

OPERATOR RADII OF COMMUTING PRODUCTS

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Abstract. Let $\omega_\rho(X)$ represent the operator radius of a bounded linear operator X on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , where $0 < \rho \leq 2$ and let X and Y be bounded commutative operators on \mathcal{H} . In this article, the long-standing constant $k = 1.169$ in the inequality $\omega_2(XY) \leq 1.169\omega_1(X)\omega_2(Y)$ is improved and more accurate estimates for the ratio $\omega_\rho(XY)/(\omega_1(X) \cdot \omega_\rho(Y))$ are obtained.

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