

KADISON'S SCHWARZ INEQUALITY AND FURUTA'S THEOREM

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ABSTRACT. We make an interpretation of n-terms arithmetic-harmonic mean inequality via Kadison's Schwarz inequality. It is inspired by a skillful proof of it due to T.Furuta. Certain allied topics are also discussed.

1. Introduction. The arithmetic-harmonic mean inequality says that

$$(1) \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \geq \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i^{-1} \right)^{-1}.$$

holds for positive operators $A_1, \dots, A_n > 0$, i.e Recently, Furuta [3] showed one-line proof of the harmonic-arithmetic operator mean inequality with weight $\lambda = (\lambda_i)$:

Theorem 1. *Let A_i be positive invertible operators on a Hilbert space H for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and let $\lambda = (\lambda_i)$ be a weight, i.e., $\lambda_i > 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$. Then*

$$(2) \quad A = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i A_i \geq H = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i A_i^{-1} \right)^{-1} \geq 0.$$

As a matter of fact, he proposed the following beautiful equality:

$$(3) \quad A - H = \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - HA_i^{-1}) \lambda_i A_i (1 - A_i^{-1}H).$$

Moreover, based on this, he gave a short proof of the following reverse inequality

$$(4) \quad \frac{(M + m)^2}{4Mm} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i A_i^{-1} \right)^{-1} \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i A_i$$

if $0 < m \leq A_i \leq M$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

On the other hand, Izumino privately informed us that the Anderson-Morley-Trapp formula

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

is available to a proof of (1) in the case of $n = 2$.

By the way, Bhagwat and Subramanian [1] presented a proof of (1). So we follow them to prove the weighted version (2) of (1): Put $A = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i A_i$ and $H = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i A_i^{-1} \right)^{-1}$ and moreover

$$S_i = (H^{-1} - A_i^{-1})(\lambda_i A_i)(H^{-1} - A_i^{-1}) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n.$$

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Then $R = \sum S_i \geq 0$ and so

$$A - H = HRH \geq 0.$$

Incidentally, we note that it connects with (3). Actually, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A - H &= HRH = \sum_{i=1}^n HS_iH \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n H(H^{-1} - A_i^{-1})(\lambda_i A_i)(H^{-1} - A_i^{-1})H \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - HA_i^{-1})\lambda_i A_i(1 - A_i^{-1}H). \end{aligned}$$

2. Kadison's Schwarz inequality. We here apply an operator-valued inner product in $B(H) \times \cdots \times B(H)$, where $B(H)$ is the algebra of all operators acting on a Hilbert space H :

$$\langle (A_1, \dots, A_n), (B_1, \dots, B_n) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n B_i^* A_i.$$

In particular, for given a weight $\lambda = (\lambda_i)$, we define

$$(5) \quad \Phi(A_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus A_n) = \langle (A_1, \dots, A_n), (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i A_i.$$

Then Φ is a unital positive linear map on $\sum_{i=1}^n \oplus B(H)$.

We now cite Kadison's Schwarz inequality, see [4, Theorem 1.17]:

Theorem K. *Let Φ be a unital positive linear map of $B(H)$ into $B(K)$. Then*

$$(6) \quad \Phi(A^2) \geq \Phi(A)^2$$

for all selfadjoint operators $A \in B(H)$ and

$$(7) \quad \Phi(A^{-1}) \geq \Phi(A)^{-1}$$

for all positive invertible $A \in B(H)$.

If Φ is as in (5), then Theorem K implies the following inequalities, in which the second one shows the arithmetic-harmonic mean inequality (2).

Theorem 2. *Let $\lambda = (\lambda_i)$ be as in Theorem 1. Then*

$$(8) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i A_i^2 \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i A_i \right)^2$$

for all selfadjoint operators $A \in B(H)$ and and

$$(9) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i A_i^{-1} \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i A_i \right)^{-1}.$$

for all positive invertible $A \in B(H)$.

3. Integral expression. Let $F(t)$ be a selfadjoint operator-valued continuous function defined on an interval I in \mathbb{R} and μ a probability measure on I . Then we take a simple function $G(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \chi_{I(i)}(t)$ which approximates $F(t)$, where $\{I(i); i = 1, \dots, n\}$ is a decomposition of I and $\alpha_i = \mu(I(i))$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Applying (8) in Theorem 2, we have

$$(10) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i A_i^2 \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i A_i \right)^2.$$

In other words,

$$\left(\int_I G(t) d\mu(t) \right)^2 \leq \int_I G(t)^2 d\mu(t).$$

By taking the limit, we have the following integral inequalities.

Theorem 3. *Let $F(t)$ and μ be as in above. Then*

$$(11) \quad \left(\int_I F(t) d\mu(t) \right)^2 \leq \int_I F(t)^2 d\mu(t).$$

In particular, if $F(t)$ is positive and invertible for all $t \in I$, then

$$(12) \quad \left(\int_I F(t) d\mu(t) \right)^{-1} \leq \int_I F(t)^{-1} d\mu(t).$$

The second inequality is obtained by a similar way.

4. Generalized Kantorovich inequality. It is well-known that the celebrated Kantorovich inequality is a reverse of Schwarz inequality, cf. [4, Theorem 1.23]: If A satisfies $0 < m \leq A \leq M$, then

$$(13) \quad \phi(A)\phi(A^{-1}) \leq \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$$

holds for all states ϕ of $B(H)$.

The following theorem is obtained as a reverse of (12):

Theorem 4. *Let $F(t)$ and μ be as in above and $0 < m \leq F(t) \leq M$ for all $t \in I$. Then*

$$(14) \quad \phi \left(\int_I F(t) d\mu(t) \right) \phi \left(\int_I F(t)^{-1} d\mu(t) \right) \leq \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$$

holds for all states ϕ of $B(H)$.

We here note that a state ϕ is not replaced by a positive linear map Φ because $\Phi(X)$ and $\Phi(Y)$ don't commute in general, but it follows from [4, Theorem 1.32 (iv)] that

$$(15) \quad \int_I F(t)^{-1} d\mu(t) \leq \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm} \left(\int_I F(t) d\mu(t) \right)^{-1}.$$

On the other hand, the following theorem is another noncommutative version of the Kantorovich inequality [4, Theorem 1.26]:

If A satisfies $0 < m \leq A \leq M$, then

$$(16) \quad \Phi(A) \sharp \Phi(A^{-1}) \leq \frac{M+m}{2\sqrt{Mm}}$$

holds for all unital positive linear map Φ of $B(H)$ to a unital C^* -algebra. Here \sharp is the geometric mean in the sense of Kubo-Ando [5].

As a consequence, we have an integral version of a theorem due to Nakamoto and Nakamura [6].

Theorem 5. Let $F(t)$ be as in Theorem 4. Then

$$\int_I F(t) d\mu(t) \sharp \int_I F(t)^{-1} d\mu(t) \leq \frac{M+m}{2\sqrt{Mm}}.$$

5. Another extension of Kadison's Schwarz inequality. At this end, we extend (5) by replacing weights to positive linear maps. That is, we take a family of positive linear maps Φ_1, \dots, Φ_n such that

$$\Phi_1 + \dots + \Phi_n = 1, \text{ the identity map.}$$

and (5) is extended to

$$(17) \quad \Phi(A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n) = \langle (A_1, \dots, A_n), (\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(A_i).$$

Then we have the following theorem as Theorem 2:

Theorem 6. Let Φ be as in (17). Then

$$(18) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(A_i^2) \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(A_i) \right)^2$$

holds for selfadjoint operators A_i and

$$(19) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(A_i^{-1}) \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(A_i) \right)^{-1}.$$

holds for positive invertible operators A_i .

Theorem 6 has the following difference reverse inequality of Theorem 6:

Theorem 7. Let Φ be as in (17). Then

$$(20) \quad (0 \leq) \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(A_i) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(A_i^{-1}) \right)^{-1} \leq (\sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m})^2.$$

holds for positive invertible operators A_i with $0 < m \leq A_i \leq M$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Proof. Put $A = \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(A_i)$ and $H = (\sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(A_i^{-1}))^{-1}$. Since

$$(M - A_i)(1/m - A_i^{-1}) \geq 0$$

and so

$$M + m \geq MmA_i^{-1} + A_i$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$, it follows that

$$M + m \geq Mm \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(A_i^{-1}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(A_i) = M + m - MmH^{-1} - H.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} A - H &\leq M + m - MmH^{-1} - H \\ &= (\sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m})^2 - (\sqrt{Mm}H^{-\frac{1}{2}} - H^{\frac{1}{2}})^2 \leq (\sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m})^2, \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Finally we mention that we need the Bochner-Stieljes integral to the integral form of Theorems 6 and 7, which remains in a future paper

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