REFINEMENTS AND REVERSES FOR THE RELATIVE OPERATOR ENTROPY S(A|B) WHEN $B \ge A$

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we obtain new refinements and reverse inequalities for the relative operator entropy S(A|B) of two positive invertible operators when $B \ge A$. Applications for the operator entropy $\eta(C)$ in the case of positive contractions C are also given.

1. Introduction

Kamei and Fujii [6], [7] defined the relative operator entropy S(A|B), for positive invertible operators A and B, by

(1.1)
$$S(A|B) := A^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\ln \left(A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right) A^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

which is a relative version of the *operator entropy* considered by Nakamura-Umegaki [15].

For the entropy function $\eta(t) = -t \ln t$, the operator entropy has the following expression:

$$\eta(A) = -A \ln A = S(A|1_H) \ge 0$$

for positive contraction A. This shows that the relative operator entropy (1.1) is a relative version of the operator entropy

In [18], A. Uhlmann has shown that the relative operator entropy S(A|B) can be represented as the strong limit

(1.2)
$$S(A|B) = s - \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{A \sharp_t B - A}{t},$$

where

$$A\sharp_{\nu}B:=A^{1/2}\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{\nu}A^{1/2},\ \nu\in[0,1]$$

is the weighted geometric mean of positive invertible operators A and B. For $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$ we denote $A \sharp B$.

This definition of the weighted geometric mean can be extended for any real number ν with $\nu \neq 0$.

Following [11, p. 149-p. 155], we recall some important properties of relative operator entropy for A and B positive invertible operators:

(i) We have the equalities:

$$(1.3) \quad S\left(A|B\right) = -A^{1/2} \left(\ln A^{1/2} B^{-1} A^{1/2}\right) A^{1/2} = B^{1/2} \eta \left(B^{-1/2} A B^{-1/2}\right) B^{1/2};$$

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(ii) We have the inequalities

(1.4)
$$S(A|B) \le A(\ln ||B|| - \ln A) \text{ and } S(A|B) \le B - A;$$

(iii) For any C, D positive invertible operators we have that

$$S(A+B|C+D) \ge S(A|C) + S(B|D);$$

(iv) If $B \leq C$ then

$$S(A|B) \leq S(A|C)$$
;

(v) If $B_n \downarrow B$ then

$$S(A|B_n) \downarrow S(A|B)$$
;

(vi) For $\alpha > 0$ we have

$$S(\alpha A|\alpha B) = \alpha S(A|B);$$

(vii) For every operator T we have

$$T^*S(A|B)T \leq S(T^*AT|T^*BT).$$

The relative operator entropy is *jointly concave*, namely, for any positive invertible operators A, B, C, D we have

$$S(tA + (1 - t)B|tC + (1 - t)D) \ge tS(A|C) + (1 - t)S(B|D)$$

for any $t \in [0,1]$.

For other results on the relative operator entropy see [3], [8], [12], [13], [14] and [16].

For t > 0 and the positive invertible operators A, B we define the Tsallis relative operator entropy (see also [10]) by

$$T_t(A|B) := \frac{A\sharp_t B - A}{t}.$$

We observe that, for the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{t} (1 - x^{-t}) = \frac{x^t - 1}{t} x^{-t}, \ x > 0,$$

we have

$$A^{1/2} f\left(A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2}\right) A^{1/2} = -A T_t \left(A^{-1} | B^{-1}\right) A = T_t \left(A | B\right) \left(A^{-1} \sharp_t B^{-1}\right) A$$
$$= T_t \left(A | B\right) \left(A \sharp_t B\right)^{-1} A$$

for any positive invertible operators A, B and t > 0.

The following result providing upper and lower bounds for relative operator entropy in terms of $T_t(\cdot|\cdot)$ has been obtained in [6] for $0 < t \le 1$. However, it hods for any t > 0.

Theorem 1. Let A, B be two positive invertible operators, then for any t > 0 we have

$$(1.5) T_t(A|B)(A\sharp_t B)^{-1}A \leq S(A|B) \leq T_t(A|B).$$

In particular, we have

(1.6)
$$A - AB^{-1}A \le S(A|B) \le B - A[6]$$

and

(1.7)
$$\frac{1}{2}A\left(1_{H}-\left(B^{-1}A\right)^{2}\right) \leq S\left(A|B\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}\left(BA^{-1}B-A\right).$$

The case $t = \frac{1}{2}$ is of interest as well, since in this case we get from (1.5) that

(1.8)
$$2\left(1_{H} - A\left(A\sharp B\right)^{-1}\right)A \le S\left(A|B\right) \le 2\left(A\sharp B - A\right) \le B - A.$$

This inequality provides a refinement and a reverse for (1.4).

The following upper and lower bounds for the operator entropy also hold for any positive invertible operator C and any t > 0:

(1.9)
$$\frac{1}{t}C(1_H - C^t) \le \eta(C) \le \frac{1}{t}C^{1-t}(1 - C^t).$$

In particular, we have

$$(1.10) C(1_H - C) \le \eta(C) \le 1_H - C,$$

(1.11)
$$\frac{1}{2}C(1_H - C^2) \le \eta(C) \le \frac{1}{2}(C^{-1} - C)$$

and

(1.12)
$$2C\left(1_{H}-C^{1/2}\right) \leq \eta\left(C\right) \leq 2C^{1/2}\left(1_{H}-C^{1/2}\right).$$

Motivated by the above results, in this paper we obtain new refinements and reverse inequalities for the relative operator entropy S(A|B) of two positive invertible operators when $B \geq A$. Applications for the operator entropy $\eta(C)$ in the case of positive contractions C are also given.

2. Some Refinements

We start with the following sequence of scalar inequalities:

Lemma 1. For any $y \ge 1$ we have the inequalities

(2.1)
$$0 \leq \frac{y-1}{y} \leq \frac{2(y-1)}{y+1} \leq \ln y \leq \frac{y-1}{\sqrt{y}}$$
$$\leq \frac{y-1}{y+1} + \frac{y^2-1}{4y} \leq \frac{y^2-1}{2y} \leq y-1.$$

Proof. We prove only the third, fourth and fifth inequalities, the other ones are obvious due to the fact that $y \ge 1$.

We use the first Hermite-Hadamard inequality for convex functions, namely [5]

$$\left(2.2\right) \qquad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \le \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f\left(t\right) dt,$$

where $f:[a,b]\to\mathbb{R}$ is a convex function.

If we take in (2.2) a = 1 and b = y, then we get the third inequality in (2.1).

It is known that, if $G(a,b) := \sqrt{ab}$ is the geometric mean of a, b > 0 and

$$L(a,b) := \begin{cases} \frac{b-a}{\ln b - \ln a} & \text{if } b \neq a, \\ a & \text{if } b = a \end{cases}$$

is the logarithmic mean of a, b, then

$$(2.3) G(a,b) \le L(a,b).$$

Now, if we take in (2.3) a = 1 and b = y, then we get the fourth inequality in (2.1).

Further, consider the difference

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{y+1} + \frac{y+1}{4y} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} &= \frac{1}{y+1} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} + \frac{y+1}{4y} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt{y} - (y+1)}{2(y+1)\sqrt{y}} + \frac{y+1 - 2\sqrt{y}}{4y} \\ &= (\sqrt{y} - 1)^2 \left(\frac{y+1 - 2\sqrt{y}}{4y(y+1)}\right) \\ &= \frac{\left(\sqrt{y} - 1\right)^4}{4y(y+1)}, \end{split}$$

for y > 0, which proves the fifth inequality in (2.1).

The following result provides an improvement of (1.5) in the case that $B \geq A$.

Theorem 2. Let A, B be two positive invertible operators and $B \ge A$, then for any t > 0 we have

$$(2.4) 0 \leq T_{t} (A|B) (A\sharp_{t}B)^{-1} A$$

$$\leq 2T_{t} (A|B) (A\sharp_{t}B + A)^{-1} A$$

$$\leq S (A|B) \leq T_{t} (A|B) (A\sharp_{t/2}B)^{-1} A$$

$$\leq T_{t} (A|B) (A\sharp_{t}B + A)^{-1} A + \frac{1}{2}T_{2t} (A|B) (A\sharp_{t}B)^{-1} A$$

$$\leq T_{2t} (A|B) (A\sharp_{t}B)^{-1} A \leq T_{t} (A|B) .$$

Proof. Let $x \ge 1$ and t > 0, then by taking $y = x^t$ in (2.1) we get

(2.5)
$$0 \le \frac{x^t - 1}{tx^t} \le \frac{2(x^t - 1)}{t(x^t + 1)} \le \ln x \le \frac{x^t - 1}{tx^{t/2}}$$
$$\le \frac{x^t - 1}{t(x^t + 1)} + \frac{x^{2t} - 1}{4tx^t} \le \frac{x^{2t} - 1}{2tx^t} \le \frac{x^t - 1}{t}.$$

Using the functional calculus for the operator $X \geq 1_H$, then by (2.5) we get

$$(2.6) 0 \leq \frac{X^{t} - 1}{t} X^{-t} \leq 2 \frac{(X^{t} - 1)}{t} (X^{t} + 1)^{-1} \leq \ln X$$

$$\leq \frac{X^{t} - 1}{t} X^{-t/2} \leq \frac{(X^{t} - 1)}{t} (X^{t} + 1)^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{X^{2t} - 1}{2t} X^{-t}$$

$$\leq \frac{X^{2t} - 1}{2t} X^{-t} \leq \frac{X^{t} - 1}{t}.$$

If $B \ge A$, then by multiplying both sides by $A^{-1/2}$ we get $A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2} \ge 1_H$ and if we write the inequality for $X = A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}$, we get

$$(2.7) 0 \leq \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1}{t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t}$$

$$\leq 2 \frac{\left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1\right)}{t} \left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} + 1\right)^{-1}$$

$$\leq \ln\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1}{t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t/2}$$

$$\leq \frac{\left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1\right)}{t} \left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} + 1\right)^{-1}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{2t} - 1}{2t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t}$$

$$\leq \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{2t} - 1}{2t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t}$$

$$\leq \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1}{t} .$$

Now, by multiplying both sides of (2.7) with $A^{1/2}$, we get

$$(2.8) 0 \leq A^{1/2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1}{t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t} A^{1/2}$$

$$\leq 2A^{1/2} \frac{\left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1\right)}{t} \left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} + 1\right)^{-1} A^{1/2}$$

$$\leq A^{1/2} \left(\ln\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)\right) A^{1/2}$$

$$\leq A^{1/2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1}{t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t/2} A^{1/2}$$

$$\leq A^{1/2} \frac{\left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1\right)}{t} \left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} + 1\right)^{-1} A^{1/2}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}A^{1/2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1}{2t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t} A^{1/2}$$

$$\leq A^{1/2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{2t} - 1}{2t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t} A^{1/2}$$

$$\leq A^{1/2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{2t} - 1}{2t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t} A^{1/2}$$

$$\leq A^{1/2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1}{2t} A^{1/2}.$$

Observe that

$$A^{1/2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1}{t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t} A^{1/2}$$

= $T_{t} (A|B) \left(A^{-1}\sharp_{t}B^{-1}\right) A = T_{t} (A|B) \left(A\sharp_{t}B\right)^{-1} A,$

$$\begin{split} &A^{1/2}\frac{\left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t}-1\right)}{t}\left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t}+1\right)^{-1}A^{1/2}\\ &=A^{1/2}\frac{\left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t}-1\right)}{t}A^{1/2}A^{-1/2}\\ &\left(A^{-1/2}\left(A^{1/2}\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t}A^{1/2}+A\right)A^{-1/2}\right)^{-1}A^{1/2}\\ &=A^{1/2}\frac{\left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t}-1\right)}{t}A^{1/2}A^{-1/2}\\ &A^{1/2}\left(A^{1/2}\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t}A^{1/2}+A\right)^{-1}A^{1/2}A^{1/2}\\ &=T_{t}\left(A|B\right)\left(A\sharp_{t}B+A\right)^{-1}A, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &A^{1/2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1}{t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t/2} A^{1/2} \\ &= A^{1/2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1}{t} A^{1/2} A^{-1/2} \left(A^{1/2}B^{-1}A^{1/2}\right)^{t/2} A^{-1/2} A^{1/2} A^{1/2} \\ &= T_{t} \left(A|B\right) \left(A^{-1}\sharp_{t/2}B^{-1}\right) A = T_{t} \left(A|B\right) \left(A\sharp_{t/2}B\right)^{-1} A \end{split}$$

and

$$A^{1/2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{2t} - 1}{2t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t} A^{1/2}$$

$$= A^{1/2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{2t} - 1}{2t} A^{1/2} A^{-1/2} \left(A^{1/2}B^{-1}A^{1/2}\right)^{t} A^{-1/2} A^{1/2} A^{1/2}$$

$$= T_{2t} \left(A|B\right) \left(A\sharp_{t}B\right)^{-1} A.$$

By using the inequalities (2.8) we get the desired result (2.4).

If we take in (2.4) $t = \frac{1}{2}$, then we get the inequalities

$$(2.9) 0 \leq 2 \left(1_{H} - A \left(A \sharp B \right)^{-1} \right) A$$

$$\leq 4 \left(A \sharp B - A \right) \left(A \sharp B + A \right)^{-1} A$$

$$\leq S \left(A \middle| B \right) \leq 2 \left(A \sharp B - A \right) \left(A \sharp_{1/4} B \right)^{-1} A$$

$$\leq 2 \left(A \sharp B - A \right) \left(A \sharp B + A \right)^{-1} A + \frac{1}{2} \left(B - A \right) \left(A \sharp B \right)^{-1} A$$

$$\leq \left(B - A \right) \left(A \sharp B \right)^{-1} A \leq 2 \left(A \sharp B - A \right),$$

for any positive invertible operators with $B \geq A$. This provides a refinement of (1.8).

If we take in (2.4) t = 1, then we get

(2.10)
$$0 \le (B - A) B^{-1} A \le 2 (B - A) (B + A)^{-1} A$$
$$\le S (A|B) \le (B - A) (A \sharp B)^{-1} A$$
$$\le (B - A) (B + A)^{-1} A + \frac{1}{4} (B - AB^{-1} A)$$
$$\le \frac{1}{2} (B - AB^{-1} A) \le B - A,$$

for any positive invertible operators with $B \geq A$. This provides a refinement of (1.6).

If we take in (2.4) t = 2, then we get

$$(2.11) 0 \leq \frac{1}{2} (BA^{-1}B - A) (B^{-1}A)^{2}$$

$$\leq (BA^{-1}B - A) (BA^{-1}B + A)^{-1} A$$

$$\leq S(A|B) \leq \frac{1}{2} (BA^{-1}B - A) B^{-1}A$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} (BA^{-1}B - A) (BA^{-1}B + A)^{-1} A + \frac{1}{8} ((BA^{-1})^{3} - A) (B^{-1}A)^{2}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4} ((BA^{-1})^{3} - A) (B^{-1}A)^{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} (BA^{-1}B - A),$$

for any positive invertible operators with $B \geq A$. This provides a refinement of (1.7).

Corollary 1. Let C be a positive invertible operator and $C \leq 1_H$, then for any t > 0 we have

$$(2.12) 0 \leq \frac{1}{t}C \left(1_{H} - C^{t}\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{2}{t}C \left(1_{H} - C^{t}\right) \left(1_{H} + C^{t}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\leq \eta \left(C\right) \leq \frac{1}{t} \left(1_{H} - C^{t}\right) C^{3\left(1 - \frac{t}{2}\right)}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{t}C \left(1_{H} - C^{t}\right) \left(1_{H} + C^{t}\right)^{-1} + \frac{1}{4t} \left(1_{H} - C^{2t}\right) C^{1-t}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2t} \left(1_{H} - C^{2t}\right) C^{1-t} \leq \frac{1}{t}C^{1-t} \left(1_{H} - C^{t}\right).$$

If we take in (2.12) $t = \frac{1}{2}$, then we get

$$(2.13) 0 \leq 2C \left(1_H - C^{1/2}\right)$$

$$\leq 4C \left(1_H - C^{1/2}\right) \left(1_H + C^{1/2}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\leq \eta \left(C\right) \leq 2 \left(1_H - C^{1/2}\right) C^{9/4}$$

$$\leq 2C \left(1_H - C^{1/2}\right) \left(1_H + C^{1/2}\right)^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \left(1_H - C\right) C^{1/2}$$

$$\leq \left(1_H - C\right) C^{1/2} \leq 2C^{1/2} \left(1_H - C^{1/2}\right),$$

for any C be a positive invertible operator with $C \leq 1_H$, which is better than (1.12).

If we take in (2.12) t = 1, then we get

(2.14)
$$0 \le C (1_H - C) \le 2C (1_H - C) (1_H + C)^{-1}$$
$$\le \eta (C) \le (1_H - C) C^{3/2}$$
$$\le C (1_H - C) (1_H + C)^{-1} + \frac{1}{4} (1_H - C^2)$$
$$\le \frac{1}{2} (1_H - C^2) \le 1_H - C,$$

for any C be a positive invertible operator with $C \leq 1_H$, which is better than (1.10).

Finally, if we take in (2.12) t = 2, then we get

$$(2.15) 0 \leq \frac{1}{2}C \left(1_{H} - C^{2}\right)$$

$$\leq C \left(1_{H} - C^{2}\right) \left(1_{H} + C^{2}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\leq \eta \left(C\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(1_{H} - C^{2}\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2}C \left(1_{H} - C^{2}\right) \left(1_{H} + C^{2}\right)^{-1} + \frac{1}{8} \left(1_{H} - C^{4}\right) C^{-1}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4} \left(1_{H} - C^{4}\right) C^{-1} \leq \frac{1}{4} C^{-1} \left(1_{H} - C^{2}\right),$$

for any C be a positive invertible operator with $C \leq 1_H$, which is better than (1.11).

3. Some Reverses

We have:

Lemma 2. For any $y \ge 1$ we have the inequalities

(3.1)
$$0 \le \frac{y^2 - 1}{2y} - \ln y \le \frac{1}{8} \frac{(y - 1)^3 (y + 1)}{y^2}$$

and

(3.2)
$$0 \le \ln y - \frac{2(y-1)}{y+1} \le \frac{1}{8} \frac{(y-1)^3 (y+1)}{y^2}.$$

Proof. We use the following reverse of the second Hermite-Hadamard inequality obtained in [2]:

$$(3.3) 0 \le \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_{a}^{b} f(t) dt \le \frac{1}{8} \left(f'_{-}(b) - f'_{+}(a) \right) (b - a).$$

If we take in this inequality $f(t) = \frac{1}{t}$, then we get

(3.4)
$$0 \le \frac{a+b}{2ab} - \frac{\ln b - \ln a}{b-a} \le \frac{1}{8} \frac{(b-a)^2 (b+a)}{a^2 b^2}$$

for any a, b > 0.

If in this inequality we take a=1 and $b=y\geq 1$, then we get the desired result (3.1).

Further, we use the following reverse of the first Hermite-Hadamard inequality obtained in [1]:

$$(3.5) 0 \le \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(t) dt - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \le \frac{1}{8} \left(f'_{-}(b) - f'_{+}(a)\right) (b-a).$$

If we take in this inequality $f(t) = \frac{1}{t}$, then we get

(3.6)
$$0 \le \frac{\ln b - \ln a}{b - a} - \frac{2}{a + b} \le \frac{1}{8} \frac{(b - a)^2 (b + a)}{a^2 b^2}$$

for any a, b > 0.

If in this inequality we take a=1 and $b=y\geq 1$, then we get the desired result (3.2).

We also have:

Theorem 3. Let A, B be two positive invertible operators and $B \geq A$, then for any t > 0 we have

(3.7)
$$0 \leq T_{2t} (A|B) (A\sharp_t B)^{-1} A - S (A|B)$$
$$\leq \frac{1}{8} T_t (A|B) \left(A^{-1} - (A\sharp_t B)^{-1} \right) A \left(A^{-1} - (A\sharp_t B)^{-1} \right) (A\sharp_t B + A)$$

and

(3.8)
$$0 \le S(A|B) - 2T_t(A|B) (A\sharp_t B + A)^{-1} A$$
$$\le \frac{1}{8} T_t(A|B) \left(A^{-1} - (A\sharp_t B)^{-1}\right) A \left(A^{-1} - (A\sharp_t B)^{-1}\right) (A\sharp_t B + A).$$

Proof. From inequality (3.1) for $y = x^t$ with $x \ge 1$ and t > 0, we have

$$0 \le \frac{x^{2t} - 1}{2x^t} - \ln x^t \le \frac{1}{8} \frac{(x^t - 1)^3 (x^t + 1)}{x^{2t}},$$

that is equivalent to

$$0 \le \frac{x^{2t} - 1}{2t} x^{-t} - \ln x \le \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{x^t - 1}{t} \right) \left(1 - x^{-t} \right)^2 \left(x^t + 1 \right),$$

for any $x \ge 1$ and t > 0.

By using the functional calculus, we have

$$(3.9) 0 \le \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{2t} - 1}{2t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t} - \ln\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)$$
$$\le \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1}{t}\right) \left(1 - \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t}\right)^{2}$$
$$\left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} + 1\right),$$

for any A, B positive invertible operators with $B \ge A$ and for any t > 0.

If we multiply both sides with $A^{1/2}$, then we get

$$(3.10) 0 \leq A^{1/2} \frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{2t} - 1}{2t} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t} A^{1/2}$$

$$- A^{1/2} \left(\ln\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)\right) A^{1/2}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{8} A^{1/2} \left(\frac{\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} - 1}{t}\right) \left(1 - \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{-t}\right)^{2}$$

$$\left(\left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{t} + 1\right) A^{1/2}.$$

Observe that

$$\frac{1}{8}A^{1/2} \left(\frac{(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^t - 1}{t} \right) A^{1/2}A^{-1/2}
\left(A^{1/2} \left(A^{-1} - A^{-1/2} \left(A^{1/2}B^{-1}A^{1/2} \right)^t A^{-1/2} \right) A^{1/2} \right)^2
\left(A^{-1/2} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2} \right)^t A^{1/2} + A \right) A^{-1/2} \right) A^{1/2}
= \frac{1}{8}A^{1/2} \left(\frac{(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^t - 1}{t} \right) A^{1/2}
A^{-1/2}A^{1/2} \left(A^{-1} - A^{-1/2} \left(A^{1/2}B^{-1}A^{1/2} \right)^t A^{-1/2} \right) A^{1/2}
A^{1/2} \left(A^{-1} - A^{-1/2} \left(A^{1/2}B^{-1}A^{1/2} \right)^t A^{-1/2} \right) A^{1/2}
A^{-1/2} \left(A^{1/2} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2} \right)^t A^{1/2} + A \right) A^{-1/2}A^{1/2}
= \frac{1}{8}A^{1/2} \left(\frac{(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^t - 1}{t} \right) A^{1/2}
\left(A^{-1} - A^{-1/2} \left(A^{1/2}B^{-1}A^{1/2} \right)^t A^{-1/2} \right) A
\left(A^{-1} - A^{-1/2} \left(A^{1/2}B^{-1}A^{1/2} \right)^t A^{-1/2} \right) A
\left(A^{-1} - A^{-1/2} \left(A^{1/2}BA^{-1/2} \right)^t A^{1/2} + A \right)
= \frac{1}{8}T_t (A|B) \left(A^{-1} - (A\sharp_t B)^{-1} \right) A \left(A^{-1} - (A\sharp_t B)^{-1} \right) (A\sharp_t B + A)$$

and by (3.10) we get the desired result (3.7).

The inequality (3.8) follows in a similar way and we omit the details.

If we take in (3.7) and (3.8) $t = \frac{1}{2}$, then we get

(3.11)
$$0 \le (B - A) (A \sharp B)^{-1} A - S (A \mid B)$$
$$\le \frac{1}{4} (A \sharp B - A) \left(A^{-1} - (A \sharp B)^{-1} \right) A \left(A^{-1} - (A \sharp B)^{-1} \right) (A \sharp B + A)$$

and

$$(3.12) 0 \le S(A|B) - 4(A\sharp B - A)(A\sharp B + A)^{-1}A$$

$$\le \frac{1}{4}(A\sharp B - A)\left(A^{-1} - (A\sharp B)^{-1}\right)A\left(A^{-1} - (A\sharp B)^{-1}\right)(A\sharp B + A)$$

for any positive invertible operators with $B \geq A$.

If we take in (3.7) and (3.8) t = 1, then we get

(3.13)
$$0 \le \frac{1}{2} (B - AB^{-1}A) - S(A|B)$$
$$\le \frac{1}{8} (B - A) (A^{-1} - B^{-1}) A (A^{-1} - B^{-1}) (B + A)$$

and

(3.14)
$$0 \le S(A|B) - 2(B-A) + (A\sharp_t B + A)^{-1} A$$
$$\le \frac{1}{8} (B-A) (A^{-1} - B^{-1}) A (A^{-1} - B^{-1}) (B+A)$$

for any positive invertible operators with $B \geq A$.

Similar inequalities may be stated if we take t=2 in Theorem 3, however the details are omitted.

Corollary 2. Let C be a positive invertible operator and $C \leq 1_H$, then for any t > 0 we have

$$(3.15) 0 \le \frac{1}{2t} \left(1_H - C^{2t} \right) C^{1-t} - \eta \left(C \right) \le \frac{1}{8t} C^{1-2t} \left(1 - C^t \right)^3 \left(1 + C^t \right)$$

and

$$(3.16) \quad 0 \le \eta(C) - \frac{2}{t}C\left(1_H - C^t\right)\left(1_H + C^t\right)^{-1} \le \frac{1}{8t}C^{1-2t}\left(1 - C^t\right)^3\left(1 + C^t\right).$$

If we take in this corollary $t = \frac{1}{2}$, then we get

$$(3.17) 0 \le (1_H - C) C^{1/2} - \eta (C) \le \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - C^{1/2} \right)^3 \left(1 + C^{1/2} \right)$$

and

$$(3.18) \ \ 0 \le \eta\left(C\right) - 4C\left(1_H - C^{1/2}\right)\left(1_H + C^{1/2}\right)^{-1} \le \frac{1}{4}\left(1 - C^{1/2}\right)^3\left(1 + C^{1/2}\right)$$

while, if we take t = 1, then we get

$$(3.19) 0 \le \frac{1}{2} (1_H - C^2) - \eta (C) \le \frac{1}{8} C^{-1} (1 - C)^3 (1 + C)$$

and

$$(3.20) 0 \le \eta(C) - 2C(1_H - C)(1_H + C)^{-1} \le \frac{1}{8}C^{-1}(1 - C)^3(1 + C).$$

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