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Some Weighted Hardy-Type Inequalities on Anisotropic Heisenberg Groups

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We prove some weighted Hardy type inequalities associated with a class of nonisotropic Greiner-type vector fields on anisotropic Heisenberg groups. As an application, we get some new Hardy type inequalities on anisotropic Heisenberg groups which generalize a result of Yongyang Jin and Yazhou Han.

1. Introduction

The Hardy inequality in \mathbb{R}^N states that, for all $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$ and $N \geq 3$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\nabla u|^2 dx \geq \frac{(N-2)^2}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{u^2}{|x|^2} dx. \quad (1.1)$$

In the case of the Heisenberg group \mathbb{H}_n , Garofalo and Lanconelli (cf. [1]) firstly proved the following Hardy inequality:

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}^n} |\nabla_H u|^2 \geq \frac{(Q-2)^2}{4} \int_{\mathbb{H}^n} \frac{u^2}{d^2} |\nabla_H d|^2, \quad u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{H}^n \setminus \{e\}), \quad (1.2)$$

where e is the neutral element of \mathbb{H}^n , $d = (|z|^4 + t^2)^{1/4}$ is the Korányi-Folland nonisotropic gauge induced by the fundamental solution, and $Q = 2n + 2$ is the homogenous dimension of \mathbb{H}^n (see also [2]). Inequality (1.2) was generalized by Niu et al. [3] (see also [4]) using the

Piccone-type identity. For more Hardy-Sobolev inequalities on nilpotent groups, we refer the reader to [5–19].

More recently, Jin and Han (cf. [20, 21]), using the method by Niu et al. [3], have proved the following Hardy inequalities on anisotropic Heisenberg groups \mathbb{H}_a^n :

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} |\nabla_L u|^p \geq \left(\frac{2 \sum_{j=1}^n a_j + 2 - p}{p} \right)^p \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{\left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_j^2 |z_j|^2 \right)^{p/2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_j |z_j|^2 \right)^{(k-1)p}}{N(z, t)^{2kp}} |u|^p, \quad (1.3)$$

where ∇_L are the nonisotropic Greiner-type vector fields, k is a positive integer,

$$N(z, t)^{4k} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_j |z_j|^2 \right)^{2k} + t^2, \quad (1.4)$$

and $2 \leq p < 2 \sum_{j=1}^n a_j + 2$. However, the inequalities above do not cover the case of $1 < p < 2$ and $2 \sum_{j=1}^n a_j + 2k \leq p < 2n + 2k$. So, it is an interesting problem to study a Hardy-type inequality related to $N(z, t)$ for $1 < p < 2$ on \mathbb{H}_a^n and $2 \sum_{j=1}^n a_j + 2k \leq p < 2n + 2k$. In this note, we will consider some Hardy inequalities on \mathbb{H}_a^n for $1 < p < 2n + 2k$. In fact, we prove a representation formula associated with $N(z, t)$, which is analogous to the Korányi-Folland nonisotropic gauge on Heisenberg group (cf. [22]). Using this representation formula, we prove some new Hardy inequalities on \mathbb{H}_a^n , which include the case of $1 < p < 2$ and $2 \sum_{j=1}^n a_j + 2k \leq p < 2n + 2k$.

This paper is organized as follows. We start in Section 2 with the necessary background on anisotropic Heisenberg groups \mathbb{H}_a^n . In Section 3, we prove a representation formula and use it to obtain some Hardy-type inequalities.

2. Notations and Preliminaries

Recall that the anisotropic Heisenberg groups \mathbb{H}_a^n are the Carnot group of step two whose group structure is given by (cf. [23])

$$(z, t) \circ (z', t') = \left(z + z', t + t' + 2 \sum_{j=1}^n a_j z_j \overline{z'_j} \right), \quad (2.1)$$

where $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$, $z_j = x_j + iy_j$ ($x_j, y_j \in \mathbb{R}$), and a_1, \dots, a_n are positive constants, numbered so that

$$0 < a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n. \quad (2.2)$$

We consider the following nonisotropic Greiner-type vector fields which are introduced by Jin and Han [21]:

$$X_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + 2ka_j y_j \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_j |z_j|^2 \right)^{k-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad Y_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} - 2ka_j x_j \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_j |z_j|^2 \right)^{k-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad (2.3)$$

($j = 1, \dots, n$). These vector fields are not left or right invariant when $k \geq 2$. The horizontal gradient is the $(2n-)$ dimensional vector given by

$$\nabla_L = (X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_n). \quad (2.4)$$

A natural family of anisotropic dilations related to ∇_L is

$$\delta_\lambda(z, t) = (\lambda z, \lambda^{2k} t). \quad (2.5)$$

For simplicity, we denote by $\lambda(z, t) = (\lambda z, \lambda^{2k} t)$. The Jacobian determinant of δ_λ is λ^Q , where $Q = 2n + 2k$ is the homogenous dimension. The anisotropic norm on \mathbb{H}_a^n is

$$N(z, t) = \left(\left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_j |z_j|^2 \right)^{2k} + t^2 \right)^{1/4k}. \quad (2.6)$$

For simplicity, we use the notation $|z|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |z_j|^2$ and $|z|_a^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j |z_j|^2$. Then,

$$N(z, t) = \left(|z|_a^{4k} + t^2 \right)^{1/4k}, \quad (2.7)$$

and $a_1 |z|^2 \leq |z|_a^2 \leq a_n |z|^2$. With this norm, we can define the metric ball centered at neutral element and with radius ρ by

$$B(e, \rho) = \{(z, t) \in \mathbb{H}_a^n : N(z, t) < \rho\}, \quad (2.8)$$

and the unit sphere $\Sigma = \partial B(e, 1)$. Furthermore, we have the following polar coordinates for all $f \in L^1(\mathbb{H}_a^n)$ (cf. [24]):

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} f(z, t) dz dt = \int_0^\infty \int_\Sigma f(r(z^*, t^*)) r^{Q-1} d\sigma dr, \quad (2.9)$$

where $z^* = z/N(z, t)$ and $t^* = t/N^{2k}(z, t)$.

Let $\beta > -2n$ and set $C_\beta = \int_\Sigma |z^*|_a^\beta d\sigma$. We will explicitly calculate the constant C_β to show $C_\beta < \infty$ when $\beta > -2n$. The method of calculation is similar to that used in [22].

Lemma 2.1. For $\beta > -2n$,

$$C_\beta = \frac{\omega_{2n-1} \Gamma(1/2) \Gamma((\beta + Q - 2k)/4k)}{\Gamma((\beta + Q)/4k) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j}, \quad (2.10)$$

where ω_{2n-1} is the volume of S^{2n-1} , that is, the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^{2n} .

Proof. To compute C_β , let $\beta > -Q$, then,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Sigma} |z^*|_a^\beta d\sigma &= (Q + \beta) \int_0^1 r^{\beta+Q-1} dr \int_{\Sigma} |z^*|_a^\beta d\sigma \\ &= (Q + \beta) \int_{\Sigma} \int_0^1 |r z^*|_a^\beta r^{Q-1} dr d\sigma \\ &= (Q + \beta) \int_{N(z,t)<1} |z|_a^\beta d\sigma. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Next, if $\beta > -2n$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{N(z,t)<1} |z|_a^\beta d\sigma &= \int_{|t|<1} \int_{|z|_a < (1-|t|^2)^{1/4k}} |z|_a^\beta dz dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^n a_j} \int_{|t|<1} \int_{|z| < (1-|t|^2)^{1/4k}} |z|^\beta dz dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{N(z,t)<1} |z|_a^\beta d\sigma &= \frac{\omega_{2n-1}}{\prod_{j=1}^n a_j} \int_{|t|<1} \int_0^{(1-|t|^2)^{1/4k}} r^{\beta+2n-1} dr dt \\ &= \frac{\omega_{2n-1}}{(2n + \beta) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j} \int_{|t|<1} (1 - |t|^2)^{(\beta+2n)/4k} dt \\ &= \frac{\omega_{2n-1}}{(2n + \beta) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j} \int_0^1 (1 - s)^{(\beta+2n)/4k} s^{-1/2} ds \\ &= \frac{\omega_{2n-1}}{(2n + \beta) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j} B\left(\frac{\beta + 2n}{4k} + 1, \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\omega_{2n-1}}{(2n + \beta) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j} \cdot \frac{\Gamma((\beta + 2n)/4k + 1) \Gamma(1/2)}{\Gamma((\beta + Q)/4k + 1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Thus, if $\beta > -2n$,

$$\begin{aligned} C_\beta &= (Q + \beta) \int_{N(z,t) < 1} |z|_a^\beta d\sigma \\ &= \frac{\omega_{2n-1} \Gamma(1/2) \Gamma((\beta + 2n)/4k)}{\Gamma((\beta + Q)/4k) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j} \\ &= \frac{\omega_{2n-1} \Gamma(1/2) \Gamma((\beta + Q - 2k)/4k)}{\Gamma((\beta + Q)/4k) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

□

3. Hardy-Type Inequality

Firstly, we prove the following representation formula on \mathbb{H}_a^n , which is of its independent interest.

Lemma 3.1. *Let $\beta > -2n + 2k - 1$ and $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{H}_a^n)$. Then,*

$$-C_\beta f(0) = \frac{1}{4k} \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta+2-4k}}{N(z,t)^{Q+\beta}} \left\langle \nabla_L f(z,t), \Lambda_a \nabla_L N(z,t)^{4k} \right\rangle dz dt, \quad (3.1)$$

where Λ_a is a diagonal matrix given by

$$\Lambda_a = \text{diag} \left\{ \frac{1}{a_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{a_n}, \frac{1}{a_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{a_n} \right\}. \quad (3.2)$$

Proof. We argue as in the proof of Theorem 1.2 in [22]. Since $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{H}_a^n)$,

$$\begin{aligned} -f(0) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d}{dr} f(r(z^*, t^*)) dr \\ &= \int_0^\infty \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{x_j}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(r(z^*, t^*)) + \frac{y_j}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j}(r(z^*, t^*)) \right) + \frac{2kt}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(r(z^*, t^*)) dr \\ &= \int_0^\infty \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{x_j}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(z, t) + \frac{y_j}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j}(z, t) \right) + \frac{2kt}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(z, t) dr \\ &= \int_0^\infty \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{x_j}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(z, t) + \frac{y_j}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j}(z, t) + \frac{a_j x_j^2 + a_j y_j^2}{|z|_a^{2k}} \cdot \frac{2k|z|_a^{2k-2} t}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(z, t) \right) dr. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
-C_\beta f(0) &= -\left(\int_{\Sigma} |z^*|_a^\beta d\sigma\right) f(0) \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^\beta}{N^{Q+\beta}} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(x_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} + y_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} + a_j \frac{x_j^2 + y_j^2}{|z|_a^{2k}} \cdot 2k|z|_a^{2k-2} t \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right) dz dt \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta-2k}}{N^{Q+\beta}} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(X_j f \cdot (|z|_a^{2k} x_j + y_j t) + Y_j f \cdot (|z|_a^{2k} y_j - x_j t) \right) \\
&\quad - \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{t|z|_a^{\beta-2k}}{N^{Q+\beta}} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(y_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} - x_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \right) dz dt.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Notice that

$$X_j N^{4k} = 4k a_j |z|_a^{2k-2} (|z|_a^{2k} x_j + y_j t), \quad Y_j N^{4k} = 4k a_j |z|_a^{2k-2} (|z|_a^{2k} y_j - x_j t), \tag{3.5}$$

we have, by (3.4),

$$\begin{aligned}
-C_\beta f(0) &= \frac{1}{4k} \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta+2-4k}}{N^{Q+\beta}} \left\langle \nabla_L f(z, t), \Lambda_a \nabla_L N(z, t)^{4k} \right\rangle dz dt \\
&\quad - \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{t|z|_a^{\beta-2k}}{N^{Q+\beta}} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(y_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} - x_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \right) dz dt.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

To finish the proof, it is enough to show that

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{t|z|_a^{\beta-2k}}{N^{Q+\beta}} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(y_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} - x_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \right) dz dt \tag{3.7}$$

vanishes. Notice that the operator $y_j \partial_{x_j} - x_j \partial_{y_j}$ annihilates functions of $|z|_a$, and, for $\beta > -2n + 2k - 1$, the integrand above is absolutely integrable. We have, for any $\epsilon > 0$, though integration by parts,

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{t(|z|_a^2 + \epsilon)^{\beta/2-2}}{(N^4 + \epsilon)^{(Q+\beta)/4}} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(y_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} - x_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \right) dz dt = 0. \tag{3.8}$$

Let $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$. By dominated convergence theorem,

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{t|z|_a^{\beta-2k}}{N^{Q+\beta}} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(y_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} - x_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \right) dz dt = 0. \tag{3.9}$$

The proof is therefore completed. \square

We now prove the following Hardy inequalities on \mathbb{H}_a^n .

Theorem 3.2. *Let $1 < p < Q - \alpha$ and $\gamma > -2n - (p - 1)(2k - 1)$. There holds, for all $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{H}_a^n)$,*

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|\nabla_L u|^p}{N^\alpha} \frac{|z|_a^\gamma}{N^\gamma} \left(\frac{|z|}{|z|_a} \right)^p \geq \left(\frac{Q - p - \alpha}{p} \right)^p \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|u|^p}{N^{\alpha+p}} \frac{|z|_a^{\gamma+p(2k-1)}}{N^{\gamma+p(2k-1)}}. \quad (3.10)$$

Proof. Set $u_\epsilon := (|u|^2 + \epsilon^2)^{p/2} - \epsilon^p$ with $\epsilon > 0$. Replacing f by $u_\epsilon N^{Q-p-\alpha}$ in Lemma 3.1, we obtain, for any $\beta > -2n + 2k - 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{1}{4k} \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta+2-4k}}{N(z, t)^{Q+\beta}} \left\langle \nabla_L u_\epsilon, \Lambda_a \nabla_L N^{4k} \right\rangle N^{Q-p-\alpha} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4k} \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta+2-4k}}{N(z, t)^{Q+\beta}} \left\langle \nabla_L N^{Q-p-\alpha}, \Lambda_a \nabla_L N^{4k} \right\rangle u_\epsilon. \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

It is easy to check that the following equations hold

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \nabla_L N^{4k}, \Lambda_a \nabla_L N^{4k} \right\rangle &= 16k^2 |z|_a^{4k-4} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \left(\left(|z|_a^{2k} x_j + y_j t \right)^2 + \left(|z|_a^{2k} y_j - x_j t \right)^2 \right) \\ &= 16k^2 |z|_a^{4k-2} N^{4k}, \\ \left\langle \Lambda_a \nabla_L N^4, \Lambda_a \nabla_L N^4 \right\rangle &= 16k^2 |z|_a^{4k-4} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\left(|z|_a^{2k} x_j + y_j t \right)^2 + \left(|z|_a^{2k} y_j - x_j t \right)^2 \right) \\ &= 16N^{4k} |z|_a^{4k-4} |z|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Therefore, by (3.11),

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{4k} \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta+2-4k}}{N(z, t)^{Q+\beta}} \left\langle \nabla_L N^{Q-p-\alpha}, \Lambda_a \nabla_L N^{4k} \right\rangle u_\epsilon \\ &= \frac{(Q - p - \alpha)}{16k^2} \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta+2-4k} \left\langle \nabla_L N^{4k}, \Lambda_a \nabla_L N^{4k} \right\rangle}{N(z, t)^{p+\alpha+\beta-4k}} u_\epsilon \\ &= (Q - p - \alpha) \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^\beta}{N(z, t)^{p+\alpha+\beta}} u_\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{1}{4k} \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta+2-4k}}{N(z,t)^{Q+\beta}} \left\langle \nabla_L u_\epsilon, \Lambda_a \nabla_L N^{4k} \right\rangle N^{Q-p-\alpha} \\
&= -\frac{p}{4k} \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta-2}}{N(z,t)^{p+\alpha+\beta}} \left(|u|^2 + \epsilon^2 \right)^{(p-2)/2} u \left\langle \nabla_L u, \Lambda_a \nabla_L N^{4k} \right\rangle \\
&\leq \frac{p}{4k} \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta+2-4k}}{N(z,t)^{p+\alpha+\beta}} \left(|u|^2 + \epsilon^2 \right)^{(p-2)/2} |u| \cdot |\nabla_L u| \cdot \left| \Lambda_a \nabla_L N^{4k} \right| \\
&\leq \frac{p}{4k} \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta+2-4k}}{N(z,t)^{p+\alpha+\beta}} \left(|u|^2 + \epsilon^2 \right)^{(p-1)/2} |\nabla_L u| \cdot \left| \Lambda_a \nabla_L N^{4k} \right| \\
&= p \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta-2k} |z|}{N(z,t)^{p+\alpha+\beta-2k}} \left(|u|^2 + \epsilon^2 \right)^{(p-1)/2} |\nabla_L u|.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

By dominated convergence, letting $\epsilon \rightarrow 0+$, we have

$$(Q-p-\alpha) \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^\beta}{N(z,t)^{p+\alpha+\beta}} |u|^p \leq p \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta-2k} |z|}{N(z,t)^{p+\alpha+\beta-2k}} |u|^{p-1} |\nabla_L u|. \tag{3.14}$$

By Hölder's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned}
&(Q-p-\alpha) \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^\beta}{N(z,t)^{p+\alpha+\beta}} |u|^p \\
&\leq p \left(\int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^\beta}{N(z,t)^{p+\alpha+\beta}} |u|^p \right)^{(p-1)/p} \left(\int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|\nabla_L u|^p}{N^\alpha} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta-p(2k-1)}}{N^{\beta-p(2k-1)}} \left(\frac{|z|}{|z|_a} \right)^p \right)^{1/p}.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

Canceling and raising both sides to the power p , we obtain

$$\left(\frac{Q-p-\alpha}{p} \right)^p \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|z|_a^\beta}{N(z,t)^{p+\alpha+\beta}} |u|^p \leq \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|\nabla_L u|^p}{N^\alpha} \frac{|z|_a^{\beta-p(2k-1)}}{N^{\beta-p(2k-1)}} \left(\frac{|z|}{|z|_a} \right)^p. \tag{3.16}$$

Set $\gamma = \beta - p(2k-1)$. Then, $\gamma > -2n - (p-1)(2k-1)$, and we get (3.11). \square

Remark 3.3. Notice that $a_1|z|^2 \leq |z|_a^2 \leq a_n|z|^2$, we have, by Theorem 3.2, for all $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{H}_a^n)$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|\nabla_L u|^p}{N^\alpha} \frac{|z|_a^\gamma}{N^\gamma} \geq \left(\frac{\sqrt{a_1}(Q-p-\alpha)}{p} \right)^p \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|u|^p}{N^{\alpha+p}} \frac{|z|_a^{\gamma+p(2k-1)}}{N^{\gamma+p(2k-1)}}. \tag{3.17}$$

From inequality (3.17), we have the following corollary which generalizes the result of [21] when $1 < p < 2$ and $2 \sum_{j=1}^n a_j + 2 - \alpha \leq p < Q - \alpha$.

Corollary 3.4. Let $0 < a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \cdots \leq a_n \leq 1$, $1 < p < Q - \alpha$ and $\gamma + p \geq 0$. There holds, for all $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{H}_a^n)$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|\nabla_L u|^p}{N^\alpha} \frac{|z|_a^\gamma}{N^\gamma} \geq \left(\frac{\sqrt{a_1}(Q - p - \alpha)}{p} \right)^p \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|u|^p}{N^{\alpha+p}} \frac{|z|_a^{2p(k-1)} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_j^2 |z_j|^2 \right)^{(\gamma+p)/2}}{N^{\gamma+p(2k-1)}}. \quad (3.18)$$

Proof. Since $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \cdots \leq a_n \leq 1$,

$$|z|_a^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j |z_j|^2 \geq \sum_{j=1}^n a_j^2 |z_j|^2. \quad (3.19)$$

We have, by inequality (3.17),

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|\nabla_L u|^p}{N^\alpha} \frac{|z|_a^\gamma}{N^\gamma} \geq \left(\frac{\sqrt{a_1}(Q - p - \alpha)}{p} \right)^p \int_{\mathbb{H}_a^n} \frac{|u|^p}{N^{\alpha+p}} \frac{|z|_a^{2p(k-1)} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_j^2 |z_j|^2 \right)^{(\gamma+p)/2}}{N^{\gamma+p(2k-1)}}. \quad (3.20)$$

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