

LOCAL EXTREME POINTS AND A YOUNG-TYPE INEQUALITY

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ABSTRACT. In this paper is presented a Young-type inequality and then as an application is given a corresponding Holder-type inequality for isotonic linear functionals.

1. Introduction

The classical inequality of Young is

$$a^\nu b^{1-\nu} < \nu a + (1 - \nu)b,$$

where a and b are distinct positive real numbers and $0 < \nu < 1$, see [14].

In [1] are given new results which extend many generalizations of Young's inequality given before. The following inequality is a refinement of the left-hand side of a refinement of the inequality of Young proved in 2010 and 2011 by Kittaneh and Manasrah in [12], [13]. Many generalizations and refinements of Young's inequality are presented also in [10], [8], [9] and references therein.

Theorem A([1]) *Let λ , ν and τ be real numbers with $\lambda \geq 1$ and $0 < \nu < \tau < 1$. Then*

$$\left(\frac{\nu}{\tau}\right)^\lambda < \frac{A_\nu(a, b)^\lambda - G_\nu(a, b)^\lambda}{A_\tau(a, b)^\lambda - G_\tau(a, b)^\lambda} < \left(\frac{1 - \nu}{1 - \tau}\right)^\lambda,$$

for all positive and distinct real numbers a and b . Moreover, both bounds are sharp.

The following important definition is given in [3], [5] and we need to recall it here in order to help us to give new Young-type inequalities for isotonic linear functionals in Section 3.

Let E be a nonempty set and L be a class of real-valued functions $f : E \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ having the following properties:

- (L1) If $f, g \in L$ and $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$, then $(af + bg) \in L$.
- (L2) If $f(t) = 1$ for all $t \in E$, then $f \in L$.

An *isotonic linear functional* is a functional $A : L \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ having the following properties:

- (A1) If $f, g \in L$ and $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$, then $A(af + bg) = aA(f) + bA(g)$.
- (A2) If $f \in L$ and $f(t) \geq 0$ for all $t \in E$, then $A(f) \geq 0$.

The mapping A is said to be *normalised* if

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$$(A3) \ A(\mathbf{1}) = 1.$$

New inequalities concerning isotonic linear functionals can be also found in [7], [3], [5], [6] and refernces therein.

2. Local extreme points and a Young-type inequality for three numbers

In this section is given a new Young-type inequality for three positive numbers which satisfies some conditions in Theorem 1 using the Lemma 1, where are stated several conditions for finding the local extreme point for a special function.

Lemma 1. *Let $p_1, p_2, p_3, p'_1, p'_2, p'_3$ be strictly positive real numbers which satisfies the conditions, $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} + \frac{1}{p_3} = 1$, $\frac{1}{p'_1} + \frac{1}{p'_2} + \frac{1}{p'_3} = 1$ and*

$$p'_1 \left(1 - \frac{1}{p'_2}\right) \neq p_1 \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right).$$

(i) *If $p'_1 < p_1$ and*

$$\left(\frac{1}{p'_1} - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left[-\frac{1}{p_2} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - 1\right) + \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \frac{1}{p'_2} \left(\frac{1}{p'_2} - 1\right)\right] > \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - \frac{1}{p'_2}\right)^2.$$

then $A(1, 1)$ is a local minimum point for the function

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{p_1}x + \frac{1}{p_2}y + \frac{1}{p_3} - x^{\frac{1}{p_1}}y^{\frac{1}{p_2}} - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p'_1}x + \frac{1}{p'_2}y + \frac{1}{p'_3} - x^{\frac{1}{p'_1}}y^{\frac{1}{p'_2}}\right),$$

defined on the interval $(0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$.

(ii) *If $p'_1 > p_1$ and*

$$\left(\frac{1}{p'_1} - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left[-\frac{1}{p_2} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - 1\right) + \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \frac{1}{p'_2} \left(\frac{1}{p'_2} - 1\right)\right] > \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - \frac{1}{p'_2}\right)^2.$$

then $A(1, 1)$ is a local maximum point for the function

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{p_1}x + \frac{1}{p_2}y + \frac{1}{p_3} - x^{\frac{1}{p_1}}y^{\frac{1}{p_2}} - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p'_1}x + \frac{1}{p'_2}y + \frac{1}{p'_3} - x^{\frac{1}{p'_1}}y^{\frac{1}{p'_2}}\right),$$

defined on the interval $(0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$.

Proof. (i) We consider the function,

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{p_1}x + \frac{1}{p_2}y + \frac{1}{p_3} - x^{\frac{1}{p_1}}y^{\frac{1}{p_2}} - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p'_1}x + \frac{1}{p'_2}y + \frac{1}{p'_3} - x^{\frac{1}{p'_1}}y^{\frac{1}{p'_2}}\right),$$

where the numbers $p_1, p_2, p_3, p'_1, p'_2, p'_3$ satisfies the hypothesis and x, y are strictly positive real number with $x > 0$, and $y > 0$.

First, it is necessary to find the stationary points of f on $(0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$ and for that we compute its first derivative, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$. We have,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{p_1}x^{\frac{1}{p_1}-1}y^{\frac{1}{p_2}} + \frac{1}{p_1}x^{\frac{1}{p'_1}-1}y^{\frac{1}{p'_2}}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{p_2} - \frac{1}{p_2}x^{\frac{1}{p_1}}y^{\frac{1}{p_2}-1} - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \frac{1}{p'_2} + \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \frac{1}{p'_2}x^{\frac{1}{p'_1}}y^{\frac{1}{p'_2}-1}$$

and then we obtain the following system

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}} = x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}} \\ \frac{1}{p_2} (1 - x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}-1}) = \frac{p_1'}{p_1 p_2} (1 - x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}-1}) \end{cases}$$

Using now the hypothesis, $\frac{p_2'}{p_2} - \frac{p_1'}{p_1} > 0$ we get from the equation,

$$\left(1 - x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}-1}\right) \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - \frac{p_1'}{p_1 p_2}\right) = 0$$

that

$$x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}} = y,$$

where p_1, p_2 satisfy the hypothesis, being arbitrary numbers. Last equation becomes

$$x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} = y^{1-\frac{1}{p_2}},$$

when $x, y > 0$.

Therefore, the last system will be

$$\begin{cases} y^{p_1'(1-\frac{1}{p_2})} = y^{p_1(1-\frac{1}{p_2})} \\ y^{p_1(1-\frac{1}{p_2})} = y^{\frac{\frac{1}{p_2}-\frac{1}{p_2}}{\frac{1}{p_1}-\frac{1}{p_1}}} \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{cases} p_1'(1-\frac{1}{p_2}) = p_1(1-\frac{1}{p_2}) \\ p_1(1-\frac{1}{p_2}) = \frac{\frac{1}{p_2}-\frac{1}{p_2}}{\frac{1}{p_1}-\frac{1}{p_1}} \end{cases}$$

when $y \neq 1$, or the solution $x = y = 1$. So we obtain in the second case, the stationary point $A(1, 1)$.

First case, when $y \neq 1$, it is not interesting here because our hypothesis are not satisfied, i. e. from last system we have,

$$p_2' = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{p_1'}{p_1} (1 - \frac{1}{p_2})}$$

(which is already a restriction of p_2'), and in this way the second equation of last system in checked, but this is not our hypothesis.

We study now if $A(1, 1)$ is an extreme point for the function f on the interval $(0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$. For that we compute the second derivative of the function and then its hessian matrix in $A(1, 1)$. We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} &= -\frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - 1\right) x^{\frac{1}{p_1}-2} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}} + \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - 1\right) x^{\frac{1}{p_1}-2} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(1, 1) &= \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_1}\right), \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} &= -\frac{1}{p_2} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - 1\right) x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}-2} + \frac{p_1'}{p_1 p_2} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - 1\right) x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}-2}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(1, 1) &= -\frac{1}{p_2} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - 1\right) + \frac{p_1'}{p_1 p_2} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - 1\right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = -\frac{1}{p_1 p_2} x^{\frac{1}{p_1}-1} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}-1} + \frac{1}{p_1 p_2'} x^{\frac{1}{p_1'}-1} y^{\frac{1}{p_2'}-1},$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(1, 1) = \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_2'} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right),$$

and also

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}(1, 1) = \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_2'} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right).$$

Now we can write the hessian matrix in $A(1, 1)$,

$$H(1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_1'} - \frac{1}{p_1} \right) & \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_2'} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) \\ \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_2'} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) & -\frac{1}{p_2} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - 1 \right) + \frac{p_1'}{p_1 p_2} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - 1 \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

and if

$$\Delta_1 = \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_1'} - \frac{1}{p_1} \right) > 0$$

and

$$\Delta_2 = \left(\frac{1}{p_1'} - \frac{1}{p_1} \right) \left[-\frac{1}{p_2} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - 1 \right) + \frac{p_1'}{p_1 p_2} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - 1 \right) \right] - \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_2} - \frac{1}{p_2'} \right)^2 > 0$$

then $A(1, 1)$ is the local extreme point for the function f defined before.

For (ii) the proof is the same ■

Example 1. (i) We take into account the particular case for the function f when $p_1 = 5$, $p_2 = 6$, $p_3 = \frac{30}{19}$ and $p_1' = 4$, $p_2' = 5$, $p_3' = \frac{20}{11}$, see also in Figures 1 and 2. We can easily notice that the conditions from hypothesis (i) are fulfilled for the function f , so that the point $A(1, 1)$ is a local minimum point for f .

(ii) Now, if we replace p_1 by 4 and p_1' by 7 in previous particular case, we can easily see that the conditions from hypothesis (ii) are satisfied for the function f , so the point $A(1, 1)$ is a local maximum point for f .

Theorem 1. Let $M > 1$ and $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_1', p_2', p_3'$ be positive real numbers which satisfies the conditions, $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} + \frac{1}{p_3} = 1$, $\frac{1}{p_1'} + \frac{1}{p_2'} + \frac{1}{p_3'} = 1$, $\frac{p_3'}{p_3} > 1 > \frac{p_2'}{p_2}$ and $p_2' \left(1 - \frac{p_1'}{p_1} \right) > \frac{p_2'}{p_2} - \frac{p_1'}{p_1} > 0$.

(i) If x and y are two real numbers with $1 < x < M$, $1 < y < M$ then the following inequality holds:

$$\frac{1}{p_1} x + \frac{1}{p_2} y + \frac{1}{p_3} - x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}} > \frac{p_1'}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_1'} x + \frac{1}{p_2'} y + \frac{1}{p_3} - x^{\frac{1}{p_1'}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2'}} \right).$$

(ii) Moreover, if a, b, c are three real numbers, $a > 0$, $b > 0$, $c > 0$ so that $c < a < Mc$ and $c < b < Mc$ then the following inequality takes place:

$$\frac{1}{p_1} a + \frac{1}{p_2} b + \frac{1}{p_3} c - a^{\frac{1}{p_1}} b^{\frac{1}{p_2}} c^{\frac{1}{p_3}} > \frac{p_1'}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p_1'} a + \frac{1}{p_2'} b + \frac{1}{p_3} c - a^{\frac{1}{p_1'}} b^{\frac{1}{p_2'}} c^{\frac{1}{p_3}} \right).$$

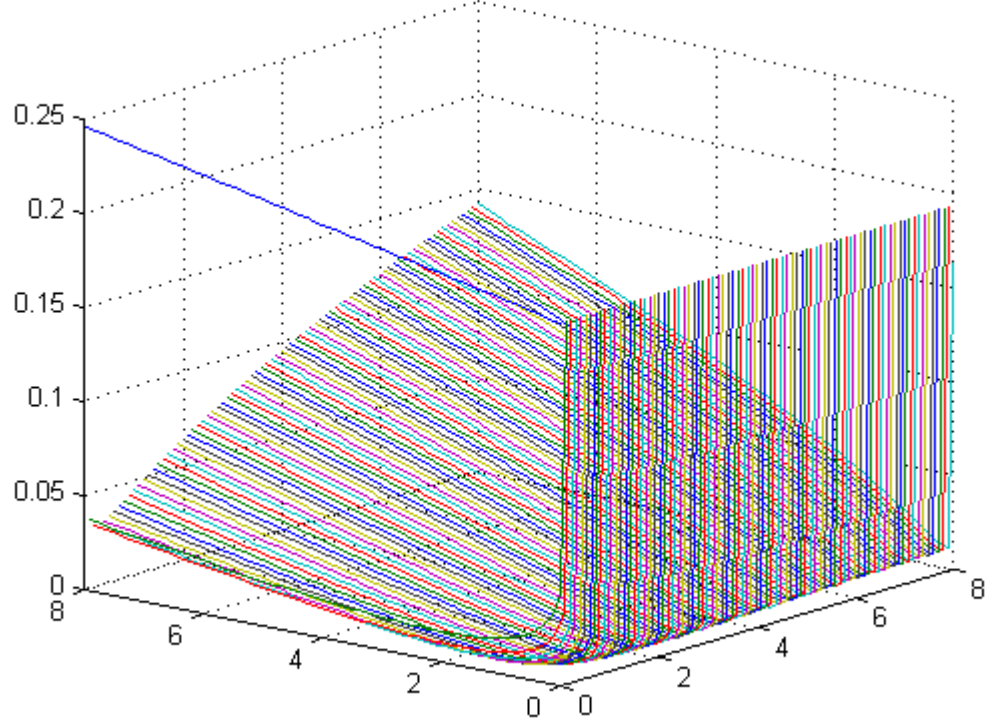


FIGURE 1. The function $f(x,y)$ on $[0, 8] \times [0, 8]$ when $p_1 = 5, p_2 = 6, p_3 = \frac{30}{19}$ and $p'_1 = 4, p'_2 = 5, p'_3 = \frac{20}{11}$.

Proof. Using Lemma 1, we know that $A(1,1)$ is a local minimum point for the function f on the interval $(1, M) \times (1, M)$, which it is the interior of the close interval $[1, M] \times [1, M]$. We study how will be the function on the frontier of the above interval. We see that the frontier of this interval from \mathbb{R}^2 is given by the sets, $\{x = 1, y \in [1, M]\}$, $\{x = M, y \in [1, M]\}$, $\{x \in [1, M], y = 1\}$ and $\{x \in [1, M], y = M\}$.

When $x = 1, y \in [1, M]$ then

$$f(1, y) = y^{\frac{1}{p_2}} \left(\frac{p'_2}{p_2} - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \right) + \frac{1}{p_3} \left(\frac{p'_3}{p_3} - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \right) + \frac{p'_1}{p_1} y^{\frac{1}{p_2}} - y^{\frac{1}{p_2}}.$$

This function is increasing, as a function of variable y , from hypothesis of the above theorem, and then $f(1,1) < f(1,y)$, because $1 < y$. Therefore, we find that $f(1,y) > f(1,1) = 0$. Last function is increasing because its first derivative,

$$f'(1, y) = \frac{1}{p_2} \left(1 - y^{\frac{1}{p_2}-1} \right) - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \frac{1}{p_2} \left(1 - y^{\frac{1}{p_2}-1} \right) > \frac{1}{p_2} \left(\frac{p'_2}{p_2} - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \right) \left(1 - y^{\frac{1}{p_2}-1} \right) > 0.$$

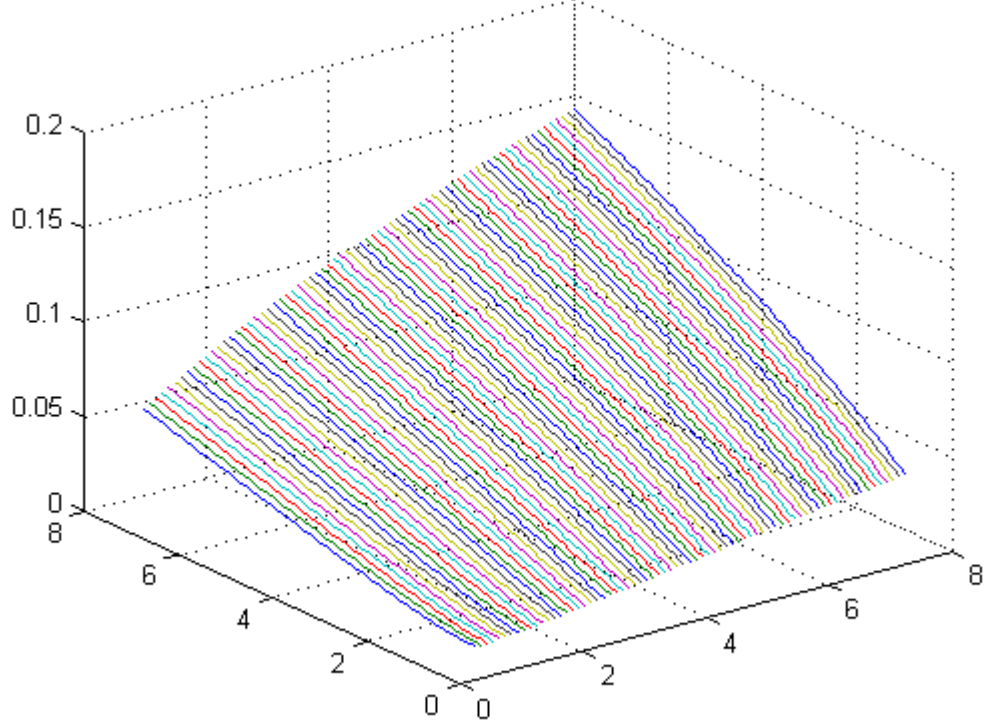


FIGURE 2. The function $f(x,y)$ on $[1, 8] \times [1, 8]$ when $p_1 = 5, p_2 = 6, p_3 = \frac{30}{19}$ and $p'_1 = 4, p'_2 = 5, p'_3 = \frac{20}{11}$.

Now, for $y = 1, x \in [1, M]$, we have,

$$f(x, 1) = 1 - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} - x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} + \frac{p'_1}{p_1} x^{\frac{1}{p_1}}.$$

This function is increasing because its first derivative,

$$f'(x, 1) = \frac{1}{p_1} \left(x^{\frac{1}{p_1}-1} - x^{\frac{1}{p_1}-1} \right) > 0$$

, see hypothesis of our previous theorem. Thus we also have, $f(x, 1) > f(1, 1) = 0$.

If $x \in [1, M], y = M$ then we obtain,

$$f(x, M) = M \frac{1}{p'_2} \left(\frac{p'_2}{p_2} - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \right) + \frac{1}{p'_3} \left(\frac{p'_3}{p_3} - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \right) + \frac{p'_1}{p_1} x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} M^{\frac{1}{p_2}} - x^{\frac{1}{p_1}} M^{\frac{1}{p_2}},$$

and this function is increasing in x when $x \in [1, M]$, because

$$f'(x, M) = \frac{1}{p_1} \left(x^{\frac{1}{p_1}-1} M^{\frac{1}{p_2}} - x^{\frac{1}{p_1}-1} M^{\frac{1}{p_2}} \right) > 0.$$

From here, we get,

$$f(x, M) > f(1, M) > 0,$$

and we obtained this inequality before, see the case when $x = 1, y \in [1, M]$.

Last case, when $x = M, y \in [1, M]$ we have the function,

$$f(M, y) = y \frac{1}{p_2'} \left(\frac{p_2'}{p_2} - \frac{p_1'}{p_1} \right) + \frac{1}{p_3'} \left(\frac{p_3'}{p_3} - \frac{p_1'}{p_1} \right) + \frac{p_1'}{p_1} M^{\frac{1}{p_1'}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2'}} - M^{\frac{1}{p_1'}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2'}},$$

which is increasing as a function of variable y , because its first derivative,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(M, y) &= \frac{1}{p_2'} \left(\frac{p_2'}{p_2} - \frac{p_1'}{p_1} \right) + \frac{p_1'}{p_1} \frac{1}{p_2'} M^{\frac{1}{p_1'}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2'}-1} - \frac{1}{p_2'} M^{\frac{1}{p_1'}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2'}-1} = \\ &= \frac{1}{p_2'} \left[\frac{p_2'}{p_2} \left(1 - M^{\frac{1}{p_1'}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2'}-1} \right) - \frac{p_1'}{p_1} \left(1 - M^{\frac{1}{p_1'}} y^{\frac{1}{p_2'}-1} \right) \right] > 0. \end{aligned}$$

We used here that $\frac{p_2'}{p_2} > \frac{p_1'}{p_1}$ and $M^{\frac{1}{p_1'} - \frac{1}{p_1}} > 1 > y^{\frac{1}{p_2'} - \frac{1}{p_2}}$.

From the second case we get

$$f(M, 1) = 1 - \frac{p_1'}{p_1} + \frac{p_1'}{p_1} M^{\frac{1}{p_1'}} - M^{\frac{1}{p_1'}} > 0$$

and then

$$f(M, y) > f(M, 1) > 0.$$

Therefore the point $A(1, 1)$ is the global minimum of the function f on the interval $[1, M] \times [1, M]$.

Taking into account hypothesis from Lemma 1, (i) and denoting by $a, \frac{p_1'}{p_1}$, by $b, \frac{p_2'}{p_2}$ and by $c, \frac{p_3'}{p_3}$, we get $c > 1, a < b < 1$.

Condition $\Delta_2 > 0$ from the proof of Lemma 1 becomes,

$$\left(\frac{p_1'}{p_1} - 1 \right) \left[-\frac{p_2'}{p_2} \left(\frac{p_2'}{p_2} - \frac{p_1'}{p_1} \right) + \frac{p_1'}{p_1} (1 - \frac{p_2'}{p_2}) \right] > \left(\frac{p_2'}{p_2} - 1 \right)^2$$

or

$$\left(\frac{1}{a} - 1 \right) [-b(b - p_2') + a(1 - p_2')] > (b - 1)^2$$

and by calculus, we have:

$$p_2'(1 - a) > b - a$$

, i. e. the condition

$$p_2' \left(1 - \frac{p_1'}{p_1} \right) > \frac{p_2'}{p_2} - \frac{p_1'}{p_1}$$

from our hypothesis.

(ii) We replace $x \in [1, M]$ by $\frac{a}{c}$ and $y \in [1, M]$ by $\frac{b}{c}$ and because $\frac{a}{c} \in [1, M]$ and $\frac{b}{c} \in [1, M]$ the inequality from (i) becomes:

$$\frac{1}{p_1} \frac{a}{c} + \frac{1}{p_2} \frac{b}{c} + \frac{1}{p_3} - \left(\frac{a}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \left(\frac{b}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_2}} > \frac{p_1'}{p_1} \left[\frac{1}{p_1'} \frac{a}{c} + \frac{1}{p_2'} \frac{b}{c} + \frac{1}{p_3'} - \left(\frac{a}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1'}} \left(\frac{b}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_2'}} \right]$$

and multiplying by $c > 0$ we get the desired inequality.

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Example 2. The particular case from Example 1 (i) satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1 (i), and then the point $A(1, 1)$ is the global minimum for the function f and the inequality from Theorem 1 (i) takes place.

3. Holder-type inequality for three functions

The following result is obtained as a consequence of Theorem 1 (ii) for isotonic linear functionals, being a Holder-type inequality in the case of three functions.

Theorem 2. Let $M > 1$ and $p_1, p_2, p_3, p'_1, p'_2, p'_3$ be positive real numbers which satisfies the conditions, $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} + \frac{1}{p_3} = 1$, $\frac{1}{p'_1} + \frac{1}{p'_2} + \frac{1}{p'_3} = 1$, $\frac{p'_3}{p_3} > 1 > \frac{p'_2}{p_2}$ and $p'_2(1 - \frac{p'_1}{p_1}) > \frac{p'_2}{p_2} - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} > 0$, L satisfying conditions L1, L2 and A satisfying A1, A2 on the set E . Considering the nonnegative functions f, g, h with $fgh, f^{\frac{p_1}{p'_1}} g^{\frac{p_2}{p'_2}} h^{\frac{p_3}{p'_3}}, f^{p_1}, g^{p_2}, h^{p_3} \in L$ and $A(f^{p_1}) > 0, A(g^{p_2}) > 0, A(h^{p_3}) > 0$, if in addition, $\frac{h^{p_3}}{A(h^{p_3})} < \frac{f^{p_1}}{A(f^{p_1})} < M \frac{h^{p_3}}{A(h^{p_3})}$ and $\frac{h^{p_3}}{A(h^{p_3})} < \frac{g^{p_2}}{A(g^{p_2})} < M \frac{h^{p_3}}{A(h^{p_3})}$ we will have,

$$1 - \frac{A(fgh)}{A^{\frac{1}{p'_1}}(f^{p_1})A^{\frac{1}{p'_2}}(g^{p_2})A^{\frac{1}{p'_3}}(h^{p_3})} > \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \left(1 - \frac{A(f^{\frac{p_1}{p'_1}} g^{\frac{p_2}{p'_2}} h^{\frac{p_3}{p'_3}})}{A^{\frac{1}{p'_1}}(f^{p_1})A^{\frac{1}{p'_2}}(g^{p_2})A^{\frac{1}{p'_3}}(h^{p_3})} \right).$$

Proof. We use inequality from Theorem 1 (ii), for $a = \frac{f^{p_1}}{A(f^{p_1})}$, $b = \frac{g^{p_2}}{A(g^{p_2})}$ and $c = \frac{h^{p_3}}{A(h^{p_3})}$ and we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p_1} \frac{f^{p_1}}{A(f^{p_1})} + \frac{1}{p_2} \frac{g^{p_2}}{A(g^{p_2})} + \frac{1}{p_3} \frac{h^{p_3}}{A(h^{p_3})} - \frac{fgh}{A^{\frac{1}{p'_1}}(f^{p_1})A^{\frac{1}{p'_2}}(g^{p_2})A^{\frac{1}{p'_3}}(h^{p_3})} > \\ & > \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p'_1} \frac{f^{p_1}}{A(f^{p_1})} + \frac{1}{p'_2} \frac{g^{p_2}}{A(g^{p_2})} + \frac{1}{p'_3} \frac{h^{p_3}}{A(h^{p_3})} - \frac{f^{\frac{p_1}{p'_1}} g^{\frac{p_2}{p'_2}} h^{\frac{p_3}{p'_3}}}{A^{\frac{1}{p'_1}}(f^{p_1})A^{\frac{1}{p'_2}}(g^{p_2})A^{\frac{1}{p'_3}}(h^{p_3})} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now using hypothesis and condition A2, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p_1} \frac{A(f^{p_1})}{A(f^{p_1})} + \frac{1}{p_2} \frac{A(g^{p_2})}{A(g^{p_2})} + \frac{1}{p_3} \frac{A(h^{p_3})}{A(h^{p_3})} - \frac{A(fgh)}{A^{\frac{1}{p'_1}}(f^{p_1})A^{\frac{1}{p'_2}}(g^{p_2})A^{\frac{1}{p'_3}}(h^{p_3})} > \\ & > \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{p'_1} \frac{A(f^{p_1})}{A(f^{p_1})} + \frac{1}{p'_2} \frac{A(g^{p_2})}{A(g^{p_2})} + \frac{1}{p'_3} \frac{A(h^{p_3})}{A(h^{p_3})} - \frac{A(f^{\frac{p_1}{p'_1}} g^{\frac{p_2}{p'_2}} h^{\frac{p_3}{p'_3}})}{A^{\frac{1}{p'_1}}(f^{p_1})A^{\frac{1}{p'_2}}(g^{p_2})A^{\frac{1}{p'_3}}(h^{p_3})} \right), \end{aligned}$$

or by calculus we obtain the desired inequality.

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As a particular case, when instead of the isotonic linear functional, $A(f)$ we consider, as in [3], $\int_a^b f(x)dx$, Theorem 2 becomes:

Remark 1. Let $M > 1$ and $p_1, p_2, p_3, p'_1, p'_2, p'_3$ be positive real numbers which satisfies the conditions, $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} + \frac{1}{p_3} = 1$, $\frac{1}{p'_1} + \frac{1}{p'_2} + \frac{1}{p'_3} = 1$, $\frac{p'_3}{p_3} > 1 > \frac{p'_2}{p_2}$ and $p'_2(1 - \frac{p'_1}{p_1}) > \frac{p'_2}{p_2} - \frac{p'_1}{p_1} > 0$,

Considering the continuous functions $f, g, h > 0$ on the interval $[a, b]$ with and $\frac{h^{p_3}(x)}{\int_a^b h^{p_3}(x)dx} < \frac{f^{p_1}(x)}{\int_a^b f^{p_1}(x)dx} < M \frac{h^{p_3}(x)}{\int_a^b h^{p_3}(x)dx}$ and $\frac{h^{p_3}(x)dx}{\int_a^b h^{p_3}(x)dx} < \frac{g^{p_2}(x)}{\int_a^b g^{p_2}(x)dx} < M \frac{h^{p_3}(x)}{\int_a^b h^{p_3}(x)dx}$ we will have,

$$1 - \frac{\int_a^b f(x)g(x)h(x)dx}{\left(\int_a^b f^{p_1}(x)dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \left(\int_a^b g^{p_2}(x)dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p_2}} \left(\int_a^b h^{p_3}(x)dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p_3}}} >$$

$$> \frac{p'_1}{p_1} \left(1 - \frac{\int_a^b f^{\frac{p'_1}{p_1}}(x)g^{\frac{p'_2}{p_2}}(x)h^{\frac{p'_3}{p_3}}(x)dx}{\left(\int_a^b f^{p_1}(x)dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \left(\int_a^b g^{p_2}(x)dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p_2}} \left(\int_a^b h^{p_3}(x)dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p_3}}} \right).$$

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