

# Two Extensions Of Discrete Carleman's Inequality

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**Abstract—**This article re-examines the generalized forms of the two Carleman inequalities, discusses their correctness and error and the best constants in detail and obtains a correct and relatively complete conclusion.

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## I. Introduction

Carleman's inequality is actually the case of the power exponent  $p \rightarrow +\infty$  of Hardy's inequality, and its discrete form is:

**Lemma 1.1** [1]. Suppose  $\{a_n\}$  is a sequence of

non-negative numbers,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n < +\infty$ , then

$$(1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq e \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n;$$

(2) Inequality takes the equal sign if and only if  $a_n = 0, n = 1, 2, \dots$ ;

(3)  $e$  is the best constant.

This inequality has the following two weighted extensions.

**Lemma 1.2** [3]. Suppose  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is a positive sequence,  $\Lambda_n = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n$ . Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a non-negative sequence,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n < +\infty, \text{ then}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \cdots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq e \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n,$$

Among them,  $e$  is the best constant.

**Lemma 1.3** [3]. Suppose  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is a positive sequence,  $\Lambda_n = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n$ . Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a non-negative sequence.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n < +\infty, \text{ then}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Lambda_n}{\lambda_n} (e^{\frac{\Lambda_n}{\lambda_n}} - 1) (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \cdots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq e \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n,$$

Among them,  $e$  is the best constant.

The strange thing is that although the literature [3] claims  $e$  to be the best constant for the inequalities in Lemma 1.2 and 1.3, it does not give a proof. Although the monographs [1] and [2] both include Lemma 1.2, they do not say that  $e$  is the best constant.

If Lemma 1.3 is correct, take  $a_n = \begin{cases} 1, n = 1 \\ 0, n > 1 \end{cases}$ , then

$e - 1 \leq e \lambda_1$ , that is  $\lambda_1 \geq \frac{e-1}{e}$ . But there is no such requirement in Lemma 1.3, so this lemma is wrong. In addition, when the monograph [2] records this inequality as

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\lambda_n} (e^{\frac{\lambda_n}{n}} - 1) (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \cdots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq e \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n,$$

it shows that  $e$  is the best constant. Take

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 1, & n=1 \\ 0, & n>1 \end{cases}. \text{ We can also find the mistake by}$$

substituting it in the verification.

After in-depth study of these two inequalities, the correct conclusion is found.

## II. Main conclusion

Theorem 2.1. Let  $\{\lambda_n\}$  be a sequence of positive numbers,  $\Lambda_n = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let

$\{a_n\}$  be a non-negative sequence,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n < +\infty, \text{ then}$$

$$(1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq e \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n;$$

(2) Inequality takes the equal sign if and only if

$$a_n = 0, n = 1, 2, \dots;$$

(3) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}$  convergences, then  $e$  is not the best

constant;

(4) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n} = 0$ , but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}$  divergences, then

$e$  is the best constant;

(5) If  $e$  is the best constant, then  $\inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}^+} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n} = 0$ .

Theorem 2.2. Let  $\{\lambda_n\}$  be a sequence of positive numbers,  $\Lambda_n = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let

$\{a_n\}$  be a non-negative sequence,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n < +\infty$ ,

then

$$(1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_n (e^{\frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}} - 1) (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq e \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n;$$

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is the best constant;

Note 1. The inequality in Theorem 2.2 is actually an enhanced version of the inequality in Theorem 2.1. Therefore, if  $e$  is the best constant in Theorem 2.1, it must also be the best constant in Theorem 2.2.

## III . Proof of main conclusion

### 1. Proof of Theorem 2.1

(1) Take any positive sequence  $\{c_n\}$ , for any positive integer, according to the weighted mean inequality, we have

$$(a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} = \left[ \frac{(c_1 a_1)^{\lambda_1} (c_2 a_2)^{\lambda_2} \dots (c_n a_n)^{\lambda_n}}{c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n}} \right]^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \\ \leq \frac{\frac{\lambda_1}{\Lambda_n} c_1 a_1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{\Lambda_n} c_2 a_2 + \dots + \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n} c_n a_n}{(c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j c_j a_j}{\Lambda_n (c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}}$$

And the inequality takes the equal sign if and only if

$$c_1 a_1 = c_2 a_2 = \dots = c_n a_n. \text{ Therefore,}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n (c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j c_j a_j$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \left[ c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n (c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} \right] a_j$$

Take  $d_1 = 0, d_n \geq 0, n = 2, 3, \dots, c_n = e^{\sum_{j=1}^n d_j}$ , then

$$c_1 = 1,$$

$$c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n} = \prod_{i=1}^n c_i^{\lambda_i} = \prod_{i=1}^n (e^{\sum_{j=1}^i d_j})^{\lambda_i} = \prod_{i=1}^n e^{\lambda_i \sum_{j=1}^i d_j} = e^{\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \sum_{j=1}^i d_j}$$

Select appropriately  $\{c_n\}$  so that

$$c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n (c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} < e, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \text{ then}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \sum_{j=1}^i d_j = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \sum_{i=j}^n \lambda_i = \sum_{j=1}^n (\Lambda_n - \Lambda_{j-1}) d_j = \Lambda_n \sum_{j=1}^n d_j - \sum_{j=1}^n \Lambda_{j-1} d_j$$

$$= \Lambda_n \sum_{j=2}^n d_j - \sum_{j=2}^n \Lambda_{j-1} d_j$$

$$\sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n (c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} < \frac{e}{c_j}, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Here, supplementary agree that  $\Lambda_0 = 0$ . Take

Further demand that  $\{c_n\}$  is monotonous and undiminished. Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = c$ , then  $c \in (0, +\infty]$ .

$$d_j = \frac{\lambda_{j-1}}{\Lambda_{j-1}}, j = 2, 3, \dots, \text{ then}$$

$$\text{If } c = +\infty, \text{ then } \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{c_n} - \frac{1}{c_{n+1}} \right) = \frac{1}{c_j}, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$c_n = e^{\sum_{j=1}^n d_j} = e^{\sum_{j=2}^n d_j} = e^{\sum_{j=2}^n \frac{\lambda_{j-1}}{\Lambda_{j-1}}} = e^{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}}$$

If  $c < +\infty$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \sum_{j=1}^i d_j = \Lambda_n \sum_{j=2}^n \frac{\lambda_{j-1}}{\Lambda_{j-1}} - \sum_{j=2}^n \lambda_{j-1} = \Lambda_n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j} - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \lambda_j = \Lambda_n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j} - \Lambda_{n-1}$$

$$\sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{c_n} - \frac{1}{c_{n+1}} \right) = \frac{1}{c_j} - \frac{1}{c} < \frac{1}{c_j}, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

then

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{c_n} - \frac{1}{c_{n+1}} \right) \leq \frac{1}{c_j}, j = 1, 2, \dots. \text{ Choose}$$

$$c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n} = e^{\Lambda_n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j} - \Lambda_{n-1}}$$

the monotonous positive sequence to satisfy

then

$$\sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n (c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} < e \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{c_n} - \frac{1}{c_{n+1}} \right), j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$(c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} = e^{\frac{\Lambda_n}{\Lambda_n} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j} - \frac{\Lambda_{n-1}}{\Lambda_n}} = e^{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j} - \frac{\Lambda_n - \lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}} = e^{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j} - 1} = e^{-1} e^{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}}$$

Then

Therefore,

$$\frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n (c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} < e \left( \frac{1}{c_n} - \frac{1}{c_{n+1}} \right), n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n (c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} = \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n} < e \frac{e^{\Lambda_n} - 1}{e^{\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}}} = e \left( \frac{1}{c_n} - \frac{1}{c_{n+1}} \right) = e \left( \frac{1}{c_n} - \frac{1}{c_{n+1}} \right)$$

Find such a sequence  $\{c_n\}$  of positive numbers.

Take  $c_n = e^{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}}$ , then

$$c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}} = e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}},$$

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}$  convergences, then  $c < +\infty$ . If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}$

divergences, then  $c = +\infty$ .

(3) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}$  convergences, then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \left[ c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n (c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} \right] a_j$$

According to (1), we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq e \left(1 - \frac{1}{c}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j,$$

So  $e$  is not the best constant.

If  $c < +\infty$ , then

(4)  $c_n = e^{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}}$ ,  $n=1, 2, \dots$ . Due to  $\frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n} \in (0, 1]$ , the convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}$  is the same as that of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n e^{-\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}}$ .

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq e \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \left[ c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{c_n} - \frac{1}{c_{n+1}}\right) \right] a_j = e \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j c_j \left(\frac{1}{c_j} - \frac{1}{c}\right) a_j$$

$$= e \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \left(1 - \frac{c_j}{c}\right) a_j \leq e \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \left(1 - \frac{c_1}{c}\right) a_j = e \left(1 - \frac{1}{c}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j \leq e \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j$$

If  $c = +\infty$ , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq e \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \left[ c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{c_n} - \frac{1}{c_{n+1}}\right) \right] a_j = e \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j$$

When  $n=1$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j} = 1$ .

When  $n > 1$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j} = 1 + \sum_{j=2}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j} = 1 + \sum_{j=2}^n \frac{\Lambda_j - \Lambda_{j-1}}{\Lambda_j} = 1 + \sum_{j=2}^n \int_{\Lambda_{j-1}}^{\Lambda_j} \frac{dx}{\Lambda_j}$$

$$< 1 + \sum_{j=2}^n \int_{\Lambda_{j-1}}^{\Lambda_j} \frac{dx}{x} = 1 + \int_{\Lambda_1}^{\Lambda_n} \frac{dx}{x} = 1 + \ln \frac{\Lambda_n}{\Lambda_1}$$

(2) The sufficiency is obvious and the proof necessity is as follows.

When the inequality takes the equal sign, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \left[ c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n (c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} \right] a_j = e \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \left[ c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{c_n} - \frac{1}{c_{n+1}}\right) \right] a_j$$

So  $\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j} \leq 1 + \ln \frac{\Lambda_n}{\Lambda_1}$ . Then,

$$\lambda_n e^{-\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}} \geq \lambda_n e^{-(1 + \ln \frac{\Lambda_n}{\Lambda_1})} = e^{-1} \Lambda_1 \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}.$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n} \quad \text{divergences, so} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n e^{-\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}}$$

divergences, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{c_n}$  divergences.

Take any positive integer  $N$ , define the sequence

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{c_n}, n=1, 2, \dots, N \\ 0, n > N \end{cases}, \text{ then}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\lambda_n}{(c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\lambda_n}{c_n}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{c_n}$  divergences, so  $\left\{ \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\lambda_n}{c_n} \right\}$  is a sequence of

positive numbers that is strictly monotonically increasing towards infinity. According to Stokes' formula,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n} &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\lambda_n}{(c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}}}{\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\lambda_n}{c_n}} \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\lambda_N}{(c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_N^{\lambda_N})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_N}}}}{\frac{\lambda_N}{c_N}} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}}}{e^{\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j} - 1}} = e \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\frac{\lambda_N}{\Lambda_N}} = e \end{aligned}$$

So  $e$  is the best constant.

(5) Let  $r = \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}^+} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}$ , then  $r \in [0, 1)$ . Take any

non-negative sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , so that

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n < +\infty$ , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \left[ c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n (c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} \right] a_j$$

For any positive integer  $j$ , due to  $\frac{x}{e^x - 1}$  strictly

monotonically decreasing on  $(0, +\infty)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n (c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} &= c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}}{e^{\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j} - 1}} = e c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}}{e^{\frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n} - 1}} \frac{e^{\frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}}}{e^{\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}}} \\ &\leq e c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{r}{e^r - 1} \left( \frac{1}{e^{\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}}} - \frac{1}{e^{\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}}} \right) = \frac{r}{e^r - 1} e c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{c_n} - \frac{1}{c_{n+1}} \right) \leq \frac{r}{e^r - 1} e \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq \frac{r}{e^r - 1} e \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j.$$

Due to  $\frac{r}{e^r - 1} e < e$ ,  $e$  is not the best constant. This

is contradictory. So  $\inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}^+} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n} = 0$ . #

## 2. Proof of Theorem 1.2

(1) Still take the positive sequence  $\{c_n\}$  as

$$c_n = e^{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\Lambda_j}}, n=1, 2, \dots, \text{ let } c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n, \text{ then}$$

$c \in (0, +\infty]$ . According to the weighted mean inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_n (e^{\lambda_n} - 1) (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_n (e^{\lambda_n} - 1) \left[ \frac{(c_1 a_1)^{\lambda_1} (c_2 a_2)^{\lambda_2} \dots (c_n a_n)^{\lambda_n}}{c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n}} \right]^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \\ & \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_n (e^{\lambda_n} - 1) \frac{\frac{\lambda_1}{\Lambda_n} c_1 a_1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{\Lambda_n} c_2 a_2 + \dots + \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n} c_n a_n}{(c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e^{\lambda_n} - 1) \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j c_j a_j}{(c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} \\ & = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \left[ c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\lambda_n} - 1}{(c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} \right] a_j \end{aligned}$$

For any positive integer  $j$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\lambda_n} - 1}{(c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} &= c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\lambda_n} - 1}{e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k} - 1} = e c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{e^{\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \lambda_k}} - \frac{1}{e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k}} \right) \\ &= e c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{c_n} - \frac{1}{c_{n+1}} \right) = \begin{cases} e c_j \left( \frac{1}{c_j} - \frac{1}{c} \right), & c < +\infty \\ e, & c = +\infty \end{cases} \leq e \end{aligned}$$

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_n (e^{\lambda_n} - 1) (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq e \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n$ .

(2) The sufficiency is obvious and the proof necessity is as follows. We divide the discussion into two situations,  $c < +\infty$  and  $c = +\infty$ .

First,  $c < +\infty$ .

For any positive integer  $j$ ,

$$c_j \sum_{n=j}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\lambda_n} - 1}{(c_1^{\lambda_1} c_2^{\lambda_2} \dots c_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}} \leq e c_j \left( \frac{1}{c_j} - \frac{1}{c} \right) = e \left( 1 - \frac{c_j}{c} \right) \leq e \left( 1 - \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

Then,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_n (e^{\lambda_n} - 1) (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq e \left( 1 - \frac{1}{c} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j$$

Inequality takes the equal sign, so

$$e \left( 1 - \frac{1}{c} \right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n = e \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n, \text{ namely } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n = 0.$$

$\lambda_n > 0, a_n \geq 0, n = 1, 2, \dots$ , so  $a_n = 0, n = 1, 2, \dots$ .

Second,  $c = +\infty$ .

When  $c = +\infty$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}$  divergences.

According to the necessary and sufficient conditions of taking the equal sign of the weighted mean inequality,

$$c_1 a_1 = c_2 a_2 = c_3 a_3 = \dots$$

If  $a_n$  are not all 0, then  $a_n$  are not 0 at all. We

assume  $1 = c_1 a_1 = c_2 a_2 = c_3 a_3 = \dots$ , then

$$a_n = \frac{1}{c_n}, n = 1, 2, \dots, \text{ so } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{c_n} \text{ convergences. But in}$$

the proof of Theorem 1.1, we have already shown

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{c_n}$  divergences. This is contradictory. So

$$a_n = 0, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

In summary, the inequality takes the equal sign if and only if  $a_n = 0, n = 1, 2, \dots$ .

(3)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}$  convergences, so  $c < +\infty$ . In the proof

of (2), we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_n (e^{\lambda_n} - 1) (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}} \leq e \left( 1 - \frac{1}{c} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j$$

hen  $e \left( 1 - \frac{1}{c} \right) < e$ , Therefore,  $e$  is not the best constant.

(4)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n} = 0$ , but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}$  divergences. According

to Theorem 1.1,  $e$  is the best constant.

Let

$$A = \left\{ \{a_n\} \mid a_n \geq 0, n = 1, 2, \dots, 0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n < +\infty \right\}, \text{th}$$

en

$$e = \sup_{\{a_n\} \in A} \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n} \leq \sup_{\{a_n\} \in A} \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_n (e^{\frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}} - 1) (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n} \leq e$$

Therefore,

$$\sup_{\{a_n\} \in A} \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_n (e^{\frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda_n}} - 1) (a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \dots a_n^{\lambda_n})^{\frac{1}{\Lambda_n}}}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n} = e,$$

Therefore,  $e$  is the best constant. #

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