

EQUIVALENT STATEMENTS OF A MORE ACCURATE EXTENDED MULHOLLAND'S INEQUALITY WITH A BEST POSSIBLE CONSTANT FACTOR

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Abstract. By the use of the weight functions, the idea of introduced parameters and Hermite-Hadamard's inequality, a more accurate extended Mulholland's inequality and its equivalent form are given. A few equivalent statements of the best possible constant factor related to some parameters, some particular cases and the operator expressions are considered.

1. Introduction

Assuming that $0 < \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m^2 < \infty$ and $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 < \infty$, we have the following Hilbert's inequality with the best possible constant factor π (cf. [1], Theorem 315):

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} < \pi \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (1)$$

We still have the following Mulholland's inequality with the same best possible constant factor π (cf. [1], Theorem 343):

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\ln mn} < \pi \left(\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m a_m^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n b_n^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (2)$$

If $0 < \int_0^{\infty} f^2(x) dx < \infty$ and $0 < \int_0^{\infty} g^2(y) dy < \infty$, then we have the following Hilbert's integral inequality:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy < \pi \left(\int_0^{\infty} f^2(x) dx \int_0^{\infty} g^2(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (3)$$

where, the constant factor π is the best possible (cf. [1], Theorem 316).

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Inequalities (1), (2), (3) and their extensions with the conjugate exponents (p, q) ($p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$) are important in analysis and its applications (cf. [2]-[16]).

The following half-discrete Hilbert-type inequality was provided by [1] (Theorem 351): If $K(x)(x > 0)$ is decreasing, $p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, 0 < \phi(s) = \int_0^\infty K(x)x^{s-1}dx < \infty$, then

$$\int_0^\infty x^{p-2} \left(\sum_{n=1}^\infty K(nx)a_n \right)^p dx < \phi^p \left(\frac{1}{p} \right) \sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n^p. \tag{4}$$

Some new extensions of (4) were made by [17]-[22].

In 2016, by the use of the technique of real analysis, Hong [23] considered some equivalent statements of the extensions of (1) with the best possible constant factor related to a few parameters. The other similar works on the extensions of (3) and (4) were given by [24]-[27].

In this paper, following the way of [23], by the use of the weight functions, the idea of introduced parameters and Hermite-Hadamard’s inequality, a more accurate extended Mulholland’s inequality and its equivalent form are given by Lemma 2 and Theorem 1. The equivalent statements of the best possible constant factor related to a few parameters are given by Theorem 2. Some particular cases and the operator expressions are obtained by Remark 3 and Theorem 3.

2. Some Lemmas

In what follows, we suppose that $p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \xi, \eta \in (0, \frac{1}{2}), \lambda > 0, \lambda_i, \lambda - \lambda_i \in (0, 1] (i = 1, 2), a_m, b_n \geq 0 (m, n \in \mathbf{N} \setminus \{1\} = \{2, 3, \dots\})$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \sum_{m=2}^\infty \frac{\ln^{p[1-\alpha(\frac{\lambda-\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda_1}{q})]-1}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} a_m^p < \infty, \text{ and} \\ 0 < \sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{\ln^{q[1-\beta(\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda-\lambda_1}{q})]-1}(n-\eta)}{(n-\eta)^{1-q}} b_n^q < \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

LEMMA 1. *The weight functions is defined as follows:*

$$\omega_\lambda(\lambda_2, m) := \ln^{\lambda-\lambda_2}(m-\xi) \sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{\ln^{\lambda_2-1}(n-\eta)}{\ln^\lambda(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} \frac{1}{n-\eta} \quad (m \in \mathbf{N} \setminus \{1\}), \tag{6}$$

$$\varpi_\lambda(\lambda_1, n) := \ln^{\lambda-\lambda_1}(n-\eta) \sum_{m=2}^\infty \frac{\ln^{\lambda_1-1}(m-\xi)}{\ln^\lambda(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} \frac{1}{m-\xi} \quad (n \in \mathbf{N} \setminus \{1\}). \tag{7}$$

We have the following inequalities:

$$\omega_\lambda(\lambda_2, m) < B(\lambda_2, \lambda - \lambda_2) \quad (\lambda_2 \leq 1; m \in \mathbf{N} \setminus \{1\}), \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & B(\lambda_1, \lambda - \lambda_1) - \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \left[\frac{\ln(2-\xi)}{\ln(n-\eta)} \right]^{\lambda_1} \\ & < \varpi_\lambda(\lambda_1, n) < B(\lambda_1, \lambda - \lambda_1) \quad (\lambda_1 \leq 1; n \in \mathbf{N} \setminus \{1\}), \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where, $B(u, v)(u, v > 0)$ is the beta function.

Proof. Since $m, n \in \mathbf{N} \setminus \{1\}, \lambda > 0, \ln^\lambda(m - \xi)(t - \eta) = [\ln(m - \xi) + \ln(t - \eta)]^\lambda > 0$ ($t > \frac{3}{2}$), we find

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{1}{[\ln(m - \xi) + \ln(t - \eta)]^\lambda} \right\} \\ &= \frac{-\lambda}{[\ln(m - \xi) + \ln(t - \eta)]^{\lambda+1}} \frac{1}{t - \eta} < 0, \\ & \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{[\ln(m - \xi) + \ln(t - \eta)]^\lambda} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{\lambda(\lambda + 1)}{\ln^{\lambda+2}(m - \xi)(t - \eta)} + \frac{\lambda}{\ln^{\lambda+1}(m - \xi)(t - \eta)} \right\} \frac{1}{(t - \eta)^2} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

For $\lambda_2 \in (0, 1], t > \frac{3}{2}$, we still have

$$(-1)^i \frac{d^i}{dt^i} \left\{ \frac{1}{\ln^\lambda(m - \xi)(t - \eta)} \frac{1}{\ln^{1-\lambda_2}(t - \eta)} \frac{1}{t - \eta} \right\} > 0 \quad (i = 1, 2),$$

and then by Hemite-Hadamard's inequality (cf. [28]), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_\lambda(\lambda_2, m) &< \ln^{\lambda-\lambda_2}(m - \xi) \int_{\frac{3}{2}}^\infty \frac{\ln^{\lambda_2-1}(t - \eta)}{\ln^\lambda(m - \xi)(t - \eta)} \frac{1}{t - \eta} dt \\ &= \int_{\frac{\ln(\frac{3}{2}-\eta)}{\ln(m-\xi)}}^\infty \frac{u^{\lambda_2-1}}{(1+u)^\lambda} du \leq \int_0^\infty \frac{u^{\lambda_2-1}}{(1+u)^\lambda} du \\ &= B(\lambda_2, \lambda - \lambda_2). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have (8).

Similarly, for $\lambda_1 \in (0, 1]$, we have

$$\bar{\omega}_\lambda(\lambda_1, n) < \int_0^\infty \frac{u^{\lambda_1-1}}{(1+u)^\lambda} du = B(\lambda_1, \lambda - \lambda_1).$$

By the decreasingness property, we still obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\omega}_\lambda(\lambda_1, n) &\geq \ln^{\lambda-\lambda_1}(n - \eta) \int_2^\infty \frac{\ln^{\lambda_1-1}(t - \xi)}{\ln^\lambda(t - \xi)(n - \eta)} \frac{1}{t - \xi} dt \\ &= \int_{\frac{\ln(2-\xi)}{\ln(n-\eta)}}^\infty \frac{u^{\lambda_1-1}}{(1+u)^\lambda} du = B(\lambda_1, \lambda - \lambda_1) - \int_0^{\frac{\ln(2-\xi)}{\ln(n-\eta)}} \frac{u^{\lambda_1-1}}{(1+u)^\lambda} du \\ &> B(\lambda_1, \lambda - \lambda_1) - \int_0^{\frac{\ln(2-\xi)}{\ln(n-\eta)}} u^{\lambda_1-1} du \\ &= B(\lambda_1, \lambda - \lambda_1) - \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \left[\frac{\ln(2 - \xi)}{\ln(n - \eta)} \right]^{\lambda_1}, \end{aligned}$$

and then inequality (9) follows. Thus, Lemma 1 is proved. \square

LEMMA 2. Let $k_\lambda(\gamma) := B(\gamma, \lambda - \gamma)$ ($\gamma = \lambda_1, \lambda_2$). We have the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &:= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\ln^\lambda(m - \xi)(n - \eta)} \\
 &< k_\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_\lambda^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1) \left\{ \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p[1 - (\frac{\lambda - \lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda_1}{q})] - 1}(m - \xi) a_m^p}{(m - \xi)^{1-p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{q[1 - (\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1}{q})] - 1}(n - \eta) b_n^q}{(n - \eta)^{1-q}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \tag{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By Hölder’s inequality with weight (cf. [28]), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln^\lambda(m - \xi)(n - \eta)} \left[\frac{\ln^{(\lambda_2 - 1)/p}(n - \eta) \ln^{(1 - \lambda_1)/q}(m - \xi) a_m}{(n - \eta)^{1/p} (m - \xi)^{-1/q}} \right] \\
 &\quad \times \left[\frac{\ln^{(\lambda_1 - 1)/q}(m - \xi) \ln^{(1 - \lambda_2)/p}(n - \eta) b_n}{(m - \xi)^{1/q} (n - \eta)^{-1/p}} \right] \\
 &\leq \left\{ \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln^\lambda(m - \xi)(n - \eta)} \frac{\ln^{\lambda_2 - 1}(n - \eta) \ln^{(p-1)(1 - \lambda_1)}(m - \xi) a_m^p}{(n - \eta) (m - \xi)^{1-p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln^\lambda(m - \xi)(n - \eta)} \frac{\ln^{\lambda_1 - 1}(m - \xi) \ln^{(q-1)(1 - \lambda_2)}(n - \eta) b_n^q}{(m - \xi) (n - \eta)^{1-q}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &= \left\{ \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \omega_\lambda(\lambda_2, m) \frac{\ln^{p[1 - (\frac{\lambda - \lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda_1}{q})] - 1}(m - \xi) a_m^p}{(m - \xi)^{1-p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \varpi_\lambda(\lambda_1, n) \frac{\ln^{q[1 - (\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1}{q})] - 1}(n - \eta) b_n^q}{(n - \eta)^{1-q}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, in view of (8), (9) and (5), we have (10). \square

REMARK 1. According to inequalities (5) and (10), for $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$, we find

$$0 < \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p(1 - \lambda_1) - 1}(m - \xi) a_m^p}{(m - \xi)^{1-p}} < \infty \text{ and } 0 < \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{q(1 - \lambda_2) - 1}(n - \eta) b_n^q}{(n - \eta)^{1-q}} < \infty,$$

and the following inequality:

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\ln^{\lambda}(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} < B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}(n-\eta)}{(n-\eta)^{1-q}} b_n^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}. \tag{11}$$

LEMMA 3. The constant factor $B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ in (11) is the best possible.

Proof. For any $0 < \varepsilon < \lambda_1 p$, we set

$$\tilde{a}_m := \frac{\ln^{\alpha(\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p})-1}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)}, \tilde{b}_n := \frac{\ln^{\beta(\lambda_2 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q})-1}(n-\eta)}{(n-\eta)} \quad (m, n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}).$$

If there exists a positive constant M ($M \leq B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$), such that (11) is valid when replacing $B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ by M , then in particular, for $a_m = \tilde{a}_m, b_n = \tilde{b}_n$, we have

$$\tilde{I} := \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\tilde{a}_m \tilde{b}_n}{\ln^{\lambda}(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} < M \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} \tilde{a}_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}(n-\eta)}{(n-\eta)^{1-q}} \tilde{b}_n^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Further, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{I} &< M \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} \frac{\ln^{p(\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p})-p}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)^p} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\quad \times \left[\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{q(1-\lambda_2)-1}(n-\eta)}{(n-\eta)^{1-q}} \frac{\ln^{q(\lambda_2 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q})-q}(n-\eta)}{(n-\eta)^q} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= M \left[\frac{\ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(2-\xi)}{2-\xi} + \sum_{m=3}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(m-\xi)}{m-\xi} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\quad \times \left[\frac{\ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(2-\eta)}{2-\eta} + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(n-\eta)}{n-\eta} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &< M \left[\frac{\ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(2-\xi)}{2-\xi} + \int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(t-\xi)}{t-\xi} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\quad \times \left[\frac{\ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(2-\eta)}{2-\eta} + \int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(t-\eta)}{t-\eta} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{M}{\varepsilon} \left[\frac{\varepsilon \ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(2-\xi)}{2-\xi} + \ln^{-\varepsilon}(2-\xi) \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left[\frac{\varepsilon \ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(2-\eta)}{2-\eta} + \ln^{-\varepsilon}(2-\eta) \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

In view of (9), for $0 < \lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}$, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{I} &\geq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[\ln^{(\lambda_2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{p})}(n-\eta) \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{(\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p})-1}(m-\xi)}{\ln^{\lambda}(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} \frac{1}{m-\xi} \right] \frac{\ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(n-\eta)}{n-\eta} \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \varpi_{\lambda}(\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}, n) \frac{\ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(n-\eta)}{n-\eta} \\ &\geq B(\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}, \lambda_2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{p}) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(n-\eta)}{n-\eta} \\ &\quad - \frac{\ln^{\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}}(2-\xi)}{\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}} \left[\frac{\ln^{-\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}-1}(2-\eta)}{2-\eta} + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{-\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}-1}(n-\eta)}{n-\eta} \right] \\ &> B(\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}, \lambda_2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{p}) \int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(t-\eta)}{t-\eta} dt \\ &\quad - \frac{\ln^{\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}}(2-\xi)}{\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}} \left[\frac{\ln^{-\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}-1}(2-\eta)}{2-\eta} + \int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{-\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}-1}(t-\eta)}{t-\eta} dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left\{ B(\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}, \lambda_2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{p}) \ln^{-\varepsilon}(2-\eta) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\varepsilon \ln^{\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}}(2-\xi)}{\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}} \left[\frac{\ln^{-\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}-1}(2-\eta)}{2-\eta} + \frac{\ln^{-\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}}(2-\eta)}{\lambda_1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{q}} \right] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &B(\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}, \lambda_2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{p}) \ln^{-\varepsilon}(2-\eta) \\ &\quad - \frac{\varepsilon \ln^{\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}}(2-\xi)}{\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{p}} \left[\frac{\ln^{-\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}-1}(2-\eta)}{2-\eta} + \frac{\ln^{-\lambda_1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{q}}(2-\eta)}{\lambda_1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{q}} \right] \\ &\leq \varepsilon \tilde{I} < M \left[\frac{\varepsilon \ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(2-\xi)}{2-\xi} + \ln^{-\varepsilon}(2-\xi) \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\quad \times \left[\frac{\varepsilon \ln^{-\varepsilon-1}(2-\eta)}{2-\eta} + \ln^{-\varepsilon}(2-\eta) \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

For $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$, in view of the continuous property of the beta function, we find $B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \leq M$. Hence, $M = B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ is the best possible constant factor of (11). \square

REMARK 2. Let $\tilde{\lambda}_1 := \frac{\lambda - \lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda_1}{q}$, $\tilde{\lambda}_2 := \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1}{q} + \frac{\lambda_2}{p}$. We find $\tilde{\lambda}_1 + \tilde{\lambda}_2 = \lambda$, and for $\lambda_i, \lambda - \lambda_i \in (0, 1]$ ($i = 1, 2$),

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \tilde{\lambda}_1 = \lambda - \tilde{\lambda}_2 &\leq \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \\ 0 < \tilde{\lambda}_2 = \lambda - \tilde{\lambda}_1 &\leq \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} = 1, \end{aligned}$$

and then we can rewrite (10) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} I < k_\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_\lambda^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1) \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p(1-\tilde{\lambda}_1)-1}(m-\xi) a_m^p}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \times \left[\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{q(1-\tilde{\lambda}_2)-1}(n-\eta) b_n^q}{(n-\eta)^{1-q}} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

LEMMA 4. If the constant factor $k_\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_\lambda^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1)$ in (12) is the best possible, then we have $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$.

Proof. If the constant factor $k_\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_\lambda^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1)$ in (12) is the best possible, then by (11), the unique best possible constant factor must be $B(\tilde{\lambda}_1, \tilde{\lambda}_2) \in \mathbf{R}_+$, namely,

$$B(\tilde{\lambda}_1, \tilde{\lambda}_2) = k_\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_\lambda^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1).$$

By Hölder's inequality, we find

$$\begin{aligned} B(\tilde{\lambda}_1, \tilde{\lambda}_2) &= k_\lambda(\tilde{\lambda}_1) = k_\lambda \left(\frac{\lambda - \lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda_1}{q} \right) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} u^{\left(\frac{\lambda-\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda_1}{q}\right)-1} du \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(1+u)^\lambda} \left(u^{\frac{\lambda-\lambda_2-1}{p}} \right) \left(u^{\frac{\lambda_1-1}{q}} \right) du \\ &\leq \left[\int_0^\infty \frac{v^{\lambda_2-1}}{(1+v)^\lambda} dv \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\int_0^\infty \frac{u^{\lambda_1-1}}{(1+u)^\lambda} du \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= k_\lambda^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_\lambda^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1). \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

We observe that (13) keeps the form of equality if and only if there exist constants A and B , such that they are not all zero and (cf. [28])

$$Au^{\lambda-\lambda_2-1} = Bu^{\lambda_1-1} \text{ a.e. in } \mathbf{R}_+.$$

Assuming that $A \neq 0$ (otherwise, $B = A = 0$), it follows that $u^{\lambda-\lambda_2-\lambda_1} = \frac{B}{A}$ a.e. in \mathbf{R}_+ , and then $\lambda - \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 = 0$, namely, $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$. \square

3. Main results

THEOREM 1. *Inequality (10) is equivalent to the following inequality:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &:= \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p(\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1}{q}) - 1}(n - \eta)}{n - \eta} \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\ln^{\lambda}(m - \xi)(n - \eta)} \right]^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &< k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1) \left\{ \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p[1 - (\frac{\lambda - \lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda_1}{q})] - 1}(m - \xi)}{(m - \xi)^{1-p}} a_m^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}. \tag{14}
 \end{aligned}$$

If the constant factor in (10) is the best possible, then the constant factor in (14) is also the best possible.

Proof. Suppose that (14) is valid. By Hölder’s inequality (cf. [28]), we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\ln^{\frac{-1}{p} + (\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1}{q})}(n - \eta)}{(n - \eta)^{1/p}} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\ln^{\lambda}(m - \xi)(n - \eta)} \right] \\
 &\quad \times \left[\frac{\ln^{\frac{1}{p} - (\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1}{q})}(n - \eta)}{(n - \eta)^{-1/p}} b_n \right] \\
 &\leq J \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{q[1 - (\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1}{q})] - 1}(n - \eta)}{(n - \eta)^{1-q}} b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \tag{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then by (14), we obtain (10).

On the other hand, assuming that (10) is valid, we set

$$b_n := \frac{\ln^{p(\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1}{q}) - 1}(n - \eta)}{n - \eta} \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\ln^{\lambda}(m - \xi)(n - \eta)} \right]^{p-1}, n \in \mathbf{N} \setminus \{1\}.$$

If $J = 0$, then (14) is naturally valid; if $J = \infty$, then it is impossible to make (14) valid, namely, $J < \infty$. Suppose that $0 < J < \infty$. By (10), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{q[1 - (\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1}{q})] - 1}(n - \eta)}{(n - \eta)^{1-q}} b_n^q = J^p = I \\
 &< k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1) \left\{ \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p[1 - (\frac{\lambda - \lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda_1}{q})] - 1}(m - \xi)}{(m - \xi)^{1-p}} a_m^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{q[1 - (\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda - \lambda_1}{q})] - 1}(n - \eta)}{(n - \eta)^{1-q}} b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{q[1-(\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda-\lambda_1}{q})]-1}(n-\eta)}{(n-\eta)^{1-q}} b_n^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &< k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1) \left\{ \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p[1-(\frac{\lambda-\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda_1}{q})]-1}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} a_m^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}},
 \end{aligned}$$

namely, (14) follows, which is equivalent to (10).

If the constant factor in (10) is the best possible, then so is constant factor in (14). Otherwise, by (15), we would reach a contradiction that the constant factor in (10) is not the best possible. □

THEOREM 2. *The following statements (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) are equivalent:*

- (i) $k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1)$ is independent of p, q ;
- (ii) $k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1)$ is expressible as a single integral;
- (iii) $k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1)$ is the best possible constant factor of (10);
- (iv) $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$.

If the statement (iv) follows, namely, $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$, then we have (11) and the following equivalent inequality with the best possible constant factor $B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p\lambda_2-1}(n-\eta)}{n-\eta} \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\ln^{\lambda}(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} \right]^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &< B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p(1-\lambda_1)-1}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}. \tag{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. (i) => (ii). By (i), we find

$$k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1) = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{q \rightarrow 1^+} k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1) = k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1),$$

namely, $k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1)$ is expressible as a single integral

$$k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+u)^{\lambda}} u^{\lambda_1-1} du.$$

(ii) => (iv). In (13), if $k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1)$ is expressible as a single integral, then (13) keeps the form of equality. In view of the proof of Lemma 4, it follows that $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$.

(iv) => (i). If $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$, then $k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2) k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1) = k_{\lambda}(\lambda_1)$, which is independent of p, q . Hence, we have (i) <=> (ii) <=> (iv).

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv). By Lemma 4, we have $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$.

(iv) \Rightarrow (iii). By Lemma 3, for $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$, $k_\lambda^p(\lambda_2)k_\lambda^q(\lambda_1) (= k_\lambda(\lambda_1))$ is the best possible constant factor of (10). Therefore, we have (iii) \Leftrightarrow (iv).

Hence, the statements (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) are equivalent. \square

REMARK 3. (i) For $\lambda = 1, \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{q}, \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{p}$ in (11) and (16), we have the following equivalent inequalities with the best possible constant factor $\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)}$:

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\ln(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m^p}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{b_n^q}{(n-\eta)^{1-q}} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \tag{17}$$

$$\left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n-\eta} \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\ln(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} \right]^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m^p}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}. \tag{18}$$

For $p = q = 2, \xi = \eta = 0$, (17) reduces to (2), and (18) reduces to the following equivalent form of (2):

$$\left[\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\ln mn} \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} < \pi \left(\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m a_m^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \tag{19}$$

Hence, (10) is a more accurate extension of (2).

(ii) For $\lambda = 1, \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{p}, \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{q}$ in (11) and (16), we have the following equivalent inequalities with the best possible constant factor $\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)}$:

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\ln(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p-2}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{q-2}(n-\eta)}{(n-\eta)^{1-q}} b_n^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \tag{20}$$

$$\left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p-2}(n-\eta)}{n-\eta} \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\ln(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} \right]^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{p-2}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}. \tag{21}$$

(iii) For $\lambda = 1, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2}$, in (11) and (16), we have the following equivalent inequalities with the best possible constant factor π :

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{\ln(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} \\ & < \pi \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{\frac{p}{2}-1}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{\frac{q}{2}-1}(n-\eta)}{(n-\eta)^{1-q}} b_n^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{\frac{p}{2}-1}(n-\eta)}{n-\eta} \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\ln(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} \right]^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ & < \pi \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln^{\frac{p}{2}-1}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}} a_m^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

4. Operator expressions

We set functions

$$\varphi(m) := \frac{\ln^{p[1-(\frac{\lambda-\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda_1}{q})]-1}(m-\xi)}{(m-\xi)^{1-p}}, \quad \psi(n) := \frac{\ln^{q[1-(\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda-\lambda_1}{q})]-1}(n-\eta)}{(n-\eta)^{1-q}},$$

from where,

$$\psi^{1-p}(n) = \frac{\ln^{p(\frac{\lambda_2}{p} + \frac{\lambda-\lambda_1}{q})-1}(n-\eta)}{n-\eta} \quad (m, n \in \mathbf{N} \setminus \{1\}).$$

Define the following real normed spaces:

$$\begin{aligned} l_{p,\varphi} & := \left\{ a = \{a_m\}_{m=2}^{\infty}; \|a\|_{p,\varphi} := \left(\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \varphi(m) |a_m|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\}, \\ l_{q,\psi} & := \left\{ b = \{b_n\}_{n=2}^{\infty}; \|b\|_{q,\psi} := \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \psi(n) |b_n|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} < \infty \right\}, \\ l_{p,\psi^{1-p}} & := \left\{ c = \{c_n\}_{n=2}^{\infty}; \|c\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} := \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \psi^{1-p}(n) |c_n|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Assuming that $a \in l_{p,\varphi}$, setting

$$c = \{c_n\}_{n=2}^{\infty}, \quad c_n := \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\ln^{\lambda}(m-\xi)(n-\eta)}, \quad n \in \mathbf{N} \setminus \{1\},$$

we can rewrite (14) as follows:

$$\|c\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} < k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2)k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1)\|a\|_{p,\varphi} < \infty,$$

namely, $c \in l_{p,\psi^{1-p}}$.

DEFINITION 1. Define an extended Mulholland's operator $T : l_{p,\varphi} \rightarrow l_{p,\psi^{1-p}}$ as follows: For any $a \in l_{p,\varphi}$, there exists a unique representation $c \in l_{p,\psi^{1-p}}$. Define the formal inner product of Ta and $b \in l_{q,\psi}$, and the norm of T as follows:

$$(Ta, b) := \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{\ln^{\lambda}(m-\xi)(n-\eta)} \right] b_n = I,$$

$$\|T\| := \sup_{a(\neq \theta) \in l_{p,\varphi}} \frac{\|Ta\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}}}{\|a\|_{p,\varphi}}.$$

By Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, we have

THEOREM 3. *If $a \in l_{p,\varphi}$, $b \in l_{q,\psi}$, $\|a\|_{p,\varphi}, \|b\|_{q,\psi} > 0$, then we have the following equivalent inequalities:*

$$(Ta, b) < k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2)k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1)\|a\|_{p,\varphi}\|b\|_{q,\psi}, \quad (24)$$

$$\|Ta\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} < k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2)k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1)\|a\|_{p,\varphi}. \quad (25)$$

Moreover, $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda$ if and only if the constant factor $k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\lambda_2)k_{\lambda}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\lambda_1)$ in (24) and (25) is the best possible, namely,

$$\|T\| = B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2). \quad (26)$$

5. Conclusions

In this paper, by the use of the weight functions, the idea of introducing parameters, and Hermite-Hadamard's inequality, a more accurate extended Mulholland's inequality and its equivalent form are given in Lemma 2 and Theorem 1. The equivalent statements of the best possible constant factor related to some parameters in Theorem 2. Some particular cases and the operator expressions are considered in Remark 3 and Theorem 3. The lemmas and theorems provide an extensive account of this type of inequalities.

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