

Weighted Hardy inequalities with mixed norms I ¹

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Abstract

We obtain in this paper conditions on the nonnegative weight functions $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ which ensure an inequality of the form

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(Tf)(x)u(x)|^{(1-\frac{1}{s})q} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{s})q}} \leq AC^{(1-\frac{1}{s})} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)v(x)|^{(1-\frac{1}{r})p} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{r})p}},$$

where T is either K or K^* , A and C are constants depending on (k, p, q, r, s) but independent of f .

Furthermore, conditions on the nonnegative weight functions $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ for which the above inequality is reversed is also obtained.

Some consequences of our results are also given.

1 Introduction

Let $k(x, y) \geq 0$ be defined on $\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y < x\}$ and define the operator K and its dual K^* by

$$(Kf)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)f(y)dy, \quad (K^*f)(x) = \int_x^{\infty} k(y, x)f(y)dy \quad (1.1)$$

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We shall in this paper give conditions on the nonnegative weight functions $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ in terms of the kernel $k(x,y)$ and the indices p,q,r,s for which the inequality

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(Tf)(x)u(x)|^{(1-\frac{1}{s})q} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{s})q}} \leq AC^{(1-\frac{1}{s})} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)v(x)|^{(1-\frac{1}{r})p} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{r})p}} \quad (1.2)$$

holds, where T is either K or K^* , and C is constant independent of f . The specific case of the Hardy's operator with the kernel $k(x,y) \equiv 1$ was considered by Bradley[3] for the case $p, q \geq 1$, Beesack and Heinig[2] considered it for the case $p, q < 1$, while Anderson and Heinig[1] considered it for a general class of kernels $k(x,y)$.

In this paper, we shall study the Hardy's operator for a more general kernel $k(x,y)$ with some restrictions placed on the parameters p,q,r,s,p' with the intention to obtain some results which will compliments the earlier ones obtained in [1].

Throughout this paper, we shall let p' denote the conjugate index of p and is defined by $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1 - \frac{1}{r}$, $r > 0$ and $r \neq 1$. The conjugate q' of q is similarly defined by $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q'} = 1 - \frac{1}{s}$, $s > 0$ and $s \neq 1$. It is clear from this that p' may be negative.

Furthermore, we shall assume that $1 < p \leq q < \infty$, $1 < (1 - \frac{1}{r})p \leq (1 - \frac{1}{s})q$. From this it follows that

$$\frac{(1 - \frac{1}{s})q}{(1 - \frac{1}{r})p} \geq 1.$$

A and C denote constants which may be different at difference occurrences. Unless otherwise stated, we shall define a nonnegative function $h(y)$ by

$$h(y) = \left(\int_{-\infty}^y k(y,z)^{(1-\beta)(1-\frac{1}{r})p'} v(z)^{-(1-\frac{1}{r})p'} dz \right)^{-\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{r})p' + (1-\frac{1}{s})q}} \quad (1.3)$$

We also observe that $(1 - \frac{1}{r})p' + (1 - \frac{1}{s})q$ may be greater than zero or less than zero. This will be studied in sections 2 and 3 respectively.

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In this section, we shall assume that $(1 - \frac{1}{r})p' + (1 - \frac{1}{s})q > 0$, where $p' = \frac{p}{(1-\frac{1}{r})p-1} > 0$.

Before stating our main results in this section, we shall need the following definition and lemmas.

Definition 2.1 Let $u(x) \geq 0, v(x) \geq 0, 1 < p \leq q < \infty$, and suppose $k(x, y) \geq 0$ is defined in $\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y < x\}$. (a) We shall say that the pair of functions $(u(x), v(x))$ satisfies the $A(k, p, q, r, s)$ condition with a constant C if there exists a real number $\beta, 0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ such that for all a

$$\left(\int_a^\infty k(y, a)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(y)^{(1-1/s)q} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-1/s)q}} \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^a K(a, y)^{(1-1/r)(1-\beta)p'} v(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-1/r)p'}} \leq C < \infty, \quad (2.4)$$

holds.

(b) We shall say that the pair of functions $(u(x), v(x))$ satisfies the $A^*(k, p, q, r, s)$ condition with a constant C^* if there exists a real number $\beta, 0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ such that for all a

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^a K(a, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(y)^{(1-1/s)q} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-1/s)q}} \cdot \left(\int_a^\infty K(y, a)^{(1-1/r)(1-\beta)p'} v(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-1/r)p'}} \leq C^* < \infty, \quad (2.5)$$

holds.

Lemma 2.1 Let $f(x, y) \geq 0$. Suppose $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ and $b > -\infty$, then

$$\left(\int_b^\infty \left[\int_b^x f(x, y) dy \right]^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \int_b^\infty \left(\int_y^\infty f(x, y)^p dx \right)^{1/p} dy \quad (2.6)$$

and

$$\left(\int_b^\infty \left[\int_x^\infty f(x, y) dy \right]^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \int_b^\infty \left(\int_b^y f(x, y)^p dx \right)^{1/p} dy \quad (2.7)$$

Proof: See [4, Theorem 202, p. 148].

Lemma 2.2 For any $f \geq 0$ and any $\alpha > 0$ we have

$$\int_a^b f(x) \left(\int_a^x f(t) dt \right)^\alpha dx = \frac{1}{(\alpha + 1)} \left(\int_a^b f(x) dx \right)^{(\alpha+1)} \quad (2.8)$$

Proof: Let

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t)dt$$

Then

$$F'(x) = f(x)dx$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) \left(\int_a^x f(t)dt \right)^\alpha dx &= \int_a^b F(x)^\alpha dF(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{(\alpha + 1)} \left(\int_a^b f(x)dx \right)^{(\alpha+1)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\int_a^b f(x) \left(\int_a^x f(t)dt \right)^\alpha dx = \frac{1}{(\alpha + 1)} \left(\int_a^b f(x)dx \right)^{(\alpha+1)}$$

Lemma 2.3 *Let $k(x, y) \geq 0$ be defined in $\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathfrak{R}^2 : y < x\}$ with $k(x, y)$ nondecreasing in y and nonincreasing in x . Then the following inequality holds*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} h(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dy \\ \leq \frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} h(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Proof: For any $x \in \mathfrak{R}$, let

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} h(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} \\ &\quad \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^y k(y, z)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{-\frac{(1-1/r)p'}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} dy \quad \text{by (1.3)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $y < x$, it follows that $k(y, z) \geq k(x, z)$ and this is bounded above by

$$\begin{aligned}
J &\leq \int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} \\
&\quad \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^y k(x, z)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{-\frac{(1-1/r)p'}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} dy \\
&= \frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x, z)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.2} \\
&= \frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} h(x)^{(1-1/s)q}
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the Lemma.

Lemma 2.4 Let $k(x, y) \geq 0$ be defined in $\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathfrak{R}^2 : y < x\}$ with $k(x, y)$ nondecreasing in y and nonincreasing in x . Suppose $(u(x), v(x))$ satisfies the $A(k, p, q, r, s)$ condition with constant C and if $(1 - \frac{1}{r})^2 p p' - (1 - \frac{1}{s})^2 q^2 = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left(\int_y^\infty k(x, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} h(x)^{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)p} dx \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \leq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \\
&\quad \cdot C^{\frac{(1-1/s)^2(1-1/r)pq}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \left(\int_{-\infty}^y k(z, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \quad (2.10)
\end{aligned}$$

Proof: Let

$$\begin{aligned}
J &= \int_y^\infty k(x, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} h(x)^{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)p} dx \\
&= \int_y^\infty k(x, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \\
&\quad \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x, z)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)p}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} dy \quad 1.3 \quad (2.11)
\end{aligned}$$

Since $(u(x), v(x))$ satisfies the $A(k, p, q, r, s)$ condition with constant C , we have obtain from (2.4) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{-\infty}^x k(x, z)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \\
& \leq C^{(1-1/r)p'} \left(\int_x^{\infty} k(z, x)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{-(1-1/r)p'}{(1-1/s)q}} \quad (2.12)
\end{aligned}$$

Substitute (2.12) into (2.11) and apply Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J & \leq C^{\frac{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)p'p'}{(1-1/r)p'+(1-1/s)q}} \int_y^{\infty} k(x, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \\
& \quad \cdot \left(\int_x^{\infty} k(z, x)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{-(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'+(1-1/s)q}} dx \\
& = \frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)} C^{\frac{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)^2 p'p'}{(1-1/r)p'+(1-1/s)q}} \\
& \quad \cdot \int_y^{\infty} k(x, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \left(\int_{-\infty}^y k(z, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/r)p'}{(1-1/r)p'+(1-1/s)q}}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
J^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} & \leq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} C^{\frac{(1-1/s)^2(1-1/r)p'q}{(1-1/r)p'+(1-1/s)q}} \\
& \quad \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^y k(z, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'+(1-1/s)q}}
\end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete.

Theorem 2.1 Let K be an integral operator defined in (1.1). Let $k(x, y) \geq 0$ is defined in

$\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y < x\}$ with $k(x, y)$ nonincreasing in x and nondecreasing in y .

If $(u(x), v(x))$ satisfies the $A(k, p, q, r, s)$ condition with constant C and $(1 - \frac{1}{r})^2 p p' - (1 - \frac{1}{s}) q^2 = 0$.

Then

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(Tf)(x)u(x)|^{(1-\frac{1}{s})q} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{s})q}} \leq AC^{(1-\frac{1}{s})} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)v(x)|^{(1-\frac{1}{r})p} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{r})p}} \quad (2.13)$$

where

$$A = \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

Proof: Assume $f \geq 0$ for which the right hand side of (2.13) is finite and let

$$\begin{aligned}
J &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u(x)(Tf)(x)|^{(1-1/s)q} dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x,y)f(y)dy \right)^{(1-1/s)q} dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x,y)^{\beta} f(y)v(y)h(y)k(x,y)^{1-\beta} v(y)^{-1} h(y)^{-1} dy \right)^{(1-1/s)q} dx
\end{aligned}$$

By Holder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x,y)^{(1-1/r)\beta p} [f(y)v(y)h(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}} \\
&\quad \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x,y)^{(1-1/r)(1-\beta)p'} [v(y)h(y)]^{-(1-1/r)p'} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} dx
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma2.3, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
J &\leq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \\
&\quad \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x,y)^{(1-1/r)\beta p} [f(y)v(y)h(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}} h(x)^{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)p}
\end{aligned}$$

By Minkowskii's integral inequality (2.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
J &\leq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_y^{\infty} k(x,y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \cdot h(x)^{(1-1/r)(1-1/s)p} dx \right\}^{\frac{(1-1/r)p}{(1-1/s)q}} [f(y)v(y)h(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}}
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma2.4, we obtain

$$J \leq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)p'} \right)^{(1-1/s)} C^{\frac{(1-1/s)^2(1-1/r)^2 p p'}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cdot \left(\int_{\infty}^{\infty} [f(y)v(y)h(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} \left(\int_y^{\infty} k(y,z)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. \cdot u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}} \tag{2.14}
\end{aligned}$$

Since $(u(x),v(x))$ satisfies the $A(k,p,q,r,s)$ condition with constant C , we have from (2.4) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\int_y^{\infty} k(y,z)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \\
& \leq C^{\frac{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)^2 p p'}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \left(\int_y^{\infty} k(y,z)^{(1-1/r)(1-\beta)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{-\frac{(1-1/r)p}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \tag{2.15}
\end{aligned}$$

Substitute (2.15) into (2.14) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
J & \leq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)p'} \right)^{(1-1/s)} \\
& \cdot C^{\frac{(1-1/s)^2 [(1-1/r)^2 p p' + (1-1/r)p' q]}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \left(\int_{\infty}^{\infty} [f(y)v(y)h(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} \right. \\
& \left. \cdot \left(\int_y^{\infty} k(y,z)^{(1-1/r)(1-\beta)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{-\frac{(1-1/r)p}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}}
\end{aligned}$$

By (1.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J & \leq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)p'} \right)^{(1-1/s)} \\
& \cdot C^{\frac{(1-1/s)^2 [(1-1/s)q^2 + (1-1/r)p' q]}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \left(\int_{\infty}^{\infty} [f(y)v(y)h(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} h(y)^{(1-1/r)p} h(y)^{-(1-1/r)p} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
J^{\frac{1}{(1-1/s)q}} & \leq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)p'} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
& \cdot C^{(1-1/s)} \left(\int_{\infty}^{\infty} [f(y)v(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} dy \right)^{(1-1/r)p}
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

Remark 2.1 In the limit $r \rightarrow \infty$ and $s \rightarrow \infty$ in Theorem 2.1, we obtain

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(Kf)(x)u(x)|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq AC \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)v(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (2.16)$$

where

$$A = \left(\frac{p' + q}{q} \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \left(\frac{p' + q}{p'} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

which was a recent result obtained by Anderson and Heining [1].

Corollary 2.1 In Theorem 2.1, if we set $q^2 = 4(1 - \frac{1}{s})$ and $p = p' = 2$, we obtain $r = s \rightarrow \infty$ and so (2.13) reduces to

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(Tf)(x)u(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)v(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (2.17)$$

Theorem 2.2 Let K^* be an integral operator defined in (1). Let $k(x, y) \geq 0$ is defined in $\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y < x\}$ with $k(x, y)$ nonincreasing in x and nondecreasing in y . If $(u(x), v(x))$ satisfies the $A^*(k, p, q, r, s)$ condition with constant C^* and $(1 - \frac{1}{r})^2 pp' - (1 - \frac{1}{s})q^2 = 0$. Then

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(K^*f)(x)u(x)|^{(1-\frac{1}{s})q} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{s})q}} \leq AC^{*(1-\frac{1}{s})} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)v(x)|^{(1-\frac{1}{r})p} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{r})p}} \quad (2.18)$$

where

$$A = \left(\frac{(1 - 1/r)p' + (1 - 1/s)q}{(1 - 1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\frac{(1 - 1/r)p' + (1 - 1/s)q}{(1 - 1/r)p'} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

Proof: The proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.1 except that we define $h(y)$ by

$$h(y) = \left(\int_y^{\infty} K(y, z)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{\frac{-1}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}}$$

Remark 2.2 If in Theorem 2.2 we let $r \rightarrow \infty$ and $s \rightarrow \infty$, then our result reduces to

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(K^*f)(x)u(x)|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq AC^* \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)v(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (2.19)$$

where

$$A = \left(\frac{p' + q}{q} \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \left(\frac{p' + q}{p'} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

which is an estimate obtained by Andersen and Heinig[1].

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Throughout this section, we shall assume that $(1 - \frac{1}{r})p' + (1 - \frac{1}{s})q < 0$, $p' < 0$.

$(1 - \frac{1}{r})p \leq (1 - \frac{1}{s})q < 0$. From this, it follows that

$$\frac{(1 - \frac{1}{s})q}{(1 - \frac{1}{r})p} \geq 1$$

We shall also need the following lemmas in the proofs of our main results in this section.

Lemma 3.1 *Let $k(x, y) \geq 0$ be defined in $\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathfrak{R}^2 : y < x\}$ with $k(x, y)$ nondecreasing in y and nonincreasing in x . Then the following inequality holds*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} h(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dy \\ \geq \frac{(1 - 1/r)p' + (1 - 1/s)q}{(1 - 1/s)q} h(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

Proof: For any $x \in \mathfrak{R}$, let

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} h(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} \\ &\quad \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^y k(y, z)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{-\frac{(1-1/r)p'}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} dy \quad \text{by (1.3)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $y < x$, it follows that $k(y, z) \geq k(x, z)$ and this is bounded above by

$$\begin{aligned} J &\geq \int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(y)^{-(1-1/r)p'} \\ &\quad \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^y k(x, z)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{-\frac{(1-1/r)p'}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} dy \\ &= \frac{(1 - 1/r)p' + (1 - 1/s)q}{(1 - 1/s)q} \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x, z)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \\ &\quad \text{by Lemma 2.2} \\ &= \frac{(1 - 1/r)p' + (1 - 1/s)q}{(1 - 1/s)q} h(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the Lemma.

Lemma 3.2 Let $k(x, y) \geq 0$ be defined in $\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathfrak{R}^2 : y < x\}$ with $k(x, y)$ nondecreasing in y and nonincreasing in x . Suppose $(u(x), v(x))$ satisfies the $A(k, p, q, r, s)$ condition with constant C and if $(1 - \frac{1}{r})^2 pp' - (1 - \frac{1}{s})^2 q^2 = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int_y^\infty k(x, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} h(x)^{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)p} dx \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \geq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \\ & \cdot C^{\frac{(1-1/s)^2(1-1/r)pq}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \left(\int_{-\infty}^y k(z, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

Proof: Let

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_y^\infty k(x, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} h(x)^{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)p} dx \\ &= \int_y^\infty k(x, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \\ & \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x, z)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)p}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} dy \end{aligned} \quad 1.3 \quad (3.22)$$

Since $(u(x), v(x))$ satisfies the $A(k, p, q, r, s)$ condition with constant C , we have obtain from (2.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^x k(x, z)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \\ & \leq C^{(1-1/r)p'} \left(\int_x^\infty k(z, x)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{-(1-1/r)p'}{(1-1/s)q}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

Substitute (3.23) into (3.22) and apply Lemma3.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} J &\geq C^{\frac{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)pp'}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \int_y^\infty k(x, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \\ & \cdot \left(\int_x^\infty k(z, x)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{-(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} dx \\ &= \frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)} C^{\frac{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)^2 pp'}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \\ & \cdot \int_y^\infty k(x, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \left(\int_{-\infty}^y k(z, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/r)p'}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$J^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \geq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} C^{\frac{(1-1/s)^2(1-1/r)pq}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^y k(z, y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}}$$

and the proof is complete.

Theorem 3.1 Let K be an integral operator defined in (1.1). Let $k(x, y) \geq 0$ is defined in $\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y < x\}$ with $k(x, y)$ nonincreasing in x and nondecreasing in y . If $(u(x), v(x))$ satisfies the $A(k, p, q, r, s)$ condition with constant C and $(1 - \frac{1}{r})^2 pp' - (1 - \frac{1}{s})q^2 = 0$. Then

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(Tf)(x)u(x)|^{(1-\frac{1}{s})q} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{s})q}} \geq AC^{(1-\frac{1}{s})} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)v(x)|^{(1-\frac{1}{r})p} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{r})p}} \quad (3.24)$$

where

$$A = \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

Proof: Assume $f \geq 0$ for which the right hand side of (3.25) is finite and let

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u(x)(Tf)(x)|^{(1-1/s)q} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)f(y)dy \right)^{(1-1/s)q} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)^{\beta} f(y)v(y)h(y)k(x, y)^{1-\beta} v(y)^{-1}h(y)^{-1}dy \right)^{(1-1/s)q} dx \end{aligned}$$

By Holder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J &\geq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)^{(1-1/r)\beta p} [f(y)v(y)h(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}} \\ &\quad \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)^{(1-1/r)(1-\beta)p'} [v(y)h(y)]^{-(1-1/r)p'} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} dx \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma3.1, we have

$$J \geq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \\ \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^x k(x,y)^{(1-1/r)\beta p} [f(y)v(y)h(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}} h(x)^{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)p}$$

By Minkowskii's integral inequality (2.6), we obtain

$$J \geq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_y^{\infty} k(x,y)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(x)^{(1-1/s)q} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \cdot h(x)^{(1-1/r)(1-1/s)p} dx \right\}^{\frac{(1-1/r)p}{(1-1/s)q}} [f(y)v(y)h(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}}$$

By Lemma3.2, we obtain

$$J \geq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)p'} \right)^{(1-1/s)} C^{\frac{(1-1/s)^2(1-1/r)^2 pp'}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \\ \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [f(y)v(y)h(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} \left(\int_y^{\infty} k(y,z)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \cdot u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}} \quad (3.25)$$

Since $(u(x),v(x))$ satisfies the $A(k,p,q,r,s)$ condition with constant C , we have from (2.4) that

$$\left(\int_y^{\infty} k(y,z)^{(1-1/s)\beta q} u(z)^{(1-1/s)q} dz \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \\ \geq C^{\frac{(1-1/s)(1-1/r)^2 pp'}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \left(\int_y^{\infty} k(y,z)^{(1-1/r)(1-\beta)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{-\frac{(1-1/r)p}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \quad (3.26)$$

Substitute (3.26) into (3.25) we obtain

$$J \geq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)p'} \right)^{(1-1/s)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cdot C^{\frac{(1-1/s)^2[(1-1/r)^2 p p' + (1-1/r)p' q]}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \left(\int_{\infty}^{\infty} [f(y)v(y)h(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} \right. \\ & \left. \cdot \left(\int_y^{\infty} k(y,z)^{(1-1/r)(1-\beta)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{-\frac{(1-1/r)p}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}} \end{aligned}$$

By (1.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} J & \geq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)p'} \right)^{(1-1/s)} \\ & \cdot C^{\frac{(1-1/s)^2[(1-1/s)q^2 + (1-1/r)p' q]}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}} \left(\int_{\infty}^{\infty} [f(y)v(y)h(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} h(y)^{(1-1/r)p} h(y)^{-(1-1/r)p} dy \right)^{\frac{(1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} J^{\frac{1}{(1-1/s)q}} & \geq \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)p'} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \cdot C^{(1-1/s)} \left(\int_{\infty}^{\infty} [f(y)v(y)]^{(1-1/r)p} dy \right)^{(1-1/r)p} \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

Remark 3.1 In the limit $r \rightarrow \infty$ and $s \rightarrow \infty$ in in Theorem 3.1, we obtain

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(Kf)(x)u(x)|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq AC \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)v(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (3.27)$$

where

$$A = \left(\frac{p' + q}{q} \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \left(\frac{p' + q}{p'} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

which is a new result.

Corollary 3.1 In Theorem 3.1, if we set $q^2 = 4(1 - \frac{1}{s})$ and $p = p' = 2$, we obtain $r = s \rightarrow \infty$ and so (3.25) reduces to

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(Tf)(x)u(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq C \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)v(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (3.28)$$

Theorem 3.2 Let K^* be an integral operator defined in (1). Let $k(x, y) \geq 0$ is defined in $\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y < x\}$ with $k(x, y)$ nonincreasing in x and nondecreasing in y . If $(u(x), v(x))$ satisfies the $A^*(k, p, q, r, s)$ condition with constant C^* and $(1 - \frac{1}{r})^2 pp' - (1 - \frac{1}{s})q^2 = 0$. Then

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(K^* f)(x)u(x)|^{(1-\frac{1}{s})q} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{s})q}} \geq AC^{*(1-\frac{1}{s})} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)v(x)|^{(1-\frac{1}{r})p} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{r})p}} \quad (3.29)$$

where

$$A = \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/s)q} \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-1/r)p'}} \left(\frac{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}{(1-1/r)p'} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

Proof: The proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.1 except that we define $h(y)$ by

$$h(y) = \left(\int_y^{\infty} K(y, z)^{(1-\beta)(1-1/r)p'} v(z)^{-(1-1/r)p'} dz \right)^{\frac{-1}{(1-1/r)p' + (1-1/s)q}}$$

Remark 3.2 If in Theorem 3.2 we let $r \rightarrow \infty$ and $s \rightarrow \infty$, then our result reduces to

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(K^* f)(x)u(x)|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq AC^* \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)v(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (3.30)$$

where

$$A = \left(\frac{p' + q}{q} \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \left(\frac{p' + q}{p'} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

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