

**OPERATOR FUNCTIONS INVOLVING ORDER
PRESERVING INEQUALITIES**

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ABSTRACT. We shall obtain a new characterization of chaotic order in terms of parametric operator functions via Furuta inequality, which gives a precise estimation of the already known characterization [4][8] of chaotic order and a parallel result to [11]. Moreover we shall show some applications of parametric operator functions in [11] and [12] via Furuta inequality, which are extensions of recent Kamei's results [15] and [16].

§1 Introduction

In what follows, a capital letter means a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space H . An operator T is said to be positive (denoted by $T \geq 0$) if $(Tx, x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in H$. Also an operator T is strictly positive (denoted by $T > 0$) if T is positive and invertible. The α -mean is defined by

$$A \sharp_{\alpha} B = A^{\frac{1}{2}} (A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B A^{-\frac{1}{2}})^{\alpha} A^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for any $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ for positive operators A and B by [17]. Also $A \sharp_s B$ is defined by

$$A \sharp_s B = A^{\frac{1}{2}} (A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B A^{-\frac{1}{2}})^s A^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for any real number s and for positive invertible operators A and B .

We write $A \gg B$ if $\log A \geq \log B$ for invertible positive operator A and B , which is called the chaotic order [4]. It is well known that $A \gg B$ iff $A^p \geq (A^{\frac{p}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{p}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ for all $p \geq 0$ in [1] and also $A \gg B$ iff $A^t \geq (A^{\frac{t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{t}{2}})^{\frac{1}{p+t}}$ for all $p, t \geq 0$ in [4][8].

Recently E.Kamei [15] has obtained the following excellent result.

Theorem A [15]. *If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$, then for each $t \leq 0$ and $p \geq \delta_2 \geq \delta_1 \geq 1$,*

$$(A \sharp_{\frac{\delta_2-t}{p-t}} B^p)^{\frac{1}{\delta_2}} \geq (A \sharp_{\frac{\delta_1-t}{p-t}} B^p)^{\frac{1}{\delta_1}},$$

that is, for each $t \leq 0$, $f(\delta) = (A \sharp_{\frac{\delta-t}{p-t}} B^p)^{\frac{1}{\delta}}$ is increasing for δ such that $p \geq \delta \geq 1$.

Very recently we obtained the following which is an extension of Theorem A.

Theorem B [11]. *If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$, then for each $t \leq 0$ and $p \geq 1$,*

$$H_{p,t}(A, B, r, s) = A^{\frac{-r}{2}} \{ A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{-\frac{t}{2}} B^p A^{-\frac{t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}} \}^{\frac{1-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}} A^{\frac{-r}{2}}$$

is increasing for s such that $1 \geq s \geq \frac{1-t}{p-t}$ and decreasing for r such that $0 \geq r \geq t$.

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Corollary C [11]. *If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$, then for each $t \leq 0$ and $p \geq 1$,*

$$(1.1) \quad A \geq B \geq (A^t \sharp_s B^p)^{\frac{1}{(p-t)s+t}} \geq A^{t-r} \sharp_{\frac{1-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}} (A^t \sharp_s B^p) \geq A^t \sharp_{\frac{1-t}{p-t}} B^p$$

holds for $0 \geq r \geq t$ and $1 \geq s \geq \frac{1-t}{p-t}$.

Very recently among others, E.Kamei [16] shows the following interesting result.

Theorem D [16]. *If $A \geq B > 0$, then*

$$(A^t \sharp_{\frac{\beta-t}{p-t}} B^p)^{\frac{\delta}{\beta}} \geq A^u \sharp_{\frac{\delta-u}{\beta-u}} (A^t \sharp_{\frac{\beta-t}{p-t}} B^p)$$

for $\beta \geq p \geq 1 \geq t \geq 0$, $p \neq t$, $u \leq 0$ and $\beta \geq \delta \geq 0$.

On the other hand, we obtained the following result via Furuta inequality.

Theorem E [12]. *If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$, then for each $q \geq 0$, $t \in [0, 1]$ and $p \geq t$,*

$$G_{p,q,t}(A, B, r, s) = A^{\frac{-r}{2}} \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{q-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}} A^{\frac{-r}{2}}$$

is decreasing for $r \geq t$ and $s \geq 1$ such that $(p-t)s \geq q-t$.

We shall show an extension of Theorem D as an application of Theorem E.

§2 Parametric characterization of chaotic order

We shall show the following characterization of chaotic order in terms of a parametric operator function.

Theorem 2.1. *Let A and B be positive invertible operators. Then the following (i), (ii) and (iii) are mutually equivalent;*

- (i) $A \gg B$ (i.e., $\log A \geq \log B$).
- (ii) *For each $t \leq 0$ and $p \geq 0$,*

$$F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s) = A^{\frac{-r}{2}} \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} A^{\frac{-r}{2}}$$

is increasing for s such that $1 \geq s \geq \frac{-t}{p-t}$ and decreasing for r such that $0 \geq r \geq t$.

- (iii) *For each $0 \geq r \geq t$ and $p \geq 0$,*

$$(2.1) \quad I \geq A^{t-r} \sharp_{\frac{r-t}{p+r-t}} B^p \geq A^{t-r} \sharp_{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} (A^t \sharp_s B^p) \geq A^t \sharp_{\frac{-t}{p-t}} B^p$$

holds for $1 \geq s \geq \frac{-t}{p-t}$.

Remark 1. We recall that $A \gg B$ iff $A^{-t} \geq (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{-t}{p-t}}$ for all $p \geq 0$ and $t \leq 0$, that is, $I \geq A^t \sharp_{\frac{-t}{p-t}} B^p$ for all $p \geq 0$ and $t \leq 0$ in [4][8], so that the equivalence relation between (i) and (iii) of Theorem 2.1 shows a precise estimation of this characterization of chaotic order. Theorem 2.1 can be considered as a parallel result to Theorem B and Corollary C.

The following Remark 2 is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.1 and Corollary C.

Remark 2. *Let A and B be positive invertible operators. Then the following parallel results (i) and (ii) hold;*

- (i) $A \geq B \iff$ *for each $t \leq 0$ and $p \geq 1$,*

$$(2.2) \quad A^{1-t+r} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}} \geq A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{1-t}{p-t}} A^{\frac{r}{2}}$$

holds for $0 \geq r \geq t$ and $1 \geq s \geq \frac{1-t}{p-t}$.

- (ii) $A \gg B$ (i.e., $\log A \geq \log B$) \iff *for each $t \leq 0$ and $p \geq 0$,*

$$(2.3) \quad A^{r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \geq A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{-t}{p-t}} A^{\frac{r}{2}}$$

holds for $0 \geq r \geq t$ and $1 \geq s \geq \frac{-t}{p-t}$.

§3 Proofs of the results in §2

We cite the following results to give a proof of Theorem 2.1.

Theorem F (Furuta inequality) [6] .

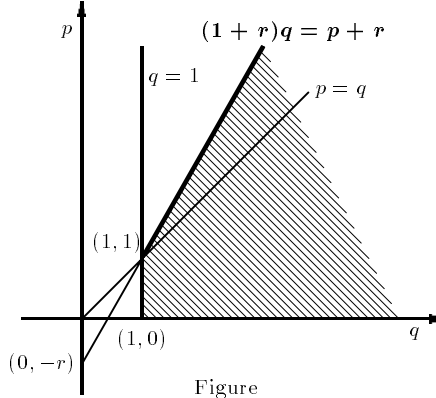
If $A \geq B \geq 0$, then for each $r \geq 0$

(i) $(B^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p B^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq (B^{\frac{r}{2}} B^p B^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}}$

and

(ii) $(A^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p A^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq (A^{\frac{r}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}}$

hold for $p \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ with $(1+r)q \geq p+r$.



Figure

Theorem F ensures the famous Löwner-Heinz inequality when we put $r = 0$ in (i) or (ii) of Theorem F; $A \geq B \geq 0$ ensures $A^\alpha \geq B^\alpha$ for any $\alpha \in [0, 1]$. Alternative proofs of Theorem F are given in [3][14] and one page elementary proof is in [7]. It is shown in [18] that the domain drawn for p, q and r in Figure is the best possible one for (i) and (ii) of Theorem F.

Lemma 1 [9]. Let A be invertible operator and let B be positive invertible operator. For any real number λ ,

$$(ABA^*)^\lambda = AB^{\frac{1}{2}}(B^{\frac{1}{2}}A^*AB^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\lambda-1}B^{\frac{1}{2}}A^*.$$

Lemma 2 [4][8].

(i) If $A \gg B$, then for a fixed $q \geq 0$ and $t \leq 0$

$$F_q(p) = (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t}{p-t}}$$

is decreasing for $p \geq q$.

(ii) $A \gg B$ iff $A^t \geq (A^{\frac{t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{t}{2}})^{\frac{1}{p+t}}$ for all $p \geq 0$ and $t \geq 0$.

Lemma 3. If $C \geq D > 0$, then the following inequality holds for $p \geq q \geq 1$ and $0 \geq r \geq t$

$$C^{1-t+r} \geq (C^{\frac{r-t}{2}} D^q C^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1-t+r}{q-t+r}} \geq \{C^{\frac{r}{2}} (C^{\frac{-t}{2}} D^p C^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t}{p-t}} C^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1-t+r}{q-t+r}}.$$

Proof of Lemma 3. As $\log t$ is operator monotone function, that is, $C \geq D > 0$ ensures $C \gg D$, so that by (i) of Lemma 2 we have the following (3.1) for $p \geq q \geq 1$ and $t \leq 0$

(3.1) $C^{\frac{-t}{2}} D^q C^{\frac{-t}{2}} \geq (C^{\frac{-t}{2}} D^p C^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t}{p-t}}$.

Multiplying $C^{\frac{r}{2}}$ on the both sides of (3.1), we have

(3.2) $C^{\frac{r-t}{2}} D^q C^{\frac{r-t}{2}} \geq C^{\frac{r}{2}} (C^{\frac{-t}{2}} D^p C^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t}{p-t}} C^{\frac{r}{2}}$ for $0 \geq r \geq t$.

Then we have

(3.3) $C^{1-t+r} \geq (C^{\frac{r-t}{2}} D^q C^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1-t+r}{q-t+r}} \geq \{C^{\frac{r}{2}} (C^{\frac{-t}{2}} D^p C^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t}{p-t}} C^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1-t+r}{q-t+r}}$ for $0 \geq r \geq t$,

where the first inequality follows by (ii) of Theorem F and the second one follows by applying Löwner-Heinz inequality to (3.2) since $\frac{1-t+r}{q-t+r} \in [0, 1]$.

Proof of Theorem 2.1. (i) \implies (ii).

(a) *Proof of the result that $F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$ is increasing for s .*

$A \gg B$ ensures the following (3.4) for $p \geq q \geq 0$ and $t \leq 0$

$$(3.4) \quad A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^q A^{\frac{-t}{2}} \geq (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t}{p-t}} \quad \text{by (i) of Lemma 2.}$$

Multiplying $A^{\frac{r}{2}}$ on the both sides of (3.4), we have

$$(3.5) \quad A^{\frac{r-t}{2}} B^q A^{\frac{r-t}{2}} \geq A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t}{p-t}} A^{\frac{r}{2}} \quad \text{for } 0 \geq r \geq t.$$

Then we have

$$(3.6) \quad A^{r-t} \geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}} B^q A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{r-t}{q-t+r}} \\ \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t}{p-t}} A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{q-t+r}} \quad \text{for } 0 \geq r \geq t,$$

where the first inequality follows by (ii) of Lemma 2 and the second one follows by applying Löwner-Heinz inequality to (3.5) since $\frac{r-t}{q-t+r} \in [0, 1]$. In (3.6) put $C = A^{r-t}$ and

$D = \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t}{p-t}} A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{q-t+r}}$. Then $C \geq D > 0$ by (3.6), so that by Lemma 3 for $p_1 \geq q_1 \geq 1$ and $0 \geq r_1 \geq t_1$, we have

$$(3.7) \quad C^{1-t_1+r_1} \geq (C^{\frac{r_1-t_1}{2}} D^{q_1} C^{\frac{r_1-t_1}{2}})^{\frac{1-t_1+r_1}{q_1-t_1+r_1}} \geq \{C^{\frac{r_1}{2}} (C^{\frac{-t_1}{2}} D^{p_1} C^{\frac{-t_1}{2}})^{\frac{q_1-t_1}{p_1-t_1}} C^{\frac{r_1}{2}}\}^{\frac{1-t_1+r_1}{q_1-t_1+r_1}}.$$

In (3.7), put

$$p_1 = \frac{q-t+r}{r-t}, \quad q_1 = \frac{q'-t+r}{r-t}$$

for $p \geq q \geq q' \geq 0$. Then $p_1 \geq q_1 \geq 1$. Also put $r_1 = t_1 = \frac{r}{r-t} \leq 0$. Then

$$C^{\frac{r_1}{2}} = C^{\frac{t_1}{2}} = A^{\frac{r}{2}}, \quad \frac{q_1-t_1}{p_1-t_1} = \frac{q'-t}{q-t}$$

and

$$D^{p_1} = A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t}{p-t}} A^{\frac{r}{2}}.$$

Therefore (3.7) implies

$$C \geq D \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} [A^{\frac{-t}{2}} A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t}{p-t}} A^{\frac{r}{2}}]^{\frac{q'-t}{q-t}} A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{q'-t+r}},$$

that is,

$$(3.8) \quad A^{r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t}{p-t}} A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{q-t+r}} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{q'-t}{p-t}} A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{q'-t+r}},$$

for $p \geq q \geq q' \geq 0$ and $0 \geq r \geq t$. Replacing $s = \frac{q-t}{p-t}$ and $s' = \frac{q'-t}{p-t}$ in (3.8), then $1 \geq s \geq s' \geq \frac{-t}{p-t}$ since $p \geq q \geq q' \geq 0$, so the proof of (a) is complete by (3.8).

(b) *Proof of the result that $F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$ is decreasing for r .*

We recall the following (3.9) by applying Löwner-Heinz theorem to (3.8)

$$(3.9) \quad A^u \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{u}{(p-t)s+r}} \quad \text{for } r-t \geq u \geq 0$$

Put $D = (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{s}{2}}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s) &= A^{\frac{-r}{2}} \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} A^{\frac{-r}{2}} \\ &= D(DA^rD)^{\frac{-t-(p-t)s}{(p-t)s+r}} D \quad \text{by Lemma 1} \\ &= D\{(DA^rD)^{\frac{(p-t)s+r+u}{(p-t)s+r}}\}^{\frac{-t-(p-t)s}{(p-t)s+r+u}} D \\ &= D\{DA^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{r}{2}} D^2 A^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{u}{(p-t)s+r}} A^{\frac{r}{2}} D\}^{\frac{-t-(p-t)s}{(p-t)s+r+u}} D \quad \text{by Lemma 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq D(DA^{\frac{r}{2}}A^uA^{\frac{s}{2}}D)^{\frac{-t-(p-t)s}{(p-t)s+r+u}}D \\ &= D(DA^{r+u}D)^{\frac{-t-(p-t)s}{(p-t)s+r+u}}D \\ &= F_{p,t}(A, B, r + u, s), \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows by (3.9) and Löwner-Heinz theorem since $\frac{-t-(p-t)s}{(p-t)s+r+u} \in [-1, 0]$ and finally taking inverses on the both sides. So the proof of (b) is complete.

Whence the proof of (i) \implies (ii) is complete.

(ii) \implies (iii). Assume (ii). Then for each $t \leq 0$ and $p \geq 0$, $F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$ is increasing for s such that $1 \geq s \geq \frac{-t}{p-t}$ and decreasing for r such that $0 \geq r \geq t$, so that for each $t \leq 0$ and $p \geq 0$,

$$F_{p,t}(A, B, t, 1) \geq F_{p,t}(A, B, r, 1) \geq F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s) \geq F_{p,t}(A, B, r, \frac{-t}{p-t})$$

holds for $0 \geq r \geq t$ and $1 \geq s \geq \frac{-t}{p-t}$, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-t} &\geq A^{\frac{-r}{2}}(A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{r-t}{p+r-t}}A^{\frac{-r}{2}} \\ &\geq A^{\frac{-r}{2}}\{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}A^{\frac{-r}{2}} \\ &\geq (A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{-t}{p-t}}. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying $A^{\frac{t}{2}}$ on both sides of the inequalities stated above, we have (iii).

(iii) \implies (i). Assume (iii). Then $I \geq A^{\frac{t}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{-t}{p-t}}$ holds for each $t \leq 0$ and $p \geq 0$, that is,

$$A^{-t} \geq (A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^{\frac{-t}{p-t}}$$

holds for each $t \leq 0$ and $p \geq 0$ and this is equivalent to $A \gg B$ by (ii) of Lemma 2. Whence the proof of Theorem 2.1 is complete.

§4 $H_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$ in Theorem A and $F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$ in Theorem 2.1

We cite the following Theorem G which interpolates Theorem F and the inequality equivalent to the main result of log majorization by Ando-Hiai [2].

Theorem G [5][9]. *If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$, then for each $t \in [0, 1]$ and $p \geq 1$,*

$$G_{p,t}(A, B, r, s) = A^{\frac{-r}{2}}\{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}}A^{\frac{-r}{2}}$$

is decreasing for both r and s such that $r \geq t$ and $s \geq 1$.

We remark that Theorem 2.1 is parallel result to Theorem B and Theorem G and the operator function $H_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$ in Theorem B is the same form as $G_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$ in Theorem G, that is, $F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$ in Theorem 2.1 is a slightly variation of $H_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$ in Theorem B and we can see a nice contrast of the ranges of the parameters t, r and s in Theorem B, Theorem G and Theorem 2.1, that is, one of Theorem B is

$$(4.1) \quad t \leq 0, p \geq 1, 1 \geq s \geq \frac{1-t}{p-t} \text{ and } 0 \geq r \geq t$$

one of Theorem G is

$$(4.2) \quad t \in [0, 1], p \geq 1, s \geq 1 \text{ and } r \geq t.$$

one of Theorem 2.1 is

$$(4.3) \quad t \leq 0, p \geq 0, 1 \geq s \geq \frac{-t}{p-t} \text{ and } 0 \geq r \geq t.$$

The form of the operator function $H_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$ in Theorem B is very important in order to research several problems associated with operator functions and several examples of its importance can be found in [5][9][10][12] and [13].

§5 An application of another parametric operator function.

In this chapter, we shall show an extension of Theorem D by using Theorem E.

Theorem 5.1. *If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$, then for each $q \geq 0$, $t \in [0, 1]$ and $p \geq t$,*

$$\{A^{\frac{t}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{t}{2}}\}^{\frac{q}{(p-t)s+t}} \geq A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}\{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{q-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}}A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}$$

holds for $r \geq t$ and $s \geq 1$ such that $(p-t)s \geq q-t$.

Theorem 5.2. *If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$, then for each $q \geq 0$, $t \in [0, 1]$ and $p \geq \max\{q, t\}$,*

$$(i) \quad B^q \geq \{A^{\frac{t}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{t}{2}}\}^{\frac{q}{(p-t)s+t}} \\ \geq A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}\{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{q-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}}A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}$$

and

$$(ii) \quad B^q \geq A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}(A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t+r}{(p-t)s+t}}A^{\frac{t-r}{2}} \\ \geq A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}\{A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{q-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}}A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}$$

hold for $r \geq t$ and $s \geq 1$.

Theorem 5.3. *If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$, then for each $q, t \in [0, 1]$ and $p \geq \max\{q, t\}$,*

$$(i) \quad A^q \geq B^q \geq \{A^{\frac{t}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{t}{2}}\}^{\frac{q}{(p-t)s+t}} \\ \geq A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}\{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{q-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}}A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}$$

and

$$(ii) \quad A^q \geq B^q \geq A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}(A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{q-t+r}{(p-t)s+t}}A^{\frac{t-r}{2}} \\ \geq A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}\{A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{q-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}}A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}$$

hold for $r \geq t$ and $s \geq 1$.

When we replace $\beta = (p-t)s+t$, $u = t-r \leq 0$ and $\delta = q$ in Theorem 5.1, Theorem 5.2 and Theorem 5.3 become the following Theorem 5.1', Theorem 5.2' and Theorem 5.3' respectively.

Theorem 5.1'. *If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$, then for each $t \in [0, 1]$*

$$(A^t \sharp_{\frac{\beta-t}{p-t}} B^p)^{\frac{\delta}{\beta}} \geq A^{u \sharp_{\frac{\delta-u}{\beta-u}}} (A^t \sharp_{\frac{\beta-t}{p-t}} B^p)$$

for $\beta \geq p \geq t$, $p \neq t$, $u \leq 0$ and $\beta \geq \delta \geq 0$.

Theorem 5.2'. *If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$, then for each $t \in [0, 1]$*

$$(i) \quad B^\delta \geq (A^t \sharp_{\frac{\beta-t}{p-t}} B^p)^{\frac{\delta}{\beta}} \geq A^{u \sharp_{\frac{\delta-u}{\beta-u}}} (A^t \sharp_{\frac{\beta-t}{p-t}} B^p)$$

and

$$(ii) \quad B^\delta \geq A^{u \sharp_{\frac{\delta-u}{\beta-u}}} B^p \geq A^{u \sharp_{\frac{\delta-u}{\beta-u}}} (A^t \sharp_{\frac{\beta-t}{p-t}} B^p)$$

hold for $\beta \geq p \geq \max\{\delta, t\}$, $p \neq t$, $u \leq 0$.

Theorem 5.3'. *If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$, then for each $\delta, t \in [0, 1]$*

$$(i) \quad A^\delta \geq B^\delta \geq (A^t \sharp_{\frac{\beta-t}{p-t}} B^p)^{\frac{\delta}{\beta}} \geq A^{u \sharp_{\frac{\delta-u}{\beta-u}}} (A^t \sharp_{\frac{\beta-t}{p-t}} B^p)$$

and

$$(ii) \quad A^\delta \geq B^\delta \geq A^{u \sharp_{\frac{\delta-u}{\beta-u}}} B^p \geq A^{u \sharp_{\frac{\delta-u}{\beta-u}}} (A^t \sharp_{\frac{\beta-t}{p-t}} B^p)$$

hold for $\beta \geq p \geq \max\{\delta, t\}$, $p \neq t$, $u \leq 0$.

We remark that Theorem 5.1' easily implies Theorem D.

Proof of Theorem 5.1. Theorem E ensures $G_{p,q,t}(A, B, t, s) \geq G_{p,q,t}(A, B, r, s)$ for each $q \geq 0, t \in [0, 1]$ and $p \geq t$, that is,

$$(5.1) \quad A^{\frac{t}{2}} G_{p,q,t}(A, B, t, s) A^{\frac{t}{2}} \geq A^{\frac{t-r}{2}} \{ A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}} \}^{\frac{q-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}} A^{\frac{t-r}{2}}$$

holds for $r \geq t$ and $s \geq 1$ such that $(p-t)s \geq q-t$. Then we have Theorem 5.1 by refining (5.1).

Proof of Theorem 5.2.

(i) Theorem E ensures $G_{p,q,t}(A, B, t, 1) \geq G_{p,q,t}(A, B, t, s) \geq G_{p,q,t}(A, B, r, s)$ under conditions in Theorem 5.2, that is, (i) holds.

(ii) Theorem E ensures $G_{p,q,t}(A, B, t, 1) \geq G_{p,q,t}(A, B, r, 1) \geq G_{p,q,t}(A, B, r, s)$ under conditions in Theorem 5.2, that is, (ii) holds.

Proof of Theorem 5.3. We have onlt to apply Löwner-Heinz theorem to Theorem 5.2.

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