

# ON GENERALISATIONS OF THE HARDY-HILBERT INTEGRAL INEQUALITY

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, by introducing some parameters, we give a new generalisation of the Hardy-Hilbert inequality with a best constant factor which involves the  $\beta$ -function. We also consider its more extended form.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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

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

where the constant  $\frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)}$  is the best possible. (1.1) is well known as the Hardy-Hilbert inequality. Its integral form is:

If  $f(t), g(t) \geq 0$ , and

$$0 < \int_0^{\infty} f^p(t) dt < \infty, \quad 0 < \int_0^{\infty} g^q(t) dt < \infty,$$

then

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

where the constant  $\frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)}$  is still best possible (see [1]).

The Hardy-Hilbert inequality is important in analysis and its applications (see [2]). In recent years, some new improvements of (1.1) have been given in [3, 4]. By introducing two parameters  $\alpha, \lambda$  ( $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lambda \in \left(\frac{1}{r}, 1\right]$  ( $r = p, q$ )), Yang [5] gave a generalisation of (1.2) as:

$$(1.3) \quad \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\lambda}} dx dy \\ \leq \tilde{k}_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(p) \tilde{k}_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(q) \left[ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} f^p(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} g^q(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where

$$\tilde{k}_{\lambda}(r) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+u)^{\lambda}} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{1-\frac{1}{r}} du = B\left(\frac{1}{r}, \lambda - \frac{1}{r}\right) \quad (r = p, q),$$

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( $B(u, v)$  is the  $\beta$ -function), and Kuang [6] gave the same result for  $\alpha = 0$  in (1.3). For  $T > 0$ , and  $0 < \lambda \leq 1$ , Yang [7] gave generalisations of (1.2) when  $p = q = 2$  as:

$$(1.4) \quad \int_0^T \int_0^T \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y)^\lambda} dx dy$$

$$\leq B\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{\lambda}{2}\right) \left\{ \int_0^T \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^{\frac{\lambda}{2}}\right] t^{1-\lambda} f^2(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\times \left\{ \int_0^T \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^{\frac{\lambda}{2}}\right] t^{1-\lambda} g^2(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (T < \infty);$$

$$(1.5) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y)^\lambda} dx dy$$

$$\leq B\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{\lambda}{2}\right) \left\{ \int_0^\infty t^{1-\lambda} f^2(t) dt \int_0^\infty t^{1-\lambda} g^2(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

In this paper, following the way of [8, 9] in estimating the weight function, we introduce the  $\beta$ -function, and build some lemmas. As the main result, a new generalisation with the best constant factor involving the  $\beta$ -function is given, which is more accurate than (1.3) (see (3.2)). We also consider its more extended form (see (3.1)).

## 2. SOME LEMMAS

**Lemma 1.** For  $a < 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , defined  $g(a, y)$  as

$$g(a, y) = y^{a-1} \int_0^y \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^a du, \quad y \in (0, 1].$$

Then we have  $g(a, y) > g(a, 1)$  ( $y \in (0, 1)$ ).

*Proof.* Integrating by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} g'_y(a, y) &= (a-1)y^{a-2} \int_0^y \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^a du + y^{a-1} \frac{1}{(1+y)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^a \\ &= -y^{a-2} \int_0^y \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} du^{1-a} + y^{-1} \frac{1}{(1+y)^\lambda} \\ &= -y^{a-2} \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} y^{1-a} - \lambda y^{a-2} \int_0^y \frac{1}{(1+u)^{\lambda+1}} u^{1-a} du + y^{-1} \frac{1}{(1+y)^\lambda} \\ &= -\lambda y^{a-2} \int_0^y \frac{1}{(1+u)^{\lambda+1}} u^{1-a} du < 0 \quad (y \in (0, 1)). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $g(a, y)$  is a strictly decreasing function of  $y$ . In view of the fact that  $g(a, y)$  is left continuous as a function of  $y$  at  $y = 1$ , we have  $g(a, y) > g(a, 1)$  ( $0 < y < 1$ ). The lemma is thus proved. ■

We have a formula of the  $\beta$ -function as (see [8]):

$$(2.1) \quad B(p, q) = \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{p-1}}{(1+t)^{p+q}} dt = \frac{\Gamma(p)\Gamma(q)}{\Gamma(p+q)} = B(q, p) \quad (p, q > 0).$$

**Lemma 2.** *If  $r > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$ ,  $\lambda > 2 - \min\{r, s\}$ , and  $\alpha < T < \infty$ , define the weight function  $\tilde{\omega}_\lambda(\alpha, T, r, x)$  as:*

$$(2.2) \quad \tilde{\omega}_\lambda(\alpha, T, r, x) = \int_\alpha^T \frac{1}{(x+y-2\alpha)^\lambda} \left(\frac{x-\alpha}{y-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{r}} dy, \quad x \in (\alpha, T].$$

Setting  $\tilde{\omega}_\lambda(\alpha, \infty, r, x) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\omega}_\lambda(\alpha, T, r, x)$ , and

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} k_\lambda(r) &= k_\lambda(s) = B\left(\frac{r+\lambda-2}{r}, \frac{s+\lambda-2}{s}\right), \\ \theta_\lambda(s) &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{s}} du, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$(2.4) \quad \tilde{\omega}_\lambda(\alpha, \infty, r, x) = k_\lambda(r) (x-\alpha)^{1-\lambda}, \quad (x \in (\alpha, \infty));$$

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} &\tilde{\omega}_\lambda(\alpha, T, r, x) \\ &> \left[ k_\lambda(r) - \theta_\lambda(s) \left(\frac{x-\alpha}{T-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{s+\lambda-2}{s}} \right] (x-\alpha)^{1-\lambda}, \quad (x \in (\alpha, T)). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Setting  $u = \frac{y-\alpha}{x-\alpha}$ , we find

$$(2.6) \quad \tilde{\omega}_\lambda(\alpha, T, r, x) = (x-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} \int_0^{\frac{T-\alpha}{x-\alpha}} \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{r}} du, \quad x \in (\alpha, T].$$

Since

$$\lambda = \frac{r+\lambda-2}{r} + \frac{s+\lambda-2}{s}$$

and

$$\frac{2-\lambda}{r} = 1 - \frac{r+\lambda-2}{r},$$

by (2.1) and (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\omega}_\lambda(\alpha, \infty, r, x) &= (x-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{r}} du \\ &= (x-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} B\left(\frac{r+\lambda-2}{r}, \frac{s+\lambda-2}{r}\right), \quad (x \in (\alpha, \infty)), \end{aligned}$$

and (2.4) is valid. By (2.6) and (2.4), we have

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\omega}_\lambda(\alpha, T, r, x) &= (x-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} \left[ k_\lambda(r) - \int_{\frac{T-\alpha}{x-\alpha}}^\infty \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{r}} du \right] \\ &= (x-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} \left[ k_\lambda(r) - \int_0^{\frac{x-\alpha}{T-\alpha}} \frac{1}{(1+v)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{v}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{r}} dv \right] \\ &= (x-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} \left\{ k_\lambda(r) - \left[ \left(\frac{x-\alpha}{T-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{s}-1} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times \int_0^{\frac{x-\alpha}{T-\alpha}} \frac{1}{(1+v)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{v}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{s}} dv \right] \left(\frac{x-\alpha}{T-\alpha}\right)^{1+\frac{\lambda-2}{s}} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $a = \frac{(2-\lambda)}{s}$  in Lemma 1, we have  $a < 1$ . Since  $\min\{r, s\} \leq 2$ , it follows that  $\lambda > 2 - \min\{r, s\} \geq 0$ . By Lemma 1 and (2.3), we find

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.8) \quad & \left(\frac{x-\alpha}{T-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{s}-1} \int_0^{\frac{x-\alpha}{T-\alpha}} \frac{1}{(1+v)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{v}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{s}} dv \\
&= g\left(\frac{2-\lambda}{s}, \frac{x-\alpha}{T-\alpha}\right) > g\left(\frac{2-\lambda}{s}, 1\right) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1+v)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{v}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{s}} dv \\
&= \theta_\lambda(s) \quad (x \in (\alpha, T)).
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting (2.8) in (2.7), we have (2.5). This proves the lemma.  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 3.** *If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\lambda > 2 - \min\{p, q\}$ ,  $\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p} - \frac{1}{n_0} > 0$  ( $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ), and  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \frac{q}{n_0}$ , then we have*

$$(2.9) \quad \int_1^\infty X^{-1-\varepsilon} \left[ \int_0^{\frac{1}{X}} \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{p} + \frac{\varepsilon}{q}} du \right] dX = O(1) \quad (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+).$$

*Proof.* Since  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \frac{q}{n_0}$ , then we have  $\frac{\varepsilon}{q} \leq \frac{1}{n_0}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &< \int_1^\infty X^{-1-\varepsilon} \left[ \int_0^{\frac{1}{X}} \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{p} + \frac{\varepsilon}{q}} du \right] dX \\
&\leq \int_1^\infty X^{-1} \left[ \int_0^{\frac{1}{X}} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{p} + \frac{1}{n_0}} du \right] dX = \frac{1}{\left[\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p} - \frac{1}{n_0}\right]^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence (2.9) is valid. The lemma is proved.  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 4.** *If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\lambda > 2 - \min\{p, q\}$ ,  $\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p} - \frac{1}{n_0} > 0$  ( $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ), and  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \frac{q}{n_0}$ , then for  $\alpha, T \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $\alpha < T$ ), we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.10) \quad & \int_\alpha^T \int_\alpha^T \frac{1}{(x+y-2\alpha)^\lambda} \left(\frac{x-\alpha}{T-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda-2+\delta}{p}} \left(\frac{y-\alpha}{T-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\lambda-2+\phi}{q}} dx dy \\
&\sim (T-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} \frac{1}{s} k_\lambda(p) \quad (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+).
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Setting  $X = \frac{(T-\alpha)}{(x-\alpha)}$ , and  $Y = \frac{(T-\alpha)}{(y-\alpha)}$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.11) \quad & \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{1}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\lambda}} \left( \frac{x-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{\lambda-2+\delta}{p}} \left( \frac{y-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{\lambda-2+\phi}{q}} dx dy \\
&= (T-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} \int_1^{\infty} X^{\frac{\lambda-2}{q}-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}} \left[ \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{(X+Y)^{\lambda}} Y^{\frac{\lambda-2}{q}-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}} dY \right] dX \\
&= (T-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} \int_1^{\infty} X^{-1-\varepsilon} \left[ \int_{\frac{1}{X}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+u)^{\lambda}} u^{\frac{\lambda-2}{q}-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}} du \right] dX \\
&= (T-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} \left\{ \int_1^{\infty} X^{-1-\varepsilon} \left[ \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+u)^{\lambda}} u^{\frac{\lambda-2}{q}-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}} du \right] dX \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \int_1^{\infty} X^{-1-\varepsilon} \left[ \int_0^{\frac{1}{X}} \frac{1}{(1+u)^{\lambda}} u^{\frac{\lambda-2}{q}-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}} du \right] dX \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+u)^{\lambda}} u^{\frac{\lambda-2}{q}-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}} du = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+u)^{\lambda}} u^{\frac{\lambda-2}{q}} du = k_{\lambda}(p),$$

then we find

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+u)^{\lambda}} u^{\frac{\lambda-2}{q}-\frac{\varepsilon}{p}} du = k_{\lambda}(p) + o(1) \quad (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+).$$

By Lemma 3 and (2.11), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{1}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\lambda}} \left( \frac{x-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{\lambda-2+\delta}{p}} \left( \frac{y-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{\lambda-2+\phi}{q}} dx dy \\
&= (T-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} \left[ \int_1^{\infty} X^{-1-\varepsilon} (k_{\lambda}(p) + o(1)) dX - O(1) \right] \\
&= (T-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} \left[ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (k_{\lambda}(p) + o(1)) - O(1) \right] \\
&= (T-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} ((k_{\lambda}(p) + o(1)) - \varepsilon O(1)) \\
&\sim (T-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} \frac{1}{s} k_{\lambda}(p) \quad (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence (2.10) is valid, and the lemma is proved. ■

### 3. MAIN RESULTS AND SOME COROLLARIES

**Theorem 1.** *If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\lambda > 2 - \min\{p, q\}$ ,  $\alpha < T \leq \infty$ , and  $f(t)$ ,  $g(t) \geq 0$ ,*

$$0 < \int_{\alpha}^T (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} f^p(t) dt < \infty, \quad 0 < \int_{\alpha}^T (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} g^q(t) dt < \infty,$$

then,

(i) for  $T < \infty$ , we have

$$(3.1) \quad \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\lambda}} dx dy$$

$$< \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ k_{\lambda}(p) - \theta_{\lambda}(p) \left( \frac{t-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}} \right] (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} f^p(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\times \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ k_{\lambda}(q) - \theta_{\lambda}(q) \left( \frac{t-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}} \right] (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} g^q(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where

$$k_{\lambda}(p) = B\left(\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}, \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}\right),$$

$$\theta_{\lambda}(r) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1+u)^{\lambda}} u^{\frac{2-\lambda}{r}} du \quad (r = p, q);$$

(ii) for  $T = \infty$ , we have

$$(3.2) \quad \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\lambda}} dx dy$$

$$< k_{\lambda}(p) \left[ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} f^p(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} g^q(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant  $k_{\lambda}(p)$  in (3.1) and (3.2) is the best possible.

*Proof.* For  $\alpha < T \leq \infty$ , by Hölder's inequality in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and (2.2), we have

$$(3.3) \quad \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\lambda}} dx dy$$

$$= \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ \frac{f(x)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\frac{\lambda}{p}}} \left( \frac{x-\alpha}{y-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{pq}} \right] \left[ \frac{g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\frac{\lambda}{q}}} \left( \frac{y-\alpha}{x-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{pq}} \right] dx dy$$

$$\leq \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{f^p(x)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\lambda}} \left( \frac{x-\alpha}{y-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{q}} dx dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\times \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{g^q(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\lambda}} \left( \frac{y-\alpha}{x-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{p}} dx dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$= \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{1}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\lambda}} \left( \frac{x-\alpha}{y-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{q}} dy \right] f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\times \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{1}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\lambda}} \left( \frac{y-\alpha}{x-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{p}} dx \right] g^q(y) dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$= \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \tilde{\omega}_{\lambda}(\alpha, T, q, x) f^p(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \tilde{\omega}_{\lambda}(\alpha, T, p, y) g^q(y) dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

If (3.3) takes equality, then there exists constants  $A, B > 0$  such that (see [10])

$$\begin{aligned} & A \frac{f^p(x)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^\lambda} \left( \frac{x-\alpha}{y-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{q}} \\ &= B \frac{g^q(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^\lambda} \left( \frac{y-\alpha}{x-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{2-\lambda}{p}} \quad \text{a.e. in } [\alpha, T] \times [\alpha, T]. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$(x-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} f^p(x) = \frac{B}{A} (y-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} g^q(y) \quad \text{for a.e. in } [\alpha, T] \times [\alpha, T],$$

and

$$(x-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} f^p(x) = \frac{B}{A} (y-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} g^q(y) = c \quad \text{for a.e. in } [\alpha, T] \times [\alpha, T],$$

where  $c$  is a constant; which contradicts the fact that

$$0 < \int_{\alpha}^T (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} f^p(t) dt < \infty.$$

Hence, by (3.3), we have

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^\lambda} dx dy \\ & < \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \tilde{\omega}_{\lambda}(\alpha, T, q, t) f^p(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \tilde{\omega}_{\lambda}(\alpha, T, p, t) g^q(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.5) and (2.4) since  $k_{\lambda}(q) = k_{\lambda}(p)$ , we have (3.1) and (3.2).

For  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \frac{q}{n_0}$ , setting  $\tilde{f}_{\varepsilon}(x)$  and  $\tilde{g}_{\varepsilon}(y)$  as

$$\tilde{f}_{\varepsilon}(x) = \left( \frac{x-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{\lambda-2+\varepsilon}{p}}, \quad x \in (\alpha, T], \quad \tilde{g}_{\varepsilon}(y) = \left( \frac{y-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{\lambda-2+\varepsilon}{q}}, \quad y \in (\alpha, T],$$

we find

$$\left[ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} \tilde{f}_{\varepsilon}^p(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} \tilde{g}_{\varepsilon}^q(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} = (T-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} \frac{1}{\varepsilon}.$$

By Lemma 4, we have

$$\int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{\tilde{f}_{\varepsilon}(x)\tilde{g}_{\varepsilon}(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^\lambda} dx dy \sim (T-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} k_{\lambda}(p) \quad (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+).$$

If there exist  $\alpha, T \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $\alpha < T$ ), such that the constant  $k_{\lambda}(p)$  in (3.1) is not the best possible, then there exists  $K$  ( $0 < K < k_{\lambda}(p)$ ), such that (3.1) is valid when we change  $k_{\lambda}(p)$  to  $K$ . We find

$$\begin{aligned} & (T-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} k_{\lambda}(p) \sim \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{\tilde{f}_{\varepsilon}(x)\tilde{g}_{\varepsilon}(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^\lambda} dx dy \\ & < K \left[ \int_{\alpha}^T (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} \tilde{f}_{\varepsilon}^p(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[ \int_{\alpha}^T (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} \tilde{g}_{\varepsilon}^q(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & = K (T-\alpha)^{2-\lambda} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \quad (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have  $k_\lambda(p) \leq K$ , which contradicts the fact that  $K < k_\lambda(p)$ . It follows that  $k_\lambda(p)$  in (3.1) is the best possible.

If there exists an  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that the constant  $k_\lambda(p)$  in (3.2) is not best possible, then there exists  $k$  ( $0 < k < k_\lambda(p)$ ), such that

$$(3.5) \quad \int_\alpha^\infty \int_\alpha^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^\lambda} dx dy < k \left[ \int_\alpha^\infty (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} f^p(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[ \int_\alpha^\infty (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} g^q(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

For any  $f, g$  which are suitable to (3.1), setting  $f(t) = g(t) = 0$ , for  $t \in (T, \infty)$ , by (3.5), we still have

$$\int_\alpha^T \int_\alpha^T \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^\lambda} dx dy < k \left[ \int_\alpha^T (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} f^p(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[ \int_\alpha^T (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} g^q(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

This contradicts the fact that  $k_\lambda(p)$  is the best possible in (3.1). Hence the constant  $k_\lambda(p)$  in (3.2) is the best possible. The theorem is thus proved. ■

For  $\lambda = 1, 2, 3$ , we have  $\lambda > 2 - \min\{p, q\}$  ( $p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ). Hence for  $r = p, q$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1(r) &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+u} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} du > \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+u} du = \ln 2, \\ k_1(p) &= B\left(\frac{1}{q}, \frac{1}{p}\right) = \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)}; \\ \theta_2(r) &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1+u)^2} du = \frac{1}{2}, \quad k_2(p) = B(1, 1) = 1; \\ \theta_3(r) &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1+u)^3} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{-\frac{1}{r}} du > \int_0^1 \frac{u}{(1+u)^3} du = \frac{1}{8}, \\ k_3(p) &= \frac{1}{2pq} B\left(\frac{1}{q}, \frac{1}{p}\right) = \frac{(p-1)\pi}{2p^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 1, the following corollaries hold.

**Corollary 1.** *If  $p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \lambda = 1, \alpha < T \leq \infty$ , and*

$$0 < \int_\alpha^T f^p(t) dt < \infty, \quad 0 < \int_\alpha^T g^q(t) dt < \infty,$$



then we have

$$(3.6) \quad \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y-2\alpha} dx dy < \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} - \ln 2 \left( \frac{t-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right] f^p(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} - \ln 2 \left( \frac{t-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right] g^q(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \quad (T < \infty);$$

$$(3.7) \quad \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y-2\alpha} dx dy < \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} \left( \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} f^p(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} g^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant  $\frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)}$  in (3.6) and (3.7) is the best possible.

**Corollary 2.** If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\lambda = 2$ ,  $\alpha < T \leq \infty$ , and  $f(t), g(t) \geq 0$ ,

$$0 < \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{1}{t-\alpha} f^p(t) dt < \infty, \quad 0 < \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{1}{t-\alpha} g^q(t) dt < \infty,$$

then we have

$$(3.8) \quad \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^2} dx dy < \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right) \right] \frac{1}{t-\alpha} f^p(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right) \right] \frac{1}{t-\alpha} g^q(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \quad (T < \infty),$$

$$(3.9) \quad \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^2} dx dy < \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t-\alpha} f^p(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t-\alpha} g^q(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant 1 in (3.8) and (3.9) is the best possible.

**Corollary 3.** If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\lambda = 3$ ,  $\alpha < T \leq \infty$ , and  $f(t), g(t) \geq 0$ ,

$$0 < \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{1}{(t-\alpha)^3} f^p(t) dt < \infty, \quad 0 < \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{1}{(t-\alpha)^3} g^q(t) dt < \infty,$$

then we have

$$(3.10) \quad \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^3} dx dy$$

$$< \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ \frac{(p-1)\pi}{2p^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} - \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{t-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{1+\frac{1}{p}} \right] \frac{1}{(t-\alpha)^2} f^p(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\times \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ \frac{(p-1)\pi}{2p^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} - \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{t-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{1+\frac{1}{q}} \right] \frac{1}{(t-\alpha)^2} g^q(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$(3.11) \quad \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^3} dx dy$$

$$< \frac{(p-1)\pi}{2p^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)} \left[ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(t-\alpha)^2} f^p(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(t-\alpha)^2} g^q(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant  $\frac{(p-1)\pi}{2p^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)}$  in (3.10) and (3.11) is the best possible.

Since  $k_{\lambda}(2) = B\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{\lambda}{2}\right)$ ,  $\theta_{\lambda}(2) = \frac{1}{2}B\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{\lambda}{2}\right)$ , and  $\lambda > 2 - \min\{2, 2\} = 0$ , we have:

**Corollary 4.** *If  $p = q = 2$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\alpha < T \leq \infty$ , and  $f(t), g(t) \geq 0$ ,*

$$0 < \int_{\alpha}^T (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} f^2(t) dt < \infty, \quad 0 < \int_{\alpha}^T (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} g^2(t) dt < \infty,$$

then we have

$$(3.12) \quad \int_{\alpha}^T \int_{\alpha}^T \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\lambda}} dx dy$$

$$< B\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{\lambda}{2}\right) \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} f^2(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\times \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^T \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t-\alpha}{T-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} g^2(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (T < \infty);$$

$$(3.13) \quad \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{\lambda}} dx dy$$

$$< B\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{\lambda}{2}\right) \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} f^2(t) dt \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} (t-\alpha)^{1-\lambda} g^2(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where the constant  $B\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{\lambda}{2}\right)$  in (3.12) and (3.13) is the best possible.

**Remark 1.** (1)

- (a) *Since the constant  $k_{\lambda}(p)$  ( $\lambda > 2 - \min\{p, q\}$ ) in (3.2) is the best possible, it follows that (3.2) is more accurate an estimate than (1.3).*
- (b) *For  $\alpha = 0$ , inequality (3.7) changes to (1.2), hence inequalities (3.7) and (3.2) are new generalisations of (1.2).*

- (c) where  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , (3.1) changes to (3.2), and inequality (3.1) is thus a more extended form of (3.2).
- (d) Inequalities (3.13) and (3.12) are new generalisations of Hilbert's integral inequality, and are new improvements of (1.5) and (1.4).

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