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**REVERSES OF CALLEBAUT DISCRETE INEQUALITY VIA SOME RESULTS DUE TO ZHUANG**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, by the use of Zhuang's inequalities, we establish some reverse inequalities for the celebrated refinement of the Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwarz inequality that was obtained by Callebaut in 1965. A numerical comparison is also provided.

1. INTRODUCTION

The following inequality

$$x^{1-\nu}y^\nu \leq (1-\nu)x + \nu y \tag{1.1}$$

is well known in literature as either *weighted Arithmetic mean-Geometric mean inequality* or as *Young's inequality*.

In 1991, Y.-D. Zhuang [14] established the following inequality for  $0 < m \leq x \leq M$ ,  $0 < k \leq y \leq K$ , and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$

$$\nu x + (1-\nu)y \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu M + (1-\nu)k}{M^\nu k^{1-\nu}}, \frac{\nu m + (1-\nu)K}{m^\nu K^{1-\nu}} \right\} x^\nu y^{1-\nu} \tag{1.2}$$

or

$$x + y \leq \max \left\{ \frac{M+k}{M^\nu k^{1-\nu}}, \frac{m+K}{m^\nu K^{1-\nu}} \right\} x^\nu y^{1-\nu}. \tag{1.3}$$

The sign of equality in (1.2) and (1.3) holds if and only if either  $(x, y) = (m, K)$  or  $(x, y) = (M, k)$ .

Moreover, if  $m \geq K$ , then

$$\frac{\nu m + (1-\nu)K}{m^\nu K^{1-\nu}} x^\nu y^{1-\nu} \leq \nu x + (1-\nu)y \leq \frac{\nu M + (1-\nu)k}{M^\nu k^{1-\nu}} x^\nu y^{1-\nu}. \tag{1.4}$$

The sign of equality on the right-hand side of (1.4) holds if and only if  $(x, y) = (M, k)$  and the sign of equality on the left-hand side of (1.4) holds if and only if  $(x, y) = (m, K)$ . The sign of inequality in (1.4) is reversed if  $k \geq M$ .

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Now, if we take  $y = 1$ , then we have from the above inequalities for  $x \in [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$  that

$$\nu x + 1 - \nu \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu M + 1 - \nu}{M^\nu}, \frac{\nu m + 1 - \nu}{m^\nu} \right\} x^\nu \quad (1.5)$$

and

$$x + 1 \leq \max \left\{ \frac{M + 1}{M^\nu}, \frac{m + 1}{m^\nu} \right\} x^\nu. \quad (1.6)$$

If  $m \geq 1$ , then we have

$$\frac{\nu m + 1 - \nu}{m^\nu} x^\nu \leq \nu x + 1 - \nu \leq \frac{\nu M + 1 - \nu}{M^\nu} x^\nu \quad (1.7)$$

for  $x \in [m, M]$  and  $\nu \in (0, 1)$ .

If  $M \leq 1$ , then we have

$$\frac{\nu M + 1 - \nu}{M^\nu} x^\nu \leq \nu x + 1 - \nu \leq \frac{\nu m + 1 - \nu}{m^\nu} x^\nu, \quad (1.8)$$

for  $x \in [m, M]$  and  $\nu \in (0, 1)$ .

The inequalities (1.5), (1.7) and (1.8) can be put together as

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} \frac{\nu M + 1 - \nu}{M^\nu} & \text{if } M < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ \frac{\nu m + 1 - \nu}{m^\nu} & \text{if } 1 < m. \end{cases} \leq \frac{\nu x + 1 - \nu}{x^\nu} \\ \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\nu m + 1 - \nu}{m^\nu} & \text{if } M < 1, \\ \max \left\{ \frac{\nu M + 1 - \nu}{M^\nu}, \frac{\nu m + 1 - \nu}{m^\nu} \right\} & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ \frac{\nu M + 1 - \nu}{M^\nu} & \text{if } 1 < m, \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

for  $x \in [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

The inequality

$$1 \leq \frac{\nu x + 1 - \nu}{x^\nu}$$

is the AG-inequality for  $y = 1$ ,

We notice that the inequality (1.9) has been also obtained in [5] by a direct approach in studying the margins of the function  $g(x) := \frac{\nu x + 1 - \nu}{x^\nu}$  with  $x \in [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

For other similar results, see [1] and [3]-[13].

The following refinement of the Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwarz inequality was obtained by Callebaut [2] in 1965:

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i \right)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^{2(1-\nu)} b_i^{2\nu} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^{2\nu} b_i^{2(1-\nu)} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^2 \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i^2. \quad (1.10)$$

In this paper, by the use of Zhuang's inequalities (1.2) and (1.3) we establish some upper bounds for the quotient

$$\frac{\sum_{i \in I} p_i b_i^2 \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^2}{\sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^{2(1-\nu)} b_i^{2\nu} \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^{2\nu} b_i^{2(1-\nu)}}$$

under suitable conditions for the sequences  $a_k, b_k > 0$  and  $p_k \geq 0, k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

These results can be applied for operator inequalities as in [1], [5]-[7] and [9].

## 2. DISCRETE INEQUALITIES

We start with the following result:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $a_k, b_k > 0$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $I, J$  be finite sets of indices such that*

$$m \leq \frac{b_i}{a_i} \leq M \text{ and } k \leq \frac{b_j}{a_j} \leq K \quad (2.1)$$

for some constants  $0 < m < M$ ,  $0 < k < K$ , for any  $i \in I$  and  $j \in J$ . If  $p_i \geq 0$  for  $i \in I$ ,  $q_j \geq 0$  for  $j \in J$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ , then we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \nu \sum_{i \in I} p_i b_i^2 \sum_{j \in J} q_j a_j^2 + (1 - \nu) \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^2 \sum_{j \in J} q_j b_j^2 \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu M^2 + (1 - \nu) k^2}{M^{2\nu} k^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{\nu m^2 + (1 - \nu) K^2}{m^{2\nu} K^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\} \\ & \quad \times \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^{2(1-\nu)} b_i^{2\nu} \sum_{j \in J} q_j a_j^{2\nu} b_j^{2(1-\nu)} \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

and the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in I} p_i b_i^2 \sum_{j \in J} q_j a_j^2 + \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^2 \sum_{j \in J} q_j b_j^2 \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{M^2 + k^2}{M^{2\nu} k^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{m^2 + K^2}{m^{2\nu} K^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\} \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^{2(1-\nu)} b_i^{2\nu} \sum_{j \in J} q_j a_j^{2\nu} b_j^{2(1-\nu)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

*Proof.* If we write the inequality (1.2) for  $x = \left(\frac{b_i}{a_i}\right)^2$  and  $y = \left(\frac{b_j}{a_j}\right)^2$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \nu \left(\frac{b_i}{a_i}\right)^2 + (1 - \nu) \left(\frac{b_j}{a_j}\right)^2 \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu M^2 + (1 - \nu) k^2}{M^{2\nu} k^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{\nu m^2 + (1 - \nu) K^2}{m^{2\nu} K^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\} \left(\frac{b_i}{a_i}\right)^{2\nu} \left(\frac{b_j}{a_j}\right)^{2(1-\nu)} \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

for any  $i \in I$  and  $j \in J$ .

By multiplying (2.4) with  $a_i^2 a_j^2 \geq 0$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \nu b_i^2 a_j^2 + (1 - \nu) a_i^2 b_j^2 \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu M^2 + (1 - \nu) k^2}{M^{2\nu} k^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{\nu m^2 + (1 - \nu) K^2}{m^{2\nu} K^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\} a_i^{2(1-\nu)} b_i^{2\nu} a_j^{2\nu} b_j^{2(1-\nu)} \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

for any  $i \in I$  and  $j \in J$ .

Multiply the inequality (2.5) by  $q_j \geq 0$  and sum over  $j \in J$  to get

$$\begin{aligned} & \nu b_i^2 \sum_{j \in J} q_j a_j^2 + (1 - \nu) a_i^2 \sum_{j \in J} q_j b_j^2 \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu M^2 + (1 - \nu) k^2}{M^{2\nu} k^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{\nu m^2 + (1 - \nu) K^2}{m^{2\nu} K^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\} a_i^{2(1-\nu)} b_i^{2\nu} \sum_{j \in J} q_j a_j^{2\nu} b_j^{2(1-\nu)} \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

for any  $i \in I$ .

If we multiply (2.6) by  $p_i \geq 0$  and sum over  $i \in I$ , we get the desired inequality (2.2).

By the inequality (1.3) for  $x = \left(\frac{b_i}{a_i}\right)^2$  and  $y = \left(\frac{b_j}{a_j}\right)^2$  we have

$$\left(\frac{b_i}{a_i}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{b_j}{a_j}\right)^2 \leq \max \left\{ \frac{M^2 + k^2}{M^{2\nu} k^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{m^2 + K^2}{m^{2\nu} K^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\} \left(\frac{b_i}{a_i}\right)^{2\nu} \left(\frac{b_j}{a_j}\right)^{2(1-\nu)} \quad (2.7)$$

for any  $i \in I$  and  $j \in J$ . On making use of a similar argument as above, we deduce (2.3).  $\square$

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $a_k, b_k > 0$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $I$  be a finite set of indices such that*

$$m \leq \frac{b_i}{a_i} \leq M \quad (2.8)$$

for some constants  $0 < m < M$  and any  $i \in I$ . If  $p_i \geq 0$  for  $i \in I$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ , then we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sum_{i \in I} p_i b_i^2 \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^2}{\sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^{2(1-\nu)} b_i^{2\nu} \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^{2\nu} b_i^{2(1-\nu)}} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu M^2 + (1-\nu) m^2}{M^{2\nu} m^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{\nu m^2 + (1-\nu) M^2}{m^{2\nu} M^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

and the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sum_{i \in I} p_i b_i^2 \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^2}{\sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^{2(1-\nu)} b_i^{2\nu} \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^{2\nu} b_i^{2(1-\nu)}} \\ & \leq \frac{M^2 + m^2}{2} \max \left\{ \frac{1}{M^{2\nu} m^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{1}{m^{2\nu} M^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

The inequalities (2.9) and (2.10) therefore provide multiplicative reverses of the second Callebaut inequality (1.10).

The following result also holds:

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $a_k, b_k > 0$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $I$  be a finite set of indices such that*

$$a \leq a_i \leq A \text{ and } b \leq b_i \leq B \quad (2.11)$$

for some constants  $0 < a < A$ ,  $0 < b < B$  and any  $i \in I$ . If  $w_i \geq 0$  for  $i \in I$  with  $\sum_{i \in I} w_i = 1$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ , then we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2)^\nu (\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2)^{1-\nu}}{\sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^{2\nu} b_j^{2(1-\nu)}} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu A^2 B^2 + (1-\nu) a^2 b^2}{A^{2\nu} a^{2(1-\nu)} B^{2\nu} b^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{\nu a^2 b^2 + (1-\nu) A^2 B^2}{A^{2(1-\nu)} a^{2\nu} B^{2(1-\nu)} b^{2\nu}} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

and the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{(\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2)^\nu (\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2)^{1-\nu}}{\sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^{2\nu} b_j^{2(1-\nu)}} \\
 & \leq \frac{A^2 B^2 + a^2 b^2}{2} \\
 & \times \max \left\{ \frac{1}{A^{2\nu} a^{2(1-\nu)} B^{2\nu} b^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{1}{A^{2(1-\nu)} a^{2\nu} B^{2(1-\nu)} b^{2\nu}} \right\}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

*Proof.* Let  $x = \frac{a_j^2}{\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2}$  and  $y = \frac{b_j^2}{\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2}$  for  $j \in I$ , then we get

$$\frac{a^2}{A^2} \leq x \leq \frac{A^2}{a^2}, \quad j \in I$$

and

$$\frac{b^2}{B^2} \leq y \leq \frac{B^2}{b^2}, \quad j \in I.$$

If we write the inequality (1.2) for  $x$  and  $y$  as above, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \nu \frac{a_j^2}{\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2} + (1-\nu) \frac{b_j^2}{\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2} \\
 & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu \frac{A^2}{a^2} + (1-\nu) \frac{b^2}{B^2}}{\left(\frac{A^2}{a^2}\right)^\nu \left(\frac{b^2}{B^2}\right)^{1-\nu}}, \frac{\nu \frac{a^2}{A^2} + (1-\nu) \frac{B^2}{b^2}}{\left(\frac{a^2}{A^2}\right)^\nu \left(\frac{B^2}{b^2}\right)^{1-\nu}} \right\} \\
 & \times \frac{a_j^{2\nu}}{\left(\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2\right)^\nu} \frac{b_j^{2(1-\nu)}}{\left(\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2\right)^{1-\nu}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

for any  $j \in I$ .

Since

$$\frac{\nu \frac{A^2}{a^2} + (1-\nu) \frac{b^2}{B^2}}{\left(\frac{A^2}{a^2}\right)^\nu \left(\frac{b^2}{B^2}\right)^{1-\nu}} = \frac{\nu A^2 B^2 + (1-\nu) a^2 b^2}{A^{2\nu} a^{2(1-\nu)} B^{2\nu} b^{2(1-\nu)}}$$

and

$$\frac{\nu \frac{a^2}{A^2} + (1-\nu) \frac{B^2}{b^2}}{\left(\frac{a^2}{A^2}\right)^\nu \left(\frac{B^2}{b^2}\right)^{1-\nu}} = \frac{\nu a^2 b^2 + (1-\nu) A^2 B^2}{A^{2(1-\nu)} a^{2\nu} B^{2(1-\nu)} b^{2\nu}},$$

then by (2.14) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \nu \frac{a_j^2}{\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2} + (1-\nu) \frac{b_j^2}{\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2} \\
 & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu A^2 B^2 + (1-\nu) a^2 b^2}{A^{2\nu} a^{2(1-\nu)} B^{2\nu} b^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{\nu a^2 b^2 + (1-\nu) A^2 B^2}{A^{2(1-\nu)} a^{2\nu} B^{2(1-\nu)} b^{2\nu}} \right\} \\
 & \times \frac{a_j^{2\nu}}{\left(\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2\right)^\nu} \frac{b_j^{2(1-\nu)}}{\left(\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2\right)^{1-\nu}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

for any  $j \in I$ .

If we multiply (2.15) by  $w_j$  and sum, then we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \nu \frac{\sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^2}{\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2} + (1 - \nu) \frac{\sum_{j \in I} w_j b_j^2}{\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu A^2 B^2 + (1 - \nu) a^2 b^2}{A^{2\nu} a^{2(1-\nu)} B^{2\nu} b^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{\nu a^2 b^2 + (1 - \nu) A^2 B^2}{A^{2(1-\nu)} a^{2\nu} B^{2(1-\nu)} b^{2\nu}} \right\} \\ & \quad \times \frac{\sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^{2\nu} b_j^{2(1-\nu)}}{(\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2)^\nu (\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2)^{1-\nu}} \end{aligned}$$

that is equivalent to (2.12).

By the inequality (1.3) we also have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a_j^2}{\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2} + \frac{b_j^2}{\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\frac{A^2}{a^2} + \frac{b^2}{B^2}}{\left(\frac{A^2}{a^2}\right)^\nu \left(\frac{b^2}{B^2}\right)^{1-\nu}}, \frac{\frac{a^2}{A^2} + \frac{B^2}{b^2}}{\left(\frac{a^2}{A^2}\right)^\nu \left(\frac{B^2}{b^2}\right)^{1-\nu}} \right\} \\ & \quad \times \frac{a_j^{2\nu}}{(\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2)^\nu} \frac{b_j^{2(1-\nu)}}{(\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2)^{1-\nu}} \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

for any  $j \in I$  and since

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \left\{ \frac{\frac{A^2}{a^2} + \frac{b^2}{B^2}}{\left(\frac{A^2}{a^2}\right)^\nu \left(\frac{b^2}{B^2}\right)^{1-\nu}}, \frac{\frac{a^2}{A^2} + \frac{B^2}{b^2}}{\left(\frac{a^2}{A^2}\right)^\nu \left(\frac{B^2}{b^2}\right)^{1-\nu}} \right\} \\ & = (A^2 B^2 + a^2 b^2) \\ & \quad \times \max \left\{ \frac{1}{A^{2\nu} a^{2(1-\nu)} B^{2\nu} b^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{1}{A^{2(1-\nu)} a^{2\nu} B^{2(1-\nu)} b^{2\nu}} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

then by (2.16) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a_j^2}{\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2} + \frac{b_j^2}{\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2} \\ & \leq (A^2 B^2 + a^2 b^2) \\ & \quad \times \max \left\{ \frac{1}{A^{2\nu} a^{2(1-\nu)} B^{2\nu} b^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{1}{A^{2(1-\nu)} a^{2\nu} B^{2(1-\nu)} b^{2\nu}} \right\} \\ & \quad \times \frac{a_j^{2\nu}}{(\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2)^\nu} \frac{b_j^{2(1-\nu)}}{(\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2)^{1-\nu}} \end{aligned} \tag{2.17}$$

for any  $j \in I$ .

If we multiply (2.17) by  $w_j$  and sum, then we get the desired result (2.13).  $\square$

*Remark 2.1.* With the assumptions of Theorem 2.2 we have the Callebaut reverse inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2 \sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2}{\sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^{2\nu} b_j^{2(1-\nu)} \sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^{2(1-\nu)} b_j^{2\nu}} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{(\nu A^2 B^2 + (1-\nu) a^2 b^2)^2}{A^{4\nu} a^{4(1-\nu)} B^{4\nu} b^{4(1-\nu)}}, \frac{(\nu a^2 b^2 + (1-\nu) A^2 B^2)^2}{A^{4(1-\nu)} a^{4\nu} B^{4(1-\nu)} b^{4\nu}} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2 \sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2}{\sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^{2\nu} b_j^{2(1-\nu)} \sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^{2(1-\nu)} b_j^{2\nu}} \\ & \leq \left( \frac{A^2 B^2 + a^2 b^2}{2} \right)^2 \\ & \times \max \left\{ \frac{1}{A^{4\nu} a^{4(1-\nu)} B^{4\nu} b^{4(1-\nu)}}, \frac{1}{A^{4(1-\nu)} a^{4\nu} B^{4(1-\nu)} b^{4\nu}} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

Indeed, by the inequality (2.12) for  $1-\nu$  instead of  $\nu$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2)^{1-\nu} (\sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2)^\nu}{\sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^{2(1-\nu)} b_j^{2\nu}} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{(1-\nu) A^2 B^2 + \nu a^2 b^2}{A^{2(1-\nu)} a^{2\nu} B^{2(1-\nu)} b^{2\nu}}, \frac{(1-\nu) a^2 b^2 + \nu A^2 B^2}{A^{2\nu} a^{2(1-\nu)} B^{2\nu} b^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

If we multiply (2.12) with (2.20) we obtain (2.18).

The inequality (2.19) follows in a similar way by (2.13) and the details are omitted.

The inequalities from (2.19) and (2.20) can be however improved as follows:

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $a_k, b_k > 0$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $I$  a finite set of indices such that the inequality (2.11) is valid for some constants  $0 < a < A$ ,  $0 < b < B$  for any  $i \in I$ . If  $w_i \geq 0$  for  $i \in I$  with  $\sum_{i \in I} w_i = 1$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ , then we have the inequalities*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2 \sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2}{\sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^{2\nu} b_j^{2(1-\nu)} \sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^{2(1-\nu)} b_j^{2\nu}} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu A^2 B^2 + (1-\nu) a^2 b^2}{A^{2\nu} B^{2\nu} a^{2(1-\nu)} b^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{\nu a^2 b^2 + (1-\nu) A^2 B^2}{a^{2\nu} b^{2\nu} A^{2(1-\nu)} B^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sum_{i \in I} w_i a_i^2 \sum_{i \in I} w_i b_i^2}{\sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^{2\nu} b_j^{2(1-\nu)} \sum_{j \in I} w_j a_j^{2(1-\nu)} b_j^{2\nu}} \\ & \leq \frac{A^2 B^2 + a^2 b^2}{2} \\ & \times \max \left\{ \frac{1}{A^{2\nu} B^{2\nu} a^{2(1-\nu)} b^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{1}{a^{2\nu} b^{2\nu} A^{2(1-\nu)} B^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

*Proof.* Let  $x = a_i^2 b_j^2$  and  $y = a_j^2 b_i^2$  for  $i, j \in I$ . Then by the condition (2.11) we have

$$a^2 b^2 \leq x \leq A^2 B^2 \text{ and } a^2 b^2 \leq y \leq A^2 B^2.$$

By the inequalities (1.2) and (1.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \nu a_i^2 b_j^2 + (1 - \nu) a_j^2 b_i^2 \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\nu A^2 B^2 + (1 - \nu) a^2 b^2}{(A^2 B^2)^\nu (a^2 b^2)^{1-\nu}}, \frac{\nu a^2 b^2 + (1 - \nu) A^2 B^2}{(a^2 b^2)^\nu (A^2 B^2)^{1-\nu}} \right\} \\ & \times (a_i^2 b_j^2)^\nu (a_j^2 b_i^2)^{1-\nu} \\ & = \max \left\{ \frac{\nu A^2 B^2 + (1 - \nu) a^2 b^2}{A^{2\nu} B^{2\nu} a^{2(1-\nu)} b^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{\nu a^2 b^2 + (1 - \nu) A^2 B^2}{a^{2\nu} b^{2\nu} A^{2(1-\nu)} B^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\} \\ & \times a_i^{2\nu} b_i^{2(1-\nu)} a_j^{2(1-\nu)} b_j^{2\nu} \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} a_i^2 b_j^2 + a_j^2 b_i^2 & \leq (A^2 B^2 + a^2 b^2) \\ & \times \max \left\{ \frac{1}{A^{2\nu} B^{2\nu} a^{2(1-\nu)} b^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{1}{a^{2\nu} b^{2\nu} A^{2(1-\nu)} B^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\} \\ & \times a_i^{2\nu} b_i^{2(1-\nu)} a_j^{2(1-\nu)} b_j^{2\nu}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

for  $i, j \in I$ .

If we multiply (2.23) and (2.24) by  $w_i w_j$  and sum over  $i, j \in I$  we get the desired inequalities (2.21) and (2.22).  $\square$

### 3. A NUMERICAL COMPARISON

We consider the *Kantorovich's ratio* defined by

$$K(h) := \frac{(h+1)^2}{4h}, \quad h > 0. \quad (3.1)$$

The function  $K$  is decreasing on  $(0, 1)$  and increasing on  $[1, \infty)$ ,  $K(h) \geq 1$  for any  $h > 0$  and  $K(h) = K\left(\frac{1}{h}\right)$  for any  $h > 0$ .

The following multiplicative reverse of Young inequality in terms of Kantorovich's ratio holds

$$(1 - \nu) a + \nu b \leq K^R \left( \frac{a}{b} \right) a^{1-\nu} b^\nu, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $a, b > 0$ ,  $\nu \in [0, 1]$  and  $R = \max\{1 - \nu, \nu\}$ .

This inequality was obtained by Liao et al. [11].

In [8] the first author obtained the following reverse of Callebaut inequality

$$\frac{\sum_{i \in I} p_i b_i^2 \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^2}{\sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^{2(1-\nu)} b_i^{2\nu} \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^{2\nu} b_i^{2(1-\nu)}} \leq K^{\max\{\nu, 1-\nu\}} \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^2 \right) \quad (3.3)$$

where  $a_k, b_k > 0$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $I$  a finite set of indices such that the condition (2.8) is valid for some constants  $0 < m < M$  and any  $i \in I$ ,  $w_i \geq 0$  for  $i \in I$  with  $\sum_{i \in I} w_i = 1$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .



From (2.9), (2.10) and (3.3) we have the following upper bounds for the quotient

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sum_{i \in I} p_i b_i^2 \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^2}{\sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^{2(1-\nu)} b_i^{2\nu} \sum_{i \in I} p_i a_i^{2\nu} b_i^{2(1-\nu)}} \\ & \leq B_1(m, M, \nu), \quad B_2(m, M, \nu), \quad B_3(m, M, \nu) \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} B_1(m, M, \nu) & := \max \left\{ \frac{\nu M^2 + (1-\nu)m^2}{M^{2\nu} m^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{\nu m^2 + (1-\nu)M^2}{m^{2\nu} M^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\}, \\ B_2(m, M, \nu) & := \frac{M^2 + m^2}{2} \max \left\{ \frac{1}{M^{2\nu} m^{2(1-\nu)}}, \frac{1}{m^{2\nu} M^{2(1-\nu)}} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$B_3(m, M, \nu) := K^{\max\{v, 1-v\}} \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^2 \right).$$

Here  $0 < m \leq M < \infty$  and  $v \in [0, 1]$ .

For  $m = 1$ , we consider the differences

$$\begin{aligned} D_1(M, \nu) & : = B_1(1, M, \nu) - B_2(1, M, \nu), \\ D_2(M, \nu) & : = B_3(1, M, \nu) - B_1(1, M, \nu), \\ D_3(M, \nu) & : = B_3(1, M, \nu) - B_2(1, M, \nu) \end{aligned}$$

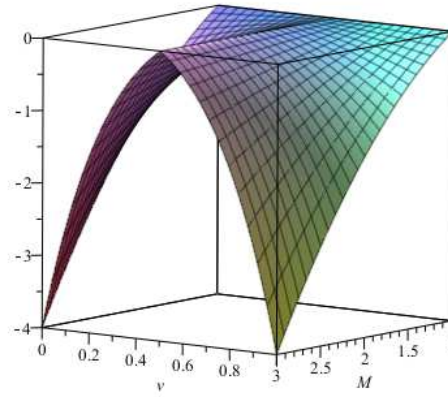
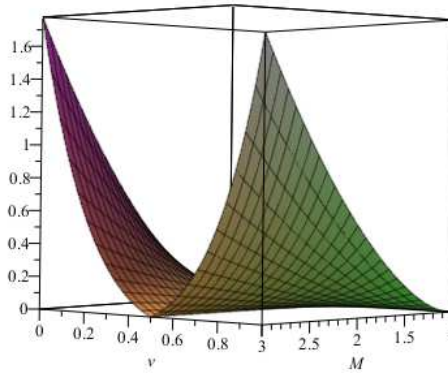
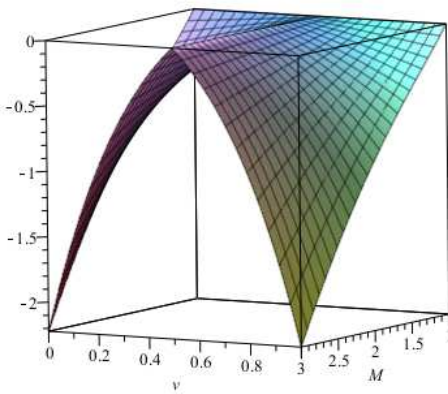
for  $M \geq 1$  and  $v \in [0, 1]$ .

The plots of the differences  $D_1(M, \nu)$ ,  $D_2(M, \nu)$  and  $D_3(M, \nu)$  in the box  $[1, 3] \times [0, 1]$  are depicted in Figures 1, 2 and 3 below. They show that in (3.4) the bound  $B_1$  is better than  $B_3$  that is better than  $B_2$ .

*Problem 1.* Is the following inequality

$$B_1(m, M, \nu) \leq B_3(m, M, \nu) \leq B_2(m, M, \nu)$$

valid for any  $0 < m \leq M < \infty$  and  $v \in [0, 1]$ ?

FIGURE 1. Plot of  $D_1(M, \nu)$  in  $[1, 3] \times [0, 1]$ FIGURE 2. Plot of  $D_2(M, \nu)$  on  $[1, 3] \times [0, 1]$ FIGURE 3. Plot of  $D_3(M, \nu)$  on  $[1, 3] \times [0, 1]$

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