

## THE JENSEN INEQUALITY IN AN EXTERNAL FORMULA

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*Abstract.* The classical Jensen inequality is expressed by internally dividing points and so is non-commutative Jensen inequalities. In this paper, considering that it is expressed by externally dividing points, we shall discuss two non-commutative Jensen inequalities and their reverse, that is, one is a vector state version and the other is a Davis-Cho-Jensen type version.

### 1. Introduction

The classical Jensen inequality is expressed by internally dividing points: If a real valued continuous function  $f$  on an interval  $J$  is concave, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i f(x_i) \leq f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i\right) \quad (1.1)$$

for all  $x_i \in J$  and all  $\alpha_i \geq 0$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$ . Mond-Pečarić [8] showed the following vector state version of (1.1): If  $A$  is a selfadjoint operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ , then

$$(f(A)x, x) \leq f((Ax, x)) \quad (1.2)$$

for every unit vector  $x \in H$ . Also, we can reform (1.2) a two variable version as follows:

$$(f(A)x, x) + (f(B)y, y) \leq f((Ax, x) + (By, y)) \quad (1.3)$$

for all vectors  $x$  and  $y$  in  $H$  such that  $\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 = 1$ , also see [4, Theorem 1.3].

On the other hand, a real valued continuous function  $f$  on  $J$  is said to be operator concave if

$$(1-t)f(A) + tf(B) \leq f((1-t)A + tB)$$

for all selfadjoint operators  $A$  and  $B$  with the spectra in  $J$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . As a characterization of operator concavity, we have the following Davis-Cho-Jensen operator

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inequality [2, 1]: If  $\Phi$  is a normalized positive linear map and  $f$  is operator concave, then

$$\Phi(f(A)) \leq f(\Phi(A)) \quad (1.4)$$

for all selfadjoint operators  $A$  with the spectra in  $J$ . Also, we can reform (1.4) a two variable version as follows:

$$\Phi(f(A)) + \Psi(f(B)) \leq f(\Phi(A) + \Psi(B)) \quad (1.5)$$

for all positive linear maps  $\Phi, \Psi$  such that  $\Phi(I) + \Psi(I) = I$  and for all selfadjoint operators  $A, B$  with the spectra in  $J$ .

In [3], J.I.Fujii pointed out that the concavity is also expressed by externally dividing points: A real valued function  $f$  on an interval  $J$  is concave if and only if

$$f((1+r)x - ry) \leq (1+r)f(x) - rf(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in J$  and  $r > 0$  with  $(1+r)x - ry \in J$ . Thus, an external version of the classical Jensen inequality is as follows: A real valued function  $f$  on  $J$  is concave if and only if

$$f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i - \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j y_j\right) \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i\right) f\left(\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i\right) - \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j f(y_j) \quad (1.6)$$

for  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_k \in J$  and  $\alpha_i, \beta_j \geq 0$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j = 1$ , and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i - \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j y_j \in J$ , also see [10, p83]. Moreover, he showed the following characterization of operator concavity in terms of an external formula: A real valued continuous function  $f$  on  $J$  is operator concave if and only if

$$f((1+r)A - rB) \leq (1+r)f(A) - rf(B)$$

for all  $r > 0$  and all selfadjoint operators  $A$  and  $B$  with  $\sigma(A), \sigma(B)$  and  $\sigma((1+r)A - rB) \subset J$ . Then we have the following external version of the Jensen operator inequality: If  $f$  is operator concave, then

$$f\left(\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n r_k\right)A - \sum_{k=1}^n r_k B_k\right) \leq \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n r_k\right)f(A) - \sum_{k=1}^n r_k f(B_k)$$

for all selfadjoint operators  $A$  and  $B_k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n$ ) with  $\sigma(A), \sigma(B_k)$  and  $\sigma\left(\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n r_k\right)A - \sum_{k=1}^n r_k B_k\right) \subset J$ , also see [9].

In this paper, considering that the Jensen inequality is also expressed by externally dividing points, we shall discuss two non-commutative Jensen inequalities and their reverse, that is, one is a vector state version (1.2) and the other is a Davis-Choï-Jensen type version (1.4).

### 2. Vector state version

First of all, we show an external version of the Jensen inequality which corresponds to a two variable vector state version (1.3):

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $f$  be a real valued function on an interval  $J$ . Then  $f$  is concave if and only if*

$$f((Ax,x) - (By,y)) \leq \|x\|^2 f\left(\left(A\frac{x}{\|x\|}, \frac{x}{\|x\|}\right)\right) - (f(B)y,y) \tag{2.1}$$

for all  $x,y \in H$  such that  $\|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2 = 1$  and for all selfadjoint operators  $A$  and  $B$  with the spectra in  $J$  such that  $(Ax,x) - (By,y) \in J$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f$  is concave. Since  $\|x\|^2 = \|y\|^2 + 1$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x\|^2 f\left(\left(A\frac{x}{\|x\|}, \frac{x}{\|x\|}\right)\right) \\ &= \|x\|^2 f\left(\frac{1}{1+\|y\|^2}((Ax,x) - (By,y)) + \frac{\|y\|^2}{1+\|y\|^2}\left(B\frac{y}{\|y\|}, \frac{y}{\|y\|}\right)\right) \\ &\geq \|x\|^2 \left(\frac{1}{1+\|y\|^2}f((Ax,x) - (By,y)) + \frac{\|y\|^2}{1+\|y\|^2}f\left(\left(B\frac{y}{\|y\|}, \frac{y}{\|y\|}\right)\right)\right) \quad \text{by (1.1)} \\ &= f((Ax,x) - (By,y)) + \|y\|^2 f\left(\left(B\frac{y}{\|y\|}, \frac{y}{\|y\|}\right)\right) \\ &\geq f((Ax,x) - (By,y)) + (f(B)y,y) \quad \text{by (1.2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, put  $A = \text{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $B = \text{diag}(y_1, \dots, y_k)$  and  $x = (\sqrt{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\alpha_n})$  and  $y = (\sqrt{\beta_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\beta_k})$  in (2.1). Then we have (1.6):

$$f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i - \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j y_j\right) \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i\right) f\left(\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i\right) - \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j f(y_j)$$

and hence  $f$  is concave.

Next, we consider the reverse Jensen inequality in an external formula. For this, we need the following result [8]:

**LEMMA 2.2.** *Let  $A$  be a positive operator on a Hilbert space  $H$  such that  $mI \leq A \leq MI$  for some scalars  $M > m > 0$ . Let  $f$  be a real valued continuous function on  $[m, M]$  and  $f(t) > 0$  for all  $t \in [m, M]$ . If  $f$  is concave, then*

$$K(m, M, f) f((Ax,x)) \leq (f(A)x,x) \tag{2.2}$$

for every unit vector  $x \in H$ , where the generalized Kantorovich constant  $K(m, M, f)$  is defined by

$$K(m, M, f) = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{f(t)} \left( \frac{f(M) - f(m)}{M - m} (t - m) + f(m) \right) : t \in [m, M] \right\}. \tag{2.3}$$

By Lemma 2.2, we obtain the following estimate in an external formula:

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $f$  be a real valued continuous function on  $[m, M]$  and  $f(t) > 0$  for all  $t \in [m, M]$ . If  $f$  is concave, then*

$$\begin{aligned} & K(m, M, f)(f(A)x, x) - K(m, M, f)^{-1}(f(B)y, y) \\ & \leq f((Ax, x) - (By, y)) \\ & \leq K(m, M, f)^{-1}(f(A)x, x) - (f(B)y, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in H$  such that  $\|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2 = 1$  and for all selfadjoint operators  $A$  and  $B$  with the spectra in  $J$  such that  $(Ax, x) - (By, y) \in J$ , where  $K(m, M, f)$  is defined as (2.3).

*Proof.* For all  $x, y \in H$  such that  $\|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2 = 1$ , it follows from Lemma 2.2 that

$$\begin{aligned} & (f(A)x, x) \\ & \leq \|x\|^2 f\left(\left(A \frac{x}{\|x\|}, \frac{x}{\|x\|}\right)\right) \quad \text{by (1.2)} \\ & = \|x\|^2 f\left(\frac{1}{1 + \|y\|^2}((Ax, x) - (By, y)) + \frac{\|y\|^2}{1 + \|y\|^2} \left(B \frac{y}{\|y\|}, \frac{y}{\|y\|}\right)\right) \\ & \leq \|x\|^2 K(m, M, f)^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1 + \|y\|^2} f((Ax, x) - (By, y)) + \frac{\|y\|^2}{1 + \|y\|^2} f\left(\left(B \frac{y}{\|y\|}, \frac{y}{\|y\|}\right)\right)\right) \\ & = K(m, M, f)^{-1}\left(f((Ax, x) - (By, y)) + \|y\|^2 f\left(\left(B \frac{y}{\|y\|}, \frac{y}{\|y\|}\right)\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} K(m, M, f)(f(A)x, x) & \leq f((Ax, x) - (By, y)) + \|y\|^2 f\left(\left(B \frac{y}{\|y\|}, \frac{y}{\|y\|}\right)\right) \\ & \leq f((Ax, x) - (By, y)) + K(m, M, f)^{-1}(f(B)y, y). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 2.2 again, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f((Ax, x) - (By, y)) & \leq \|x\|^2 f\left(\left(A \frac{x}{\|x\|}, \frac{x}{\|x\|}\right)\right) - (f(B)y, y) \\ & \leq K(m, M, f)^{-1}(f(A)x, x) - (f(B)y, y). \end{aligned}$$

**REMARK 2.4.** Put the power function  $f(t) = t^p$  for  $0 < p < 1$  in Theorem 2.3, then we exactly have the evaluation

$$K(m, M, f) = K(m, M, t^p) = \frac{mM^p - Mm^p}{(p-1)(M-m)} \left( \frac{(p-1)(M^p - m^p)}{p(mM^p - Mm^p)} \right)^p,$$

see [4], and hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{mM^p - Mm^p}{(p-1)(M-m)} \left( \frac{(p-1)(M^p - m^p)}{p(mM^p - Mm^p)} \right)^p (A^p x, x) \\ & \quad - \frac{(p-1)(M-m)}{mM^p - Mm^p} \left( \frac{p(mM^p - Mm^p)}{(p-1)(M^p - m^p)} \right)^p (B^p y, y) \\ & \leq ((Ax, x) - (By, y))^p \leq \frac{(p-1)(M-m)}{mM^p - Mm^p} \left( \frac{p(mM^p - Mm^p)}{(p-1)(M^p - m^p)} \right)^p (A^p x, x) - (B^p y, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all vectors  $x, y \in H$  such that  $\|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2 = 1$  and all selfadjoint operators  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $(Ax, x) - (By, y) \in [m, M]$ .

### 3. Davis-Choi-Jensen inequality

In this section, we denote  $P[B(H), B(K)]$  as the set of all positive linear maps  $\Phi : B(H) \rightarrow B(K)$ , where  $B(H)$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra of all bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space  $H$ .

The following theorem is an external version of the Davis-Choi-Jensen inequality for operator concave functions which corresponds to (1.5):

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $f$  be a real valued continuous function on an interval  $J$ . Then  $f$  is operator concave if and only if*

$$f(\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) \leq \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} f\left(\Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Phi(A) \Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \Psi(f(B)) \tag{3.1}$$

for all  $\Phi, \Psi \in P[B(H), B(K)]$  such that  $\Phi(I) - \Psi(I) = I$  and for all selfadjoint operators  $A$  and  $B$  with  $\sigma(A), \sigma(B)$  and  $\sigma(\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) \subset J$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\implies$  (ii): By Stinespring decomposition theorem [11],  $\Phi$  restricted to a  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(A)$  generated by  $A$  and  $I$  admits a decomposition  $\Phi(X) = C^* \phi(X) C$  for all  $X \in C^*(A)$ , where  $\phi$  is a  $*$ -representation of  $C^*(A) \subset B(H)$  and  $C$  is a bounded linear operator from  $K$  to a Hilbert space  $K'$ . Similarly we have a decomposition  $\Psi(Y) = D^* \psi(Y) D$  for all  $Y \in C^*(B)$ , where  $\psi$  are a  $*$ -representation and  $D$  is a bounded linear operator from  $K$  to a Hilbert space  $K''$ . The assumption  $\Phi(I) - \Psi(I) = I$  implies  $C^* C - D^* D = I$  and hence  $|C|$  is invertible. Since  $|C|^{-2} + (D|C|^{-1})^* (D|C|^{-1}) = I$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} f\left(\Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Phi(A) \Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & = |C| f(|C|^{-1} C^* \phi(A) C |C|^{-1}) |C| \\ & = |C| f(|C|^{-1} (C^* \phi(A) C - D^* \psi(B) D) |C|^{-1} + (D|C|^{-1})^* \psi(B) D |C|^{-1}) |C| \\ & \geq |C| (|C|^{-1} f(\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) |C|^{-1} + (D|C|^{-1})^* f(\psi(B)) D |C|^{-1}) |C| \quad \text{by (1.5)} \\ & = f(\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) + D^* \psi(f(B)) D \\ & = f(\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) + \Psi(f(B)). \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $\implies$  (i): Put  $\Phi(A) = C^*AC$  and  $\Psi(B) = D^*BD$  for  $C^*C - D^*D = I$  in (ii), then the operator concavity of  $f$  follows from [3, Theorem 1].

REMARK 3.2. If  $C$  is invertible in a decomposition  $\Phi(A) = C^*\phi(A)C$ , then

$$f(\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) \leq \Phi(f(A)) - \Psi(f(B)).$$

In fact, if  $C$  is invertible, then  $V$  is unitary in the polar decomposition  $C = V|C|$  and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} f \left( \Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Phi(A) \Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= |C| f(|C|^{-1} C^* \phi(A) C |C|^{-1}) |C| \\ &= |C| f(V^* \phi(A) V) |C| = |C| V^* f(\phi(A)) V |C| \\ &= C^* \phi(f(A)) C = \Phi(f(A)). \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of the generalized Kantorovich constant, we consider the difference between the concavity and the operator concavity, based on an external version of the Jensen inequality:

THEOREM 3.3. *Let  $f$  be a real valued continuous function on  $[m, M]$  and  $f(t) > 0$  for all  $t \in [m, M]$ . If  $f$  is concave, then*

$$\begin{aligned} K(m, M, f) \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} f \left( \Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Phi(A) \Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \Psi(f(B)) \\ \leq f(\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) \\ \leq K(m, M, f)^{-1} \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} f \left( \Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Phi(A) \Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \Psi(f(B)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\Phi, \Psi \in P[B(H), B(K)]$  such that  $\Phi(I) - \Psi(I) = I$  and for all selfadjoint operators  $A$  and  $B$  with the spectra in  $J$  such that  $\sigma(\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) \subset J$ , where  $K(m, M, f)$  is defined as (2.3).

To prove it, we need the following lemma [4, Corollary 3.21]:

LEMMA 3.4. *Let  $f$  be a real valued continuous function on  $[m, M]$  and  $f(t) > 0$  for all  $t \in [m, M]$ . If  $f$  is concave, then*

$$\begin{aligned} K(m, M, f) f(U^*AU + W^*BW) &\leq U^*f(A)U + W^*f(B)W \\ &\leq K(m, M, f)^{-1} f(U^*AU + W^*BW) \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

for all selfadjoint operators  $A, B$  with the spectra in  $[m, M]$  and  $U^*U + W^*W = I$ , where  $K(m, M, f)$  is defined as (2.3).

*Proof.* We give a proof for reader’s convenience. For any unit vector  $x \in H$ , we have  $\|Ux\|^2 + \|Wx\|^2 = 1$  and hence

$$\begin{aligned} ((U^*f(A)U + W^*f(B)W)x, x) &= (f(A)Ux, Ux) + (f(B)Wx, Wx) \\ &\leq f((AUx, Ux) + (BWx, Wx)) \text{ by (1.3)} \\ &= f(((U^*AU + W^*BW)x, x)) \\ &\leq K(m, M, f)^{-1} (f(U^*AU + W^*BW)x, x) \text{ by Lemma 2.2} \end{aligned}$$

and this implies

$$U^*f(A)U + W^*f(B)W \leq K(m, M, f)^{-1}f(U^*AU + W^*BW).$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} (f(U^*AU + W^*BW)x, x) &\leq f(((U^*AU + W^*BW)x, x)) \quad \text{by (1.2)} \\ &= f((AUx, Ux) + (BWx, Wx)) \\ &\leq K(m, M, f)^{-1}((f(A)Ux, Ux) + (f(B)Wx, Wx)) \\ &= K(m, M, f)^{-1}((U^*f(A)U + W^*f(B)W)x, x) \end{aligned}$$

and this implies

$$K(m, M, f) f(U^*AU + W^*BW) \leq U^*f(A)U + W^*f(B)W. \quad \square$$

*Proof of Theorem 3.3.* As in the proof of Theorem 3.1, let  $\Phi(A) = C^*\phi(A)C$  and  $\Psi(B) = D^*\psi(B)D$  be the Stinespring decomposition. Then  $\Phi(I) - \Psi(I) = I$  implies  $C^*C - D^*D = I$  and so  $|C|^{-2} + (D|C|^{-1})^*(D|C|^{-1}) = I$ . By Lemma 3.4, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &K(m, M, f) \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} f \left( \Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Phi(A) \Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= K(m, M, f) |C| f (|C|^{-1} \Phi(A) |C|^{-1}) |C| \\ &= K(m, M, f) |C| f (|C|^{-1} (\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) |C|^{-1} + (D|C|^{-1})^* \psi(B) D |C|^{-1}) |C| \\ &\leq |C| (|C|^{-1} f(\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) |C|^{-1} + (D|C|^{-1})^* f(\psi(B)) D |C|^{-1}) |C| \\ &= f(\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) + \Psi(f(B)) \end{aligned}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned} &f(\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) + \Psi(f(B)) \\ &= |C| (|C|^{-1} f(\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) |C|^{-1} + (D|C|^{-1})^* f(\psi(B)) D |C|^{-1}) |C| \\ &\leq K(m, M, f)^{-1} f (|C|^{-1} (\Phi(A) - \Psi(B)) |C|^{-1} + (D|C|^{-1})^* \psi(B) D |C|^{-1}) \\ &= K(m, M, f)^{-1} \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} f \left( \Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Phi(A) \Phi(I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \Phi(I)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

and this implies Theorem 3.3.  $\square$

REMARK 3.5. If we put  $\Phi(A) = (Ax, x)$  and  $\Psi(B) = (By, y)$  for  $x, y \in H$  such that  $\|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2 = 1$  in Theorem 3.3, then Theorem 3.3 does not implies Theorem 2.3, because  $f((Ax, x)) = \|x\|^2 f\left(A \frac{x}{\|x\|}, \frac{x}{\|x\|}\right)$  does not always hold.

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