FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS FOR YOUNG'S INEQUALITIES ON THE ARITHMETIC, GEOMETRIC, AND HARMONIC MEAN

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Abstract. In this paper, we obtain some improvements and generalizations of Young's inequalities on the arithmetic, geometric, and harmonic mean. For example,

(1) If 0 < a < b, $\beta \ge 1$ and $0 < v \le \tau < 1$, then

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{v}b)^{\beta} - (a\sharp_{v}b)^{\beta}}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\beta} - (a\sharp_{\tau}b)^{\beta}} \leqslant \frac{v(1-v)}{\tau(1-\tau)}.$$

(2) If 0 < b < a, $\beta \ge 1$ and $0 < v \le \tau < \frac{1}{2}$, then

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\beta} - K(h,2)^{\beta\nu}(a\sharp_{\nu}b)^{\beta}}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\beta} - K(h,2)^{\beta\tau}(a\sharp_{\tau}b)^{\beta}} \ge \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)};$$

(3) If 0 < a < b, $\beta \ge 1$ and $0 < v \le \tau < 1$, then

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\beta} - (a!_{\nu}b)^{\beta}}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\beta} - (a!_{\tau}b)^{\beta}} \leqslant \frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b) - (a!_{\nu}b)}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b) - (a!_{\tau}b)} \leqslant \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}.$$

In addition, we obtain some new results for Young's inequality for operators.

1. Introduction

In the paper, let \mathbb{N} be the set of positive integers. As usual, we denoted the Arithmetic mean, Geometric mean, and Harmonic mean as $a\nabla_v b = (1 - v)a + vb$, $a\sharp_v b = a^{1-v}b^v$ and $a!_v b = [(1 - v)a^{-1} + vb^{-1}]^{-1}$ for a, b > 0 and $v \in [0, 1]$. The Young's inequality is well known as the following [7]: If a, b > 0 and $0 \le v \le 1$, then

$$a^{1-v}b^{v} \leq (1-v)a + vb,$$
 (1.1)

where equality holds if and only if a = b. And this inequality implies the classical AM-GM-HM inequalities as

$$a!_{\nu}b \leqslant a\sharp_{\nu}b \leqslant a\nabla_{\nu}b. \tag{1.2}$$

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Zuo, Shi, Fujii [12] and Liao, Wu, Zhao [6] showed the refinement and reverse inequality of the above Young's inequality in terms of Kantorovich's constant as follows

$$K(h,2)^{r}a^{1-\nu}b^{\nu} \leq (1-\nu)a + \nu b \leq K(h,2)^{R}a^{1-\nu}b^{\nu},$$
(1.3)

where $a, b \ge 0, r = \min\{v, 1-v\}, R = \max\{v, 1-v\}$ and $K(h, 2) = \frac{(h+1)^2}{4h}$ with $h = \frac{b}{a}$. It is easy to see that (1.3) implies

$$\left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)^{2\nu} \leqslant (1-\nu) + \nu x \quad \left(x \ge 0, \ 0 \leqslant \nu \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\right) \tag{1.4}$$

and

$$\left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)^{2\nu} \ge (1-\nu) + \nu x \quad \left(x \ge 0, \quad \frac{1}{2} \le \nu \le 1\right). \tag{1.5}$$

He [2] and Hirzallah [3] refined Young's inequality so that

$$r^{2}(a-b)^{2} \leq [(1-v)a+vb]^{2} - (a^{1-v}b^{v})^{2} \leq R^{2}(a-b)^{2}$$

where $a, b \ge 0, r = \min\{v, 1-v\}$ and $R = \max\{v, 1-v\}$.

Alzer, da Fonseca, and Kovačec [1] presented the following Young inequalities

$$\frac{v^m}{\tau^m} \leqslant \frac{(a\nabla_v b)^m - (a\sharp_v b)^m}{(a\nabla_\tau b)^m - (a\sharp_\tau b)^m} \leqslant \frac{(1-v)^m}{(1-\tau)^m}$$

for $0 < v \leq \tau < 1$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Liao and Wu [5] replicated the above result as follows:

$$\frac{v^m}{\tau^m} \leqslant \frac{(a\nabla_v b)^m - (a!_v b)^m}{(a\nabla_\tau b)^m - (a!_\tau b)^m} \leqslant \frac{(1-v)^m}{(1-\tau)^m}$$
(1.6)

for $0 < v \leq \tau < 1$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Sababheh [9] obtained by convexity of function f

$$\frac{v^m}{\tau^m} \leqslant \frac{[(1-v)f(0)+vf(1)]^m - f^m(v)}{[(1-\tau)f(0)+\tau f(1)]^m - f^m(\tau)} \leqslant \frac{(1-v)^m}{(1-\tau)^m}$$
(1.7)

for $0 < v \leq \tau < 1$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ren [8] obtained the following inequalities:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{a\nabla_{v}b - a\sharp_{v}b}{a\nabla_{\tau}b - a\sharp_{\tau}b} \leqslant \frac{v(1-v)}{\tau(1-\tau)}, \qquad b-a > 0\\ \frac{a\nabla_{v}b - a\sharp_{\tau}b}{a\nabla_{\tau}b - a\sharp_{\tau}b} \geqslant \frac{v(1-v)}{\tau(1-\tau)}, \qquad b-a < 0 \end{cases}$$
(1.8)

and

$$\begin{cases} \frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^2 - (a\sharp_{\nu}b)^2}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^2 - (a\sharp_{\tau}b)^2} \leqslant \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}, & b-a > 0\\ \frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^2 - (a\sharp_{\nu}b)^2}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^2 - (a\sharp_{\tau}b)^2} \geqslant \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}, & b-a < 0 \end{cases}$$
(1.9)

for $0 < v \leq \tau < 1$ and a, b > 0.

Similar to the arithmetic mean and geometric mean, for arithmetic mean and harmonic mean, Sababheh [10] proved that

(i) if a, b > 0 and $v, \tau \in [0, 1]$ such that $(b - a)(\tau - v) > 0$, then

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{k} - (a!_{\nu}b)^{k}}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{k} - (a!_{\tau}b)^{k}} \leqslant \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}$$
(1.10)

(ii) if a, b > 0 and $v, \tau \in [0, 1]$ such that $(b - a)(\tau - v) < 0$, then

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{k} - (a!_{\nu}b)^{k}}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{k} - (a!_{\tau}b)^{k}} \ge \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}$$
(1.11)

for k = 1, 2.

Yang and Wang [11] improved (1.8) and (1.9) as follows

THEOREM 1.1. Let $0 < v \leq \tau < 1$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and a, b are real positive numbers. Then

(1) If b > a, we have

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^m - (a\sharp_{\nu}b)^m}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^m - (a\sharp_{\tau}b)^m} \leqslant \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)};$$
(1.12)

(2) If b < a, we have

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^m - (a\sharp_{\nu}b)^m}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^m - (a\sharp_{\tau}b)^m} \ge \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}.$$
(1.13)

In this paper, we point out that the condition $m \in \mathbb{N}$ can be changed into $m \ge 1$ in (1.12) and (1.13). Using the same method, we also showed that (1.10) and (1.11) are also valid for any positive number $k \ge 1$.

For convenience, in the following, all letters a, b, x designate positive reals with $a \neq b$ unless we state explicitly the contrary. v, τ are always reals in [0,1]. By $K(h,2) = \frac{(h+1)^2}{4h}$ we mean the Kantorovich constant.

2. Generalized improvements of Young's inequalities for three mean

In order to show our main results, we firstly give a lemma as follows.

LEMMA 2.1. Define functions $f, J, K : (0,1) \to \mathbb{R}$ of v, with parameters α, β and x by the formulas

$$f(v) = \frac{(1 - v + vx)^{\beta} - x^{\beta v}}{(1 - v + vx)^{\alpha} - x^{\alpha v}};$$

$$J(v) = \begin{cases} \frac{(1 - v + vx)^{\beta} - (\frac{1 + x}{2})^{2\beta v}}{(1 - v + vx)^{\alpha} - (\frac{1 + x}{2})^{2\alpha v}} & v \neq \frac{1}{2} \\ \lim_{v \to \frac{1}{2}} \frac{(1 - v + vx)^{\beta} - (\frac{1 + x}{2})^{2\beta v}}{(1 - v + vx)^{\alpha} - (\frac{1 + x}{2})^{2\alpha v}} & v = \frac{1}{2}; \end{cases}$$

$$K(v) = \frac{(1 - v + vx)^{\beta} - (1 - v + vx^{-1})^{-\beta}}{(1 - v + vx)^{\alpha} - (1 - v + vx^{-1})^{-\alpha}}.$$

Then each of these functions is either non-increasing or non-decreasing on (0,1) according to which of the cases in the following table applies.

	$0 < \alpha < \beta$	$0 < \beta < \alpha$
x < 1	non-increasing	non-decreasing
x > 1	non-decreasing	non-increasing

Proof. Firstly, letting $0 < \alpha < \beta$, we can obtain that if $g(u) = \beta - \alpha + \alpha u^{\beta} - \beta u^{\alpha}$, then $g'(u) = \alpha \beta [u^{\beta-1} - u^{\alpha-1}] \leq 0$ for $u \in (0,1)$ and $g'(u) \ge 0$ for $u \in (1,\infty)$. So we have $g(u) \ge g(1) = 0$ on $[0,\infty)$. Next, if $h(u) = (\beta - \alpha)u^{\beta} - \beta u^{\beta-\alpha} + \alpha$, then $h'(u) = \beta (\beta - \alpha) [u^{\beta-1} - u^{\beta-\alpha-1}] \le 0$ for $u \in (0,1)$ and $h'(u) \ge 0$ for $u \in (1,\infty)$. It also follows that $h(u) \ge 0$ on $[0,\infty)$. Now

$$\begin{split} & [(1-v+vx)^{\alpha}-x^{\alpha v}]^{2}f'(v) \\ &= [(1-v+vx)^{\alpha}-x^{\alpha v}][\beta(x-1)(1-v+vx)^{\beta-1}-\beta x^{\beta v}\ln x] \\ &\quad -[(1-v+vx)^{\beta}-x^{\beta v}][\alpha(x-1)(1-v+vx)^{\alpha-1}-\alpha x^{\alpha v}\ln x] \\ &= (x-1)(1-v+vx)^{\alpha+\beta-1}\Big\{\beta-\alpha-\beta\Big(\frac{x^{v}}{1-v+vx}\Big)^{\alpha}+\alpha\Big(\frac{x^{v}}{1-v+vx}\Big)^{\beta}\Big\} \\ &\quad +x^{\alpha v}(1-v+vx)^{\beta}\ln x\Big\{-\beta\Big(\frac{x^{v}}{1-v+vx}\Big)^{\beta-\alpha}+(\beta-\alpha)\Big(\frac{x^{v}}{1-v+vx}\Big)^{\beta}+\alpha\Big\} \\ &= (x-1)(1-v+vx)^{\beta+\alpha-1}g\Big(\frac{x^{v}}{1-v+vx}\Big)+x^{\alpha v}(1-v+vx)^{\beta}h\Big(\frac{x^{v}}{1-v+vx}\Big)\ln x. \end{split}$$

We see if x > 1 then both of the last two terms connected by the '+' in the middle are nonnegative since h and g are nonnegative; so, as the initial expression is of from $[(1-v+vx)^{\alpha}-x^{\alpha v}]^2 f'(v)$, we find $f'(v) \ge 0$, and so f is non-decreasing. If x < 1 the first term is evidently negative and the second is so because of the occurrence of $\ln x$; so $f'(v) \le 0$, and so f is non-increasing. We proceed with examining J' and K' in a similar manner. Namely, for $v \ne \frac{1}{2}$, we have

$$\begin{split} & \left[(1-v+vx)^{\alpha} - \left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)^{2\alpha v} \right]^{2} J'(v) \\ &= \left[(1-v+vx)^{\alpha} - \left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)^{2\alpha v} \right] \left[\beta(x-1)(1-v+vx)^{\beta-1} - 2\beta\left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)^{2\beta v} \ln\frac{1+x}{2} \right] \\ & - \left[(1-v+vx)^{\beta} - \left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)^{2\beta v} \right] \left[\alpha(x-1)(1-v+vx)^{\alpha-1} - 2\alpha\left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)^{2\alpha v} \ln\frac{1+x}{2} \right] \\ &= (x-1)(1-v+vx)^{\alpha+\beta-1} \Big\{ \beta - \alpha - \beta\left(\frac{(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2v}}{1-v+vx}\right)^{\alpha} + \alpha\left(\frac{(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2v}}{1-v+vx}\right)^{\beta} \Big\} \\ & + 2\left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)^{2\alpha v} (1-v+vx)^{\beta} \\ & \times \ln\frac{1+x}{2} \Big\{ -\beta\left(\frac{(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2v}}{1-v+vx}\right)^{\beta-\alpha} + (\beta-\alpha)\left(\frac{(\frac{(1+x)}{2})^{2v}}{1-v+vx}\right)^{\beta} + \alpha \Big\} \end{split}$$

$$= (x-1)(1-v+vx)^{\alpha+\beta-1}g\left(\frac{(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\nu}}{1-v+vx}\right) +2\left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)^{2\alpha\nu}(1-v+vx)^{\beta}h\left(\frac{(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\nu}}{1-v+vx}\right)\ln\frac{1+x}{2},$$

and

$$\begin{split} & [(1-v+vx)^{\alpha}-(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-\alpha}]^{2}K'(v) \\ &= [(1-v+vx)^{\alpha}-(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-\alpha}] \\ &\times [\beta(x-1)(1-v+vx)^{\beta-1}-\beta(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-\beta-1}(1-x^{-1})] \\ &- [(1-v+vx)^{\beta}-(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-\beta}] \\ &\times [\alpha(x-1)(1-v+vx)^{\alpha-1}-\alpha(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-\alpha-1}(1-x^{-1})] \\ &= (x-1)(1-v+vx)^{\alpha+\beta-1} \\ &\times \Big\{\beta-\alpha-\beta\Big(\frac{(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-1}}{1-v+vx}\Big)^{\alpha}+\alpha\Big(\frac{(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-1}}{1-v+vx}\Big)^{\beta}\Big\} \\ &+ \frac{(x-1)}{x}(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-\alpha-\beta-1} \\ &\times \Big\{-\alpha+\alpha\Big(\frac{(1-v+vx)}{(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-1}}\Big)^{\beta}+\beta-\beta\Big(\frac{(1-v+vx)}{(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-1}}\Big)^{\alpha}\Big\} \\ &= (x-1)(1-v+vx)^{\alpha+\beta-1}g\Big(\frac{(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-1}}{1-v+vx}\Big) \\ &+ \frac{(x-1)}{x}(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-\alpha-\beta-1}g\Big(\frac{(1-v+vx)}{(1-v+vx^{-1})^{-1}}\Big). \end{split}$$

We have that $J'(v), K'(v) \ge 0$ if x > 1 and $J'(v), K'(v) \le 0$ under the condition $x \in (0,1)$, which completes the proof of (i). Next, if $0 < \beta < \alpha$, then $h(u), g(u) \le 0$, and this implies that $f'(v), J'(v), K'(v) \ge 0$ if $x \in (0,1)$ and $f'(v), J'(v), K'(v) \le 0$ under the condition x > 1. Hence (ii) is also valid. \Box

THEOREM 2.2. Let $0 < v \le \tau < 1$, $0 < \alpha < \beta$ and a, b are real positive numbers. Then

(1) If b > a, we can get

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\beta} - (a\sharp_{\nu}b)^{\beta}}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\beta} - (a\sharp_{\tau}b)^{\beta}} \leqslant \frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\alpha} - (a\sharp_{\nu}b)^{\alpha}}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\alpha} - (a\sharp_{\tau}b)^{\alpha}};$$
(2.1)

(2) If b < a, then the reverse inequality is valid.

Proof. Let $f(v) = \frac{(1-v+vx)^{\beta}-x^{\beta v}}{(1-v+vx)^{\alpha}-x^{\alpha v}}$. By Lemma 2.1 (i), we have (1) if x > 1, then $f'(v) \ge 0$, meaning that f(v) is increasing on (0,1), that is to

say $\frac{f(v)}{f(\tau)} \leqslant 1$. Therefore

$$\frac{(1-\nu+\nu x)^{\beta}-x^{\beta\nu}}{(1-\tau+\tau x)^{\beta}-x^{\beta\tau}} = \frac{((1-\nu+\nu x)^{\alpha}-x^{\alpha\nu})f(\nu)}{((1-\tau+\tau x)^{\alpha}-x^{\alpha\tau})f(\tau)}$$
$$\leqslant \frac{(1-\nu+\nu x)^{\alpha}-x^{\alpha\nu}}{(1-\tau+\tau x)^{\alpha}-x^{\alpha\tau}}.$$

(2) If $0 < x \le 1$, then $f'(v) \le 0$, meaning that f(v) is decreasing on (0,1), that is to say $\frac{f(v)}{f(\tau)} \ge 1$. Therefore

$$\frac{(1-\nu+\nu x)^{\beta}-x^{\beta\nu}}{(1-\tau+\tau x)^{\beta}-x^{\beta\tau}} = \frac{((1-\nu+\nu x)^{\alpha}-x^{\alpha\nu})f(\nu)}{((1-\tau+\tau x)^{\alpha}-x^{\alpha\tau})f(\tau)}$$
$$\geqslant \frac{(1-\nu+\nu x)^{\alpha}-x^{\alpha\nu}}{(1-\tau+\tau x)^{\alpha}-x^{\alpha\tau}}.$$

One deduces (2.1) by noting facts like this: if we substitute in $(1 - v + vx)^{\beta} - x^{\beta v}$, x by $\frac{b}{a}$ and then multiply with a^{β} we get $(a\nabla_{v}b)^{\beta} - (a\sharp_{v}b)^{\beta}$.

Using (1.8), and Theorem 2.2, we have the following result. \Box

COROLLARY 2.3. Let $0 < v \le \tau < 1$, $\beta \ge 1$ and a, b are real positive numbers. Then

(1) If b > a, we have

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\beta} - (a\sharp_{\nu}b)^{\beta}}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\beta} - (a\sharp_{\tau}b)^{\beta}} \leqslant \frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b) - (a\sharp_{\nu}b)}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b) - (a\sharp_{\tau}b)} \leqslant \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)};$$
(2.2)

(2) If b < a, then the reverse inequality is valid.

REMARK 2.4. (1) Let $\beta = 2$ or $\beta = m \in \mathbb{N}$, we can get [9, Theorem 2.3] and [11, Theorem 2.1], respectively.

(2) Let a = b, b = a, $v = 1 - \tau$, $\tau = 1 - v$ in inequality (2.2), we can also obtain the reverse inequality of (2.2) directly for b < a.

(3) Let $0 < v \leq \tau < 1$, so $\frac{1-\nu}{1-\tau} \ge 1$, therefore

(i) If b > a, then

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\beta} - (a\sharp_{\nu}b)^{\beta}}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\beta} - (a\sharp_{\tau}b)^{\beta}} \leqslant \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \leqslant \frac{\nu(1-\nu)^{\beta}}{\tau(1-\tau)^{\beta}} \leqslant \frac{(1-\nu)^{\beta}}{(1-\tau)^{\beta}};$$

(ii) If b < a, then

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\beta} - (a\sharp_{\nu}b)^{\beta}}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\beta} - (a\sharp_{\tau}b)^{\beta}} \ge \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \ge \frac{\nu^{\beta}(1-\nu)}{\tau^{\beta}(1-\tau)} \ge \frac{\nu^{\beta}}{\tau^{\beta}}.$$

Using Lemma 2.1, we can also obtain the following results.

THEOREM 2.5. Let $0 < \alpha < \beta$, 0 < a < b and let $h = \frac{b}{a}$. Then (a) If $\frac{1}{2} < v \leq \tau \leq 1$ or $0 < v \leq \tau < \frac{1}{2}$, then

$$\frac{K(h,2)^{\beta_{\nu}}(a\sharp_{\nu}b)^{\beta} - (a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\beta}}{K(h,2)^{\beta_{\tau}}(a\sharp_{\tau}b)^{\beta} - (a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\beta}} \leqslant \frac{K(h,2)^{\alpha_{\nu}}(a\sharp_{\nu}b)^{\alpha} - (a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\alpha}}{K(h,2)^{\alpha_{\tau}}(a\sharp_{\tau}b)^{\alpha} - (a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\alpha}}$$
(2.3)

(b) If $0 < v < \frac{1}{2} < \tau < 1$, then we have the reverse inequality of (2.3).

On the other hand, if 0 < b < a, then the reverse inequality of above results is true under their other conditions, respectively.

Proof. Let $J(v) = \frac{(1-v+vx)^{\beta} - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\beta v}}{(1-v+vx)^{\alpha} - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\alpha v}}$, then $J(v) \leq J(\tau)$ for $0 < v < \tau \leq 1$ under the condition $x \ge 1$, and this implies that

$$\frac{(1-\nu+\nu x)^\beta-(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\beta\nu}}{(1-\nu+\nu x)^\alpha-(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\alpha\nu}}\leqslant \frac{(1-\tau+\tau x)^\beta-(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\beta\tau}}{(1-\tau+\tau x)^\alpha-(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\alpha\tau}}$$

holds for x > 1. With evident notation this inequality is of form $\frac{c}{d} \leq \frac{e}{f}$. Now by (1.4) and (1.5) d and e have the same sign and hence $\frac{d}{e}$ is nonnegative. So multiplying the fraction with $\frac{d}{e}$ we can get the inequality $\frac{c}{e} \leq \frac{d}{f}$, that is,

$$\frac{(1-\nu+\nu x)^{\beta}-(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\beta\nu}}{(1-\tau+\tau x)^{\beta}-(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\beta\tau}} \leqslant \frac{(1-\nu+\nu x)^{\alpha}-(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\alpha\nu}}{(1-\tau+\tau x)^{\alpha}-(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\alpha\tau}}$$

for x > 1 and $\frac{1}{2} < v \le \tau \le 1$ or $0 < v \le \tau < \frac{1}{2}$; and

$$\frac{(1-\nu+\nu x)^{\beta}-(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\beta\nu}}{(1-\tau+\tau x)^{\beta}-(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\beta\tau}} \ge \frac{(1-\nu+\nu x)^{\alpha}-(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\alpha\nu}}{(1-\tau+\tau x)^{\alpha}-(\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\alpha\tau}}$$

for x > 1 and $0 < v < \frac{1}{2} < \tau < 1$.

By taking $x = \frac{b}{a}$, we can get our desired results directly.

LEMMA 2.6. Let *a*, *b* be real positive numbers and let $h = \frac{b}{a}$. Then (*a*) If $\frac{1}{2} < v \le \tau < 1$, then

$$\frac{K(h,2)^{\nu}a\sharp_{\nu}b - a\nabla_{\nu}b}{K(h,2)^{\tau}a\sharp_{\tau}b - a\nabla_{\tau}b} \leqslant \frac{\nu}{\tau} \leqslant \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}$$
(2.4)

(b) If $0 < v \leq \tau < \frac{1}{2}$, then

$$\frac{K(h,2)^{\nu}a\sharp_{\nu}b - a\nabla_{\nu}b}{K(h,2)^{\tau}a\sharp_{\tau}b - a\nabla_{\tau}b} \ge \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \ge \frac{\nu}{\tau}.$$
(2.5)

Proof. Firstly we let for any x > 0 and $0 < v \le 1$,

$$f(v) = \frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^{2v} - (1-v+vx)}{v}.$$

Then

$$f'(v) = \frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^{2v} \left[2v \ln\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) - 1\right] + 1}{v^2}$$
$$\equiv \frac{h(x)}{v^2}$$

and

$$h'(x) = 2v^2 \left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^{2v-1} \ln\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)$$

It means that $h'(x) \leq 0$ for $x \in (0,1]$ and $h'(x) \geq 0$ for $x \in [1,\infty)$. So $h(x) \geq h(1) = 0$ and $f'(v) \geq 0$. Therefore f(v) is increasing on (0,1), which implies that $\frac{f(v)}{1-v}$ is also increasing on (0,1), that is to say

$$\frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^{2\nu} - (1-\nu+\nu x)}{\nu} \leqslant \frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^{2\tau} - (1-\tau+\tau x)}{\tau}$$

and

$$\frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^{2\nu} - (1-\nu+\nu x)}{\nu(1-\nu)} \leqslant \frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^{2\tau} - (1-\tau+\tau x)}{\tau(1-\tau)}$$

for any $0 < v \leq \tau < 1$.

Therefore,

$$\frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^{2\nu} - (1-\nu+\nu x)}{\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^{2\tau} - (1-\tau+\tau x)} \leqslant \frac{\nu}{\tau}$$

for $\frac{1}{2} < v \leqslant \tau \leqslant 1$ by (1.5); and

$$\frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^{2\nu} - (1-\nu+\nu x)}{\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^{2\tau} - (1-\tau+\tau x)} \ge \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}$$

for $0 < v \le \tau < \frac{1}{2}$ by (1.4).

Taking $x = \frac{b}{a}$, we can get our desired results directly. \Box

THEOREM 2.7. Let *a*, *b* be real positive numbers, $h = \frac{b}{a}$, and $\beta \ge 1$. Then (a) If 0 < a < b and $\frac{1}{2} < v \le \tau \le 1$, then

$$\frac{K(h,2)^{\beta\nu}(a\sharp_{\nu}b)^{\beta} - (a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\beta}}{K(h,2)^{\beta\tau}(a\sharp_{\tau}b)^{\beta} - (a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\beta}} \leqslant \frac{\nu}{\tau} \leqslant \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}$$
(2.6)

(b) If 0 < b < a and $0 < v \leq \tau < \frac{1}{2}$, then

$$\frac{K(h,2)^{\beta\nu}(a\sharp_{\nu}b)^{\beta} - (a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\beta}}{K(h,2)^{\beta\tau}(a\sharp_{\tau}b)^{\beta} - (a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\beta}} \ge \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \ge \frac{\nu}{\tau}.$$
(2.7)

Proof. Let $J(v) = \frac{(1-v+vx)^{\beta} - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\beta v}}{1-v+vx - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2v}}$. (i) If x > 1 and $\frac{1}{2} < v \le \tau \le 1$, using Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.6, we have

$$\frac{(1-v+vx)^{\beta} - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\beta v}}{(1-\tau+\tau x)^{\beta} - (\frac{1+\tau}{2})^{2\beta \tau}} = \frac{J(v)}{J(\tau)} \frac{1-v+vx - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\nu}}{1-\tau+\tau x - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\tau}} \\ \leqslant \frac{1-v+vx - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\nu}}{1-\tau+\tau x - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\tau}} \\ \leqslant \frac{v}{\tau} \leqslant \frac{v(1-v)}{\tau(1-\tau)}$$

(ii) If $x \in (0,1)$ and $0 < v \le \tau < \frac{1}{2}$, using Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.6, we also have

$$\frac{(1-v+vx)^{\beta} - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\beta v}}{(1-\tau+\tau x)^{\beta} - (\frac{1+\tau}{2})^{2\beta \tau}} = \frac{J(v)}{J(\tau)} \frac{1-v+vx - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2v}}{1-\tau+\tau x - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\tau}}$$
$$\geqslant \frac{1-v+vx - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2v}}{1-\tau+\tau x - (\frac{1+x}{2})^{2\tau}}$$
$$\geqslant \frac{v(1-v)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \geqslant \frac{v}{\tau}$$

Taking $x = \frac{b}{a}$, we can get our desired results directly. \Box

Now using (1.10), (1.11) and Lemma 2.1, by the same method as above, we can easily obtain the following result.

THEOREM 2.8. Let $0 < v \le \tau < 1$, $\beta \ge 1$ and a, b real positive numbers. Then (1) If b > a, then

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\beta} - (a!_{\nu}b)^{\beta}}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\beta} - (a!_{\tau}b)^{\beta}} \leqslant \frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b) - (a!_{\nu}b)}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b) - (a!_{\tau}b)} \leqslant \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)};$$
(2.8)

(2) If b < a, then

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b)^{\beta} - (a!_{\nu}b)^{\beta}}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b)^{\beta} - (a!_{\tau}b)^{\beta}} \ge \frac{(a\nabla_{\nu}b) - (a!_{\nu}b)}{(a\nabla_{\tau}b) - (a!_{\tau}b)} \ge \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}.$$
(2.9)

Proof. (1) For $\alpha = 1$, the function $K(v) = \frac{(1\nabla_v x)^\beta - (1\nabla_v x^{-1})^{-\beta}}{(1\nabla_v x) - (1\nabla_v x^{-1})^{-1}}$. We consider the numerator, put $x = \frac{b}{a}$ and multiply with a^β . This yields

$$\left(\left(1\nabla_{v} \frac{b}{a} \right)^{\beta} - \left(1\nabla_{v} \frac{a}{b} \right)^{-\beta} \right) a^{\beta} = \left(1 - v + v \frac{b}{a} \right)^{\beta} a^{\beta} - \left(1 - v + v \frac{a}{b} \right)^{-\beta} (a^{-1})^{-\beta}$$

= $((1 - v)a + vb)^{\beta} - ((1 - v)a^{-1} + vb^{-1})^{-\beta})$
= $(a\nabla_{v}b)^{\beta} - (a!b)^{\beta}.$

We will below use similar equations for τ in place of v and for 1 in place of β . Since b > a, we have x > 1 and the hypothesis tells us $\beta \ge \alpha > 0$. So if $0 < v \le \tau \le 1$ we have by Lemma 2.1 the inequality $K(v) \le K(\tau)$, that is

$$\frac{(1\nabla_{\nu}x)^{\beta} - (1\nabla_{\nu}x^{-1})^{-\beta}}{(1\nabla_{\nu}x) - (1\nabla_{\nu}x^{-1})^{-1}} \leqslant \frac{(1\nabla_{\tau}x)^{\beta} - (1\nabla_{\tau}x^{-1})^{-\beta}}{(1\nabla_{\tau}x) - (1\nabla_{\tau}x^{-1})^{-1}}.$$

As x > 1, for any $v \in (0,1)$ there holds $1\nabla_{v}x > 1\nabla_{v}x^{-1}$. So we can interchange in above inequality the left lower with the right upper expression and we get

$$\frac{(1\nabla_{\nu}x)^{\beta} - (1\nabla_{\nu}x^{-1})^{-\beta}}{(1\nabla_{\tau}x)^{\beta} - (1\nabla_{\tau}x^{-1})^{-\beta}} \leqslant \frac{(1\nabla_{\nu}x) - (1\nabla_{\nu}x^{-1})^{-1}}{(1\nabla_{\tau}x) - (1\nabla_{\tau}x^{-1})^{-1}}.$$

Here now we substitute $x = \frac{b}{a}$, then multiply both the parts of the left fraction with a^{β} and of the right fraction with *a* and get the left of (2.8), while the right part follows from Sababheh's inequality (1.11) for k = 1.

(2) The proof of part (2) is similar. \Box

3. Applications

Let $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ denote the space of all $n \times n$ complex matrices and $M_n^+(\mathbb{C})$ denote the space of all $n \times n$ positive semidefinite matrices in $M_n(\mathbb{C})$. We recall that $X \in M_n^+(\mathbb{C})$ implies $\operatorname{tr} X \ge 0$ and $\operatorname{det} X \ge 0$, see [12, Corollary 7.1.5] and the definition of the Loewner or positive semidefinite ordering, see [12, Definition 7.7.1]. A matrix norm |||.||| is called unitarily invariant norm if |||UAV||| = |||A||| for all $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ and for all unitary matrices $U, V \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$. For $A = [a_{ij}] \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, the trace norm of Ais defined by

$$||A||_1 = \operatorname{tr}|A| = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i(A)$$

where $s_1(A) \ge s_2(A) \ge \cdots \ge s_n(A)$ are the singular values of A, that is, the eigenvalues of the positive matrix $|A| = (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}$, arranged in decreasing order and repeated according to multiplicity and tr is the usual trace function.

LEMMA 3.1. (Minkowski's inequality, [12, Theorem 7.8.8]) Let $A, B \in M_n^+(\mathbb{C})$, then

$$\det(A+B)^{\frac{1}{n}} \ge \det A^{\frac{1}{n}} + \det B^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

LEMMA 3.2. ([5]) Let $A, B, X \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ and $A, B \in M_n^+(\mathbb{C})$. If $0 \leq v \leq 1$, then

$$|||A^{\nu}XB^{1-\nu}||| \leq |||AX|||^{\nu}|||XB|||^{1-\nu}.$$

THEOREM 3.1. Let $A, B \in M_n^+(\mathbb{C})$, $\beta \ge 1$ and $0 < v \le \tau < 1$. Then (i) If $B \ge A \ge 0$, we have

$$\frac{\|(1-\nu)A+\nu B\|_{1}^{\beta}-(\|A\|_{1}^{1-\nu}\|B\|_{1}^{\nu})^{\beta}}{\nu(1-\nu)} \leqslant \frac{\|(1-\tau)A+\tau B\|_{1}^{\beta}-(\|A\|_{1}^{1-\tau}\|B\|_{1}^{\tau})^{\beta}}{\tau(1-\tau)};$$

(*ii*) If
$$A \ge B \ge 0$$
, we have

$$\frac{\|(1-\nu)A+\nu B\|_{1}^{\beta}-(\|A\|_{1}^{1-\nu}\|B\|_{1}^{\nu})^{\beta}}{\nu(1-\nu)} \ge \frac{\|(1-\tau)A+\tau B\|_{1}^{\beta}-(\|A\|_{1}^{1-\tau}\|B\|_{1}^{\tau})^{\beta}}{\tau(1-\tau)}.$$

Proof. Suppose $B \ge A$. Then putting a = tr(A) and b = tr(B) we have $b \ge a$ and using Corollary 2.3 we deduce

$$\begin{split} &\|(1-\nu)A+\nu B\|_{1}^{\beta} \\ &= (\operatorname{tr}((1-\nu)A) + \operatorname{tr}(\nu B))^{\beta} \\ &= ((1-\nu)\operatorname{tr}(A) + \nu \operatorname{tr}(B))^{\beta} \\ &\leqslant (\operatorname{tr}(A)^{1-\nu}\operatorname{tr}(B)^{\nu})^{\beta} + \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} [((1-\tau)\operatorname{tr}(A) + \tau \operatorname{tr}(B))^{\beta} - (\operatorname{tr}(A)^{1-\tau}\operatorname{tr}(B)^{\tau})^{\beta}] \\ &= (\|A\|_{1}^{1-\nu}\|B\|_{1}^{\nu})^{\beta} + \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} [\|(1-\tau)A + \tau B\|_{1}^{\beta} - (\|A\|_{1}^{1-\tau}\|B\|_{1}^{\tau})^{\beta}]. \end{split}$$

Using the same method we can get (ii) similarly, so we omit it. \Box

THEOREM 3.2. Let $A, B \in M_n^+(\mathbb{C})$, $n\beta \ge 1$ and $0 < v \le \tau < 1$. Then (*i*) If $B \ge A \ge 0$, we can get

$$\det((1-\tau)A+\tau B)^{\beta} \geq \frac{\tau(1-\tau)}{\nu(1-\nu)} \left[[(1-\nu)\det A^{\frac{1}{n}}+\nu\det B^{\frac{1}{n}}]^{\beta n} - \det(A^{1-\nu}B^{\nu})^{\beta} \right] + \det\left(A^{1-\tau}B^{\tau}\right)^{\beta};$$

(*ii*) If $A \ge B \ge 0$, we can get

$$\det((1-\nu)A+\nu B)^{\beta} \geq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \left[[(1-\tau)\det A^{\frac{1}{n}}+\tau \det B^{\frac{1}{n}}]^{\beta n} - \det(A^{1-\tau}B^{\tau})^{\beta} \right] + \det(A^{1-\nu}B^{\nu})^{\beta}.$$

Proof. Suppose $B \ge A$. Then putting $b = \det B^{\frac{1}{n}}$ and $a = \det A^{\frac{1}{n}}$, we have $b \ge a$ and again by Corollary 2.3 and Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\det((1-\tau)A+\tau B)^{\beta}$$

$$= \left[\det((1-\tau)A+\tau B)^{\frac{1}{n}}\right]^{\beta n}$$

$$\geqslant \left[(1-\tau)\det A^{\frac{1}{n}}+\tau\det B^{\frac{1}{n}}\right]^{\beta n}$$

$$\geq \frac{\tau(1-\tau)}{\nu(1-\nu)} \left[[(1-\nu)\det A^{\frac{1}{n}} + \nu\det B^{\frac{1}{n}}]^{\beta n} - [\det A^{\frac{1-\nu}{n}}\det B^{\frac{\nu}{n}}]^{\beta n} \right] \\ + \left[\det A^{\frac{1-\tau}{n}}\det B^{\frac{\tau}{n}}\right]^{\beta n} \\ = \frac{\tau(1-\tau)}{\nu(1-\nu)} \left[[(1-\nu)\det A^{\frac{1}{n}} + \nu\det B^{\frac{1}{n}}]^{\beta n} - \det(A^{1-\nu}B^{\nu})^{\beta} \right] + \det(A^{1-\tau}B^{\tau})^{\beta}.$$

Using the same method we can get (ii) similarly, so we omit it. \Box

THEOREM 3.3. Let $A, B, X \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ with $A, B \in M_n^+(\mathbb{C})$, $\beta \ge 1$ and $0 < v \le \tau < 1$. Then for any unitarily invariant norm $||| \cdot |||$ (i) If $|||XB||| \ge |||AX|||$ we get

$$[(1-\tau)|||AX||| + \tau|||XB|||]^{p} \ge \frac{\tau(1-\tau)}{\nu(1-\nu)} \left[[(1-\nu)|||AX||| + \nu|||XB|||]^{\beta} - (|||AX|||^{1-\nu}|||XB|||^{\nu})^{\beta} \right] + |||A^{1-\tau}XB^{\tau}|||^{\beta};$$

(ii) If $|||AX||| \ge |||XB|||$, we get

$$[(1-\nu)|||AX||| + \nu|||XB|||]^{\beta}$$

$$\geq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \left[[(1-\tau)|||AX||| + \tau|||XB|||]^{\beta} - (|||AX|||^{1-\tau}|||XB|||^{\tau})^{\beta} \right] + |||A^{1-\nu}XB^{\nu}|||^{\beta}.$$

Proof. Suppose $|||XB||| \ge |||AX|||$ and by Corollary 2.3 and Lemma 3.2, we have

$$\begin{split} & [(1-\tau)|||AX||| + \tau |||XB|||]^{\beta} - |||A^{1-\tau}XB^{\tau}|||^{\beta} \\ & \ge [(1-\tau)|||AX||| + \tau |||XB|||]^{\beta} - (|||AX|||^{1-\tau}|||XB|||^{\tau})^{\beta} \\ & \ge \frac{\tau(1-\tau)}{\nu(1-\nu)} \left[[(1-\nu)|||AX||| + \nu |||XB|||]^{\beta} - (|||AX|||^{1-\nu}|||XB|||^{\nu})^{\beta} \right]. \end{split}$$

Using the same method we can get (ii) similarly, so we omit it. \Box

THEOREM 3.4. Let $A, B \in M_n^+(\mathbb{C})$ such that $0 \leq A \leq B, \beta \geq 1$ and $\frac{1}{2} < v \leq \tau \leq 1$. Then

$$\frac{K(h,2)^{\beta \nu} \|A\|_{1}^{\beta(1-\nu)} \|B\|_{1}^{\beta \nu} - \|(1-\nu)A + \nu B\|_{1}^{\beta}}{\nu} \\ \leqslant \frac{K(h,2)^{\beta \tau} \|A\|_{1}^{\beta(1-\tau)} \|B\|_{1}^{\beta \tau} - \|(1-\tau)A + \tau B\|_{1}^{\beta}}{\tau}$$

where $h = \frac{\operatorname{tr}(B)}{\operatorname{tr}(A)}$.

Proof. According to (2.6), we have

$$\begin{split} &\|(1-v)A+vB\|_{1}^{\beta} \\ &= [(1-v)\mathrm{tr}(A)+v\mathrm{tr}(B)]^{\beta} \\ &\geqslant K(h,2)^{\beta v}\mathrm{tr}(A)^{\beta(1-v)}\mathrm{tr}(B)^{\beta v} \\ &- \frac{v}{\tau}[K(h,2)^{\beta \tau}\mathrm{tr}(A)^{\beta(1-\tau)}\mathrm{tr}(B)^{\beta \tau} - ((1-\tau)\mathrm{tr}(A)+\tau\mathrm{tr}(B))^{\beta}] \\ &= K(h,2)^{\beta v}\|A\|_{1}^{\beta(1-v)}\|B\|_{1}^{\beta v} - \frac{v}{\tau}[K(h,2)^{\beta \tau}\|A\|_{1}^{\beta(1-\tau)}\|B\|_{1}^{\beta \tau} - \|(1-\tau)A+\tau B\|_{1}^{\beta}]. \end{split}$$

This completes the proof. \Box

Applying Theorem 2.8, we also have

THEOREM 3.5. Let $A, B \in M_n^+(\mathbb{C})$, $\beta \ge 1$ and $0 < v \le \tau < 1$. Then (1) If $B \ge A \ge 0$, we obtain

$$\frac{\|(1-\nu)A+\nu B\|_{1}^{\beta}-(\|A\|_{1}!_{\nu}\|B\|_{1})^{\beta}}{\nu(1-\nu)} \leqslant \frac{\|(1-\tau)A+\tau B\|_{1}^{\beta}-(\|A\|_{1}!_{\tau}\|B\|_{1})^{\beta}}{\tau(1-\tau)};$$

(2) If $A \ge B \ge 0$, we obtain

$$\frac{\|(1-\nu)A+\nu B\|_{1}^{\beta}-(\|A\|_{1}!_{\nu}\|B\|_{1})^{\beta}}{\nu(1-\nu)} \ge \frac{\|(1-\tau)A+\tau B\|_{1}^{\beta}-(\|A\|_{1}!_{\tau}\|B\|_{1})^{\beta}}{\tau(1-\tau)}$$

Proof. (1) We can write

$$\|(1-v)A + vB\|_{1}^{\beta} - (\|A\|_{1}!_{v}\|B\|)^{\beta} = ((1-v)trA + vtrB)^{\beta} - (trA!_{v}trB)^{\beta},$$

and a similar expression for τ in place of v. So, with the substitutions a = trA and b = trB, we see the inequality claimed can be written

$$\frac{(a\nabla_{v}b)^{\beta} - (a!_{v}b)^{\beta}}{v(1-v)} \leqslant \frac{(a\nabla_{\tau}b) - (a!_{\tau}b)}{\tau(1-\tau)}.$$

Here again because of $a\nabla_v b \ge a!_v b$ we can interchange the left lower expression with the right upper and get this way an inequality which follows directly from Theorem 2.8 as $b \ge a$.

Using the same method we can get (2) similarly, so we omit it. \Box

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