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SOME GENERALIZATION OF POWER INEQUALITIES FOR THE NUMERICAL RADIUS OF SUM OF PRODUCTS OF TWO OPERATORS IN A HILBERT SPACE

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Abstract. In this paper, we generalize some power inequalities numerical radius for the finite number sum of product of two operators in a Hilbert space. Also we generalized some inequalities for the sum of two products using the generalized Lagrange's identity.

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1. Introduction

Let H be a complex Hilbert space with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. The *numerical range* of T is the subset

$$(1) \quad W(T) = \{ \langle Tx, x \rangle : x \in H, \|x\| = 1 \}$$

of the complex plane, where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ and $\| \cdot \|$ denote the standard inner product and norm on H .

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It is known that the numerical range is always convex (see [4]). The spectrum of an operator is contained in the closure of its numerical range.

On a complex Hilbert space the numerical radius $w(T)$ of an operator T is given by

$$(2) \quad w(T) = \sup\{|\lambda|, \lambda \in W(T)\}.$$

Hence, we have

$$(3) \quad w(\alpha T) = |\alpha|w(T)$$

for any real α . It is well known that $w(T)$ is a norm on the Banach algebra $B(H)$ of all bounded linear operators $T : H \rightarrow H$. The following inequality is well known

$$(4) \quad \frac{1}{2}\|T\| \leq w(T) \leq \|T\|$$

For other properties of numerical range and numerical radius, the reader may consult [4] and for other inequalities. See for example [3], [6] and [8].

2. Some Numerical Radius Inequalities

Theorem 2.1. For $A_i, B_i \in B(H), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $r \geq 1$ we have

$$(5) \quad w\left(\sum_{i=1}^n B_i^* A_i\right) \leq 2^{-\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \|(A_i^* A_i)^r + (B_i^* B_i)^r\|^{\frac{1}{r}}.$$

Proof. Using the Schwarz inequality in the Hilbert space $(H; \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle (B_1^* A_1 + B_2^* A_2 + \dots + B_n^* A_n)x, x \rangle| &= |\langle (B_1^* A_1)x, x \rangle + \dots + \langle (B_n^* A_n)x, x \rangle| \\ &= |\langle A_1 x, B_1 x \rangle + \langle A_2 x, B_2 x \rangle + \dots + \langle A_n x, B_n x \rangle| \\ &\leq |\langle A_1 x, B_1 x \rangle| + |\langle A_2 x, B_2 x \rangle| + \dots + |\langle A_n x, B_n x \rangle| \\ &\leq \|A_1 x\| \cdot \|B_1 x\| + \dots + \|A_n x\| \cdot \|B_n x\| \\ (6) \quad &= \sum_{i=1}^n \langle (A_i^* A_i)x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \langle (B_i^* B_i)x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in H$.

Utilizing the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality and by the power mean inequality for $r \geq 1$ we have,

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \langle (A_i^* A_i)x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \langle (B_i^* B_i)x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\langle (A_i^* A_i)x, x \rangle + \langle (B_i^* B_i)x, x \rangle}{2} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\langle (A_i^* A_i)x, x \rangle^r + \langle (B_i^* B_i)x, x \rangle^r}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in H$.

It is known that if P is a positive operator then for any $r \geq 1$ and $x \in H$ with $\|x\| = 1$ we have the inequality (see [6])

$$(8) \quad \langle Px, x \rangle^r \leq \langle P^r x, x \rangle.$$

Applying this property to the positive operators $A_i^* A_i$ and $B_i^* B_i$, for $i = 1, \dots, n$, we deduce that

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\langle (A_i^* A_i)x, x \rangle^r + \langle (B_i^* B_i)x, x \rangle^r}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\langle (A_i^* A_i)^r x, x \rangle + \langle (B_i^* B_i)^r x, x \rangle}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\langle [(A_i^* A_i)^r + (B_i^* B_i)^r] x, x \rangle}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in H$. Now combining the inequalities (6), (7) and (9) then the result follows by taking supremum over all unit vectors in H .

This completes the proof.

Corollary 2.2. For $A, B \in B(H)$ we have,

$$(10) \quad w^r(B^* A) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|(A^* A)^r + (B^* B)^r\|$$

for any $r \geq 1$.

Proof.

In particular $n = 1$, and if we put $A_1 = A$, $B_1 = B$ in (5) then we get (10).

Corollary 2.3. For $A_i \in B(H)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ we have,

$$(11) \quad w\left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \leq 2^{-\frac{1}{r}} \sum_{i=1}^n \|(A_i^* A_i)^r + I\|^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

for any $r \geq 1$.

Proof.

If we put $B_i = I$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ in (5) then we get (11).

Corollary 2.4. For $A_i \in B(H), i = 1, \dots, n$ we have,

$$(12) \quad w\left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i^2\right) \leq 2^{-\frac{1}{r}} \sum_{i=1}^n \|(A_i^* A_i)^r + (A_i A_i^*)^r\|^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

for any $r \geq 1$.

Proof. If we put $B_i^* = A_i$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ in (5) then we get (12).

Corollary 2.5. For $A \in B(H)$ we have,

$$(13) \quad w^r(A) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|(A^* A)^r + I\|$$

for any $r \geq 1$.

Proof. If we put $B_i = I$ and $A_i = A$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ in (5) then we get (13).

Theorem 2.6. For $A_i, B_i \in B(H), i = 1, \dots, n$ we have,

$$(14) \quad w\left(\sum_{i=1}^n B_i^* A_i\right) \leq \frac{n^{1-\frac{1}{r}}}{2} \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i^* A_i\|^r\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|B_i^* B_i\|^r\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \right],$$

for $r \geq 1$.

Proof. Using the Schwarz's inequality in the Hilbert space $(H; \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle (B_1^* A_1 + B_2^* A_2 + \dots + B_n^* A_n)x, x \rangle| &= |\langle (B_1^* A_1)x, x \rangle + \dots + \langle (B_n^* A_n)x, x \rangle| \\ &= |\langle A_1 x, B_1 x \rangle + \langle A_2 x, B_2 x \rangle + \dots + \langle A_n x, B_n x \rangle| \\ &\leq |\langle A_1 x, B_1 x \rangle| + |\langle A_2 x, B_2 x \rangle| + \dots + |\langle A_n x, B_n x \rangle| \\ &\leq \|A_1 x\| \cdot \|B_1 x\| + \dots + \|A_n x\| \cdot \|B_n x\| \\ (15) \quad &= \sum_{i=1}^n \langle (A_i^* A_i)x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \langle (B_i^* B_i)x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in H$.

Utilizing the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality and power mean inequality $r \geq 1$ we have successively,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=1}^n \langle (A_i^* A_i)x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \langle (B_i^* B_i)x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\langle (A_i^* A_i)x, x \rangle + \langle (B_i^* B_i)x, x \rangle}{2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \langle (A_i^* A_i)x, x \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^n \langle (B_i^* B_i)x, x \rangle \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[n \cdot \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \langle (A_i^* A_i)x, x \rangle^r}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} + n \cdot \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \langle (B_i^* B_i)x, x \rangle^r}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \right] \\
 (16) \quad &= \frac{n^{1-\frac{1}{r}}}{2} \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \langle (A_i^* A_i)x, x \rangle^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \langle (B_i^* B_i)x, x \rangle^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

It is known that if P is a positive operator, then for any $r \geq 1$ and $x \in H$ with $\|x\| = 1$ we have the inequality (see for example [6])

$$(17) \quad \langle Px, x \rangle^r \leq \langle P^r x, x \rangle.$$

Applying this property to the positive operators $A_i^* A_i$ and $B_i^* B_i$, for $i = 1, \dots, n$, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{n^{1-\frac{1}{r}}}{2} \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \langle (A_i^* A_i)x, x \rangle^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \langle (B_i^* B_i)x, x \rangle^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \right] \\
 (18) \quad &\leq \frac{n^{1-\frac{1}{r}}}{2} \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \langle (A_i^* A_i)^r x, x \rangle \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \langle (B_i^* B_i)^r x, x \rangle \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in H$.

Now combining the inequalities (15), (16) and (18) then the result follows by taking supremum over all unit vectors in H .

Theorem 2.7. For $A_i, B_i \in B(H), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $r \geq 1, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ we have,

$$(19) \quad w^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n B_i^* A_i \right) \leq n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \alpha \cdot (A_i^* A_i)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} + (1 - \alpha)(B_i^* B_i)^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}} \right\|^{1/r}$$

Proof. By the Schwarz's inequality and arithmetic-geometric mean inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle (B_1^*A_1 + B_2^*A_2 + \cdots + B_n^*A_n)x, x \rangle|^2 &= |\langle (B_1^*A_1)x, x \rangle + \cdots + \langle (B_n^*A_n)x, x \rangle|^2 \\
&\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\langle (B_i^*A_i)x, x \rangle| \right)^2 \\
(20) \quad &\leq n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle (B_i^*A_i)x, x \rangle|^2 \\
&\leq n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \langle (A_i^*A_i)x, x \rangle \cdot \langle (B_i^*B_i)x, x \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in H$. It is well known that (see for example [6]) if P is positive operator and $q \in (0, 1]$, then for any $u \in H$, $\|u\| = 1$, we have

$$(21) \quad \langle P^q u, u \rangle \leq \langle P u, u \rangle^q$$

Applying this property to the positive operators $(A_i^*A_i)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ and $(B_i^*B_i)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, ($\alpha \in (0, 1]$), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \langle [(A_i^*A_i)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}]^\alpha x, x \rangle \cdot \langle [(B_i^*B_i)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}]^{1-\alpha} x, x \rangle \\
(22) \quad \leq n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \langle (A_i^*A_i)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \rangle^\alpha \cdot \langle (B_i^*B_i)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} x, x \rangle^{1-\alpha}
\end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$. Now, utilizing the weighted arithmetic mean-geometric mean inequality, i.e., $a^\alpha b^{1-\alpha} \leq \alpha a + (1-\alpha)b$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, $a, b \geq 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \langle (A_i^*A_i)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \rangle^\alpha \cdot \langle (B_i^*B_i)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} x, x \rangle^{1-\alpha} \\
(23) \quad \leq n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n [\alpha \langle (A_i^*A_i)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \rangle + (1-\alpha) \langle (B_i^*B_i)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} x, x \rangle]
\end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$. Moreover, by the elementary inequality following from the convexity of the function $f(t) = t^r$, $r \geq 1$ namely

$$\alpha a + (1-\alpha)b \leq (\alpha a^r + (1-\alpha)b^r)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \alpha \in (0, 1), a, b \geq 0,$$

we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n [\alpha \langle (A_i^* A_i)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \rangle + (1 - \alpha) \langle (B_i^* B_i)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} x, x \rangle] \\
 \leq & n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n [\alpha \langle (A_i^* A_i)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \rangle^r + (1 - \alpha) \langle (B_i^* B_i)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} x, x \rangle^r]^{\frac{1}{r}} \\
 \leq & n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n [\alpha \langle (A_i^* A_i)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} x, x \rangle + (1 - \alpha) \langle (B_i^* B_i)^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}} x, x \rangle]^{\frac{1}{r}} \\
 (24) \quad & = n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n [\langle (\alpha (A_i^* A_i)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} + (1 - \alpha) (B_i^* B_i)^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}}) x, x \rangle]^{\frac{1}{r}}
 \end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in H, \|x\| = 1$, where, for last inequality we used the inequality (8) for the positive operators $(A_i^* A_i)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ and $(B_i^* B_i)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Now combining the inequalities (20), (22), (23) and (24) then result follows by taking supremum over all unit vectors in H .

Corollary 2.8. For $A, B \in B(H)$ we have,

$$(25) \quad w^{2r}(B^* A) \leq \|\alpha (A^* A)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} + (1 - \alpha) (B^* B)^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}}\|$$

for any $r \geq 1$ and $\alpha \in (0, 1)$.

Proof. If we put $B_i = I$ and $A_i = A$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ in (5) then we get (25).

Corollary 2.9. If we put in (19) $B_i = I$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ then we have,

$$(26) \quad w^2\left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \leq n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \|\alpha (A_i^* A_i)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} + (1 - \alpha) I\|$$

for any $r \geq 1$ and $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. In particular for $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ we have,

$$(27) \quad w^2\left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \leq \frac{n}{2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \|(A_i^* A_i)^{2r} + I\|$$

3. Inequalities for the sum of two products

Theorem 3.1. For $A, B \in B(H)$ and $r \geq 1$ we have

$$(28) \quad \|B^* A\|^r \leq \frac{1}{2} (\|(A^* A)^r\| + \|(B^* B)^r\|).$$

Proof. Using the Schwarz inequality in the Hilbert space $(H; \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle (B^*A)x, y \rangle| &= |\langle Ax, By \rangle| \leq \|Ax\| \cdot \|By\| \\ (29) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= \langle (A^*A)x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \langle (B^*B)y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

for any $x, y \in H$.

Using the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality and power means inequality $r \geq 1$ we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (A^*A)x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \langle (B^*B)y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} &\leq \frac{\langle (A^*A)x, x \rangle + \langle (B^*B)y, y \rangle}{2} \\ (30) \qquad \qquad \qquad &\leq \left(\frac{\langle A^*Ax, x \rangle^r + \langle B^*By, y \rangle^r}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in H$.

It is known that if P is a positive operator then for any $r \geq 1$ and $x \in H$ with $\|x\| = 1$ we have the inequality (see [6])

$$(31) \qquad \qquad \qquad \langle Px, x \rangle^r \leq \langle P^r x, x \rangle.$$

Applying this property to the positive operators A^*A and B^*B , for $i = 1, \dots, n$, we deduce that

$$(32) \qquad \left(\frac{\langle A^*Ax, x \rangle^r + \langle B^*By, y \rangle^r}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \left(\frac{\langle (A^*A)^r x, x \rangle + \langle (B^*B)^r y, y \rangle}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

for any $x, y \in H$. Now combining the inequalities (30) and (32) then the result follows by taking supremum over all unit vectors in H .

The Theorem 3.1 may be generalized as follows, since the proof is similar, we will omit the proof.

Theorem 3.2. For $A_i, B_i \in B(H)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $r \geq 1$ we have

$$(33) \qquad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n B_i^* A_i \right\| \leq 2^{-\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|(A_i^* A_i)^r\| + \sum_{i=1}^n \|(B_i^* B_i)^r\| \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}.$$

Theorem 3.3. For $A, B \in B(H)$ and $r \geq 1$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ we have,

$$(34) \qquad \|B^*A\|^{2r} \leq \alpha \cdot \|(A^*A)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}}\| + (1 - \alpha) \|(B^*B)^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}}\|$$

Proof. By the Schwarz's inequality and arithmetic-geometric mean inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\langle (B^*Ax, y) \rangle|^2 &= |\langle (Ax, By) \rangle|^2 \leq \|Ax\|^2 \|By\|^2 \\
 (35) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= \langle (A^*A)x, x \rangle \cdot \langle (B^*B)y, y \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in H$. It is well known that (see for example [6]) if P is positive operator and $q \in (0, 1]$, then for any $u \in H, \|u\| = 1$, we have

$$(36) \qquad \qquad \qquad \langle P^q u, u \rangle \leq \langle Pu, u \rangle^q$$

Applying this property to the positive operators $(A_i^*A_i)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ and $(B_i^*B_i)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n, (\alpha \in (0, 1])$, we have

$$\langle [(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}]^\alpha x, x \rangle \cdot \langle [(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}]^{1-\alpha} y, y \rangle \leq \langle (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \rangle^\alpha \cdot \langle (B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} y, y \rangle^{1-\alpha}$$

for any $x, y \in H, \|x\| = \|y\| = 1$. Now, utilizing the weighted arithmetic-geometric mean inequality, i.e., $a^\alpha b^{1-\alpha} \leq \alpha a + (1-\alpha)b, \alpha \in (0, 1), a, b \geq 0$, we get

$$\langle (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \rangle^\alpha \cdot \langle (B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} y, y \rangle^{1-\alpha} \leq \alpha \langle (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \rangle + (1-\alpha) \langle (B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} y, y \rangle$$

for any $x, y \in H, \|x\| = \|y\| = 1$.

Moreover, by the elementary inequality following from the convexity of the function $f(t) = t^r, r \geq 1$, namely

$$\alpha a + (1-\alpha)b \leq (\alpha a^r + (1-\alpha)b^r)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \alpha \in (0, 1), a, b \geq 0,$$

we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha \langle (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \rangle + (1-\alpha) \langle (B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} y, y \rangle &\leq \left[\alpha \langle (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \rangle^r + (1-\alpha) \langle (B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} y, y \rangle^r \right]^{\frac{1}{r}} \\
 (37) \qquad \qquad \qquad &\leq \left[\alpha \langle (A^*A)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} x, x \rangle + (1-\alpha) \langle (B^*B)^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}} y, y \rangle \right]^{\frac{1}{r}}
 \end{aligned}$$

for any $x, y \in H, \|x\| = \|y\| = 1$, where, for last inequality we used the inequality (36) for the positive operators $(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ and $(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$.

Now combining the inequalities (35) and (37) then result follows by taking supremum over all unit vectors in H .

The Theorem 3.3 may be generalized as follows, since the proof is similar, so we will omit the proof.

Theorem 3.4. For $A_i, B_i \in B(H), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $r \geq 1, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ we have,

$$(38) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n B_i^* A_i \right\|^2 \leq n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\alpha \cdot \|(A_i^* A_i)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}}\| + (1 - \alpha) \|(B_i^* B_i)^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}}\| \right)^{1/r}$$

Theorem 3.5. For $A, B, C, D \in B(H), k \in \mathbb{R}$ and $r, s \geq 1$ we have,

$$(39) \quad \left\| \frac{B^* A + k D^* C}{2} \right\|^2 \leq \left\| \frac{(A^* A)^r + |k|^r (C^* C)^r}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \left\| \frac{(B^* B)^s + |k|^s (D^* D)^s}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{s}} - |k| \left(\sqrt{\|A^* A\| \|D^* D\|} - \sqrt{\|B^* B\| \|C^* C\|} \right)^2$$

Proof.

By the Schwarz's inequality in the Hilbert space $(H; \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ we have:

$$(40) \quad \begin{aligned} |\langle (B^* A + k D^* C)x, y \rangle|^2 &= |\langle B^* A x, y \rangle + k \langle D^* C x, y \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq [|\langle B^* A x, y \rangle| + |k| |\langle D^* C x, y \rangle|]^2 \\ &\leq \left[\langle A^* A x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle B^* B y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} + |k| \langle C^* C x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle D^* D y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2, \end{aligned}$$

for any $x, y \in H$.

Now, using the Lagrange's identity

$$(ab + kcd)^2 = (a^2 + kc^2)(b^2 + kd^2) - k(ad - bc)^2, \quad a, b, c, d, k \in \mathbb{R}$$

we then conclude that:

$$(41) \quad \begin{aligned} &\left[\langle A^* A x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle B^* B y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} + |k| \langle C^* C x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle D^* D y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2 \\ &= (\langle A^* A x, x \rangle + |k| \langle C^* C x, x \rangle) (\langle B^* B y, y \rangle + |k| \langle D^* D y, y \rangle) \\ &\quad - |k| \left(\langle A^* A x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle D^* D y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} - \langle B^* B y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle C^* C x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

for any $x, y \in H$.

Now, on making use of a similar argument to the one in the proof of Theorem 2.1, we have for

$r, s \geq 1$ that

$$(42) \quad \begin{aligned} & (\langle A^*Ax, x \rangle + |k|\langle C^*Cx, x \rangle) (\langle B^*By, y \rangle + |k|\langle D^*Dy, y \rangle) \\ & \leq 4 \left\langle \left[\frac{(A^*A)^r + |k|^r(C^*C)^r}{2} \right] x, x \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left\langle \left[\frac{(B^*B)^s + |k|^s(D^*D)^s}{2} \right] x, x \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{s}} \end{aligned}$$

for any $x, y \in H, \|x\| = \|y\| = 1$.

Consequently, by (40), (41) and (42) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle (B^*A + kD^*C)x, y \rangle|^2 & \leq 4 \left(\frac{\langle [(A^*A)^r + |k|^r(C^*C)^r]x, x \rangle}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\frac{\langle [(B^*B)^s + |k|^s(D^*D)^s]y, y \rangle}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\ & \quad - |k| \left(\sqrt{\langle A^*Ax, x \rangle \langle D^*Dy, y \rangle} - \sqrt{\langle B^*By, y \rangle \langle C^*Cx, x \rangle} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

for any $x, y \in H, \|x\| = \|y\| = 1$.

Taking the supremum over $x, y \in H, \|x\| = \|y\| = 1$ we deduce the desired inequality (39).

Corollary 3.6. For $A, B, C, D \in B(H)$ we have,

$$(43) \quad \begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{B^*A + kD^*C}{2} \right\|^2 & \leq \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^r + |k|^r(C^*C)^r}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left\| \frac{(B^*B)^r + |k|^r(D^*D)^r}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ & \quad - |k| \left(\sqrt{\|A^*A\| \|D^*D\|} - \sqrt{\|B^*B\| \|C^*C\|} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

for any $r \geq 1$.

Proof. If we choose in (39) such that $r = s$ then we get (43).

Corollary 3.7. For $A, B, C, D \in B(H)$ we have,

$$(44) \quad \begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{B^*A + D^*C}{2} \right\|^2 & \leq \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^r + (C^*C)^r}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left\| \frac{(B^*B)^s + (D^*D)^s}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{s}} \\ & \quad - \left(\sqrt{\langle A^*Ax, x \rangle \langle D^*Dy, y \rangle} - \sqrt{\langle B^*By, y \rangle \langle C^*Cx, x \rangle} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

for any $r, s \geq 1$.

Proof. Putting $k = 1$ in the proof Theorem 3.5, then we get (44).

Theorem 3.8. For $A_1, \dots, A_n \in B(H); B_1, \dots, B_n \in B(H)$ and $r, s \geq 1$ we have,

$$(45) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{B_1^* A_1 + B_2^* A_2 \cdots + B_n^* A_n}{n} \right\|^2 \\ & \leq \left\| \frac{(A_1^* A_1)^r + \cdots + (A_n^* A_n)^r}{n} \right\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left\| \frac{(B_1^* B_1)^s + \cdots + (B_n^* B_n)^s}{n} \right\|^{\frac{1}{s}} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By the Schwartz inequality in the Hilbert space $(H; \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ we have,

$$(46) \quad \begin{aligned} & |\langle (B_1^* A_1 + B_2^* A_2 \cdots + B_n^* A_n)x, y \rangle|^2 \\ & = |\langle (B_1^* A_1)x, y \rangle + \langle (B_2^* A_2)x, y \rangle + \cdots + \langle (B_n^* A_n)x, y \rangle|^2 \\ & \leq [|\langle (B_1^* A_1)x, y \rangle| + |\langle (B_2^* A_2)x, y \rangle| + \cdots + |\langle (B_n^* A_n)x, y \rangle|]^2 \\ & \leq \left[\langle A_1^* A_1 x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle B_1^* B_1 y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} + \cdots + \langle A_n^* A_n x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle B_n^* B_n y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

for any $x, y \in H$.

Now we are going to use the following classical Cauchy-Bunyakowski- Schwartz inequality:

$$(47) \quad (a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \cdots + a_n b_n)^2 \leq (a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \cdots + a_n^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + \cdots + b_n^2)$$

for $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then we have,

$$(48) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left[\langle A_1^* A_1 x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle B_1^* B_1 y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} + \cdots + \langle A_n^* A_n x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle B_n^* B_n y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2 \\ & \leq (\langle A_1^* A_1 x, x \rangle + \cdots + \langle A_n^* A_n x, x \rangle) (\langle B_1^* B_1 y, y \rangle + \cdots + \langle B_n^* B_n y, y \rangle), \end{aligned}$$

for any $x, y \in H$. Since the function $f(t) = t^r$ is convex for $r \geq 1$, we have:

$$(49) \quad \begin{aligned} & (\langle A_1^* A_1 x, x \rangle + \cdots + \langle A_n^* A_n x, x \rangle) (\langle B_1^* B_1 y, y \rangle + \cdots + \langle B_n^* B_n y, y \rangle) \\ & \leq n^2 \left(\left[\frac{(A_1^* A_1)^r + \cdots + (A_n^* A_n)^r}{n} \right] x, x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\left[\frac{(B_1^* B_1)^s + \cdots + (B_n^* B_n)^s}{n} \right] y, y \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \end{aligned}$$

for any $x, y \in H, \|x\| = \|y\| = 1$.

Consequently, by (46), (49) we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left\langle \left[\frac{B_1^* A_1 + B_2^* A_2 + \cdots + B_n^* A_n}{n} \right] x, y \right\rangle \right|^2 \\ & \leq \left(\left[\frac{(A_1^* A_1)^r + \cdots + (A_n^* A_n)^r}{n} \right] x, x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\left[\frac{(B_1^* B_1)^s + \cdots + (B_n^* B_n)^s}{n} \right] y, y \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \end{aligned}$$

for any $x, y \in H, \|x\| = \|y\| = 1$. Taking supremum over $x, y \in H, \|x\| = \|y\| = 1$ we deduce the desired inequality (45).

Corollary 3.9. For $A_1, \dots, A_n \in B(H); B_1, \dots, B_n \in B(H)$ and $r, s \geq 1$ we have,

$$(50) \quad \left\| \frac{B_1^* A_1 + \cdots + B_n^* A_n}{n} \right\|^2 \leq \left\| \frac{(A_1^* A_1)^r + \cdots + (A_n^* A_n)^r}{n} \right\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left\| \frac{(B_1^* B_1)^s + \cdots + (B_n^* B_n)^s}{n} \right\|^{\frac{1}{s}}.$$

Proof. From the proof of the Theorem 3.8 we get the inequality (50).

Corollary 3.10. For $A_1, \dots, A_n \in B(H); B_1, \dots, B_n \in B(H)$ and $r, s \geq 1$ we have,

$$(51) \quad \left\| \frac{A_1 + A_2 + \cdots + A_n}{n} \right\|^{2r} \leq \left\| \frac{(A_1^* A_1)^r + \cdots + (A_n^* A_n)^r}{n} \right\|.$$

Proof. If we choose in the Theorem 3.8 such that $B_i = I, i = 1, \dots, n$, where I is the identity operator then we get the inequality (51).

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