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# Some new generalized Gronwall-Bellman-type integral inequalities in two independent variables on time scales

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## Abstract

In this paper, some new Gronwall-Bellman-type integral inequalities in two independent variables on time scales are established, which can be used as a handy tool in the research of qualitative and quantitative properties of solutions of dynamic equations on time scales. The inequalities established unify some of the integral inequalities for continuous functions in (Meng and Li in *Appl. Math. Comput.* 148:381-392, 2004) and their discrete analysis in (Meng and Li in *J. Comput. Appl. Math.* 158:407-417, 2003).

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## 1 Introduction

It is well known that Gronwall-Bellman inequality [1, 2] plays an important role in the research of boundedness, global existence, stability of solutions of differential and integral equations as well as difference equations. During the past decades, a lot of generations of Gronwall-Bellman inequality have been discovered; see, for example, [3–10]. On the other hand, in the 1980s, Hilger created the theory of time scales [11] as a theory capable to contain both difference and differential calculus in a consistent way. Since then many authors have expounded on various aspects of the theory of dynamic equations on time scales. See, for example, [12–14] and the references therein. In these investigations, integral inequalities on time scales have been paid much attention by many authors, and a lot of integral inequalities on time scales have been established, for example, [15–20], which have been designed in order to unify continuous and discrete analysis. But to our knowledge, Gronwall-Bellman-type integral inequalities containing integration on infinite intervals on time scales have been paid little attention in the literature so far.

In this paper, we establish some new Gronwall-Bellman-type integral inequalities in two independent variables containing integration on infinite intervals on time scales, which unify some of the continuous inequalities in [21] and the corresponding discrete analysis in [22].

## 2 Some preliminaries

Throughout the paper,  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the set of real numbers and  $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty)$ .  $\mathbb{Z}$  denotes the set of integers. For two given sets  $G, H$ , we denote the set of maps from  $G$  to  $H$  by  $(G, H)$ .

A time scale is an arbitrary nonempty closed subset of real numbers. In this paper,  $\mathbb{T}$  denotes an arbitrary time scale. On  $\mathbb{T}$  we define the forward and backward jump operators  $\sigma \in (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{T})$  and  $\rho \in (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{T})$  such that  $\sigma(t) = \inf\{s \in \mathbb{T}, s > t\}$ ,  $\rho(t) = \sup\{s \in \mathbb{T}, s < t\}$ .

**Definition 2.1** The graininess  $\mu \in (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R}_+)$  is defined by  $\mu(t) = \sigma(t) - t$ .

**Remark 2.1** Obviously,  $\mu(t) = 0$  if  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ , while  $\mu(t) = 1$  if  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition 2.2** A point  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  with  $t > \inf \mathbb{T}$  is said to be left-dense if  $\rho(t) = t$  and right-dense if  $\sigma(t) = t$ , left-scattered if  $\rho(t) < t$  and right-scattered if  $\sigma(t) > t$ .

**Definition 2.3** The set  $\mathbb{T}^\kappa$  is defined to be  $\mathbb{T}$  if  $\mathbb{T}$  does not have a left-scattered maximum; otherwise, it is  $\mathbb{T}$  without the left-scattered maximum.

**Definition 2.4** A function  $f(t) \in (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$  is called rd-continuous if it is continuous in right-dense points and if the left-sided limits exist in left-dense points, while  $f$  is called regressive if  $1 + \mu(t)f(t) \neq 0$ .  $C_{\text{rd}}$  denotes the set of rd-continuous functions, while  $\mathfrak{R}$  denotes the set of all regressive and rd-continuous functions, and  $\mathfrak{R}^+ = \{f | f \in \mathfrak{R}, 1 + \mu(t)f(t) > 0, \forall t \in \mathbb{T}\}$ .

**Definition 2.5** For some  $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$ , and a function  $f(t) \in (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ , the *delta derivative* of  $f$  is denoted by  $f^\Delta(t)$  and satisfies

$$|f(\sigma(t)) - f(s) - f^\Delta(t)(\sigma(t) - s)| \leq \varepsilon |\sigma(t) - s|, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0,$$

where  $s \in \mathfrak{U}$ , and  $\mathfrak{U}$  is a neighborhood of  $t$ . The function  $f(t)$  is called *delta differential* on  $\mathbb{T}^\kappa$ .

Similarly, for some  $x \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$ , and a function  $f(x, y) \in (\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ , the *partial delta derivative* of  $f(x, y)$  with respect to  $x$  is denoted by  $(f(x, y))_x^\Delta$  and satisfies

$$|f(\sigma(x), y) - f(s, y) - (f(x, y))_x^\Delta (\sigma(x) - s)| \leq \varepsilon |\sigma(x) - s|, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0,$$

where  $s \in \mathfrak{U}$ , and  $\mathfrak{U}$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ . The function  $f(x, y)$  is called *partial delta differentiable* with respect to  $x$  on  $\mathbb{T}^\kappa$ .

**Remark 2.2** If  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f^\Delta(t)$  becomes the usual derivative  $f'(t)$ , while  $f^\Delta(t) = f(t+1) - f(t)$  if  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$ , which represents the forward difference.

**Definition 2.6** If  $F^\Delta(t) = f(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$ , then  $F$  is called an *antiderivative* of  $f$ , and the *Cauchy integral* of  $f$  is defined by

$$\int_a^b f(t) \Delta t = F(b) - F(a), \quad \text{where } a, b \in \mathbb{T}.$$

Similarly, for  $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$  and a function  $f(x, y) : \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the *Cauchy partial integral* of  $f(x, y)$  with respect to  $x$  is defined by

$$\int_a^b f(x, y) \Delta x = F(b, y) - F(a, y), \quad \text{where } (F(x, y))_x^\Delta = f(x, y), x \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa.$$

The following two theorems include some important properties for *partial delta derivative* and *Cauchy partial integral* on time scales.

**Theorem 2.1** If  $f(x, y), g(x, y) \in (\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ , and  $x \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$ , then

(i)

$$(f(x, y))_x^\Delta = \begin{cases} \frac{f(\sigma(x), y) - f(x, y)}{\mu(x)} & \text{if } \mu(x) \neq 0, \\ \lim_{s \rightarrow x} \frac{f(x, y) - f(s, y)}{x - s} & \text{if } \mu(x) = 0. \end{cases}$$

(ii) If  $f, g$  are partial delta differentiable at  $x$ , then  $fg$  is also partial delta differentiable at  $x$ , and

$$(f(x, y)g(x, y))_x^\Delta = (f(x, y))_x^\Delta g(x, y) + f(\sigma(x), y)(g(x, y))_x^\Delta.$$

**Theorem 2.2** If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{T}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $f(x, y), g(x, y) \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ , then

- (i)  $\int_a^b [f(x, y) + g(x, y)] \Delta x = \int_a^b f(x, y) \Delta x + \int_a^b g(x, y) \Delta x$ ,
- (ii)  $\int_a^b (\alpha f)(x, y) \Delta x = \alpha \int_a^b f(x, y) \Delta x$ ,
- (iii)  $\int_a^b f(x, y) \Delta x = - \int_b^a f(x, y) \Delta x$ ,
- (iv)  $\int_a^b f(x, y) \Delta x = \int_a^c f(x, y) \Delta x + \int_c^b f(x, y) \Delta x$ ,
- (v)  $\int_a^a f(x, y) \Delta x = 0$ ,
- (vi) if  $f(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $a \leq x \leq b$ , then  $\int_a^b f(x, y) \Delta x \geq 0$ .

**Remark 2.3** If  $b = \infty$ , then all the conclusions of Theorem 2.2 still hold.

**Definition 2.7** The cylinder transformation  $\xi_h$  is defined by

$$\xi_h(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\text{Log}(1+hz)}{h} & \text{if } h \neq 0 \text{ (for } z \neq -\frac{1}{h}), \\ z & \text{if } h = 0, \end{cases}$$

where Log is the principal logarithm function.

**Definition 2.8** For  $p(x, y) \in \mathfrak{R}$  with respect to  $x$ , the *exponential function* is defined by

$$e_p(x, s) = \exp\left(\int_s^x \xi_{\mu(\tau)}(p(\tau, y)) \Delta \tau\right), \quad s, x, y \in \mathbb{T}.$$

**Definition 2.9** If  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{T}} x = \infty$ ,  $p(x, y) \in \mathfrak{R}$  with respect to  $x$ , then we define

$$e_p(\infty, s) = \exp\left(\int_s^\infty \xi_{\mu(\tau)}(p(\tau, y)) \Delta \tau\right), \quad s, y \in \mathbb{T}.$$

**Remark 2.4** If  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ , then for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{cases} e_p(x, s) = \exp\left(\int_s^x p(\tau, y) d\tau\right), & s, y \in \mathbb{R}, \\ e_p(\infty, s) = \exp\left(\int_s^\infty p(\tau, y) d\tau\right), & s, y \in \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}$$

If  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$ , then for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{cases} e_p(x, s) = \prod_{\tau=s}^{x-1} [1 + p(\tau, y)], & s, y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } s < x, \\ e_p(\infty, s) = \prod_{\tau=s}^\infty [1 + p(\tau, y)], & s, y \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{cases}$$

The following two theorems include some known properties on the *exponential function*.

**Theorem 2.3** If  $p(x, y) \in \mathfrak{R}$  with respect to  $x$ , then the following conclusions hold:

- (i)  $e_p(x, x) \equiv 1$  and  $e_0(x, s) \equiv 1$ ,
- (ii)  $e_p(\sigma(x), s) = (1 + \mu(x)p(x, y))e_p(x, s)$ ,
- (iii) if  $p \in \mathfrak{R}^+$  with respect to  $x$ , then  $e_p(x, s) > 0$ ,  $\forall s, x \in \mathbb{T}$ ,
- (iv) if  $p \in \mathfrak{R}^+$  with respect to  $x$ , then  $\ominus p \in \mathfrak{R}^+$ ,
- (v)  $e_p(x, s) = \frac{1}{e_p(s, x)} = e_{\ominus p}(s, x)$ ,

where  $(\ominus p)(x, y) = -\frac{p(x, y)}{1 + \mu(x)p(x, y)}$ .

**Remark 2.5** If  $s = \infty$ , then Theorem 2.3(v) still holds.

**Theorem 2.4** If  $p(x, y) \in \mathfrak{R}$  with respect to  $x$ ,  $x_0 \in \mathbb{T}$  is a fixed number, then the exponential function  $e_p(x, x_0)$  is the unique solution of the following initial value problem:

$$\begin{cases} (z(x, y))_x^\Delta = p(x, y)z(x, y), \\ z(x_0, y) = 1. \end{cases}$$

**Remark 2.6** Theorems 2.1-2.4 are similar to the corresponding theorems in [23, 24].

**Remark 2.7** For more details about time scales, we advise the reader to refer to [25].

### 3 Main results

First we give some important lemmas as follows.

**Lemma 3.1** Suppose  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa} x = \infty$ . For every fixed  $y \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$ ,  $u(x, y), q(x, y) \in C_{\text{rd}}(\mathbb{T}^\kappa \times \mathbb{T}^\kappa, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $p(x, y) \in \mathfrak{R}^+$  with respect to  $x$ , and  $u(x, y)$  is partial delta differentiable at  $x \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$ , then

$$(u(x, y))_x^\Delta \geq p(x, y)u(x, y) - q(x, y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa, \quad (3.1)$$

implies

$$u(x, y) \leq u(\infty, y)e_{\ominus p}(\infty, x) + \int_x^\infty q(s, y)e_p(x, \sigma(s))\Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa. \quad (3.2)$$

*Proof* Fix  $Y \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$ , since  $p(x, Y) \in \mathfrak{R}^+$ , then from Theorem 2.3(iv) we have  $\ominus p(x, Y) \in \mathfrak{R}^+$ ; furthermore, from Theorem 2.3(iii) we obtain  $e_{\ominus p}(x, \alpha) > 0$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$ .

According to Theorem 2.1(ii),

$$[u(x, Y)e_{\ominus p}(x, \alpha)]_x^\Delta = [e_{\ominus p}(x, \alpha)]_x^\Delta u(x, Y) + e_{\ominus p}(\sigma(x), \alpha)(u(x, Y))_x^\Delta. \quad (3.3)$$

On the other hand, from Theorem 2.4 we have

$$[e_{\ominus p}(x, \alpha)]_x^\Delta = (\ominus p)(x, Y)e_{\ominus p}(x, \alpha). \quad (3.4)$$

So, combining (3.3), (3.4) and Theorem 2.3, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} [u(x, Y)e_{\ominus p}(x, \alpha)]_x^\Delta &= (\ominus p)(x, Y)e_{\ominus p}(x, \alpha)u(x, Y) + e_{\ominus p}(\sigma(x), \alpha)(u(x, Y))_x^\Delta \\ &= (\ominus p)(x, Y)e_{\ominus p}(x, \alpha)u(x, Y) + e_{\ominus p}(\sigma(x), \alpha)(u(x, Y))_x^\Delta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= e_{\ominus p}(\sigma(x), \alpha) \left[ \frac{(\ominus p)(x, Y)}{1 + \mu(x)(\ominus p)(x, Y)} u(x, Y) + (u(x, Y))_x^\Delta \right] \\ &= e_{\ominus p}(\sigma(x), \alpha) [(u(x, Y))_x^\Delta - p(x, Y)u(x, Y)]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Substituting  $x$  with  $s$  and integration for (3.5) with respect to  $s$  from  $\alpha$  to  $\infty$  yield

$$\begin{aligned} &u(\infty, Y)e_{\ominus p}(\infty, \alpha) - u(\alpha, Y)e_{\ominus p}(\alpha, \alpha) \\ &= \int_\alpha^\infty e_{\ominus p}(\sigma(s), \alpha) [(u(s, Y))_s^\Delta - p(s, Y)u(s, Y)] \Delta s. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Considering  $e_{\ominus p}(\alpha, \alpha) = 1$ , from (3.1) and (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(\infty, Y)e_{\ominus p}(\infty, \alpha) - u(\alpha, Y) &\geq - \int_\alpha^\infty e_{\ominus p}(\sigma(s), \alpha) q(s, Y) \Delta s \\ &= - \int_\alpha^\infty e_p(\alpha, \sigma(s)) q(s, Y) \Delta s, \end{aligned}$$

which is followed by

$$u(\alpha, Y) \leq u(\infty, Y)e_{\ominus p}(\infty, \alpha) + \int_\alpha^\infty e_p(\alpha, \sigma(s)) q(s, Y) \Delta s. \quad (3.7)$$

Since  $\alpha \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$  is arbitrary, then after substituting  $\alpha$  with  $x$ , we obtain

$$u(x, Y) \leq u(\infty, Y)e_{\ominus p}(\infty, x) + \int_x^\infty q(s, Y)e_p(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s, \quad x \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa. \quad (3.8)$$

Considering  $Y$  is selected from  $\mathbb{T}^\kappa$  arbitrarily, then in fact (3.8) holds for every  $y$  in  $\mathbb{T}^\kappa$ , that is,

$$u(x, y) \leq u(\infty, Y)e_{\ominus p}(\infty, x) + \int_x^\infty q(s, y)e_p(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa,$$

which is the desired inequality.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2** [26] Assume that  $a \geq 0$ ,  $p \geq q \geq 0$ , and  $p \neq 0$ , then for any  $K > 0$

$$a^{\frac{q}{p}} \leq \frac{q}{p} K^{\frac{q-p}{p}} a + \frac{p-q}{p} K^{\frac{q}{p}}.$$

**Lemma 3.3** If  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{T}} x = \infty$ ,  $p(x, y) \in \mathfrak{R}$  with respect to  $x$ , then

$$\int_x^\infty f(s, y)e_f(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s = 1 - e_f(x, \infty) = 1 - e_{\ominus f}(\infty, x). \quad (3.9)$$

*Proof* According to [25, Theorems 2.39 and 2.36(i)], we have

$$\int_x^{x_0} f(s, y)e_f(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s = - \int_{x_0}^x f(s, y)e_f(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s = 1 - e_f(x, x_0). \quad (3.10)$$

Then by Theorem 2.3(v) and after letting  $x_0 \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain the desired result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.1** Suppose  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{T}^K} x = \infty$ ,  $u, a, f, g \in C_{\text{rd}}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $p$  is a positive number with  $p \geq 1$ . If  $u(x, y)$  satisfies the following inequality:

$$u^p(x, y) \leq a(x, y) + b(x, y) \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [f(s, t)u(s, t) + g(s, t)] \Delta t \Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^K, \quad (3.11)$$

then

$$u(x, y) \leq \left\{ a(x, y) + b(x, y) \left[ H_1(x, y) + \int_x^\infty H_2(s, y) H_1(s, y) e_{-H_2}(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^K, \quad (3.12)$$

provided that  $1 - \mu(x)H_2(x, y) > 0$ , where

$$\begin{cases} H_1(x, y) = \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \{f(s, t) [\frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} a(s, t) + \frac{p-1}{p} K^{\frac{1}{p}}] + g(s, t)\} \Delta t \Delta s, \\ H_2(x, y) = \int_y^\infty f(x, t) \frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} b(x, t) \Delta t, \quad \forall K > 0. \end{cases} \quad (3.13)$$

*Proof* Let

$$v(x, y) = \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [f(s, t)u(s, t) + g(s, t)] \Delta t \Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^K. \quad (3.14)$$

Then

$$u(x, y) \leq [a(x, y) + b(x, y)v(x, y)]^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^K. \quad (3.15)$$

On the other hand, from Lemma 3.2 we have

$$(a(x, y) + b(x, y)v(x, y))^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} (a(x, y) + b(x, y)v(x, y)) + \frac{p-1}{p} K^{\frac{1}{p}}. \quad (3.16)$$

Combining (3.14), (3.15), and (3.16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, y) &\leq \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [f(s, t)(a(s, t) + b(s, t)v(s, t))^{\frac{1}{p}} + g(s, t)] \Delta t \Delta s \\ &\leq \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \left\{ f(s, t) \left[ \frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} (a(s, t) + b(s, t)v(s, t)) + \frac{p-1}{p} K^{\frac{1}{p}} \right] + g(s, t) \right\} \Delta t \Delta s \\ &\leq \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \left\{ f(s, t) \left[ \frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} a(s, t) + \frac{p-1}{p} K^{\frac{1}{p}} \right] + g(s, t) \right\} \Delta t \Delta s \\ &\quad + \int_x^\infty \left[ \int_y^\infty f(s, t) \frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} b(s, t) \Delta t \right] v(s, y) \Delta s \\ &= H_1(x, y) + \int_x^\infty H_2(s, y) v(s, y) \Delta s, \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

where  $H_1, H_2$  are defined in (3.13).

Let  $z(x, y) = \int_x^\infty H_2(s, y) v(s, y) \Delta s$ , then

$$v(x, y) \leq H_1(x, y) + z(x, y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^K \quad (3.18)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (z(x, y))_x^\Delta &= -H_2(x, y)v(x, y) \\ &\geq -H_2(x, y)[H_1(x, y) + z(x, y)] \\ &= -H_2(x, y)z(x, y) - H_2(x, y)H_1(x, y), \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

where  $H_1, H_2$  are defined in (3.13).

Since  $1 - \mu(x)H_2(x, y) > 0$ , then in fact  $-H_2 \in \mathfrak{R}^+$ , and a suitable application of Lemma 3.1 to (3.19) yields

$$\begin{aligned} z(x, y) &\leq z(\infty, y)e_{\ominus H_2}(\infty, x) \\ &\quad + \int_x^\infty H_2(s, y)H_1(s, y)e_{-H_2}(x, \sigma(s))\Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa. \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

Since  $z(\infty, y) = 0$ , then combining (3.18) and (3.20) gives

$$v(x, y) \leq H_1(x, y) + \int_x^\infty H_2(s, y)H_1(s, y)e_{-H_2}(x, \sigma(s))\Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa. \quad (3.21)$$

Combining (3.15) and (3.21), we can obtain the desired inequality (3.12).  $\square$

Since  $\mathbb{T}$  is an arbitrary time scale, then if we take  $\mathbb{T}$  for some peculiar cases, we can obtain some corollaries immediately. Especially, if we let  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$ , we obtain the following two corollaries.

**Corollary 3.1** Suppose  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u, a, f, g \in C(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}_+)$ . If  $u(x, y)$  satisfies the following inequality:

$$u^p(x, y) \leq a(x, y) + b(x, y) \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [f(s, t)u(s, t) + g(s, t)] dt ds, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (3.22)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &\leq \left\{ a(x, y) + b(x, y) \left[ H_1(x, y) + \int_x^\infty H_2(s, y)H_1(s, y) \exp\left(\int_x^s H_2(\tau, y) d\tau\right) \Delta s \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}, \\ x, y &\in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} H_1(x, y) = \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \{f(s, t)[\frac{1}{p}K^{\frac{1-p}{p}}a(s, t) + \frac{p-1}{p}K^{\frac{1}{p}}] + g(s, t)\} dt ds, \\ H_2(x, y) = \int_y^\infty f(x, t)\frac{1}{p}K^{\frac{1-p}{p}}b(x, t) dt, \quad \forall K > 0. \end{cases} \quad (3.24)$$

**Corollary 3.2** Suppose  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $u, a, f, g \in (\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{R}_+)$ . If  $u(m, n)$  satisfies the following inequality:

$$u(m, n) \leq a(m, n) + \sum_{s=m}^\infty \sum_{t=n}^\infty [f(s, t)u(s, t) + g(s, t)], \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad (3.25)$$

then

$$u(m, n) \leq \left\{ a(m, n) + b(m, n) \left[ H_1(m, n) + \sum_{s=m}^{\infty} H_2(s, n) H_1(s, n) \prod_{\tau=m}^s \frac{1}{1 - H_2(\tau, n)} \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

$$m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad (3.26)$$

provided that  $H_2(m, n) < 1$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where

$$\begin{cases} H_1(m, n) = \sum_{s=m}^{\infty} \sum_{t=n}^{\infty} \{ f(s, t) [\frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} a(s, t) + \frac{p-1}{p} K^{\frac{1}{p}}] + g(s, t) \}, \\ H_2(m, n) = \sum_{t=n}^{\infty} f(m, t) \frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} b(m, t), \quad \forall K > 0. \end{cases} \quad (3.27)$$

**Theorem 3.2** Under the conditions of Theorem 3.1, if  $u(x, y)$  satisfies (3.11), then

$$u(x, y) \leq \{ a(x, y) + b(x, y) H_1(x, y) e_{\ominus(-H_2)}(\infty, x) \}^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}, \quad (3.28)$$

where  $H_1, H_2$  are the same as in Theorem 3.1.

*Proof* By Lemma 3.3 we have

$$\int_x^{\infty} H_2(s, y) e_{-H_2}(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s = e_{-H_2}(x, \infty) - 1 = e_{\ominus(-H_2)}(\infty, x) - 1. \quad (3.29)$$

On the other hand, considering  $H_1(x, y)$  is decreasing in  $x$ , from (3.12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &\leq \left\{ a(x, y) + b(x, y) \left[ H_1(x, y) + \int_x^{\infty} H_2(s, y) H_1(s, y) e_{-H_2}(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \left\{ a(x, y) + b(x, y) H_1(x, y) \left[ 1 + \int_x^{\infty} H_2(s, y) e_{-H_2}(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \{ a(x, y) + b(x, y) H_1(x, y) e_{\ominus(-H_2)}(\infty, x) \}^{\frac{1}{p}}, \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired result.  $\square$

If we let  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$  in Theorem 3.2, then we obtain the following two corollaries.

**Corollary 3.3** Under the conditions of Corollary 3.1, if  $u(x, y)$  satisfies (3.22), then

$$u(x, y) \leq \left\{ a(x, y) + b(x, y) H_1(x, y) \exp \left( \int_x^{\infty} H_2(s, y) ds \right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (3.30)$$

where  $H_1, H_2$  are defined the same as in (3.22).

**Corollary 3.4** Under the conditions of Corollary 3.2, if  $u(m, n)$  satisfies (3.25), then

$$u(m, n) \leq \left\{ a(m, n) + b(m, n) H_1(m, n) \prod_{s=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - H_2(s, n)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad (3.31)$$

provided that  $H_2(m, n) < 1$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $H_1, H_2$  are defined the same as in (3.27).



**Remark 3.1** Corollary 3.3 is equivalent to [21, Theorem 2], while Corollary 3.4 is equivalent to [22, Theorem 2] with a slight difference.

**Theorem 3.3** Suppose  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}} x = \infty$ ,  $u, a, f, g, h \in C_{\text{rd}}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $p$  is a positive number with  $p \geq 1$ . If  $u(x, y)$  satisfies the following inequality:

$$u^p(x, y) \leq a(x, y) + \int_x^\infty f(s, y) u^p(s, y) \Delta s + \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [g(s, t) u(s, t) + h(s, t)] \Delta t \Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}, \quad (3.32)$$

then

$$u(x, y) \leq \left\{ \left[ a(x, y) + \tilde{H}_1(x, y) + \int_x^\infty \tilde{H}_2(s, y) \tilde{H}_1(s, y) e_{-\tilde{H}_2}(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s \right] \times e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, x) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad (3.33)$$

provided that  $-f \in \mathfrak{R}^+$ , where

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{H}_1(x, y) = \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \{g(s, t) [e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, s)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \quad \times [\frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} a(s, t) + \frac{p-1}{p} K^{\frac{1}{p}}] + h(s, t)\} \Delta t \Delta s, \\ \tilde{H}_2(x, y) = \int_y^\infty g(x, t) [e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, x)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} \Delta t, \quad \forall K > 0. \end{cases} \quad (3.34)$$

*Proof* Let

$$v(x, y) = a(x, y) + \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [g(s, t) u(s, t) + h(s, t)] \Delta t \Delta s \quad (3.35)$$

and

$$z(x, y) = \int_x^\infty f(s, y) u^p(s, y) \Delta s. \quad (3.36)$$

Then

$$u^p(x, y) \leq v(x, y) + z(x, y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}. \quad (3.37)$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} (z(x, y))_x^\Delta &= -f(x, y) u^p(x, y) \\ &\geq -f(x, y) [v(x, y) + z(x, y)] \\ &= -f(x, y) z(x, y) - f(x, y) v(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $1 - \mu(x)f(x, y) > 0$ , then  $-f \in \mathfrak{R}^+$ , and an application of Lemma 3.1 yields

$$z(x, y) \leq z(\infty, y) e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, x) + \int_x^\infty f(s, y) v(s, y) e_{-f}(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}. \quad (3.38)$$

Considering  $z(\infty, y) = 0$ , and  $v(x, y)$  is decreasing in  $x$ , combining (3.37) and (3.38), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} u^p(x, y) &\leq v(x, y) + z(x, y) \\ &\leq v(x, y) + z(\infty, y)e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, x) + \int_x^\infty f(s, y)v(s, y)e_{-f}(x, \sigma(s))\Delta s \\ &= v(x, y) + \int_x^\infty f(s, y)v(s, y)e_{-f}(x, \sigma(s))\Delta s \\ &\leq v(x, y)\left[1 + \int_x^\infty f(s, y)e_{-f}(x, \sigma(s))\Delta s\right] \\ &= v(x, y)e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, x), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa, \end{aligned} \quad (3.39)$$

where Lemma 3.3 is used in the last step.

By (3.35), (3.39) and Lemma 3.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, y) &\leq a(x, y) + \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \left\{g(s, t)[v(s, t)e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, s)]^{\frac{1}{p}} + h(s, t)\right\}\Delta t\Delta s \\ &\leq a(x, y) + \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \left\{g(s, t)[e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, s)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \right. \\ &\quad \times \left.\left[\frac{1}{p}K^{\frac{1-p}{p}}v(s, t) + \frac{p-1}{p}K^{\frac{1}{p}}\right] + h(s, t)\right\}\Delta t\Delta s \\ &= a(x, y) + w(x, y), \end{aligned} \quad (3.40)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} w(x, y) &= \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \left\{g(s, t)[e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, s)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \right. \\ &\quad \times \left.\left[\frac{1}{p}K^{\frac{1-p}{p}}v(s, t) + \frac{p-1}{p}K^{\frac{1}{p}}\right] + h(s, t)\right\}\Delta t\Delta s. \end{aligned} \quad (3.41)$$

Considering  $w(x, y)$  is decreasing in  $y$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} w(x, y) &\leq \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \left\{g(s, t)[e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, s)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \right. \\ &\quad \times \left.\left[\frac{1}{p}K^{\frac{1-p}{p}}(a(s, t) + w(s, t)) + \frac{p-1}{p}K^{\frac{1}{p}}\right] + h(s, t)\right\}\Delta t\Delta s \\ &\leq \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \left\{g(s, t)[e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, s)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\frac{1}{p}K^{\frac{1-p}{p}}a(s, t) + \frac{p-1}{p}K^{\frac{1}{p}}\right] + h(s, t)\right\}\Delta t\Delta s \\ &\quad + \int_x^\infty \left\{\int_y^\infty g(s, t)[e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, s)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \frac{1}{p}K^{\frac{1-p}{p}}\Delta t\right\}w(s, y)\Delta s \\ &= \tilde{H}_1(x, y) + \int_x^\infty \tilde{H}_2(s, y)w(s, y)\Delta s, \end{aligned} \quad (3.42)$$

where  $\tilde{H}_1, \tilde{H}_2$  are defined in (3.34).

We notice that the structure of (3.42) is similar to that of (3.17). So, following in a similar manner to the process of (3.17)-(3.21), we obtain

$$w(x, y) \leq \tilde{H}_1(x, y) + \int_x^\infty \tilde{H}_2(s, y) \tilde{H}_1(s, y) e_{-\tilde{H}_2}(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa. \quad (3.43)$$

Combining (3.39), (3.40), and (3.43), we get the desired inequality (3.33).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4** *Under the conditions of Theorem 3.3, if  $u(x, y)$  satisfies (3.32), then*

$$u(x, y) \leq \left\{ \left[ a(x, y) + \tilde{H}_1(x, y) e_{\ominus(-\tilde{H}_2)}(\infty, x) \right] e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, x) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa, \quad (3.44)$$

where  $\tilde{H}_1, \tilde{H}_2$  are defined the same as in (3.34).

The proof of Theorem 3.4 is similar to that of Theorem 3.2, and we omit it here.

**Corollary 3.5** *Suppose  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u, a, f, g \in C(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}_+)$ . If  $u(x, y)$  satisfies the following inequality:*

$$\begin{aligned} u^p(x, y) &\leq a(x, y) + \int_x^\infty f(s, y) u^p(s, y) ds \\ &\quad + \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [g(s, t) u(s, t) + h(s, t)] dt ds, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.45)$$

then

$$u(x, y) \leq \left\{ \left[ a(x, y) + \tilde{H}_1(x, y) \exp\left(\int_x^\infty \tilde{H}_2(s, y) ds\right) \right] \exp\left(\int_x^\infty f(s, y) ds\right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad (3.46)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{H}_1(x, y) = \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \{g(s, t) [\exp(\int_s^\infty f(\tau, y) d\tau)]\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \quad \times [\frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} a(s, t) + \frac{p-1}{p} K^{\frac{1}{p}}] + h(s, t) dt ds, \\ \tilde{H}_2(x, y) = \int_y^\infty g(x, t) [\exp(\int_x^\infty f(s, y) ds)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} dt, \quad \forall K > 0. \end{cases} \quad (3.47)$$

The proof for Corollary 3.5 is similar to that for Corollary 3.1.

**Remark 3.2** Corollary 3.5 is equivalent to [21, Theorem 4].

**Remark 3.3** If we take  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$  in Theorem 3.3, or  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$  in Theorems 3.3 and 3.4, then we can obtain another three corollaries, which are omitted here. Especially, if we take  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$  in Theorem 3.4, then Theorem 3.4 reduces to [22, Theorem 4] with a slight difference, which is one case of discrete inequality.

**Remark 3.4** The inequalities with two independent variables established in (3.11) and (3.32) are essentially different from the cases with a single variable. As these inequalities can be used in deriving bounds for solutions of certain dynamic equations in two independent variables, which are shown in Section 4, while inequalities with a single variable can only be used to the boundedness analysis for solutions of certain dynamic equations in a single variable.

**Remark 3.5** The inequalities established above are related to infinite intervals. The main difference between the results here and those of finite intervals lies in their applications. The results above are valid in the qualitative analysis of certain dynamic equations including integrals on infinite intervals, which are shown in the two examples in Section 4, while results of finite intervals are invalid in such cases.

#### 4 Some applications

In this section, we present some applications for the results established above.

**Example 1** Consider the following dynamic equation:

$$(u^p(x, y))_x^\Delta = - \int_y^\infty F(s, t, u(s, t)) \Delta t, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^k, \quad (4.1)$$

with the condition  $u(\infty, y) = \varphi(y)$ , where  $u \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\varphi \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ , and  $p$  is a constant with  $p \geq 1$ .

**Theorem 4.1** If  $u(x, y)$  is a solution of (4.1), and suppose  $|F(s, t, u)| \leq f(s, t)|u| + g(s, t)$ , where  $f, g \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R}_+)$ , then we have

$$u(x, y) \leq \left\{ |\varphi(y)| + \left[ H_1(x, y) + \int_x^\infty H_2(s, y) H_1(s, y) e_{-H_2}(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^k, \quad (4.2)$$

provided that  $1 - \mu(x)H_2(x, y) > 0$ , where

$$\begin{cases} H_1(x, y) = \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \{f(s, t) [\frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} |\varphi(t)| + \frac{p-1}{p} K^{\frac{1}{p}}] + g(s, t)\} \Delta t \Delta s, \\ H_2(x, y) = \int_y^\infty f(x, t) \frac{1}{p} K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} \Delta t, \quad \forall K > 0. \end{cases} \quad (4.3)$$

*Proof* Considering  $u(\infty, y) = \varphi(y)$ , then the equivalent integral equation of (4.1) can be denoted by

$$u^p(x, y) = \varphi(y) + \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty F(s, t, u(s, t)) \Delta t \Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^k. \quad (4.4)$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |u(x, y)|^p &\leq |\varphi(y)| + \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty |F(s, t, u(s, t))| \Delta t \Delta s \\ &\leq |\varphi(y)| + \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [f(s, t)|u(s, t)| + g(s, t)] \Delta t \Delta s. \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Then a suitable application of Theorem 3.1 yields the desired inequality (4.2).  $\square$

In the last step of Theorem 4.1, if we apply Theorem 3.2 to (4.5), then we can obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.2** Under the conditions of Theorem 4.1, if  $u(x, y)$  is a solution of (4.1), then

$$u(x, y) \leq \left\{ |\varphi(y)| + H_1(x, y)e_{\ominus(-H_2)}(\infty, x) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}, \quad (4.6)$$

where  $H_1, H_2$  are defined in (4.3).

**Theorem 4.3** Suppose  $p = 1$  in (4.1) and  $|F(s, t, u_1)| - |F(s, t, u_2)| \leq f(s, t)|u_1 - u_2| + g(s, t)$ , where  $f, g$  are defined the same as in Theorem 4.1, then under the condition  $u(\infty, y) = \varphi(y)$ , Eq. (4.1) has at most one solution.

*Proof* Let  $u_1(x, y)$  and  $u_2(x, y)$  be two solutions of Eq. (4.1). Then we have

$$(u_1(x, y))_x^{\Delta} = - \int_y^{\infty} F(s, t, u_1(s, t)) \Delta t, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa} \quad (4.7)$$

and

$$(u_2(x, y))_x^{\Delta} = - \int_y^{\infty} F(s, t, u_2(s, t)) \Delta t, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}. \quad (4.8)$$

From (4.7) and (4.8), we obtain

$$(u_1(x, y) - u_2(x, y))_x^{\Delta} = - \int_y^{\infty} [F(s, t, u_1(s, t)) - F(s, t, u_2(s, t))] \Delta t, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}. \quad (4.9)$$

On the other hand, since  $u_1(\infty, y) = u_2(\infty, y) = \varphi(y)$ , then an integration for (4.9) with respect to  $x$  from  $x$  to  $\infty$  yields

$$u_1(x, y) - u_2(x, y) = \int_x^{\infty} \int_y^{\infty} [F(s, t, u_1(s, t)) - F(s, t, u_2(s, t))] \Delta t \Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}. \quad (4.10)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |u_1(x, y) - u_2(x, y)| &\leq \int_x^{\infty} \int_y^{\infty} |F(s, t, u_1(s, t)) - F(s, t, u_2(s, t))| \Delta t \Delta s \\ &\leq \int_x^{\infty} \int_y^{\infty} [f(s, t)|u_1(s, t) - u_2(s, t)| + g(s, t)] \Delta t \Delta s. \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

A suitable application of Theorem 3.1 yields

$$|u_1(x, y) - u_2(x, y)| \leq 0,$$

that is,  $u_1(x, y) \equiv u_2(x, y)$ , and the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Example 2** Consider the following dynamic equation:

$$\begin{aligned} u^p(x, y) &= \varphi(y) + \int_x^{\infty} F_1(s, y, u(s, y)) \Delta s \\ &\quad + \int_x^{\infty} \int_y^{\infty} F_2(s, t, u(s, t)) \Delta t \Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

where  $u \in C_{\text{rd}}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\varphi \in C_{\text{rd}}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ , and  $p \geq 1$  is a constant.

**Theorem 4.4** Let  $u(x, y)$  be a solution of (4.12). If  $|F_1(x, y, u)| \leq f(x, y)|u|^p$ ,  $|F_2(x, y, z)| \leq g(x, y)|z| + h(x, y)$ , where  $f, g, h \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T} \times \tilde{\mathbb{T}}, \mathbb{R}_+)$ , then the following estimate holds:

$$u(x, y) \leq \left\{ \left[ |\varphi(y)| + \tilde{H}_1(x, y) + \int_x^\infty \tilde{H}_2(s, y) \tilde{H}_1(s, y) e_{-\tilde{H}_2}(x, \sigma(s)) \Delta s \right] e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, x) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

$$x, y \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa, \quad (4.13)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{H}_1(x, y) = \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty \{g(s, t)[e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, s)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \quad \times [\frac{1}{p}K^{\frac{1-p}{p}}|\varphi(t)| + \frac{p-1}{p}K^{\frac{1}{p}}] + h(s, t)\} \Delta t \Delta s, \\ \tilde{H}_2(x, y) = \int_y^\infty g(x, t)[e_{\ominus(-f)}(\infty, x)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \frac{1}{p}K^{\frac{1-p}{p}} \Delta t, \quad \forall K > 0. \end{cases} \quad (4.14)$$

*Proof* From (4.12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |u^p(x, y)| &\leq |\varphi(y)| + \int_x^\infty |F_1(s, y, u(s, y))| \Delta s + \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty |F_2(s, t, u(s, t))| \Delta t \Delta s \\ &\leq |\varphi(y)| + \int_x^\infty f(s, y)|u(s, y)|^p \Delta s \\ &\quad + \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [g(s, t)|u(s, t)| + h(s, t)] \Delta t \Delta s, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa. \end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

Then using Theorem 3.3 in (4.15), we can obtain the desired result.  $\square$

## 5 Conclusions

We have established several new Gronwall-Bellman-type integral inequalities containing integration on infinite intervals on time scales, which unify some known continuous and discrete results in the literature. As one can see from the present applications, the inequalities established are useful in the investigation of qualitative and quantitative properties of solutions of certain dynamic equations on time scales.

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