

ON A CONJECTURE RELATED TO THE GEOMETRIC MEAN AND NORM INEQUALITIES

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Abstract. A conjecture of Dinh, Ahsani, and Tam, was recently settled in [7]. In this note, we give a refinement to that result, namely if A_i and B_i are positive definite matrices and $Z = [Z_{ij}]$ is the block matrix such that $Z_{ij} = B_i^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^m A_k \right) B_j^{\frac{1}{2}}$ for all $i, j = 1, \dots, m$, then

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^m (A_i^2 \sharp B_i^2)^r \right\| \leq \|Z^r\| \leq \left\| \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^m A_i \right)^{\frac{rp}{2}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m B_i \right)^{rp} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m A_i \right)^{\frac{rp}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\|,$$

for all unitarily invariant norms, for all $p > 0$ and $r \geq 1$ such that $rp \geq 1$. Our approach provides us with an alternative proof without using the method of majorization that was used in [7]. As a byproduct, we get a refinement to a result of Audenaert in 2015.

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