



ON A HILBERT-TYPE INTEGRAL INEQUALITY IN THE WHOLE PLANE

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ABSTRACT. Using weight functions and techniques of real analysis, a new Hilbert-type integral inequality in the whole plane with nonhomogeneous kernel and a best possible constant factor is proved. Equivalent forms, several particular inequalities and operator expressions are considered.

1. Introduction

If $f(x), g(y) \geq 0$,

$$0 < \int_0^{\infty} f^2(x)dx < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < \int_0^{\infty} g^2(y)dy < \infty,$$

then the following well known Hilbert integral inequality (cf. [1]) is satisfied:

$$(1.1) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy < \pi \left(\int_0^{\infty} f^2(x)dx \int_0^{\infty} g^2(y)dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where the constant factor π is the best possible.

Recently, by the use of weight functions and introducing multi-parameters, several extensions of (1.1) were presented in Yang's books (cf. [2], [3]). Some Hilbert-type inequalities with homogenous kernels of degree 0 and non-homogenous kernels were established in [4]- [7]. Some other kinds of Hilbert-type inequalities were obtained in [8]- [18]. Many of these inequalities are constructed in the quarter plane of the first quadrant.

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Using weight functions, Yang in 2007 [19] proved the following Hilbert-type integral inequality in the whole plane:

$$(1.2) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(1 + e^{x+y})^\lambda} dx dy < B\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{\lambda}{2}\right) \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} f^2(x) dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda y} g^2(y) dy\right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where the constant factor $B(\frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{\lambda}{2})(\lambda > 0)$ is the best possible, and $B(u, v)$ stands for the beta function (cf. [20]). He et al. [21]- [36] proved some new Hilbert-type inequalities in the whole plane with the best possible constant factors. The methods in these papers are demanding and interesting.

In the present paper, still by means of weight functions, by introducing a nonhomogeneous kernel, a new Hilbert-type integral inequality in the whole plane with multi-parameters and a best possible constant factor is proved. Equivalent forms, some particular inequalities and operator expressions are also considered. The lemmas and theorems provide an extensive account of this type of inequalities.

2. Some lemmas

In the sequel, we assume that

$$0 < \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 < \pi, \mu, \sigma > 0, \mu + \sigma = \lambda, \delta \in \{-1, 1\}, \gamma \in \{a; a = \frac{1}{2k+1}, 2k-1 (k \in \mathbf{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\})\}.$$

Definition 2.1. We define two weight functions as follows:

For $x, y \in \mathbf{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$,

$$(2.1) \quad \omega(\sigma, y) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1, 2\}} \frac{|y|^\sigma |x|^{\delta\sigma-1}}{[\max\{|x^\delta y|^\gamma + (x^\delta y)^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\}]^{\lambda/\gamma}} dx,$$

$$(2.2) \quad \varpi(\sigma, x) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1, 2\}} \frac{|x|^{\delta\sigma} |y|^{\sigma-1}}{[\max\{|x^\delta y|^\gamma + (x^\delta y)^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\}]^{\lambda/\gamma}} dy.$$

Lemma 2.2. We have the following expressions:

$$(2.3) \quad \omega(\sigma, y) = \varpi(\sigma, x) = K(\sigma) (y, x \in \mathbf{R} \setminus \{0\}),$$

$$(2.4) \quad K(\sigma) := \frac{1}{2^{\frac{\sigma}{\gamma}}} \left[\left(\sec \frac{\alpha_2}{2}\right)^{\frac{2\sigma}{\gamma}} + \left(\csc \frac{\alpha_1}{2}\right)^{\frac{2\sigma}{\gamma}} \right] \frac{\lambda}{\mu\sigma} \in \mathbf{R}_+ = (0, \infty).$$

Proof. For $y \in \mathbf{R} \setminus \{0\}$, setting $u = x^\delta y$ in (2.1), we derive that

$$x = y^{\frac{-1}{\delta}} u^{\frac{1}{\delta}}, \quad dx = \frac{1}{\delta} y^{\frac{-1}{\delta}} u^{\frac{1}{\delta}-1} du$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega(\sigma, y) &= \left| \frac{1}{\delta} \right| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{1}{(\max\{|u|^\gamma + u^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} |u|^{\sigma-1} du \\
 (2.5) \quad &= K_1(\sigma) + K_2(\sigma), \\
 K_1(\sigma) &: = \int_{-\infty}^0 \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{1}{[\max\{(-u)^\gamma(1 - \cos \alpha_i), 1\}]^{\lambda/\gamma}} (-u)^{\sigma-1} du, \\
 K_2(\sigma) &: = \int_0^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{1}{[\max\{u^\gamma(1 + \cos \alpha_i), 1\}]^{\lambda/\gamma}} u^{\sigma-1} du.
 \end{aligned}$$

Setting $v = u^\gamma(1 + \cos \alpha_i)$ in the integral of $K_2(\sigma)$, we obtain that

$$u = \frac{1}{(1 + \cos \alpha_i)^{1/\gamma}} v^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}, \quad du = \frac{1}{\gamma(1 + \cos \alpha_i)^{1/\gamma}} v^{\frac{1}{\gamma}-1} dv$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_2(\sigma) &= \int_0^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{1}{\gamma(1 + \cos \alpha_i)^{\sigma/\gamma}} \frac{1}{(\max\{v, 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} v^{\frac{\sigma}{\gamma}-1} dv \\
 &= \frac{1}{\gamma(1 + \cos \alpha_2)^{\sigma/\gamma}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\max\{v, 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} v^{\frac{\sigma}{\gamma}-1} dv \\
 &= \frac{1}{\gamma(1 + \cos \alpha_2)^{\sigma/\gamma}} \left(\int_0^1 v^{\frac{\sigma}{\gamma}-1} dv + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{v^{\lambda/\gamma}} v^{\frac{\sigma}{\gamma}-1} dv \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{(1 + \cos \alpha_2)^{\sigma/\gamma}} \frac{\lambda}{\mu\sigma} = \frac{1}{2^{\sigma/\gamma}} (\sec \frac{\alpha_2}{2})^{\frac{2\sigma}{\gamma}} \frac{\lambda}{\mu\sigma} \in \mathbf{R}_+.
 \end{aligned}$$

Setting $v = -u$ in the integral of $K_1(\sigma)$, we similarly obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_1(\sigma) &= \int_0^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{1}{\{\max\{v^\gamma[1 + \cos(\pi - \alpha_i)], 1\}\}^{\lambda/\gamma}} v^{\sigma-1} dv \\
 &= \frac{1}{[1 + \cos(\pi - \alpha_1)]^{\sigma/\gamma}} \frac{\lambda}{\mu\sigma} = \frac{1}{2^{\sigma/\gamma}} (\csc \frac{\alpha_1}{2})^{\frac{2\sigma}{\gamma}} \frac{\lambda}{\mu\sigma} \in \mathbf{R}_+,
 \end{aligned}$$

namely, we have $\omega(\sigma, y) = K(\sigma) \in \mathbf{R}_+$.

In the same way, for $x \in \mathbf{R} \setminus \{0\}$, setting $u = x^\delta y$ in (2.2), we get

$$y = x^{-\delta} u, \quad dy = x^{-\delta} du$$

and

$$\varpi(\sigma, x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{1}{(\max\{|u|^\gamma + u^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} |u|^{\sigma-1} du = K(\sigma).$$

Hence, (2.3) follows.

This completes the proof of the lemma. □

Remark 2.3. If we replace $\max_{i \in \{1,2\}}$ by $\min_{i \in \{1,2\}}$ in (2.1) and (2.2), then (2.4) is valid by exchanging α_1 and α_2 .

Lemma 2.4. Suppose that $p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, $K(\sigma)$ is defined by (2.4), $f(x)$ is a non-negative measurable function in \mathbf{R} . We have the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &:= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{p\sigma-1} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{f(x)}{[\max\{|x^\delta y|^\gamma + (x^\delta y)^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\}]^{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma}}} dx \right\}^p dy \\
 (2.6) \quad &\leq K^p(\sigma) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\delta\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. In the following, for simplicity, we set

$$(2.7) \quad H^{(\delta)}(x, y) := \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{1}{[\max\{|x^\delta y|^\gamma + (x^\delta y)^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\}]^{\lambda/\gamma}} \quad (x, y \in \mathbf{R}).$$

By Hölder’s inequality (cf. [37]), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H^{(\delta)}(x, y) f(x) dx \right)^p \\
 &= \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H^{(\delta)}(x, y) \left[\frac{|x|^{(1-\delta\sigma)/q}}{|y|^{(1-\sigma)/p}} f(x) \right] \left[\frac{|y|^{(1-\sigma)/p}}{|x|^{(1-\delta\sigma)/q}} \right] dx \right\}^p \\
 &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H^{(\delta)}(x, y) \frac{|x|^{(1-\delta\sigma)(p-1)}}{|y|^{1-\sigma}} f^p(x) dx \\
 (2.8) \quad &\times \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H^{(\delta)}(x, y) \frac{|y|^{(1-\sigma)(q-1)}}{|x|^{1-\delta\sigma}} dx \right]^{p-1} \\
 &= \frac{(\omega(\sigma, y))^{p-1}}{|y|^{p\sigma-1}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H^{(\delta)}(x, y) \frac{|x|^{(1-\delta\sigma)(p-1)}}{|y|^{1-\sigma}} f^p(x) dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then by (2.3) and Fubini’s theorem (cf. [38]), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &\leq K^{p-1}(\sigma) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H^{(\delta)}(x, y) \frac{|x|^{(1-\delta\sigma)(p-1)}}{|y|^{1-\sigma}} f^p(x) dx \right] dy \\
 &= K^{p-1}(\sigma) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varpi(\sigma, x) |x|^{p(1-\delta\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Still by (2.3), we obtain inequality (2.6).

This completes the proof of the lemma. □

3. Main results and some corollaries

Theorem 3.1. If $p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, $K(\sigma)$ is defined by (2.4), $f(x), g(y) \geq 0$,

$$0 < \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\delta\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} g^q(y) dy < \infty,$$

then we have the following equivalent inequalities:

$$I := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\max\{|x^\delta y|^\gamma + (x^\delta y)^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\})^{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma}}} dx dy$$

$$(3.1) \quad < K(\sigma) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\delta\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} g^q(y) dy \right]^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

$$(3.2) \quad J = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{p\sigma-1} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{f(x)}{[\max\{|x^\delta y|^\gamma + (x^\delta y)^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\}]^{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma}}} dx \right\}^p dy < K^p(\sigma) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\delta\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx,$$

where the constant factors $K(\sigma)$ and $K^p(\sigma)$ are the best possible.

In particular, for $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha \in (0, \pi)$, $\gamma = 1$ in (3.1) and (3.2), setting

$$(3.3) \quad k(\sigma) := \frac{1}{2^\sigma} [(\sec \frac{\alpha}{2})^{2\sigma} + (\csc \frac{\alpha}{2})^{2\sigma}] \frac{\lambda}{\mu\sigma},$$

we deduce (3.3) and (3.4) to the following equivalent inequalities:

$$(3.4) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\max\{|x^\delta y| + x^\delta y \cos \alpha, 1\})^\lambda} f(x)g(y) dx dy < k(\sigma) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\delta\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} g^q(y) dy \right]^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

$$(3.5) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{p\sigma-1} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\max\{|x^\delta y| + x^\delta y \cos \alpha, 1\})^\lambda} f(x) dx \right]^p dy < k^p(\sigma) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx.$$

Proof. If (2.8) takes the form of equality for a $y \neq 0$, then there exist constants A and B , satisfying $A^2 + B^2 > 0$, and

$$A \frac{|x|^{(1-\delta\sigma)(p-1)}}{|y|^{1-\sigma}} f^p(x) = B \frac{|y|^{(1-\sigma)(q-1)}}{|x|^{1-\delta\sigma}} \text{ a.e. in } \mathbf{R}$$

(cf. [37]). We have $A \neq 0$ (otherwise, $B = A = 0$), and it follows that

$$|x|^{p(1-\delta\sigma)-1} f^p(x) = |y|^{q(1-\sigma)} \frac{B}{A|x|} \text{ a.e. in } \mathbf{R},$$

which contradicts the fact that

$$0 < \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\delta\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx < \infty.$$

Hence, (2.8) takes the form of strict inequality. So does (2.6), namely, (3.2) follows.

In view of Hölder’s inequality (cf. [37]), we also obtain that

$$(3.6) \quad I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(|y|^{\sigma-\frac{1}{p}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H^{(\delta)}(x, y) f(x) dx \right) (|y|^{\frac{1}{p}-\sigma} g(y)) dy \leq J^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} g^q(y) dy \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Then by (3.2), we derive (3.1). On the other hand, assuming that (3.1) is valid, we set

$$g(y) := |y|^{p\sigma-1} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H^{(\delta)}(x, y) f(x) dx \right)^{p-1} \quad (y \in \mathbf{R}).$$

Then it follows that

$$J = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} g^q(y) dy.$$

In view of (2.7), we have $J < \infty$. If $J = 0$, then (3.2) is trivially valid; if $0 < J < \infty$, then in view of (3.1), we derive that

$$(3.7) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} g^q(y) dy = J = I < K(\sigma) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\delta\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} g^q(y) dy \right]^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

$$(3.8) \quad J^{\frac{1}{p}} = \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} g^q(y) dy \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} < K(\sigma) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\delta\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

namely, (3.2) follows, which is equivalent to (3.1).

We set $E_\delta := \{x \in \mathbf{R}; |x|^\delta \geq 1\}$, and

$$E_\delta^+ := E_\delta \cap \mathbf{R}_+ = \{x \in \mathbf{R}_+; x^\delta \geq 1\}.$$

For any $\varepsilon > 0$, we define $\tilde{f}(x), \tilde{g}(y)$ as follows:

$$\tilde{f}(x) : = \begin{cases} |x|^{\delta(\sigma-\frac{2\varepsilon}{p})-1}, & x \in E_\delta \\ 0, & x \in \mathbf{R} \setminus E_\delta \end{cases},$$

$$\tilde{g}(y) : = \begin{cases} 0, & y \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty) \\ |y|^{\sigma+\frac{2\varepsilon}{q}-1}, & y \in [-1, 1] \end{cases}.$$

The we obtain that

$$\tilde{L} : = \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\delta\sigma)-1} \tilde{f}^p(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} \tilde{g}^q(y) dy \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} = 2 \left(\int_{E_\delta^+} x^{-2\delta\varepsilon-1} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_0^1 y^{2\varepsilon-1} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}.$$

We have

$$h(x) : = \int_{-1}^1 \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{|y|^{\sigma+\frac{2\varepsilon}{q}-1}}{[\max\{|x^\delta y|^\gamma + (x^\delta y)^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\}]^{\lambda/\gamma}} dy = \int_{-1}^1 \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{|Y|^{\sigma+\frac{2\varepsilon}{q}-1}}{[\max\{|-x^\delta Y|^\gamma + (-x^\delta Y)^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\}]^{\lambda/\gamma}} dY = h(-x),$$

namely $h(x)$ is an even function. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{I} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H^{(\delta)}(x, y) \tilde{f}(x) \tilde{g}(y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{E_{\delta}} |x|^{\delta(\sigma - \frac{2\varepsilon}{p}) - 1} h(x) dx = 2 \int_{E_{\delta}^+} x^{\delta(\sigma - \frac{2\varepsilon}{p}) - 1} h(x) dx \\ &= 2 \int_{E_{\delta}^+} x^{-2\delta\varepsilon - 1} \left[\int_{-x^{\delta}}^{x^{\delta}} \max_{i \in \{1, 2\}} \frac{|u|^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(\max\{|u|^{\gamma} + u^{\gamma} \cos \alpha_i, 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} du \right] dx, \end{aligned}$$

setting $v = x^{\delta}$ in the above integral, by Fubini's theorem (cf. [38]), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{I} &= 2 \int_1^{\infty} v^{-2\varepsilon - 1} \left[\int_{-v}^v \max_{i \in \{1, 2\}} \frac{|u|^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(\max\{|u|^{\gamma} + u^{\gamma} \cos \alpha_i, 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} du \right] dv \\ &= 2 \int_1^{\infty} v^{-2\varepsilon - 1} \left\{ \int_0^v \left[\max_{i \in \{1, 2\}} \frac{1}{(\max\{u^{\gamma}(1 + \cos \alpha_i), 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \max_{i \in \{1, 2\}} \frac{1}{(\max\{u^{\gamma}(1 - \cos \alpha_i), 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} \right] u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1} du \right\} dv \\ &= 2 \int_1^{\infty} v^{-2\varepsilon - 1} \left\{ \int_0^v \left[\frac{1}{(\max\{u^{\gamma}(1 + \cos \alpha_2), 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{(\max\{u^{\gamma}(1 - \cos \alpha_1), 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} \right] u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1} du \right\} dv \\ &= 2 \int_1^{\infty} v^{-2\varepsilon - 1} \left\{ \int_0^1 \left[\frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(\max\{u^{\gamma}(1 + \cos \alpha_2), 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(\max\{u^{\gamma}(1 - \cos \alpha_1), 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} \right] du \right\} dv \\ &\quad + 2 \int_1^{\infty} v^{-2\varepsilon - 1} \left\{ \int_1^v \left[\frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(\max\{u^{\gamma}(1 + \cos \alpha_2), 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(\max\{u^{\gamma}(1 - \cos \alpha_1), 1\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} \right] du \right\} dv \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 \left\{ \frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{[\max\{u^{\gamma}(1 + \cos \alpha_2), 1\}]^{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma}}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{[\max\{u^{\gamma}(1 - \cos \alpha_1), 1\}]^{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma}}} \right\} du + 2 \int_1^{\infty} \left(\int_u^{\infty} v^{-2\varepsilon - 1} dv \right) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{[\max\{u^{\gamma}(1 + \cos \alpha_2), 1\}]^{\lambda/\gamma}} + \frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{[\max\{u^{\gamma}(1 - \cos \alpha_1), 1\}]^{\lambda/\gamma}} \right\} du \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 \left[\frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(\max\{u(1 + \cos \alpha_2)^{1/\gamma}, 1\})^{\lambda}} + \frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(\max\{u(1 - \cos \alpha_1)^{1/\gamma}, 1\})^{\lambda}} \right] du \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \int_1^\infty \left[\frac{u^{\sigma - \frac{2\varepsilon}{p} - 1}}{(\max\{u(1 + \cos \alpha_2)^{1/\gamma}, 1\})^\lambda} + \frac{u^{\sigma - \frac{2\varepsilon}{p} - 1}}{(\max\{u(1 - \cos \alpha_1)^{1/\gamma}, 1\})^\lambda} \right] du \Bigg\}.$$

If the constant factor $K(\sigma)$ in (3.1) is not the best possible, then there exists a positive constant $k \leq K(\sigma)$, such that (3.1) is valid, when replacing $K(\sigma)$ by k . In particular, we have $\varepsilon \tilde{I} < \varepsilon k \tilde{L}$, and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \left\{ \frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{[\max\{u(1 + \cos \alpha_2)^{1/\gamma}, 1\}]^\lambda} + \frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{[\max\{u(1 - \cos \alpha_1)^{1/\gamma}, 1\}]^\lambda} \right\} du \\ & + \int_1^\infty \left\{ \frac{u^{\sigma - \frac{2\varepsilon}{p} - 1}}{[\max\{u(1 + \cos \alpha_2)^{1/\gamma}, 1\}]^\lambda} + \frac{u^{\sigma - \frac{2\varepsilon}{p} - 1}}{[\max\{u(1 - \cos \alpha_1)^{1/\gamma}, 1\}]^\lambda} \right\} du \\ (3.9) \quad & = \varepsilon \tilde{I} < \varepsilon k \tilde{L} = k. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.5) and Levi’s theorem (cf. [38]), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} K(\sigma) &= K_2(\sigma) + K_1(\sigma) = \int_0^\infty \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{1}{[\max\{u^\gamma(1 + \cos \alpha_i), 1\}]^{\lambda/\gamma}} u^{\sigma-1} du \\ &+ \int_0^\infty \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{1}{[\max\{u^\gamma(1 - \cos \alpha_i), 1\}]^{\lambda/\gamma}} u^{\sigma-1} du \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{u^{\sigma-1} du}{[\max\{u(1 + \cos \alpha_2)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}, 1\}]^\lambda} + \int_0^\infty \frac{u^{\sigma-1} du}{[\max\{u(1 - \cos \alpha_1)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}, 1\}]^\lambda} \\ &= \int_0^1 \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left\{ \frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{[\max\{u(1 + \cos \alpha_2)^{1/\gamma}, 1\}]^\lambda} + \frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{[\max\{u(1 - \cos \alpha_1)^{1/\gamma}, 1\}]^\lambda} \right\} du \\ &+ \int_1^\infty \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left\{ \frac{u^{\sigma - \frac{2\varepsilon}{p} - 1}}{[\max\{u(1 + \cos \alpha_2)^{1/\gamma}, 1\}]^\lambda} + \frac{u^{\sigma - \frac{2\varepsilon}{p} - 1}}{[\max\{u(1 - \cos \alpha_1)^{1/\gamma}, 1\}]^\lambda} \right\} du \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left\{ \int_0^1 \left[\frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(\max\{u(1 + \cos \alpha_2)^{1/\gamma}, 1\})^\lambda} + \frac{u^{\sigma + \frac{2\varepsilon}{q} - 1}}{(\max\{u(1 - \cos \alpha_1)^{1/\gamma}, 1\})^\lambda} \right] du \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_1^\infty \left[\frac{u^{\sigma - \frac{2\varepsilon}{p} - 1}}{(\max\{u(1 + \cos \alpha_2)^{1/\gamma}, 1\})^\lambda} + \frac{u^{\sigma - \frac{2\varepsilon}{p} - 1}}{(\max\{u(1 - \cos \alpha_1)^{1/\gamma}, 1\})^\lambda} \right] du \right\} \\ &\leq k. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the constant factor $k = K(\sigma)$ in (3.1) is the best possible.

The constant factor in (3.2) is still the best possible. Otherwise, we would reach a contradiction by (3.6), that the constant factor in (3.1) is not the best possible.

This completes the proof of the theorem. □

Corollary 3.2. For $\delta = 1$ in (3.1) and (3.2), we obtain the following equivalent inequalities with non-homogeneous kernel:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\max\{|xy|^\gamma + (xy)^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\})^{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma}}} dx dy \\ (3.10) \quad & < K(\sigma) \left[\int_{-\infty}^\infty |x|^{p(1-\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^\infty |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} g^q(y) dy \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{p\sigma-1} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{f(x)}{[\max\{|xy|^\gamma + (xy)^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\}]^{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma}}} dx \right\}^p dy \\
 (3.11) \quad & < K^p(\sigma) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx,
 \end{aligned}$$

where the constant factors $K(\sigma)$ and $K^p(\sigma)$ are the best possible. In particular, for $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha \in (0, \pi)$, $\gamma = 1$ in (3.10) and (3.11), we have the following equivalent inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\max\{|xy| + xy \cos \alpha, 1\})^\lambda} dx dy \\
 (3.12) \quad & < k(\sigma) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} g^q(y) dy \right]^{\frac{1}{q}},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{p\sigma-1} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)}{(\max\{|xy| + xy \cos \alpha, 1\})^\lambda} dx \right]^p dy \\
 (3.13) \quad & < k^p(\sigma) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\sigma)-1} f^p(x) dx,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $k(\sigma)$ is defined by (3.3).

Corollary 3.3. For $\delta = -1$ in (3.1) and (3.2), replacing $|x|^\lambda f(x)$ by $f(x)$, we obtain

$$0 < \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\mu)-1} f^p(x) dx < \infty,$$

and the following equivalent inequalities with homogeneous kernel:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\max\{|y|^\gamma + \operatorname{sgn}(x)y^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, |x|^\gamma\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} dx dy \\
 (3.14) \quad & < K(\sigma) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\mu)-1} f^p(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} g^q(y) dy \right]^{\frac{1}{q}},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{p\sigma-1} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{f(x)}{(\max\{|y|^\gamma + \operatorname{sgn}(x)y^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, |x|^\gamma\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} dx \right]^p dy \\
 (3.15) \quad & < K^p(\sigma) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\mu)-1} f^p(x) dx,
 \end{aligned}$$

where the constant factors $K(\sigma)$ and $K^p(\sigma)$ are the best possible. In particular, for $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha \in (0, \pi)$, $\gamma = 1$ in (3.14) and (3.15), we obtain the following equivalent inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\max\{|y| + \operatorname{sgn}(x)y \cos \alpha, |x|\})^\lambda} f(x)g(y) dx dy \\
 (3.16) \quad & < k(\sigma) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\mu)-1} f^p(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1} g^q(y) dy \right]^{\frac{1}{q}},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y|^{p\sigma-1} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\max\{|y| + \operatorname{sgn}(x)y \cos \alpha, |x|\})^\lambda} f(x) dx \right]^p dy \\
 (3.17) \quad & < k^p(\sigma) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{p(1-\mu)-1} f^p(x) dx,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $k(\sigma)$ is defined by (3.3).

4. Operator expressions

Suppose that $p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. We set the following functions:

$$\varphi(x) := |x|^{p(1-\delta\sigma)-1}, \psi(y) := |y|^{q(1-\sigma)-1}, \phi(x) := |x|^{p(1-\mu)-1} (x, y \in \mathbf{R}),$$

wherefrom, $\psi^{1-p}(y) = |y|^{p\sigma-1}$. Define the following real normed linear space:

$$\begin{aligned} L_{p,\varphi}(\mathbf{R}) & : = \left\{ f : \|f\|_{p,\varphi} := \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(x)|f(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\}, \\ L_{p,\psi^{1-p}}(\mathbf{R}) & = \left\{ h : \|h\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^{1-p}(y)|h(y)|^p dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\}, \\ L_{p,\phi}(\mathbf{R}) & = \left\{ g : \|g\|_{p,\phi} = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x)|g(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

(a) In view of Theorem 1, for $f \in L_{p,\varphi}(\mathbf{R})$, setting

$$H_1(y) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{|f(x)|}{[\max\{|x^\delta y|^\gamma + (x^\delta y)^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, 1\}]^{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma}}} dx \quad (y \in \mathbf{R}),$$

by (3.2), we have

$$(4.1) \quad \|H_1\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} := \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^{1-p}(y) H_1^p(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < K(\sigma) \|f\|_{p,\varphi} < \infty.$$

Definition 4.1. We define a Hilbert-type integral operator $T_1 : L_{p,\varphi}(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L_{p,\psi^{1-p}}(\mathbf{R})$ with non-homogeneous kernel in the whole plane as follows: For any $f \in L_{p,\varphi}(\mathbf{R})$, there exists a unique representation $T_1 f = H_1 \in L_{p,\psi^{1-p}}(\mathbf{R})$, satisfying $T_1 f(y) = H_1(y)$, for any $y \in \mathbf{R}$.

In view of (4.1), it follows that

$$\|T_1 f\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} = \|H_1\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} \leq K(\sigma) \|f\|_{p,\varphi},$$

and then the operator T_1 is bounded satisfying

$$\|T_1\| = \sup_{f(\neq \theta) \in L_{p,\varphi}(\mathbf{R})} \frac{\|T_1 f\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}}}{\|f\|_{p,\varphi}} \leq K(\sigma).$$

Since the constant factor $K(\sigma)$ in (4.1) is the best possible, we have $\|T_1\| = K(\sigma)$.

If we define the formal inner product of $T_1 f$ and g as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (T_1 f, g) & : = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H^{(\delta)}(x, y) f(x) dx \right) g(y) dy \\ & = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H^{(\delta)}(x, y) f(x) g(y) dx dy, \end{aligned}$$

then we can rewrite (3.1) and (3.2) as follows:

$$(T_1 f, g) < \|T_1\| \cdot \|f\|_{p,\varphi} \|g\|_{q,\psi}, \|T_1 f\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} < \|T_1\| \cdot \|f\|_{p,\varphi}.$$

(b) In view of Corollary 2, for $f \in L_{p,\phi}(\mathbf{R})$, setting

$$H_2(y) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{|f(x)|}{(\max\{|y|^\gamma + \operatorname{sgn}(x)y^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, |x|^\gamma\})^{\lambda/\gamma}} dx \quad (y \in \mathbf{R}),$$

by (3.15), we have

$$(4.2) \quad \|H_2\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} := \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^{1-p}(y) H_2^p(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < K(\sigma) \|f\|_{p,\phi} < \infty.$$

Definition 4.2. Define a Hilbert-type integral operator $T_2 : L_{p,\phi}(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L_{p,\psi^{1-p}}(\mathbf{R})$ with homogeneous kernel in the whole plane as follows: For any $f \in L_{p,\phi}(\mathbf{R})$, there exists a unique representation $T_2 f = H_2 \in L_{p,\psi^{1-p}}(\mathbf{R})$, satisfying $T_2 f(y) = H_2(y)$, for any $y \in \mathbf{R}$.

In view of (4.2), it follows that

$$\|T_2 f\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} = \|H_2\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} \leq K(\sigma) \|f\|_{p,\phi},$$

and then the operator T_2 is bounded satisfying

$$\|T_2\| = \sup_{f(\neq \theta) \in L_{p,\phi}(\mathbf{R})} \frac{\|T_2 f\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}}}{\|f\|_{p,\phi}} \leq K(\sigma).$$

Since the constant factor $K(\sigma)$ in (4.2) is the best possible, we have $\|T_2\| = K(\sigma)$.

If we define the formal inner product of $T_2 f$ and g as

$$(T_2 f, g) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(\max\{|y|^\gamma + \operatorname{sgn}(x)y^\gamma \cos \alpha_i, |x|^\gamma\})^{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma}}} dx dy,$$

then we can rewrite (3.14) and (3.15) as follows:

$$(T_2 f, g) < \|T_2\| \cdot \|f\|_{p,\phi} \|g\|_{q,\psi}, \quad \|T_2 f\|_{p,\psi^{1-p}} < \|T_2\| \cdot \|f\|_{p,\phi}.$$

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