alpha} g(y))^q}{y^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} dy \right\}^{1-\frac{1}{q}}.
\end{aligned}$$

By (2.15), one has (2.9). Hence (2.15) and (2.9) are equivalent. If the constant factor in (2.15) is not the best possible, then by using (2.19), we can get a contradiction that the constant factor in (2.9) is not the best possible.

For  $p < 0$  and  $2 - q < \lambda < 2 - p$ , we still have (2.17), (2.18) and (2.19). By using (2.18), since  $p < 0$ , we can get a reversion of (2.15). By using (2.19), we can conclude that the constant factor in the reversion of (2.15) is the best possible. The theorem is proved.

### 3. A reverse Hardy-Hilbert's inequality

**Lemma 3.1.** *If  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $2-p < \lambda < 2-q$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq \min\{\frac{p}{p+\lambda-2}, \frac{q}{q+\lambda-2}\}$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < \alpha(p + \lambda - 2)$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.1) \quad J &:= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m^{\frac{\alpha(p+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{p}-1} n^{\frac{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{q}-1}}{(m^\alpha + n^\alpha)^\lambda} \\
&< \frac{1}{\alpha} B\left(\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p} - \frac{\varepsilon}{p\alpha}, \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q} + \frac{\varepsilon}{p\alpha}\right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}}.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Since  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\lambda > 2 - p > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{p}{p+\lambda-2} < \frac{p}{p+\lambda-2-(\varepsilon/\alpha)}$ , we find  $\frac{\alpha(p+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{p} - 1 < 0$  and

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m^{\frac{\alpha(p+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{p}-1} n^{\frac{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{q}-1}}{(m^\alpha + n^\alpha)^\lambda} < \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{\alpha(p+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{p}-1} n^{\frac{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{q}-1} dx.$$

Setting  $y = (x/n)^\alpha$  in the above integral, we obtain  $dx = \frac{n}{\alpha} y^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} dy$  and

$$\begin{aligned} J &< \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{\frac{\alpha(p+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{p}-1} n^{\frac{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{q}-1}}{(x^\alpha + n^\alpha)^\lambda} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}-\frac{\varepsilon}{p\alpha}-1}}{(1+y)^\lambda} dy \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by (2.2), we have (3.1). The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** If  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $2-p < \lambda < 2-q$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq \min\{\frac{p}{p+\lambda-2}, \frac{q}{q+\lambda-2}\}$  and  $\theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n)$  is defined by

$$(3.2) \quad \theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n) := \frac{1}{k_\lambda(p)} \int_{\frac{1}{n^\alpha}}^{\infty} \frac{y^{\frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}-1}}{(1+y)^\lambda} dy \quad (n \in N),$$

then  $0 < \theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n) < 1$  and

$$(3.3) \quad \theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n) = 1 - O\left(\frac{1}{n^{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)/q}}\right).$$

In particular, for  $\lambda = 2$ , one has

$$(3.4) \quad \theta_{2,\alpha}(q, n) = \frac{n^\alpha}{n^\alpha + 1} \quad (n \in N).$$

*Proof.* It is obvious that  $0 < \theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n) < 1$ , since

$$k_\lambda(p) = B\left(\frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}, \frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{\frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}-1}}{(1+y)^\lambda} dy.$$

Setting

$$\theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n) = 1 - \frac{1}{k_\lambda(p)} \int_0^{\frac{1}{n^\alpha}} \frac{y^{\frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}-1}}{(1+y)^\lambda} dy,$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2^\lambda} \left(\frac{q}{q+\lambda-2}\right) \frac{1}{n^{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)/q}} = \frac{1}{2^\lambda} \int_0^{\frac{1}{n^\alpha}} y^{\frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}-1} dy \\ &< \int_0^{\frac{1}{n^\alpha}} \frac{y^{\frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}-1}}{(1+y)^\lambda} dy < \int_0^{\frac{1}{n^\alpha}} y^{\frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}-1} dy = \left(\frac{q}{q+\lambda-2}\right) \frac{1}{n^{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)/q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then (3.3) is valid. Since for  $\lambda = 2$ ,  $k_2(p) = 1$ , by (3.2), one has

$$\theta_{2,\alpha}(q, n) = 1 - \int_0^{\frac{1}{n^\alpha}} \frac{1}{(1+y)^2} dy = \frac{n^\alpha}{n^\alpha + 1}.$$

The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Note.** By (3.3), since  $\alpha(q + \lambda - 2)/q > 0$ , it is obvious that

$$(3.5) \quad 0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} O\left(\frac{1}{n^{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)/q}}\right) \frac{1}{n} < \infty.$$

**Theorem 3.3.** If  $0 < p < 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, 2 - p < \lambda < 2 - q, 0 < \alpha \leq \min\left\{\frac{p}{p+\lambda-2}, \frac{q}{q+\lambda-2}\right\}$   $a_n, b_n \geq 0$ , such that

$$0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} a_n)^p}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} < \infty \text{ and } 0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} b_n)^q}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} < \infty,$$

then we have

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} \\ & > \frac{k_{\lambda}(p)}{\alpha} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_{\lambda, \alpha}(q, n) \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} a_n)^p}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} b_n)^q}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 < \theta_{\lambda, \alpha}(q, n) < 1$ , and the constant factor  $\frac{1}{\alpha} k_{\lambda}(p) (k_{\lambda}(p) = B\left(\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}, \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}\right))$  is the best possible. In particular, for  $\lambda = 2$ , one has  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and

$$(3.7) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^2} > \frac{1}{\alpha} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} a_n)^p}{n + n^{1-\alpha}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} b_n)^q}{n} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

*Proof.* By the reverse Hölder's inequality, one has

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} \\ & = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{a_m}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\frac{\lambda}{p}}} \left( \frac{m^{p-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}}{n^{q-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{pq}} \right] \left[ \frac{b_n}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\frac{\lambda}{q}}} \left( \frac{n^{q-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}}{m^{p-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{pq}} \right] \\ & \geq \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m^p}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} \left( \frac{m^{p-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}}{n^{q-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n^q}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} \left( \frac{n^{q-\alpha(q+\lambda-2)}}{m^{p-\alpha(p+\lambda-2)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & = \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{m^{\alpha \frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}} n^{\alpha \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}-1}}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} \right] \frac{(m^{1-\alpha} a_m)^p}{m^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{\alpha \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}} m^{\alpha \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}-1}}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} \right] \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} b_n)^q}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ = & \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varpi_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, m) \frac{(m^{1-\alpha} a_m)^p}{m^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varpi_{\lambda,\alpha}(p, n) \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} b_n)^q}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

where, the weight coefficient  $\varpi_{\lambda,\alpha}(r, j)$  ( $r = p, q$ ) is defined by

$$(3.9) \quad \varpi_{\lambda,\alpha}(r, j) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{j^{\alpha \frac{s+\lambda-2}{s}} k^{\alpha \frac{r+\lambda-2}{r}-1}}{(j^{\alpha} + k^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} \quad (r > 1, \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1, j = m, n).$$

Since  $0 < \alpha \leq \min\{\frac{p}{p+\lambda-2}, \frac{q}{q+\lambda-2}\}$ ,  $\alpha \frac{p+\lambda-2}{p} - 1 \leq 0$ , and  $\lambda > 0$ , setting  $y = (x/n)^{\alpha}$ , we find

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \varpi_{\lambda,\alpha}(p, n) & < \int_0^{\infty} \frac{n^{\alpha \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}} x^{\alpha \frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}-1}}{(n^{\alpha} + x^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} dx \\ & = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}-1}}{(1+y)^{\lambda}} dy = \frac{1}{\alpha} k_{\lambda}(p); \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \varpi_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, m) & > \int_1^{\infty} \frac{m^{\alpha \frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}} x^{\alpha \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}-1}}{(m^{\alpha} + x^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} dx \\ & = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{\frac{1}{m^{\alpha}}}^{\infty} \frac{y^{\frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}-1}}{(1+y)^{\lambda}} dy = \frac{1}{\alpha} k_{\lambda}(p) \theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, m), \end{aligned}$$

where,  $\theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, m)$  is defined by (3.2)

Then, in view of  $0 < p < 1, q < 0$ , (3.8), (3.10) and (3.11), we have (3.6). For  $\lambda = 2$ , by (3.4) and (3.6), we have (3.7).

For  $0 < \varepsilon < \alpha(p + \lambda - 2)$ , setting  $\tilde{a}_n, \tilde{b}_n$  as:  $\tilde{a}_n = n^{\frac{\alpha(p+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{p}-1}; \tilde{b}_n = n^{\frac{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)-\varepsilon}{q}-1}$ , then by (3.5), we find

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n) \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} \tilde{a}_n)^p}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} \tilde{b}_n)^q}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & = \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - O\left(\frac{1}{n^{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)/q}}\right) \right] \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & > \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} O\left(\frac{1}{n^{\alpha(q+\lambda-2)/q}}\right) \frac{1}{n} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & = (1 - o(1))^{\frac{1}{p}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\varepsilon}} \quad (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+). \end{aligned}$$

If the constant factor  $\frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p)$  in (3.6) is not the best possible, then there exists a positive number  $k > \frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p)$ , such that (3.6) is still valid if one replaces  $\frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p)$  by  $k$ . In particular, one has

$$(3.13) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\tilde{a}_m \tilde{b}_n}{(m^\alpha + n^\alpha)^\lambda} > k \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n) \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} \tilde{a}_n)^p}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} \tilde{b}_n)^q}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

By (3.1), (3.12) and (3.13), it follows that

$$\frac{1}{\alpha}B\left(\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p} - \frac{\varepsilon}{p\alpha}, \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q} + \frac{\varepsilon}{p\alpha}\right) > k(1-o(1))^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

and then  $\frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p) \geq k (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+)$ . This contradicts the fact that  $k > \frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p)$ . Hence the constant factor  $\frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p)$  in (3.6) is the best possible. The theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *If  $0 < p < 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, 2 - p < \lambda < 2 - q, 0 < \alpha \leq \min\{\frac{p}{p+\lambda-2}, \frac{q}{q+\lambda-2}\}$ ,  $a_n, b_n \geq 0$ , such that  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} a_n)^p}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} < \infty$ , then we have*

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha[p(\lambda-1)-\lambda+2]-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{(m^\alpha + n^\alpha)^\lambda} \right]^p \\ & > \left[ \frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p) \right]^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n) \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} a_n)^p}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 < \theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n) < 1$ , and the constant factor  $\left[\frac{1}{\alpha}k_\lambda(p)\right]^p$  ( $k_\lambda(p) = B\left(\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}, \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}\right)$ ) is the best possible; inequality (3.14) is equivalent to (3.6). In particular, for  $\lambda = 2$ , one has  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and

$$(3.15) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p\alpha-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{(m^\alpha + n^\alpha)^2} \right]^p > \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} \right)^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} a_n)^p}{n + n^{1-\alpha}};$$

$$(3.16) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{(m+n)^2} \right]^p > \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n^p}{n+1} (\alpha = 1).$$

*Proof.* Setting  $b_n$  as

$$b_n := n^{\alpha[p(\lambda-1)-\lambda+2]-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{(m^\alpha + n^\alpha)^\lambda} \right]^{p-1} (n \in N),$$

then by (3.6), we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.17) \quad 0 &< \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} b_n)^q}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha[p(\lambda-1)-\lambda+2]-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} \right]^p \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} \geq \frac{k_{\lambda}(p)}{\alpha} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n) \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} a_n)^p}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} b_n)^q}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},
 \end{aligned}$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.18) \quad &\left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} b_n)^q}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &= \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha[p(\lambda-1)-\lambda+2]-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} \right]^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\geq \frac{k_{\lambda}(p)}{\alpha} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n) \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} a_n)^p}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} b_n)^q}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} < \infty$ , then by (3.6), (3.17) keeps strict inequality; so does (3.18). If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} b_n)^q}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} = \infty$ , then (3.18) keeps naturally strict inequality, since

$$0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_{\lambda,\alpha}(q, n) \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} a_n)^p}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} a_n)^p}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} < \infty.$$

Hence for  $0 < p < 1$ , inequality (3.14) is valid.

On the other hand, if (3.14) is valid, by the reverse Hölder's inequality, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.19) \quad &\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [n^{-\frac{q-1+\alpha(2-\lambda-q)}{q}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\lambda}}] [n^{\frac{q-1+\alpha(2-\lambda-q)}{q}} b_n] \\
 &\geq \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha[p(\lambda-1)-\lambda+2]-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{(m^{\alpha} + n^{\alpha})^{\lambda}} \right]^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n^{1-\alpha} b_n)^q}{n^{1+\alpha(\lambda-2)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then by (3.14), we have (3.6). It follows that inequality (3.14) is equivalent to (3.6).

If the constant factor in (3.14) is not the best possible, we can conclude a contradiction that the constant factor in (3.6) is not the best possible by using (3.19). Thus we complete the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Remark 3.5.** By (3.7) for  $\alpha = 1$ , and (1.4) for  $\lambda = 2$ , one can get a two-sides inequality as follows:

$$(3.20) \quad \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n^p}{n+1} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n^q}{n} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{(m+n)^2} < \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n^r}{n} \right\}^{\frac{1}{r}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n^s}{n} \right\}^{\frac{1}{s}},$$

where  $r > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$  and  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

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