

Lyapunov-type Inequalities for Fractional (p, q)-Laplacian Systems*

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Abstract In this paper, we establish some new Lyapunov type inequalities for fractional (p, q)-Laplacian operators in an open bounded set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$, under homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions. Next, we use the obtained inequalities to derive some geometric properties of the generalized spectrum associated to the considered problem.

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1. Introduction

The Lyapunov inequality and its various generalizations have found applications in the study of properties of solutions such as oscillation theory, asymptotic theory, eigenvalue problems of differential and difference equations. On the other hand, the fractional p -Laplacian operator is a class of non-local pseudo differential operators. The equations involving the fractional p -Laplacian operators are used to describe the diffusion phenomenon, which has been widely used in fluid mechanics, material memory, biology, plasma physics, finance, and so on. In the last few decades, many authors have established various Lyapunov type inequalities for fractional p -Laplacian operators, see, for example the Refs. [2–6] and the references therein.

In [4], Mohamed Jleli, Mokhtar Kirane and Bessem Samet considered the fractional p -Laplacian operator $(-\Delta_p)^s$, where $1 < p < \infty$, $s \in (0, 1)$, in an open bounded set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$, $N \geq 2$, under homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions. More precisely, they considered the following problem

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta_p)^s u = w|u|^{p-2}u, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \Omega, \end{cases}$$

where the weight function $w \in L^\infty(\Omega)$. They discussed two cases, the case $sp > N$ and the case $sp < N$. For each case, they obtained a Lyapunov-type inequality involved the inner radius of the domain and L^θ norms of the weight w .

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In [5], Mohamed Jleli and Bessem Samet considered the following system involving (p_i, q_i) -Laplacian operators ($i = 1, 2$):

$$\begin{cases} -(|u'(x)|^{p_1-2}u'(x))' - (|u'(x)|^{q_1-2}u'(x))' = f(x)|u(x)|^{\alpha-2}|v(x)|^\beta u(x), \\ -(|v'(x)|^{p_2-2}v'(x))' - (|v'(x)|^{q_2-2}v'(x))' = g(x)|u(x)|^\alpha|v(x)|^{\beta-2}v(x), \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

on the interval (a, b) , under Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$u(a) = u(b) = v(a) = v(b) = 0.$$

System (1.1) is investigated under the assumptions

$$\alpha \geq 2, \quad \beta \geq 2, \quad p_i \geq 2, \quad q_i \geq 2, \quad (i = 1, 2),$$

and

$$\frac{2\alpha}{p_1 + q_1} + \frac{2\beta}{p_2 + q_2} = 1.$$

Where f and g are two nonnegative real-valued functions such that $(f, g) \in L^1(a, b) \times L^1(a, b)$. It was proved that if (1.1) has a nontrivial solution $(u, v) \in C^2[a, b] \times C^2[a, b]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\min \left\{ \frac{2^{p_1}}{(b-a)^{p_1-1}}, \frac{2^{q_1}}{(b-a)^{q_1-1}} \right\} \right]^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+q_1}} \left[\min \left\{ \frac{2^{p_2}}{(b-a)^{p_2-1}}, \frac{2^{q_2}}{(b-a)^{q_2-1}} \right\} \right]^{\frac{2\beta}{p_2+q_2}} \\ & \leq \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+q_1}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_a^b g(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\beta}{p_2+q_2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Some nice applications to generalized eigenvalues are also presented in [5].

In this paper, we establish some new Lyapunov type inequalities for fractional Laplacian systems. More precisely, we consider:

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta_{p_1})^s u(x) + (-\Delta_{p_2})^s u(x) = f(x)|u(x)|^{\alpha-2}|v(x)|^\beta u(x), \\ (-\Delta_{q_1})^s v(x) + (-\Delta_{q_2})^s v(x) = g(x)|u(x)|^\alpha|v(x)|^{\beta-2}v(x), & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = v = 0, & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

System (1.2) is investigated under the assumptions

$$s \in (0, 1), \quad \alpha \geq 2, \quad \beta \geq 2, \quad p_i \geq 2, \quad q_i \geq 2, \quad (i = 1, 2),$$

and

$$\frac{2\alpha}{p_1 + p_2} + \frac{2\beta}{q_1 + q_2} = 1. \quad (1.3)$$

We also consider the system:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^3 [(-\Delta_{p_i})^s u(x)] = f(x)|u(x)|^{\alpha-2}|v(x)|^\beta|w(x)|^\gamma u(x), \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 [(-\Delta_{q_i})^s v(x)] = g(x)|u(x)|^\alpha|v(x)|^{\beta-2}|w(x)|^\gamma v(x), \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 [(-\Delta_{r_i})^s w(x)] = h(x)|u(x)|^\alpha|v(x)|^\beta|w(x)|^{\gamma-2}w(x), & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = v = w = 0, & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

System (1.4) is investigated under the assumptions

$$s \in (0, 1), \quad \alpha \geq 2, \quad \beta \geq 2, \quad \gamma \geq 2, \quad p_i \geq 2, \quad q_i \geq 2, \quad r_i \geq 2, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3),$$

and

$$\frac{3\alpha}{p_1 + p_2 + p_3} + \frac{3\beta}{q_1 + q_2 + q_3} + \frac{3\gamma}{r_1 + r_2 + r_3} = 1. \quad (1.5)$$

In the next section, we establish Lyapunov-type inequalities for problem (1.2) and (1.4). Then, we use the obtained inequalities to derive some geometric properties of the generalized spectrum associated to the considered problem.

2. Main results

We assume readers are familiar with the fractional p -Laplacian operator. For more details, we refer to [4]. The following fractional Sobolev-type inequalities will be useful later.

Lemma 2.1 (theorem 6.5, [9]). *Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ be bounded and open, $sp < N$, $s \in (0, 1)$, and $1 < p < \infty$. Then there is a constant $C_H > 0$ such that*

$$\|u\|_{L^{p_s^*}(\mathbb{R}^N)}^p \leq C_H [u]_{s,p}^p, \quad u \in W_0^{s,p}(D),$$

where $p_s^* = \frac{Np}{N-sp}$.

Lemma 2.2 (corollary 1.4, [1]). *Let $0 < s < 1$ and $1 < p < \infty$ be such that $sp < N$. Assume that $D \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ is a (bounded) uniform domain with a (locally) (s, p) -uniformly flat boundary. Then D admits an (s, p) -Hardy inequality, that is, there is a constant $C_S > 0$ such that*

$$\int_D \frac{|u(x)|^p}{d(x, \partial D)^{sp}} dx \leq C_S [u]_{s,p}^p, \quad u \in W_0^{s,p}(D),$$

where $d(x, \partial D)$ is the distance from $x \in D$ to the boundary ∂D .

Lemma 2.3 (theorem 3, [7]). *Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ be bounded and open, $sp > N$ and $s \in (0, 1)$. Then there is a constant $C_M > 0$ such that for all $u \in W_0^{s,p}(D)$,*

$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq C_M |x - y|^\beta [u]_{s,p}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N,$$

where $\beta = \frac{sp-N}{p}$.

In the following, we suppose that $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ is a bounded domain satisfying the regularities required by the fractional Sobolev inequalities given by Lemmas 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.

First, we define the weak solutions for problem (1.2) and (1.4).

A (weak) solution of problem (1.2) is $(u, v) \in W_0^{s,p}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,q}(\Omega)$ satisfying

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^2 \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2N}} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^{p_i-2} (u(x) - u(y)) (\varphi(x) - \varphi(y))}{|x - y|^{N+sp_i}} dx dy = \\ \int_{\Omega} f(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha-2} |v(x)|^{\beta} u(x) \varphi(x) dx, \\ \sum_{i=1}^2 \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2N}} \frac{|v(x) - v(y)|^{q_i-2} (v(x) - v(y)) (\psi(x) - \psi(y))}{|x - y|^{N+sq_i}} dx dy = \\ \int_{\Omega} g(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha} |v(x)|^{\beta-2} v(x) \psi(x) dx, \end{array} \right. \quad (2.1)$$

for all $(\varphi(x), \psi(x)) \in W_0^{s,p}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,q}(\Omega)$, where

$$\begin{cases} p = (p_1, p_2), \\ q = (q_1, q_2). \end{cases}$$

A (weak) solution of problem (1.4) is $(u, v, w) \in W_0^{s,p}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,q}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,r}(\Omega)$ satisfying

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^3 \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2N}} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^{p_i-2} (u(x) - u(y)) (\varphi_1(x) - \varphi_1(y))}{|x - y|^{N+sp_i}} dx dy = \\ \int_{\Omega} f(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha-2} |v(x)|^{\beta} |w(x)|^{\gamma} u(x) \varphi_1(x) dx, \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2N}} \frac{|v(x) - v(y)|^{q_i-2} (v(x) - v(y)) (\varphi_2(x) - \varphi_2(y))}{|x - y|^{N+sq_i}} dx dy = \\ \int_{\Omega} g(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha} |v(x)|^{\beta-2} |w(x)|^{\gamma} v(x) \varphi_2(x) dx, \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2N}} \frac{|w(x) - w(y)|^{r_i-2} (w(x) - w(y)) (\varphi_3(x) - \varphi_3(y))}{|x - y|^{N+sr_i}} dx dy = \\ \int_{\Omega} h(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha} |v(x)|^{\beta} |w(x)|^{\gamma-2} w(x) \varphi_3(x) dx, \end{array} \right. \quad (2.2)$$

for all $(\varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x), \varphi_3(x)) \in W_0^{s,p}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,q}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,r}(\Omega)$, where

$$\begin{cases} p = (p_1, p_2, p_3), \\ q = (q_1, q_2, q_3), \\ r = (r_1, r_2, r_3). \end{cases}$$

Our first result is the following Lyapunov inequality for problem (1.2) in the case $sp_i > N$, $sq_i > N$, ($i = 1, 2$).

Theorem 2.1. *Let $f, g \in L^1(\Omega)$ be a pair of non-negative weights. Suppose that problem (1.2) with $sp_i > N, sq_i > N, (i = 1, 2)$ has a non-trivial weak solution $(u, v) \in W_0^{s,p}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,q}(\Omega)$. Then*

$$\left(\int_{\Omega} f(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \left(\int_{\Omega} g(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}} \geq \frac{2}{C_M^{\alpha+\beta} r_{\Omega}^{s(\alpha+\beta)-N}}, \quad (2.3)$$

where C_M (a universal constant) is given by Lemma 2.3.

Proof. Let $\varphi = u$ and $\psi = v$ in (2.1), we obtain

$$\begin{cases} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2N}} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^{p_1}}{|x - y|^{N+sp_1}} dx dy + \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2N}} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^{p_2}}{|x - y|^{N+sp_2}} dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha} |v(x)|^{\beta} dx, \\ \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2N}} \frac{|v(x) - v(y)|^{q_1}}{|x - y|^{N+sq_1}} dx dy + \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2N}} \frac{|v(x) - v(y)|^{q_2}}{|x - y|^{N+sq_2}} dx dy = \int_{\Omega} g(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha} |v(x)|^{\beta} dx, \end{cases}$$

that is,

$$\begin{cases} [u]_{s,p_1}^{p_1} + [u]_{s,p_2}^{p_2} = \int_{\Omega} f(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha} |v(x)|^{\beta} dx, \\ [v]_{s,q_1}^{q_1} + [v]_{s,q_2}^{q_2} = \int_{\Omega} g(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha} |v(x)|^{\beta} dx. \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

Using the inequality

$$A + B \geq 2\sqrt{A}\sqrt{B},$$

we get

$$\begin{cases} 2[u]_{s,p_1}^{\frac{p_1}{2}} [u]_{s,p_2}^{\frac{p_2}{2}} \leq [u]_{s,p_1}^{p_1} + [u]_{s,p_2}^{p_2}, \\ 2[v]_{s,q_1}^{\frac{q_1}{2}} [v]_{s,q_2}^{\frac{q_2}{2}} \leq [v]_{s,q_1}^{q_1} + [v]_{s,q_2}^{q_2}. \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

Since $sp_i > N, sq_i > N, (i = 1, 2)$, u, v are continuous in \mathbb{R}^N , in particular in $\bar{\Omega}$. But $(u, v) \in W_0^{s,p}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,q}(\Omega)$ is non-trivial, then there exists $x_1, x_2 \in \Omega$ such that

$$|u(x_1)| = \max\{|u(x)| : x \in \mathbb{R}^N\} > 0,$$

$$|v(x_2)| = \max\{|v(x)| : x \in \mathbb{R}^N\} > 0.$$

From Lemma 2.3, we have

$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq C_M |x - y|^{\frac{sp_1 - N}{p_1}} [u]_{s,p_1}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

For u , taking $x = x_1$, we obtain

$$|u(x_1)| \leq C_M |x_1 - y|^{\frac{sp_1 - N}{p_1}} [u]_{s,p_1}, \quad y \in \partial\Omega,$$

which yields

$$|u(x_1)| \leq C_M r_{\Omega}^{\frac{sp_1 - N}{p_1}} [u]_{s,p_1}. \quad (2.6)$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$|u(x_1)| \leq C_M r_\Omega^{\frac{sp_2-N}{p_2}} [u]_{s, p_2}, \quad (2.7)$$

$$|v(x_2)| \leq C_M r_\Omega^{\frac{sq_1-N}{q_1}} [v]_{s, q_1}, \quad (2.8)$$

$$|v(x_2)| \leq C_M r_\Omega^{\frac{sq_2-N}{q_2}} [v]_{s, q_2}. \quad (2.9)$$

Combining (2.4), (2.5) with (2.6) and (2.7), where inequality (2.6) to a power $\frac{p_1}{2}$, inequality (2.7) to a power $\frac{p_2}{2}$ and multiplying the resulting inequalities, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |u(x_1)|^{\frac{p_1+p_2}{2}} &\leq C_M^{\frac{p_1+p_2}{2}} r_\Omega^{\frac{sp_1+sp_2-2N}{2}} [u]_{s, p_1}^{\frac{p_1}{2}} [u]_{s, p_2}^{\frac{p_2}{2}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} C_M^{\frac{p_1+p_2}{2}} r_\Omega^{\frac{sp_1+sp_2-2N}{2}} \int_\Omega f(x) |u(x)|^\alpha |v(x)|^\beta dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} C_M^{\frac{p_1+p_2}{2}} r_\Omega^{\frac{sp_1+sp_2-2N}{2}} \int_\Omega f(x) dx |u(x_1)|^\alpha |v(x_2)|^\beta, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$2 \leq C_M^{\frac{p_1+p_2}{2}} r_\Omega^{\frac{sp_1+sp_2-2N}{2}} \int_\Omega f(x) dx |u(x_1)|^{\alpha - \frac{p_1+p_2}{2}} |v(x_2)|^\beta. \quad (2.10)$$

Similarly, combining (2.4), (2.5) with (2.8) and (2.9), where inequality (2.8) to a power $\frac{q_1}{2}$, inequality (2.9) to a power $\frac{q_2}{2}$ and multiplying the resulting inequalities, we obtain

$$2 \leq C_M^{\frac{q_1+q_2}{2}} r_\Omega^{\frac{sq_1+sq_2-2N}{2}} \int_\Omega g(x) dx |u(x_1)|^\alpha |v(x_2)|^{\beta - \frac{q_1+q_2}{2}}. \quad (2.11)$$

Raising inequality (2.10) to a power $e_1 > 0$, inequality (2.11) to a power $e_2 > 0$ and multiplying the resulting inequalities, we choose e_1 and e_2 such that $|u(x_1)|$, $|v(x_2)|$ cancels out, i.e., e_1, e_2 solve the homogeneous linear system:

$$\begin{cases} (\alpha - \frac{p_1+p_2}{2})e_1 + \alpha e_2 = 0, \\ \beta e_1 + (\beta - \frac{q_1+q_2}{2})e_2 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Using (1.3), we may take

$$\begin{cases} e_1 = \frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}, \\ e_2 = \frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we get

$$2 \leq C_M^{\alpha+\beta} r_\Omega^{s(\alpha+\beta)-N} \left(\int_\Omega f(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \left(\int_\Omega g(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}},$$

which yields

$$\left(\int_\Omega f(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \left(\int_\Omega g(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}} \geq \frac{2}{C_M^{\alpha+\beta} r_\Omega^{s(\alpha+\beta)-N}}.$$

The proof is completed. \square

Our second result is the following Lyapunov inequality for problem (1.4) in the case $sp_i > N, sq_i > N, sr_i > N, (i = 1, 2, 3)$.

Theorem 2.2. *Let $f, g, h \in L^1(\Omega)$ be a group of non-negative weights. Suppose that problem (1.4) with $sp_i > N, sq_i > N, sr_i > N, (i = 1, 2, 3)$ has a non-trivial weak solution $(u, v, w) \in W_0^{s,p}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,q}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,r}(\Omega)$. Then*

$$\left(\int_{\Omega} f(x)dx\right)^{\frac{3\alpha}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p_i}} \left(\int_{\Omega} g(x)dx\right)^{\frac{3\beta}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q_i}} \left(\int_{\Omega} h(x)dx\right)^{\frac{3\gamma}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r_i}} \geq \frac{3}{C_M^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} r_{\Omega}^{s(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)-N}},$$

where C_M is given by Lemma 2.3.

Proof. Let $\varphi_1 = u, \varphi_2 = v$ and $\varphi_3 = w$ in (2.2), we obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2N}} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^{p_i}}{|x - y|^{N+sp_i}} dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f(x)|u(x)|^{\alpha}|v(x)|^{\beta}|w(x)|^{\gamma} dx,$$

that is

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 [u]_{s,p_i}^{p_i} = \int_{\Omega} f(x)|u(x)|^{\alpha}|v(x)|^{\beta}|w(x)|^{\gamma} dx.$$

Using the inequality

$$A + B + C \geq 3A^{\frac{1}{3}}B^{\frac{1}{3}}C^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad A, B, C > 0,$$

we have

$$3[u]_{s,p_1}^{\frac{p_1}{3}} [u]_{s,p_2}^{\frac{p_2}{3}} [u]_{s,p_3}^{\frac{p_3}{3}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 [u]_{s,p_i}^{p_i} = \int_{\Omega} f(x)|u(x)|^{\alpha}|v(x)|^{\beta}|w(x)|^{\gamma} dx. \tag{2.12}$$

Similarly, we get

$$3[v]_{s,q_1}^{\frac{q_1}{3}} [v]_{s,q_2}^{\frac{q_2}{3}} [v]_{s,q_3}^{\frac{q_3}{3}} \leq \int_{\Omega} g(x)|u(x)|^{\alpha}|v(x)|^{\beta}|w(x)|^{\gamma} dx.$$

$$3[w]_{s,r_1}^{\frac{r_1}{3}} [w]_{s,r_2}^{\frac{r_2}{3}} [w]_{s,r_3}^{\frac{r_3}{3}} \leq \int_{\Omega} h(x)|u(x)|^{\alpha}|v(x)|^{\beta}|w(x)|^{\gamma} dx.$$

Since $sp_i > N, sq_i > N, sr_i > N, (i = 1, 2, 3)$, u, v, w are continuous in \mathbb{R}^N , in particular in $\bar{\Omega}$. But $(u, v, w) \in W_0^{s,p}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,q}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,r}(\Omega)$ is non-trivial, then there exists $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \Omega$ such that

$$|u(x_1)| = \max\{|u(x)| : x \in \mathbb{R}^N\} > 0,$$

$$|v(x_2)| = \max\{|v(x)| : x \in \mathbb{R}^N\} > 0,$$

$$|w(x_3)| = \max\{|w(x)| : x \in \mathbb{R}^N\} > 0.$$

From the proof of Theorem 2.1, we have

$$|u(x_1)| \leq C_M r_{\Omega}^{\frac{sp_1-N}{p_1}} [u]_{s,p_1}, \tag{2.13}$$

$$|u(x_1)| \leq C_M r_\Omega^{\frac{sp_2 - N}{p_2}} [u]_{s, p_2}, \quad (2.14)$$

$$|u(x_1)| \leq C_M r_\Omega^{\frac{sp_3 - N}{p_3}} [u]_{s, p_3}. \quad (2.15)$$

Combining (2.12) with (2.13), (2.14) and (2.15), where inequality (2.13) to a power $\frac{p_1}{3}$, inequality (2.14) to a power $\frac{p_2}{3}$, inequality (2.15) to a power $\frac{p_3}{3}$ and multiplying the resulting inequalities, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |u(x_1)|^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{p_i}{3}} &\leq C_M^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{p_i}{3}} r_\Omega^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{sp_i}{3} - N} [u]_{s, p_1}^{\frac{p_1}{3}} [u]_{s, p_2}^{\frac{p_2}{3}} [u]_{s, p_3}^{\frac{p_3}{3}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3} C_F \int_\Omega f(x) |u(x)|^\alpha |v(x)|^\beta |w(x)|^\gamma dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3} C_F \int_\Omega f(x) dx |u(x_1)|^\alpha |v(x_2)|^\beta |w(x_3)|^\gamma, \end{aligned}$$

where $C_F = C_M^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{p_i}{3}} r_\Omega^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{sp_i}{3} - N}$, that is,

$$3 \leq C_F \int_\Omega f(x) dx |u(x_1)|^{\alpha - \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{p_i}{3}} |v(x_2)|^\beta |w(x_3)|^\gamma. \quad (2.16)$$

Similarly, we can get

$$3 \leq C_G \int_\Omega g(x) dx |u(x_1)|^\alpha |v(x_2)|^{\beta - \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{q_i}{3}} |w(x_3)|^\gamma, \quad (2.17)$$

$$3 \leq C_H \int_\Omega h(x) dx |u(x_1)|^\alpha |v(x_2)|^\beta |w(x_3)|^{\gamma - \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{r_i}{3}}, \quad (2.18)$$

where $C_G = C_M^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{q_i}{3}} r_\Omega^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{sq_i}{3} - N}$, $C_H = C_M^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{r_i}{3}} r_\Omega^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{sr_i}{3} - N}$.

Raising inequality (2.16) to a power $e_1 > 0$, inequality (2.17) to a power $e_2 > 0$, inequality (2.18) to a power $e_3 > 0$ and multiplying the resulting inequalities, we choose e_1 , e_2 and e_3 to solve the homogeneous linear system:

$$\begin{cases} (\alpha - \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{p_i}{3})e_1 + \alpha e_2 + \alpha e_3 = 0, \\ \beta e_1 + (\beta - \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{q_i}{3})e_2 + \beta e_3 = 0, \\ \gamma e_1 + \gamma e_2 + (\gamma - \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{r_i}{3})e_3 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Using (1.5), we may take

$$\begin{cases} e_1 = \frac{3\alpha}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p_i}, \\ e_2 = \frac{3\beta}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q_i}, \\ e_3 = \frac{3\gamma}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r_i}. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we get

$$3 \leq C_M^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} r_\Omega^{s(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)-N} \left(\int_\Omega f(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\alpha}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p_i}} \left(\int_\Omega g(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\beta}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q_i}} \left(\int_\Omega h(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\gamma}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r_i}},$$

which yields

$$\left(\int_\Omega f(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\alpha}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p_i}} \left(\int_\Omega g(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\beta}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q_i}} \left(\int_\Omega h(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\gamma}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r_i}} \geq \frac{3}{C_M^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} r_\Omega^{s(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)-N}}.$$

The proof is completed. \square

Our third result is the following Lyapunov inequality for problem (1.2) in the case $sp_i < N$, $sq_i < N$, ($i = 1, 2$).

Theorem 2.3. *Let $f, g \in L^\theta(\Omega)$, $\frac{N}{sp_i} < \theta < \infty$, $\frac{N}{sq_i} < \theta < \infty$, ($i = 1, 2$) be a pair of non-negative weights. Suppose that problem (1.2) with $sp_i < N$, $sq_i < N$ has a non-trivial weak solution $(u, v) \in W_0^{s,p}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,q}(\Omega)$. Then*

$$\left(\int_\Omega f^\theta(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \left(\int_\Omega g^\theta(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}} \geq \frac{2^\theta}{r_\Omega^{s\theta(\alpha+\beta)-N} C_S^{\theta-M_1} C_H^{M_1}}, \quad (2.19)$$

where

$$M_1 = \frac{\alpha N}{sp_1 p_2} + \frac{\beta N}{sq_1 q_2}$$

with C_H and C_S (universal constant) given by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2.

Proof. Let

$$p'_i = \lambda_i p_i + (1 - \lambda_i) p_i^*, \quad q'_i = \delta_i q_i + (1 - \delta_i) q_i^*, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

where

$$\lambda_i = \frac{1}{\theta - 1} \left(\theta - \frac{N}{sp_i} \right), \quad \delta_i = \frac{1}{\theta - 1} \left(\theta - \frac{N}{sq_i} \right),$$

and

$$p_i^* = \frac{N p_i}{N - sp_i}, \quad q_i^* = \frac{N q_i}{N - sq_i}.$$

Observe that $\lambda_i, \delta_i \in (0, 1)$ and $p'_i = p_i \theta'$, $q'_i = q_i \theta'$, where $\frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{1}{\theta'} = 1$. From (1.3), we have $\frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{2\alpha}{p'_1+p'_2} + \frac{2\beta}{q'_1+q'_2} = 1$.

Using Hölder's inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{r_\Omega^{\frac{\lambda_1 sp_1 + \lambda_2 sp_2}{2}}} \int_\Omega |u(x)|^{\frac{p'_1+p'_2}{2}} dx \leq \int_\Omega \frac{|u(x)|^{\frac{p'_1+p'_2}{2}}}{d(x, \partial\Omega)^{\frac{\lambda_1 sp_1 + \lambda_2 sp_2}{2}}} dx \\ & \leq \left(\int_\Omega \frac{|u(x)|^{\lambda_1 p_1} |u(x)|^{(1-\lambda_1) p_1^*}}{d(x, \partial\Omega)^{\lambda_1 sp_1}} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_\Omega \frac{|u(x)|^{\lambda_2 p_2} |u(x)|^{(1-\lambda_2) p_2^*}}{d(x, \partial\Omega)^{\lambda_2 sp_2}} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \left(\int_\Omega \frac{|u(x)|^{p_1}}{d(x, \partial\Omega)^{sp_1}} dx \right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{2}} \left(\int_\Omega |u(x)|^{p_1^*} dx \right)^{\frac{(1-\lambda_1)}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \times \left(\int_{\Omega} \frac{|u(x)|^{p_2}}{d(x, \partial\Omega)^{sp_2}} dx \right)^{\frac{\lambda_2}{2}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^{p_2^*} dx \right)^{\frac{(1-\lambda_2)}{2}} \\
 & \leq C_S^{\frac{\lambda_1}{2}} [u]_{s, p_1}^{\frac{p_1 \lambda_1}{2}} C_H^{\frac{(1-\lambda_1)p_1^*}{2p_1}} [u]_{s, p_1}^{\frac{(1-\lambda_1)p_1^*}{2}} C_S^{\frac{\lambda_2}{2}} [u]_{s, p_2}^{\frac{p_2 \lambda_2}{2}} C_H^{\frac{(1-\lambda_2)p_2^*}{2p_2}} [u]_{s, p_2}^{\frac{(1-\lambda_2)p_2^*}{2}} \\
 & = C_1 \{ [u]_{s, p_1}^{\frac{p_1}{2}} [u]_{s, p_2}^{\frac{p_2}{2}} \}^{\theta'} \\
 & \leq \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\theta'} C_1 \left(\int_{\Omega} f(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha} |v(x)|^{\beta} dx \right)^{\theta'} \\
 & \leq \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\theta'} C_1 \left(\int_{\Omega} f^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{\theta'}{\theta}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^{\frac{p_1'+p_2'}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{2\alpha\theta'}{p_1'+p_2'}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |v(x)|^{\frac{q_1'+q_2'}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{2\beta\theta'}{q_1'+q_2'}} ,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $C_1 = C_S^{\frac{\lambda_1+\lambda_2}{2}} C_H^{\frac{(1-\lambda_1)p_1^*}{2p_1} + \frac{(1-\lambda_2)p_2^*}{2p_2}}$, that is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{2^{\theta'}}{r_{\Omega}^{\frac{\lambda_1 s p_1 + \lambda_2 s p_2}{2}}} \\
 & \leq C_1 \left(\int_{\Omega} f^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{\theta'}{\theta}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^{\frac{p_1'+p_2'}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{2\alpha\theta'}{p_1'+p_2'} - 1} \left(\int_{\Omega} |v(x)|^{\frac{q_1'+q_2'}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{2\beta\theta'}{q_1'+q_2'}} , \quad (2.20)
 \end{aligned}$$

where we used (2.4), (2.5) and Lemmas 2.1, 2.2.

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{2^{\theta'}}{r_{\Omega}^{\frac{\delta_1 s q_1 + \delta_2 s q_2}{2}}} \\
 & \leq C_2 \left(\int_{\Omega} g^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{\theta'}{\theta}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^{\frac{p_1'+p_2'}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{2\alpha\theta'}{p_1'+p_2'}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |v(x)|^{\frac{q_1'+q_2'}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{2\beta\theta'}{q_1'+q_2'} - 1} , \quad (2.21)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $C_2 = C_S^{\frac{\delta_1+\delta_2}{2}} C_H^{\frac{(1-\delta_1)q_1^*}{2q_1} + \frac{(1-\delta_2)q_2^*}{2q_2}}$.

Raising inequality (2.20) to a power $e_1 > 0$, inequality (2.21) to a power $e_2 > 0$ and multiplying the resulting inequalities, we choose e_1, e_2 to solve the homogeneous linear system:

$$\begin{cases} \left(\frac{2\alpha\theta'}{p_1'+p_2'} - 1 \right) e_1 + \frac{2\alpha\theta'}{p_1'+p_2'} e_2 = 0, \\ \frac{2\beta\theta'}{q_1'+q_2'} e_1 + \left(\frac{2\beta\theta'}{p_1'+p_2'} - 1 \right) e_2 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Using (1.3), we may take

$$\begin{cases} e_1 = \frac{2\alpha}{p_1 + p_2}, \\ e_2 = \frac{2\beta}{q_1 + q_2}. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{2^{\theta'}}{r_{\Omega}^{\frac{\alpha(\lambda_1 s p_1 + \lambda_2 s p_2)}{p_1+p_2} + \frac{\beta(\delta_1 s q_1 + \delta_2 s q_2)}{q_1+q_2}}} \\
 & \leq C_1^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} C_2^{\frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}} \left(\int_{\Omega} f^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\alpha\theta'}{\theta(p_1+p_2)}} \left(\int_{\Omega} g^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\beta\theta'}{\theta(q_1+q_2)}} .
 \end{aligned}$$

Further we get

$$\frac{2^\theta}{r_\Omega^{s\theta(\alpha+\beta)-N}} \leq C_S^{\theta-M_1} C_H^{M_1} \left(\int_\Omega f^\theta(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \left(\int_\Omega g^\theta(x) dx \right)^{\frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}}.$$

The proof is completed. \square

Our fourth result is the following Lyapunov inequality for problem (1.4) in the case $sp_i < N$, $sq_i < N$, $sr_i < N$, ($i = 1, 2, 3$).

Theorem 2.4. *Let $f, g, h \in L^\theta(\Omega)$, $\frac{N}{sp_i} < \theta < \infty$, $\frac{N}{sq_i} < \theta < \infty$, $\frac{N}{sr_i} < \theta < \infty$, ($i = 1, 2, 3$) be a group of non-negative weights. Suppose that problem (1.4) with $sp_i < N$, $sq_i < N$, $sr_i < N$ has a non-trivial weak solution $(u, v, w) \in W_0^{s,p}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,q}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,r}(\Omega)$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int_\Omega f^\theta(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\alpha}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p_i}} \left(\int_\Omega g^\theta(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\beta}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q_i}} \left(\int_\Omega h^\theta(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\gamma}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r_i}} \\ & \geq \frac{3^\theta}{C_S^{\theta-M_2} C_H^{M_2} r_\Omega^{s\theta(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)-N}}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$M_2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\alpha N}{sp_i}}{p_1 + p_2 + p_3} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\beta N}{sq_i}}{q_1 + q_2 + q_3} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\gamma N}{sr_i}}{r_1 + r_2 + r_3}$$

with C_H and C_S (universal constant) given by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2.

Proof. Let

$$p'_i = \lambda_i p_i + (1 - \lambda_i) p_i^*, \quad q'_i = \delta_i q_i + (1 - \delta_i) q_i^*, \quad r'_i = \eta_i r_i + (1 - \eta_i) r_i^*, \quad i = 1, 2, 3,$$

where

$$\lambda_i = \frac{1}{\theta - 1} \left(\theta - \frac{N}{sp_i} \right), \quad \delta_i = \frac{1}{\theta - 1} \left(\theta - \frac{N}{sq_i} \right), \quad \eta_i = \frac{1}{\theta - 1} \left(\theta - \frac{N}{sr_i} \right),$$

and

$$p_i^* = \frac{Np_i}{N - sp_i}, \quad q_i^* = \frac{Nq_i}{N - sq_i}, \quad r_i^* = \frac{Nr_i}{N - sr_i}.$$

Observe that $\lambda_i, \delta_i, \eta_i \in (0, 1)$ and $p'_i = p_i \theta'$, $q'_i = q_i \theta'$, $r'_i = r_i \theta'$, where $\frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{1}{\theta'} = 1$.

From (1.5), we have $\frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{3\alpha}{p'_1 + p'_2 + p'_3} + \frac{3\beta}{q'_1 + q'_2 + q'_3} + \frac{3\gamma}{r'_1 + r'_2 + r'_3} = 1$.

Using Hölder's inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^3 r_\Omega^{\frac{\lambda_i sp_i}{3}}} \int_\Omega |u(x)|^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{p'_i}{3}} dx \leq \int_\Omega \frac{|u(x)|^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{p'_i}{3}}}{d(x, \partial\Omega)^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\lambda_i sp_i}{3}}} dx \\ & \leq \prod_{i=1}^3 \left(\int_\Omega \frac{|u(x)|^{\lambda_i p_i} |u(x)|^{(1-\lambda_i)p_i^*}}{d(x, \partial\Omega)^{\lambda_i sp_i}} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \prod_{i=1}^3 \left(\int_{\Omega} \frac{|u(x)|^{p_i}}{d(x, \partial\Omega)^{sp_i}} dx \right)^{\frac{\lambda_i}{3}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^{p_i^*} dx \right)^{\frac{1-\lambda_i}{3}} \\
&\leq \prod_{i=1}^3 C_S^{\frac{\lambda_i}{3}} [u]_{s, p_i}^{p_i \lambda_i} C_H^{\frac{(1-\lambda_i)p_i^*}{3p_i}} [u]_{s, p_i}^{\frac{(1-\lambda_i)p_i^*}{3}} \\
&= C_A \{ [u]_{s, p_1}^{\frac{p_1}{3}} [u]_{s, p_2}^{\frac{p_2}{3}} [u]_{s, p_3}^{\frac{p_3}{3}} \}^{\theta'} \\
&\leq \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{\theta'} C_A \left(\int_{\Omega} f(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha} |v(x)|^{\beta} |w(x)|^{\gamma} dx \right)^{\theta'} \\
&\leq \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{\theta'} C_A \left(\int_{\Omega} f^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{\theta'}{\theta}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|_{i=1}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{p'_i}{3}} dx \right)^{\frac{3\alpha\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p'_i}} \\
&\quad \times \left(\int_{\Omega} |v(x)|_{i=1}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{q'_i}{3}} dx \right)^{\frac{3\beta\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q'_i}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |w(x)|_{i=1}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{r'_i}{3}} dx \right)^{\frac{3\gamma\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r'_i}},
\end{aligned}$$

where $C_A = C_S^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\lambda_i}{3}} C_H^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{(1-\lambda_i)p_i^*}{3p_i}}$, that is

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{3^{\theta'}}{r_{\Omega}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\lambda_i sp_i}{3}}} &\leq C_A \left(\int_{\Omega} f^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{\theta'}{\theta}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|_{i=1}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{p'_i}{3}} dx \right)^{\frac{3\alpha\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p'_i} - 1} \\
&\quad \times \left(\int_{\Omega} |v(x)|_{i=1}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{q'_i}{3}} dx \right)^{\frac{3\beta\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q'_i}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |w(x)|_{i=1}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{r'_i}{3}} dx \right)^{\frac{3\gamma\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r'_i}}, \quad (2.22)
\end{aligned}$$

where we used (2.12) and Lemmas 2.1, 2.2.

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{3^{\theta'}}{r_{\Omega}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\delta_i sq_i}{3}}} &\leq C_B \left(\int_{\Omega} g^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{\theta'}{\theta}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|_{i=1}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{p'_i}{3}} dx \right)^{\frac{3\alpha\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p'_i}} \\
&\quad \times \left(\int_{\Omega} |v(x)|_{i=1}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{q'_i}{3}} dx \right)^{\frac{3\beta\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q'_i} - 1} \left(\int_{\Omega} |w(x)|_{i=1}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{r'_i}{3}} dx \right)^{\frac{3\gamma\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r'_i}}, \quad (2.23)
\end{aligned}$$

where $C_B = C_S^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\delta_i}{3}} C_H^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{(1-\delta_i)q_i^*}{3q_i}}$, and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{3^{\theta'}}{r_{\Omega}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\eta_i sr_i}{3}}} &\leq C_C \left(\int_{\Omega} h^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{\theta'}{\theta}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|_{i=1}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{p'_i}{3}} dx \right)^{\frac{3\alpha\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p'_i}} \\
&\quad \times \left(\int_{\Omega} |v(x)|_{i=1}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{q'_i}{3}} dx \right)^{\frac{3\beta\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q'_i}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |w(x)|_{i=1}^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{r'_i}{3}} dx \right)^{\frac{3\gamma\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r'_i} - 1}, \quad (2.24)
\end{aligned}$$

where $C_C = C_S^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\eta_i}{3}} C_H^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{(1-\eta_i)r_i^*}{3r_i}}$.

Raising inequality (2.22) to a power $e_1 > 0$, inequality (2.23) to a power $e_2 > 0$,

inequality (2.24) to a power $e_3 > 0$ and multiplying the resulting inequalities, we choose e_1, e_2 and e_3 to solve the homogeneous linear system:

$$\begin{cases} \left(\frac{3\alpha\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p'_i} - 1 \right) e_1 + \frac{3\alpha\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p'_i} e_2 + \frac{3\alpha\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p'_i} e_3 = 0, \\ \frac{3\beta\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q'_i} e_1 + \left(\frac{3\beta\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q'_i} - 1 \right) e_2 + \frac{3\beta\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q'_i} e_3 = 0, \\ \frac{3\gamma\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r'_i} e_1 + \frac{3\gamma\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r'_i} e_2 + \left(\frac{3\gamma\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r'_i} - 1 \right) e_3 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Using (1.5), we may take

$$\begin{cases} e_1 = \frac{3\alpha}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p_i}, \\ e_2 = \frac{3\beta}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q_i}, \\ e_3 = \frac{3\gamma}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r_i}. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3^{\theta'}}{r_{\Omega}^{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha \lambda_i s p_i}{p_1+p_2+p_3} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 \beta \delta_i s q_i}{q_1+q_2+q_3} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 \gamma \eta_i s r_i}{r_1+r_2+r_3}}} &\leq C_A^{\frac{3\alpha}{p_1+p_2+p_3}} C_B^{\frac{3\beta}{q_1+q_2+q_3}} C_C^{\frac{3\gamma}{r_1+r_2+r_3}} \\ &\times \left(\int_{\Omega} f^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\alpha\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p_i^{\theta}}} \left(\int_{\Omega} g^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\beta\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q_i^{\theta}}} \left(\int_{\Omega} h^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\gamma\theta'}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r_i^{\theta}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Further we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3^{\theta}}{r_{\Omega}^{s\theta(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)-N}} &\leq C_S^{\theta-M_2} C_H^{M_2} \left(\int_{\Omega} f^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\alpha}{\sum_{i=1}^3 p_i}} \\ &\times \left(\int_{\Omega} g^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\beta}{\sum_{i=1}^3 q_i}} \left(\int_{\Omega} h^{\theta}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{3\gamma}{\sum_{i=1}^3 r_i}}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is completed. □

As a consequence of Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.3, we deduce the following case of a single equation:

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta_{p_1})^s u(x) + (-\Delta_{p_2})^s u(x) = f(x)|u(x)|^{\frac{p_1+p_2}{2}-2} u(x), & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (2.25)$$

where $p_i \geq 2, (i = 1, 2), f \geq 0$.

Corollary 2.1. *Let us assume that problem (2.25) exists a nontrivial weak solution. Then*

(i) *If $sp_i > N$, $f \in L^1(\Omega)$, we have*

$$\int_{\Omega} f(x) dx \geq \frac{2}{C_M^{\frac{p_1+p_2}{2}} r_{\Omega}^{\frac{s(p_1+p_2)}{2}-N}}.$$

(ii) *If $sp_i < N$, $f \in L^{\theta}(\Omega)$, we have*

$$\int_{\Omega} f^{\theta}(x) dx \geq \frac{2^{\theta}}{r_{\Omega}^{\frac{s\theta(p_1+p_2)}{2}-N} C_S^{\theta-\frac{N}{2sp_2}-\frac{N}{2sp_1}} C_H^{\frac{N}{2sp_2}+\frac{N}{2sp_1}}}.$$

Remark 2.1. It is interesting to note that when $p_1 = p_2$, corollary 2.1 reduces to theorem 3.1 and 3.3 of [4].

3. Generalized eigenvalues

Inspired by the literature [8, 10], we present some applications to generalized eigenvalues related to problem (1.2) in this section.

We consider the generalized eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta_{p_1})^s u(x) + (-\Delta_{p_2})^s u(x) = \lambda w(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha-2} |v(x)|^{\beta} u(x), \\ (-\Delta_{q_1})^s v(x) + (-\Delta_{q_2})^s v(x) = \mu w(x) |u(x)|^{\alpha} |v(x)|^{\beta-2} v(x), & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = v = 0, & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

If problem (3.1) admits a nontrivial weak solution $(u, v) \in W_0^{s,p}(\Omega) \times W_0^{s,q}(\Omega)$, we say that (λ, μ) is a generalized eigenvalue of (3.1). The set of generalized eigenvalues is called generalized spectrum, which is denoted by σ .

We assume that

$$\alpha \geq 2, \quad \beta \geq 2, \quad p_i \geq 2, \quad q_i \geq 2, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad w \geq 0,$$

and (1.3) is satisfied.

The following result provides lower bounds of the generalized eigenvalues of (3.1).

Theorem 3.1. *Let (λ, μ) be a generalized eigenvalue of (3.1). Then*

$$\mu \geq h(\lambda), \quad (3.2)$$

(i) *If $sp_i > N$, $sq_i > N$, $w \in L^1(\Omega)$, the function $h : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is defined by*

$$h(t) = \left(\frac{M}{t^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \int_{\Omega} w(x) dx} \right)^{\frac{q_1+q_2}{2\beta}}, \quad (3.3)$$

with

$$M = \frac{2}{C_M^{\alpha+\beta} r_{\Omega}^{s(\alpha+\beta)-N}}.$$

(ii) If $sp_i < N$, $sq_i < N$, $w \in L^\theta(\Omega)$, the function $h : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is defined by

$$h(t) = \left(\frac{R}{t^{\frac{2\alpha\theta}{p_1+p_2}} \int_{\Omega} w^\theta(x) dx} \right)^{\frac{q_1+q_2}{2\beta\theta}}, \quad (3.4)$$

where

$$R = \frac{2^\theta}{r_{\Omega}^{s\theta(\alpha+\beta)-N} C_S^{\theta-M_1} C_H^{M_1}}.$$

with M_1 given in Theorem 2.3.

Proof. Let (λ, μ) be a generalized eigenpair, and let u, v be the corresponding nontrivial weak solutions. For $sp_i > N$, $sq_i > N$, since $f(x) = \lambda w(x)$, $g(x) = \mu w(x)$, using condition (1.3) and Theorem 2.1, we obtain

$$\lambda^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \mu^{\frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}} \int_{\Omega} w(x) dx \geq M.$$

Hence, we have

$$\mu^{\frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}} \geq \frac{M}{\lambda^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \int_{\Omega} w(x) dx},$$

which yields

$$\mu \geq \left(\frac{M}{\lambda^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \int_{\Omega} w(x) dx} \right)^{\frac{q_1+q_2}{2\beta}}.$$

For $sp_i < N$, $sq_i < N$, by replacing the functions $f(x) = \lambda w(x)$, $g(x) = \mu w(x)$ in inequality (2.19), we can get the conclusion from the proof of (i). The proof is completed. \square

As consequences of Theorem 3.1, we deduce the following Protter's type results for the generalized spectrum.

Corollary 3.1. *There exists a constant $c_{\Omega} > 0$ that depends on domain Ω such that no point of the generalized spectrum σ is contained in the ball $B(0, c_{\Omega})$, where*

$$B(0, c_{\Omega}) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{2N} : \|x\|_{\infty} < c_{\Omega}\},$$

and $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ is the Chebyshev norm in \mathbb{R}^{2N} .

Proof. Let $(\lambda, \mu) \in \sigma$. For $sp_i > N$, $sq_i > N$, ($i = 1, 2$), from (3.2) and (3.3), we obtain easily that

$$\lambda^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \mu^{\frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}} \geq \frac{M}{\int_{\Omega} w(x) dx}. \quad (3.5)$$

On the other hand, using condition (1.3), we have

$$\lambda^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \mu^{\frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}} \leq \|(\lambda, \mu)\|_{\infty}^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2} + \frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}} = \|(\lambda, \mu)\|_{\infty}.$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\|(\lambda, \mu)\|_\infty \geq c_\Omega,$$

where

$$c_\Omega = \frac{M}{\int_\Omega w(x)dx}.$$

Analogously, for $sp_i < N$, $sq_i < N$, ($i = 1, 2$), from (3.2) and (3.4), we obtain easily that

$$\lambda^{\frac{2\alpha\theta}{p_1+p_2}} \mu^{\frac{2\beta\theta}{q_1+q_2}} \geq \frac{R}{\int_\Omega w^\theta(x)dx}. \quad (3.6)$$

Further we get

$$\|(\lambda, \mu)\|_\infty \geq c_\Omega,$$

where

$$c_\Omega = \left(\frac{R}{\int_\Omega w^\theta(x)dx} \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta}}.$$

The proof is completed. \square

Corollary 3.2. *Let (λ, μ) be fixed and $s(\alpha + \beta) > N$. There exists an domain J of sufficiently small measure such that, if $\Omega \subset J$, then there are no nontrivial weak solutions of (3.1).*

Proof. Suppose that (3.1) admits a nontrivial weak solution. For $sp_i > N$, $sq_i > N$, ($i = 1, 2$), since $M \rightarrow \infty$ as $|\Omega| \rightarrow 0^+$, where M is defined in Theorem 3.1, there exists $\delta_1 > 0$ such that

$$r_\Omega < \delta_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{M}{\int_\Omega w(x)dx} > \lambda^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \mu^{\frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}}.$$

Let $J = B(x_0, \frac{\delta_1}{2})$, $x_0 \in R^N$. Hence, if $\Omega \subset J$, we have

$$\frac{M}{\int_\Omega w(x)dx} > \lambda^{\frac{2\alpha}{p_1+p_2}} \mu^{\frac{2\beta}{q_1+q_2}},$$

which is a contradiction with (3.5).

Analogously, for $sp_i < N$, $sq_i < N$, ($i = 1, 2$), since $R \rightarrow \infty$ as $|\Omega| \rightarrow 0^+$, where R is defined in Theorem 3.1, there exists $\delta_2 > 0$ such that

$$r_\Omega < \delta_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{R}{\int_\Omega w^\theta(x)dx} > \lambda^{\frac{2\alpha\theta}{p_1+p_2}} \mu^{\frac{2\beta\theta}{q_1+q_2}}.$$

Let $J = B(x_0, \frac{\delta_2}{2})$, $x_0 \in R^N$. Hence, if $\Omega \subset J$, we have

$$\frac{R}{\int_\Omega w^\theta(x)dx} > \lambda^{\frac{2\alpha\theta}{p_1+p_2}} \mu^{\frac{2\beta\theta}{q_1+q_2}},$$

which is a contradiction with (3.6).

To sum up, if $\Omega \subset J$, there are no nontrivial weak solutions of (3.1). The proof is completed. \square

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