

3.1 Young inequality and Holder-Mccarthy inequality

3.1.1 Young inequality and generalized operator means

Theorem Y(Young inequality)

Let A and B be positive invertible operators on a Hilbert space H. Then the following inequality holds for $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$.

$$(1 - \lambda)A + \lambda B \geq A^{1/2}(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^\lambda A^{1/2} \geq [(1 - \lambda)A^{-1} + \lambda B^{-1}]^{-1}.$$

Proof:

Consider $f(x) = \lambda x + 1 - \lambda - x^\lambda$ for positive number x and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lambda - \lambda x^{\lambda-1}, \quad x \geq 0 \text{ and } \lambda \in [0, 1] \\ &= \lambda(1 - x^{\lambda-1}) \\ &= \lambda \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^{1-\lambda}}\right) \\ &= \lambda \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{1-\lambda}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) < 0 \text{ for } 0 < x < 1.$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ for } x = 1.$$

$$f'(x) > 0 \text{ for } x > 1.$$

$$\text{Also } f(0^+) = 1 - \lambda > 0, f(1) = 0.$$

Hence $f(x)$ is a non negative function

\therefore for any positive operator T and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$f(T) = \lambda T + (1 - \lambda) - T^\lambda \geq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda T + (1 - \lambda) \geq T^\lambda \quad \forall \lambda \in [0, 1] \tag{1}$$

If T is a positive operator then T^{-1} is also a positive operator.

Hence by (1)

$$\lambda T^{-1} + (1 - \lambda) \geq T^{-\lambda} \tag{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda T^{-1} + (1 - \lambda))^{-1} \leq T^\lambda \tag{3}$$

From (1) and (3),

$$\lambda T + 1 - \lambda \geq T^\lambda \geq (\lambda T^{-1} + 1 - \lambda)^{-1} \tag{4}$$

Since A and B are positive invertible operator, $A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}$ is also a positive invertible operator.

Putting $T = A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}$ in (4) we get,

$$\lambda(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}) + 1 - \lambda \geq (A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^\lambda \geq (\lambda A^{1/2}B^{-1}A^{1/2} + 1 - \lambda)^{-1} \tag{5}$$

Multiplying (5) by $A^{1/2}$ on both sides, we get

$$\lambda B + (1 - \lambda)A \geq A^{1/2}(A^{1/2}BA^{-1/2})^\lambda A^{1/2} \geq A^{1/2}(\lambda A^{1/2}B^{-1}A^{1/2} + 1 - \lambda)^{-1}A^{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \lambda)A + \lambda B &\leq A^{1/2}(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^\lambda A^{1/2} \\ &\geq A^{1/2}[A^{1/2}(\lambda B^{-1} + (1 - \lambda)A^{-1})A^{1/2}]^{-1}A^{1/2} \\ &= A^{1/2}(A^{-1/2}(\lambda B^{-1} + (1 - \lambda)A^{-1})A^{-1/2})A^{1/2} \\ &= [\lambda B^{-1} + (1 - \lambda)A^{-1}]^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(1 - \lambda) + \lambda B \geq A^{1/2}(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})A^{1/2} \geq [\lambda B^{-1} + (1 - \lambda)A^{-1}]^{-1}$$

Hence the theorem.

Theorem 1:

Let T be a positive operator on a Hilbert space H . Then the following hold.

- (i) If $1 \geq \lambda \geq 0$ then $\lambda T + (1 - \lambda) \geq T^\lambda$
- (ii) If $\lambda > 0$ then $\lambda T + (1 - \lambda) \leq T^\lambda$
- (iii) If $\lambda < 0$ then $\lambda T + (1 - \lambda) \leq T^\lambda$

In addition (i), (ii) and (iii) are mutually equivalent

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } f(x) &= \lambda x + 1 - \lambda - x^\lambda \text{ for } x > 0 \\ f'(x) &= \lambda - \lambda x^{\lambda-1} \\ &= \lambda \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^{1-\lambda}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

For $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, $f(0^+) = 1 - \lambda > 0$

$$f(1) = 0$$

$$f'(x) < 0 \text{ for } 0 < x < 1$$

$$f'(1) = 0$$

$$f'(x) > 0 \text{ for } x > 1$$

(1)

For $\lambda > 1$, $f(0^+) = 1 - \lambda < 0$

$$f(1) = 0$$

$$f'(x) > 0 \text{ for } 0 < x < 1$$

$$f'(1) = 0$$

$$f'(x) < 0 \text{ for } x > 1$$

(2)

For $\lambda < 0$, $f(0^+) < 0$

$$f'(x) > 0, f(1) = 0, f'(x) < 0$$

(3)

(1),(2),(3) implies,

$$f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x > 0 \text{ and } \lambda \in [0, 1]$$

$$\text{i.e } 1 \geq \lambda \geq 0 \quad (4)$$

$$f(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall x > 0 \text{ and } \lambda > 1 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{and } f(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall x > 0 \text{ and } \lambda < 0 \quad (6)$$

\therefore If T is a positive invertible operator on a Hilbert space then from (4), (5) and (6), we get

$$f(T) = \lambda T + (1 - \lambda) - T^\lambda \geq 0 \text{ for } 1 \geq \lambda \geq 0 \quad (7)$$

$$f(T) = \lambda T + (1 - \lambda) - T^\lambda \leq 0 \text{ for } \lambda > 1 \quad (8)$$

$$\text{and } f(T) = \lambda T + (1 - \lambda) - T^\lambda \leq 0 \text{ for } \lambda < 0 \quad (9)$$

Hence

$$\lambda T + (1 - \lambda) \geq T^\lambda \text{ for } 1 \geq \lambda \geq 0$$

$$\lambda T + (1 - \lambda) \leq T^\lambda \text{ for } \lambda > 1$$

$$\text{and } \lambda T + (1 - \lambda) \leq T^\lambda \text{ for } \lambda \leq 0$$

Hence (i), (ii) and (iii) hold.

To prove that (i),(ii) and (iii) are mutually equivalent

To prove that (i) \iff (ii):

Assum that $\lambda > 1$ then $\frac{1}{\lambda}$.

$$\therefore \text{ by (1), } \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^T + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) \geq T^{1/\lambda}$$

$$T + (\lambda - 1) \geq \lambda T^{1/\lambda}$$

$$\text{Put } S = T^{1/\lambda}, \text{ then } S^\lambda + (\lambda - 1) \geq \lambda S$$

$$\Rightarrow S^\lambda \geq \lambda S + 1 - \lambda \text{ for } \lambda > 1$$

Hence (i) \Rightarrow (ii).

Similarly, (ii) \Rightarrow (i)

Hence (i) \iff (ii).

To prove that (ii) \iff (iii)

Consider (ii),

$$\lambda T + (1 - \lambda) \leq T^\lambda \text{ for } \lambda > 1.$$

Mutiplied this inequality by T^{-1} we get,

$$\lambda + (1 - \lambda)T^{-1} \leq T^{\lambda-1} \text{ for any } \lambda > 1$$

$$\text{Put } \mu = 1 - \lambda < 0 \text{ and } S = T^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \mu) + \mu S \leq S^{1-\lambda} = S^\mu$$

$$\text{i.e } \mu S + (1 - \mu) \leq S^\mu \text{ for } \mu < 0$$

Hence (ii) \Rightarrow (iii)

Similarly (iii) \Rightarrow (ii).

Hence (ii) \iff (iii)

Hence (i) \iff (ii) \iff (iii).

Hence the theorem.

Theorem 2:

Let A and B be the positive invertible operator on a Hilbert space H then the following hold and are mutually equivalent.

$$(i) \text{ If } 1 \geq \lambda \geq 0 \text{ then } (1 - \lambda)A + \lambda B \geq A^{1/2}(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})A^{1/2}$$

(ii) If $\lambda > 1$ then $(1 - \lambda)A + \lambda B \leq A^{1/2}(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^\lambda A^{1/2}$

(iii) If $\lambda < 0$ then $(1 - \lambda)A + \lambda B \leq A^{1/2}(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^\lambda A^{1/2}$

Proof:

In the theorem,

"Let T be a positive operator on a Hilbert space H . Then the following hold.

(i) If $1 \geq \lambda \geq 0$ then $\lambda T + (1 - \lambda) \geq T^\lambda$

(ii) If $\lambda > 1$ then $\lambda T + (1 - \lambda) \leq T^\lambda$

(iii) If $\lambda \leq 0$ then $\lambda T + (1 - \lambda) \leq T^\lambda$

In addition (i), (ii) and (iii) are mutually equivalent

Put $T = A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}$

Then we get,

(i) If $1 \geq \lambda \geq 0$

$$\lambda(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}) + 1 - \lambda \geq (A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^\lambda$$

Pre multiplying and post multiplying by $A^{1/2}$ we get

$$\lambda B + (1 - \lambda)A \geq A^{1/2}(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^\lambda A^{1/2}$$

Similarly, we get

(ii) If $\lambda > 1$ then

$$\lambda B + (1 - \lambda)A \leq A^{1/2}(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^\lambda A^{1/2}$$

(iii) If $\lambda < 0$ then

$$\lambda B + (1 - \lambda)A \leq A^{1/2}(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^\lambda A^{1/2}$$

and (i), (ii) and (iii) are mutually equivalent.

3.1.2 Hölder-McCarthy inequality

Theorem: H-M(Hölder-McCarthy inequality)

Let A be a positive linear operator on a Hilbert space H . Then the following properties

(i), (ii) and (iii) are hold.

(i) $\langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda$ for any $\lambda > 1$ and any unit vector x

(ii) $\langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda$ for any $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ and any unit vector x

(iii) If A is invertible then $\langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda$ for any $\lambda < 0$ and any unit vector x

Moreover (i), (ii) and (iii) are equivalent to the following (i)', (ii)' and (iii)' respectively.

(i)' $\langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda \|x\|^{2(1-\lambda)}$ for any $\lambda > 1$ and any vector x

(ii)' $\langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda \|x\|^{2(1-\lambda)}$ for any $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ and any vector x

(iii)' If A is invertible then $\langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda \|x\|^{2(1-\lambda)}$ for any $\lambda < 0$ and any vector x

Proof:

To prove (ii):

i.e $\langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda \|x\|^{2(1-\lambda)}$ for any $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ and unit vector x

To prove this, it is sufficient to prove that if (ii) holds for some $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ then (ii) holds for $\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2} \in [0, 1]$, by the continuity of the operator.

Hence assume that,

$$\langle A^\alpha x, x \rangle \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\alpha \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } \langle A^\beta x, x \rangle \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\beta \quad (2)$$

for any unit vector x and for some $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$

For any unit vector x consider

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left\langle A^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} x, x \right\rangle \right|^2 &= \left| \langle A^{\alpha/2} x, A^{\beta/2} x \rangle \right|^2 \quad [\because A \geq 0] \\ &\leq \|A^{\alpha/2} x\|^2 \|A^{\beta/2} x\|^2 \\ &= \langle A^{\alpha/2} x, A^{\alpha/2} x \rangle \langle A^{\beta/2} x, A^{\beta/2} x \rangle \\ &= \langle A^\alpha x, x \rangle \langle A^\beta x, x \rangle \\ &= \langle Ax, x \rangle^\alpha \langle Ax, x \rangle^\beta \quad [\text{by (1) \& (2)}] \\ &= \langle Ax, x \rangle^{\alpha+\beta} \\ \left\langle A^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} x, x \right\rangle &\leq \langle Ax, x \rangle^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence (ii) holds for $\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2} \in [0, 1]$

Hence for any $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$\langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda \text{ for any unit vector } x \quad (3)$$

Hence (ii) is true.

To prove(i):

Let $\lambda > 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} \in [0, 1]$$

\therefore by(ii), i.e (3) for any unit vector x

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A^{1/\lambda} x, x \rangle &\leq \langle Ax, x \rangle^{1/\lambda} \\ \therefore \langle Ax, x \rangle &= \langle (A^\lambda)^{1/\lambda} x, x \rangle \\ &\leq \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle^{1/\lambda} \\ \Rightarrow \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda &\leq \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e } \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda \quad (4)$$

for any unit vector x and $\lambda > 1$

Hence (i) holds.

(iii) Assume that A^{-1} exists

case (i): $\lambda = -1$

Then for any unit vector x

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 = \|x\|^4 &= |\langle A^{-1/2} A^{1/2} x, x \rangle|^2 \\
 &= |\langle A^{1/2} x, A^{-1/2} x \rangle|^2 \\
 &\leq \|A^{1/2} x\|^2 \|A^{-1/2} x\|^2 \\
 &= \langle Ax, x \rangle \langle A^{-1} x, x \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle A^{-1} x, x \rangle \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1} \quad (5)$$

for any unit vector x

case (ii): $\lambda < -1$

For any unit vector x

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle &= \langle A^{-|\lambda|} x, x \rangle \\
 &= \langle (A^{-1})^{|\lambda|} x, x \rangle \quad \text{where } |\lambda| > 1 \\
 &\geq \langle A^{-1} x, x \rangle^{|\lambda|} \quad \text{by (4) i.e (i)} \\
 &\geq (\langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1})^\lambda \quad \text{by (5)} \\
 &= \langle Ax, x \rangle^{-|\lambda|} \\
 &= \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda \text{ for any } \lambda < -1 \quad (6)$$

Case (iii): Let $-1 \leq \lambda \leq 0$

Then for any unit vector x

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle &= \langle A^{-|\lambda|} x, x \rangle \\
 &= \langle (A^{|\lambda|})^{-1} x, x \rangle \quad \text{where } |\lambda| \in [0, 1] \\
 &\geq \langle A^{|\lambda|} x, x \rangle^{-1} \quad \text{by (5)} \\
 &\geq (\langle Ax, x \rangle^{|\lambda|})^{-1} \quad \text{by (6) i.e (ii)} \\
 &= \langle Ax, x \rangle^{-|\lambda|} \\
 &= \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda \text{ for any } -1 \leq \lambda \leq 0 \quad (7)$$

(5), (6) and (7) implies,

$\langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda$ for any $\lambda < 0$ and any unit vector x

Hence (iii) holds.

Hence (i), (ii) and (iii) holds.

To prove that (i) \iff (i)':

Consider (i),

$\langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda$ for any $\lambda > 1$ and any unit vector x

Replacing x by $\frac{x}{\|x\|}$ we get

$$\left\langle A^\lambda \left(\frac{x}{\|x\|} \right), \frac{x}{\|x\|} \right\rangle \geq \left\langle A \left(\frac{x}{\|x\|} \right), \frac{x}{\|x\|} \right\rangle^\lambda$$

for any $\lambda > 1$ and any vector x

$$\iff \frac{1}{\|x\|^2} \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \geq \frac{1}{\|x\|^{2\lambda}} \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda$$

$$\iff \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \geq \frac{\|x\|^2}{\|x\|^{2\lambda}} \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda$$

for any $\lambda > 1$ and any vector x

$$\iff \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda \|x\|^{2(1-\lambda)}$$

for any $\lambda > 1$ and any vector x .

Hence (i) \Rightarrow (i)'

Similarly, replacing x by $\frac{x}{\|x\|}$ in (ii) and (iii), we get (ii)' and (iii)'

Hence (i), (ii), and (iii) are equivalent to (i)', (ii)' and (iii)'

3.1.3 Hölder-McCarthy and Young inequalities are equivalent for Hilbert space operators

Theorem 1:

For a positive linear operator A on a Hilbert space H and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. We give an elementary proof of the equivalence of the following two inequalities

(1) **Hölder- McCarthy inequality:**

$$\langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda \geq \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \text{ for all unit vectors } x \in H$$

(2) **Young inequality:**

$$\lambda A + I - \lambda \geq A^\lambda$$

Proof:

(1) \Rightarrow (2)

Assume (1), Hölder- McCarthy inequality

Consider, $f(x) = \lambda x + 1 - \lambda - x^\lambda$ for positive numbers x and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lambda - \lambda x^{\lambda-1}, \quad x > 0 \text{ and } \lambda \in [0, 1] \\ &= \lambda \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^{1-\lambda}} \right) \\ &= \lambda \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^{1-\lambda} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) < 0 \text{ for } 0 < x < 1$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ for } x = 1$$

$$f'(x) > 0 \text{ for } x > 1$$

$$\text{Also } f(0^+) = 1 - \lambda > 0, f(1) = 0$$

Hence $f(x)$ is a nonnegative convex function with minimum value $f(1)=0$.

So we have

$$\lambda a + 1 - \lambda \geq a^\lambda \quad (1)$$

for positive a and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

Replacing a by $\langle Ax, x \rangle \geq 0$ for $\|x\| = 1$ & $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ in (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \langle Ax, x \rangle + 1 - \lambda &\geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda \\ \langle \lambda Ax, x \rangle + 1 - \lambda &\geq \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \text{ by (1)} \\ \lambda A + 1 - \lambda &\geq A^\lambda [\cdot \cdot \|x\| = 1] \end{aligned}$$

Hence (1) \Rightarrow (2) is proved.

(2) \Rightarrow (1)

We may assume $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

i.e $\lambda A + 1 - \lambda \geq A^\lambda$

Replace A by $k^{1/\lambda}A$ for a positive number k , then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda k^{1/\lambda}A + 1 - \lambda &\geq (k^{1/\lambda})^\lambda \forall x > 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda k^{1/\lambda} \langle Ax, x \rangle + 1 - \lambda &\geq (k^{1/\lambda})^\lambda \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \forall x > 0 \text{ with } \|x\| = 1 \\ \lambda k^{1/\lambda} \langle Ax, x \rangle + 1 - \lambda &\geq k \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Put $k \langle Ax, x \rangle^{-\lambda}$ in (2) if $\langle Ax, x \rangle \neq 0$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1} \langle Ax, x \rangle + 1 - \lambda &\geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^{-\lambda} \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \\ \Rightarrow \lambda + 1 - \lambda &\geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^{-\lambda} \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \\ \Rightarrow 1 &\geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^{-\lambda} \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \\ \Rightarrow \langle Ax, x \rangle^\lambda &\geq \langle A^\lambda x, x \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for $\|x\| = 1$.

If $\langle Ax, x \rangle = 0$ then $A^{1/2}x = 0$

So $A^\lambda x = 0$ for $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, by induction and continuity of A .

Hence (2) \Rightarrow (1) is proved.

3.2 Lowner Heinz inequality and Furuta inequality

3.2.1 Simplified proofs three order preserving operator inequalities

Theorem L-H:(Lowner Heinz inequality)

$A \geq B \geq 0$ ensures $A^\alpha \geq B^\beta$ for any $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

Proof:

Case(i): $A \geq B > 0$

Let $A^\alpha \geq B^\alpha$ and $A^\beta \geq B^\beta$ for some $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$

It is sufficient to prove that $A^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} \geq B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}}$ by the continuity of an operator.

i.e To prove $A^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} A^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} \geq B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}}$

Pre and post multiply by $A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}}$

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} A^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} A^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} &\geq A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} \\ I &\geq A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} \\ 0 &\leq A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} \leq I \end{aligned}$$

By continuity to prove, $\|A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}}\| \leq 1$

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} \|A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}}\| &= r(A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}}) \\ &= r[A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} A^{\frac{\beta-\alpha}{4}} A^{\frac{\alpha-\beta}{4}}] [\because A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} \text{ is positive}] \\ &= r(A^{\frac{\alpha-\beta}{4}} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} A^{\frac{\beta-\alpha}{4}}) [\because r(ST) = r(TS), S \geq 0 \text{ and } T \geq 0] \\ &= r(A^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}) \\ &= r(A^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} B^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}) \\ &= \|(A^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})(B^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}})\| \\ &\leq \|(A^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})\| \|(B^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}})\| \\ &\leq 1 \\ \Rightarrow \|A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}} B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} A^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}}\| &\leq 1 \\ \Rightarrow A^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} &\geq B^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore A^\alpha \geq B^\alpha$ for any $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

Hence proved.

Case(ii): In the general case $A \geq B \geq 0$

The condition $A \geq B \geq 0$ ensures $A + \epsilon \geq B + \epsilon \geq \epsilon$ for any $\epsilon > 0$

Then $A_1 = A + \epsilon$ and $B_1 = B + \epsilon$ are both invertible and $A_1 \geq B_1 \geq 0$

So that $A_1^\alpha \geq B_1^\alpha$ for any $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ by case (i)

Let $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ then we have

$A^\alpha \geq B^\alpha$ for any $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

Hence proved.

Theorem F:(Furuta inequality)

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

- (i) $(B^{r/2} A^p B^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (B^{r/2} B^p B^{r/2})^{1/q}$ and
- (ii) $(A^{r/2} A^p A^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (A^{r/2} B^p A^{r/2})^{1/q}$
holds for $p \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ with $(1+r)q \geq p+r$

Proof:

For proving this theorem, we need the following lemma

Lemma:A

Let X be a positive invertible operator and Y be an invertible operator. For any real number λ

$$(YXY^*)^\lambda = YX^{1/2}(X^{1/2}Y^*YX^{1/2})^{\lambda-1}X^{1/2}Y^*$$

Proof: for lemma

Let $YX^{1/2} = UH$ be the polar decomposition of $YX^{1/2}$, where U is unitary and $H = |YX^{1/2}|$ [where $|T|$ denotes $(T^*T)^{1/2}$]

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (YXY^*)^\lambda &= (YX^{1/2}X^{1/2}Y^*)^\lambda \\ &= (UHH^*U^*)^\lambda [\because YX^{1/2} = UH, X^{1/2}Y^* = H^*U^*] \\ &= (UH^2U^*)^\lambda \\ &= UH^{2\lambda}U^* \\ &= YX^{1/2}H^{-1}H^{2\lambda}H^{-1}X^{1/2}Y^* [\because X > 0, U^* = (YX^{1/2}H^{-1})^* = H^{-1}X^{1/2}Y^*] \\ &= YX^{1/2}H^{2(\lambda-1)}X^{1/2}Y^* \\ &= YX^{1/2}(H^2)^{\lambda-1}X^{1/2}Y^* \\ &= YX^{1/2}(X^{1/2}Y^*YX^{1/2})^{\lambda-1}X^{1/2}Y^* [\because H^2 = (YX^{1/2})^*(YX^{1/2}) = X^{1/2}Y^*YX^{1/2}] \end{aligned}$$

Hence the lemma.

Proof of the Theorem:

Let $A \geq B \geq 0$, $r \geq 0$

To prove (ii): i.e $(A^{r/2}A^pA^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (A^{r/2}B^pA^{r/2})^{1/q}$ holds for $p \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ with $(1+r)q \geq p+r$

case(i): $0 \leq p \leq 1$

Since $0 \leq p \leq 1$, by Lowner- Heinz inequality,

$$A \geq B \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^p \geq B^p$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^{r/2}A^pA^{r/2}) \geq (A^{r/2}B^pA^{r/2})$$

Hence again by Lowner- Heinz inequality, $(A^{r/2}A^pA^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (A^{r/2}B^pA^{r/2})^{1/q}$

for $q \geq 1$ and $(1+r)q \geq p+r$

Case (ii):

Consider $p \geq 1$ and $q > \frac{p+r}{1+r}$ and $r \geq 0$

then $q > \frac{p+r}{1+r} \geq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{q} < \frac{1+r}{p+r} < 1$ [$\because p \geq 1, p+r \geq 1+r$]

if $(A^{r/2}A^pA^{r/2}) \geq (A^{r/2}B^pA^{r/2})^{1/q}$

Then by Lowner- Heinz inequality, $(A^{r/2}A^pA^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (A^{r/2}B^pA^{r/2})^{1/q}$

Therefore it is enough to show that

$$(A^{r/2}A^pA^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (A^{r/2}B^pA^{r/2})^{1/q}$$

for $q = \frac{p+r}{1+r}, p \geq 1$ & $r \geq 0$

i.e $(A^{p+r})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \geq (A^{r/2}B^pA^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}$

$$\text{i.e } A^{1+r} \geq (A^{r/2} B^p A^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \quad (1)$$

for $p \geq 1$ and $r \geq 0$.

Without loss of generality, assume that A and B are invertible.

If $r \in [0, 1]$ then $A \geq B \geq 0 \Rightarrow A^r \geq B^r$ [by L-H]

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (A^{r/2} B^p A^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} &= A^{r/2} B^{p/2} (B^{p/2} A^r B^{p/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}-1} B^{p/2} A^{r/2} \\ &= A^{r/2} B^{p/2} (B^{p/2} A^r B^{p/2})^{-\frac{p-1}{p+r}} B^{p/2} A^{r/2} \\ &= A^{r/2} B^{p/2} (B^{-p/2} A^{-r} B^{-p/2})^{\frac{p-1}{p+r}} B^{p/2} A^{r/2} \\ &\leq A^{r/2} B^{p/2} (B^{-p/2} B^{-r} B^{-p/2})^{\frac{p-1}{p+r}} B^{p/2} A^{r/2} \\ &= A^{r/2} (B^{-(r+p)})^{\frac{p-1}{p+r}+p} A^{r/2} \\ &= A^{r/2} (B^{-p+1+p}) A^{r/2} \\ &= A^{r/2} B A^{r/2} \\ &\leq A^{r/2} A A^{r/2} \\ &= A^{1+r} \end{aligned}$$

Hence $A \geq B \geq 0$ implies,

$$A^{1+r} \geq (A^{r/2} B^p A^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \text{ for } r \in [0, 1] \quad (2)$$

$p \geq 1$ and $q = \frac{1+r}{p+r}$

Put $A_1 = A^{1+r}$, $B_1 = (A^{r/2} B^p A^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}$ in (2) then $A_1 \geq B_1 \geq 0$.

Repeating (2) for $A_1 \geq B_1 \geq 0$,

$$A_1^{1+r} \geq (A_1^{r/2} B_1^p A_1^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \text{ for } r_1 \in [0, 1] \& p_1 \geq 1.$$

Put $p_1 = \frac{p+r}{1+r} > 1$ and $r_1 = r$

$$\begin{aligned} (A^{1+r})^2 &\geq \{(A^{r+1})^{1/2} [(A^{r/2} B^p A^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}]^{\frac{p+r}{1+r}} (A^{r+1})^{1/2}\}^{\frac{2(1+r)}{p+2r+1}} \\ A^{2(1+r)} &\geq \{A^{(r+1)/2} A^{r/2} B^p A^{r/2} A^{(r+1)/2}\}^{\frac{2(1+r)}{p+2r+1}} \\ &= \{A^{r+1/2} B^p A^{r+1/2}\}^{\frac{2(1+r)}{p+2r+1}} \end{aligned}$$

for $p \geq 1$ and $r \in [0, 1]$.

Put $s/2 = r + 1/2$

$$\Rightarrow s = 2r + 1$$

$$\therefore 2r + 2 = s + 1$$

Substitute in (3)

$$A^{s+1} \geq (A^{s/2} B^p A^{s/2})^{\frac{s+1}{s+p}} \text{ for } p \geq 1 \text{ and } s = 2r + 1 \in [1, 3] \quad (4)$$

Therefore From (2) and (4),

$$A^{1+r} \geq (A^{r/2} B^p A^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \text{ for } p \geq 1 \text{ and } r \in [0, 3]$$

Repeating this process,

(1) holds for any $r \geq 0$ and $p \geq 1$

Therefore $(A^{r/2}A^pA^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (A^{r/2}B^pA^{r/2})^{1/q}$ holds $p \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ with $(1+r)q \geq p+r$.
Hence (ii) is proved.

To prove (i):

If $A \geq B > 0$ then $B^{-1} \geq A^{-1} > 0$.

Hence by (ii) for each $r \geq 0$

$$((B^{-1})^{r/2}(B^{-1})^p(B^{-1})^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq ((B^{-1})^{r/2}(A^{-1})^p(B^{-1})^{r/2})^{1/q}$$

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

holds for each p and q such that $p \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ and $(1+r)q \geq p+r$.

Taking inverse,

$$\begin{aligned} (B^{-r/2}A^{-p}B^{-r/2})^{-1/q} &\geq B^{\frac{(p+r)}{q}} \\ (B^{r/2}A^pB^{r/2})^{1/q} &\geq B^{\frac{(p+r)}{q}} \\ (B^{r/2}A^pB^{r/2})^{1/q} &\geq (B^{r/2}B^pB^{r/2})^{1/q} \end{aligned}$$

for each $r \geq 0$, $p \geq 0$, $q \geq 1$ with $(1+r)q \geq p+r$

Hence (i) is proved.

Theorem F1:

If $A \geq B \geq 0$ then the following inequalities hold:

$$(i) \quad (B^{r/2}A^pB^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \geq B^{1+r}$$

$$(ii) \quad A^{1+r} \geq (A^{r/2}B^pA^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \text{ for } p \geq 1 \text{ and } r \geq 0$$

Proof:

Consider the Furuta inequality, If $A \geq B \geq 0$ then for each $r \geq 0$.

$$(i) \quad (B^{r/2}A^pB^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (B^{r/2}B^pB^{r/2})^{1/q} \tag{1}$$

$$(ii) \quad (A^{r/2}A^pA^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (A^{r/2}B^pA^{r/2})^{1/q} \tag{2}$$

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

Let $q = \frac{p+r}{1+r}$ then $q \geq 1$ if $p \geq 1$ and $r \geq 0$

\therefore by (1), $(B^{r/2}A^pB^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \geq (B^{p+r})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}$

$$\Rightarrow (B^{r/2}A^pB^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \geq B^{1+r}$$

and by (2),

$$A^{1+r} \geq (A^{r/2}B^pA^{r/2})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \text{ for } p \geq 1 \text{ and } r \geq 0$$

Hence the theorem.

Theorem F'

If $A \geq C \geq B \geq 0$ then for each $r \geq 0$
 $(C^{r/2}A^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (C^{r/2}C^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (C^{r/2}B^pC^{r/2})^{1/q}$
 holds for $p \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ with $(1+r)q \geq p+r$

Proof:

Consider the Furuta inequality, If $A \geq B \geq 0$ then for each $r \geq 0$.

$$(i) \quad (B^{r/2}A^pB^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (B^{r/2}B^pB^{r/2})^{1/q}$$

$$(ii) \quad (A^{r/2}A^pA^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (A^{r/2}B^pA^{r/2})^{1/q}$$

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

Since $A \geq C$ by (i)

$$(C^{r/2}A^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (C^{r/2}C^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \quad (1)$$

Since $C \geq B$ by (ii)

$$(C^{r/2}C^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (C^{r/2}B^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \quad (2)$$

By (1) and (2), for each $r \geq 0$,

$$(C^{r/2}A^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (C^{r/2}C^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (C^{r/2}B^pC^{r/2})^{1/q}$$

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

Similarly taking $B=C$ in (1), we get (i) and taking $A=C$ in (2), we get (ii)

Hence Furuta inequality and (1) and (2) are equivalent.

Theorem F''

If $A \geq C \geq B \geq 0$ holds iff

$$(C^{r/2}A^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (C^{r/2}C^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (C^{r/2}B^pC^{r/2})^{1/q}$$

holds for all $r \geq 0$, $p \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ with $(1+r)q \geq p+r$

Proof:

By Theorem F',

$$A \geq C \geq B \geq 0 \Rightarrow (C^{r/2}A^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (C^{r/2}C^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \geq (C^{r/2}B^pC^{r/2})^{1/q} \quad (1)$$

holds for all $r \geq 0$, $p \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ with $(1+r)q \geq p+r$

Conversely, assume (1),

Put $r = 0$, $p = q = 1$ then we get $A \geq C \geq B$

Hence the theorem.

Theorem G: (Generalized Furuta inequality)

If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$ then for $t \in [0, 1]$ and $p \geq 1$

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

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

Proof:

Assume that B is invertible.

Claim: If $A \geq B \geq 0$ with $A > 0$, then

$$A \geq \{A^{t/2}(A^{-t/2}B^pA^{-t/2})^sA^{t/2}\}^{\frac{1}{(p-t)s+t}} \quad (1)$$

for $t \in [0, 1]$ $p \geq 1$ and $s \geq 1$.

Let $A \geq B > 0$, $t \in [0, 1]$

Suppose if $1 \leq s \leq 2$, $p \geq 1$.

then $s - 1$, $\frac{1}{(p-t)s+t} \in [0, 1]$

$$\text{Since } t \in [0, 1] \text{ by Lowner-Heinz inequality } A \geq B > 0 \Rightarrow A^t \geq B^t \quad (2)$$

Let $B_1 = \{A^{t/2}(A^{-t/2}B^pA^{-t/2})^sA^{t/2}\}^{\frac{1}{(p-t)s+t}}$ and $A_1 = A$

By lemma,

$$(YXY^*)^\lambda = YX^{1/2}(X^{1/2}Y^*YX^{1/2})^{\lambda-1}X^{1/2}Y^*$$

where $X \geq 0$ we have

$$(A^{-t/2}B^pA^{-t/2})^s = A^{-t/2}B^{p/2}(B^{p/2}A^{-t/2}A^{-t/2}B^{p/2})^{s-1}B^{p/2}A^{-t/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore B_1 &= \{B^{t/2}(B^{p/2}A^{-t/2}B^{p/2})^{s-1}B^{p/2}\}^{\frac{1}{(p-t)s+t}} \\ &\leq \{B^{t/2}(B^{p/2}B^{-t/2}B^{p/2})^{s-1}B^{p/2}\}^{\frac{1}{(p-t)s+t}} \text{ [by (2)]} \\ &= \{B^{p/2+(p-t)(s-1)+p/2}\}^{\frac{1}{(p-t)s+t}} \\ &= \{B^{p+(p-t)s-p-t}\}^{\frac{1}{(p-t)s+t}} \\ &= B \leq A = A_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e } B_1 \leq A_1 \quad (3)$$

Hence (1) is proved for $1 \leq s \leq 2$.

Now since $A_1 \geq B_1 > 0$, replacing A by A_1 and B by B_1 in (1), we get ,

$$A_1 \geq \{A_1^{t_1/2}(A_1^{-t_1/2}B_1^{p_1}A_1^{-t_1/2})^{s_1}A_1^{t_1/2}\}^{\frac{1}{(p_1-t_1)s_1+t_1}} \quad (4)$$

for $1 \leq s_1 \leq 2$, $p_1 \geq 1$ and $t_1 \in [0, 1]$

Put $t_1 = t \in [0, 1]$ and $p_1 = (p-t)s+t \geq 1$ in (4)

then,

$$\begin{aligned} A &\geq \{A^{t/2}(A^{-t/2}([A^{t/2}(A^{-t/2}B^pA^{-t/2})A^{t/2}]^{\frac{1}{(p-t)s+t}})^{(p-t)s+t}A^{-t/2})^{s_1}A^{t/2}\}^{\frac{1}{(p-t)s_1+t}} \\ &= \{A^{t/2}(A^{-t/2}[A^{t/2}(A^{-t/2}B^pA^{-t/2})^sA^{t/2}]A^{-t/2})^{s_1}\}^{\frac{1}{(p-t)s_1+t}} \\ &= \{A^{t/2}(A^{-t/2}B^pA^{-t/2})^{ss_1}A^{t/2}\}^{\frac{1}{(p-t)s_1+t}} \text{ for } t \in [0, 1], p \geq 1 \text{ and } 1 \leq ss_1 \leq 4 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Repeating this process, we get (1), for $t \in [0, 1]$, $p \geq 1$ and any $s \geq 1$

Put $A_2 = A$ and $B_2 = \{A^{t/2}(A^{-t/2}B^pA^{-t/2})^sA^{t/2}\}^{\frac{1}{(p-t)s+t}}$ in (1) then $A_2 \geq B_2 \geq 0$

Therefore by Furuta inequality (ii) for $t \in [0, 1]$ and $p \geq 1$ and $s \geq 1$

$$A_2^{1+r_2} \geq (A_2^{r_2/2}B_2^{p_2}A_2^{r_2/2})^{\frac{1+r_2}{p_2+r_2}} \text{ holds for } p_2 \geq 1 \text{ and } r_2 \geq 0 \quad (6)$$

Put $r_2 = r - t \geq 0$ and $p_2 = (p-t)s+t \geq 1$ in (6) then

$$\begin{aligned} A^{1+r-t} &\geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}A^{t/2}(A^{-t/2}B^pA^{-t/2})^sA^{t/2})^{\frac{r-t}{2}}A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+t}} \\ &= A^{r/2}(A^{-t/2}B^pA^{-t/2})A^{r/2} \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence the Generalized Furuta inequality is proved.