

## GENERALIZED FURUTA INEQUALITY IN BANACH $*$ -ALGEBRAS AND ITS APPLICATIONS

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*Abstract.* Okayasu [12] proved the useful Löwner-Heinz inequality in Banach  $*$ -algebra as follows. Let  $A$  be a unital hermitian Banach  $*$ -algebra with continuous involution and  $a, b \in A$ . If  $a \geq b > 0$ , then  $a^p \geq b^p$  for  $p \in (0, 1]$ . For  $a > 0$ ,  $a^\alpha = \exp(\alpha \log a)$ , where  $\log$  is the principal branch of the complex logarithm. As a nice application of this result, K. Tanahashi and M. Uchiyama [15] proved the following very interesting inequality. Let  $a, b \in A$ . Let  $R \ni p, q, r \geq 0$  satisfy  $(1+r)q \geq p+r$  and  $q \geq 1$ .

$$(b^{\frac{r}{2}} a^p b^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq (b^{\frac{r}{2}} b^p b^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}} \quad \text{if } a \geq b > 0.$$

This inequality may be called to be “Banach  $*$ -algebra version” of Furuta inequality. By using this result and Löwner-Heinz inequality in Banach  $*$ -algebra in Okayasu [12], we show the following generalized Furuta inequality. Let  $a, b \in A$ . If  $a \geq b > 0$ , then for each  $1 \geq q \geq t \geq 0$  and  $p \geq q$

$$a^{q-t+r} \geq \left\{ a^{\frac{r}{2}} \left( a^{-\frac{t}{2}} b^p a^{-\frac{t}{2}} \right)^s a^{\frac{r}{2}} \right\}^{\frac{q-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}}$$

holds for  $s \geq 1$  and  $r \geq t$ . Moreover as an application of this inequality, we show that if  $a \geq b > 0$ , for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $q \geq 0$  and  $p \geq t$ ,

$$G_{p,q,t}(a, b, r, s) = a^{-\frac{r}{2}} \left\{ a^{\frac{r}{2}} \left( a^{-\frac{t}{2}} b^p a^{-\frac{t}{2}} \right)^s a^{\frac{r}{2}} \right\}^{\frac{q-t+r}{(p-t)s+r}} a^{-\frac{r}{2}}$$

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

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