

# BOUNDS FOR JENSEN'S GAP OF AN INTEGRAL TRANSFORM OF POSITIVE OPERATORS IN HILBERT SPACES

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ABSTRACT. For a continuous and positive function  $w(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\mu$  a positive measure on  $(0, \infty)$  we consider the following *integral transform*

$$\mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(T) := \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda + T)^{-1} d\mu(\lambda),$$

where the integral is assumed to exist for  $T$  a positive operator on a complex Hilbert space  $H$ . We show among others that, for  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we have the representation for the Jensen's gap

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(T)x, x \rangle - \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \\ &= 2 \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left( \int_0^1 (1-t) \langle (\lambda + (1-t)\langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \left( (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) (\lambda + (1-t)\langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times (\lambda + (1-t)\langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} x, x \right) dt \Big) d\mu(\lambda) \\ & \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Assume that  $M \geq T \geq m > 0$  for some constants  $M, m$ , then for  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 & \leq \left( \|Tx\|^2 - \langle Tx, x \rangle^2 \right) \mathcal{D}''(w, \mu)(M) \\ & \leq \langle \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(T)x, x \rangle - \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \\ & \leq \left( \|Tx\|^2 - \langle Tx, x \rangle^2 \right) \mathcal{D}''(w, \mu)(m), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{D}''(w, \mu)$  is the second derivative of  $\mathcal{D}(w, \mu)$  as a functions of real variable.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Consider a complex Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ . An operator  $T$  is said to be positive (denoted by  $T \geq 0$ ) if  $\langle Tx, x \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x \in H$  and also an operator  $T$  is said to be *strictly positive* (denoted by  $T > 0$ ) if  $T$  is positive and invertible.

The following result that provides an operator version for the Jensen inequality is due to Mond & Pečarić [10] (see also [7, p. 5]):

**Theorem 1** (Mond-Pečarić, 1993, [10]). *Let  $A$  be a selfadjoint operator on the Hilbert space  $H$  and assume that  $Sp(A) \subseteq [m, M]$  for some scalars  $m, M$  with  $m < M$ . If  $f$  is a convex function on  $[m, M]$ , then*

$$(MP) \quad f(\langle Ax, x \rangle) \leq \langle f(A)x, x \rangle$$

for each  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ .

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The following result that provides a reverse of the Mond & Pečarić has been obtained in [3]:

**Theorem 2** (Dragomir, 2008, [3]). *Let  $I$  be an interval and  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex and differentiable function on  $\dot{I}$  (the interior of  $I$ ) whose derivative  $f'$  is continuous on  $\dot{I}$ . If  $A$  is a selfadjoint operators on the Hilbert space  $H$  with  $Sp(A) \subseteq [m, M] \subset \dot{I}$ , then*

$$(1.1) \quad (0 \leq) \langle f(A)x, x \rangle - f(\langle Ax, x \rangle) \leq \langle f'(A)Ax, x \rangle - \langle Ax, x \rangle \langle f'(A)x, x \rangle$$

for any  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ .

A real valued continuous function  $f$  on  $(0, \infty)$  is said to be operator monotone if  $f(A) \geq f(B)$  holds for any  $A \geq B > 0$ . We have the following representation of operator monotone functions [9], see for instance [1, p. 144-145]:

**Theorem 3.** *A function  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is operator monotone in  $(0, \infty)$  if and only if it has the representation*

$$(1.2) \quad f(t) = a + bt + \int_0^\infty \frac{t\lambda}{t + \lambda} d\mu(\lambda),$$

where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b \geq 0$  and a positive measure  $\mu$  on  $(0, \infty)$  such that

$$(1.3) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda} d\mu(\lambda) < \infty.$$

If  $f$  is operator monotone in  $[0, \infty)$ , then  $a = f(0)$  in (1.2).

For some example of operator monotone functions see [4]-[6], [11], [12] and the references therein.

A real valued continuous function  $f$  on an interval  $I$  is said to be *operator convex* (operator concave) on  $I$  if

$$(OC) \quad f((1 - \lambda)A + \lambda B) \leq (\geq) (1 - \lambda)f(A) + \lambda f(B)$$

in the operator order, for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and for every selfadjoint operator  $A$  and  $B$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  whose spectra are contained in  $I$ . Notice that a function  $f$  is operator concave if  $-f$  is operator convex.

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$$(1.4) \quad f(t) = a + bt + ct^2 + \int_0^\infty \frac{t^2\lambda}{t + \lambda} d\mu(\lambda),$$

where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \geq 0$  and a positive measure  $\mu$  on  $(0, \infty)$  such that (1.3) holds. If  $f$  is operator convex in  $[0, \infty)$ , then  $a = f(0)$  and  $b = f'_+(0)$ , the right derivative, in (1.2).

We have the following integral representation for the power function when  $t > 0$ ,  $r \in (0, 1]$ , see for instance [1, p. 145]

$$(1.5) \quad t^r = \frac{\sin(r\pi)}{\pi} t \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda^{r-1}}{\lambda + t} d\lambda.$$

Observe that for  $t > 0$ ,  $t \neq 1$ , we have

$$\int_0^u \frac{d\lambda}{(\lambda + t)(\lambda + 1)} = \frac{\ln t}{t - 1} + \frac{1}{1 - t} \ln \left( \frac{u + t}{u + 1} \right)$$

for all  $u > 0$ .

By taking the limit over  $u \rightarrow \infty$  in this equality, we derive

$$\frac{\ln t}{t-1} = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{(\lambda+t)(\lambda+1)},$$

which gives the representation for the logarithm

$$(1.6) \quad \ln t = (t-1) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{(\lambda+1)(\lambda+t)}$$

for all  $t > 0$ .

Motivated by these representations, we introduce, for a continuous and positive function  $w(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , the following *integral transform*

$$(1.7) \quad \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(t) := \int_0^\infty \frac{w(\lambda)}{\lambda+t} d\mu(\lambda), \quad t > 0,$$

where  $\mu$  is a positive measure on  $(0, \infty)$  and the integral (1.7) exists for all  $t > 0$ .

For  $\mu$  the Lebesgue usual measure, we put

$$(1.8) \quad \mathcal{D}(w)(t) := \int_0^\infty \frac{w(\lambda)}{\lambda+t} d\lambda, \quad t > 0.$$

If we take  $\mu$  to be the usual Lebesgue measure and the kernel  $w_r(\lambda) = \lambda^{r-1}$ ,  $r \in (0, 1]$ , then

$$(1.9) \quad t^r = \frac{\sin(r\pi)}{\pi} t \mathcal{D}(w_r)(t), \quad t > 0.$$

For the same measure, if we take the kernel  $w_{\ln}(\lambda) = (\lambda+1)^{-1}$ ,  $t > 0$ , we have the representation

$$(1.10) \quad \ln t = (t-1) \mathcal{D}(w_{\ln})(t), \quad t > 0.$$

Assume that  $T > 0$ , then by the continuous functional calculus for selfadjoint operators, we can define the positive operator

$$(1.11) \quad \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(T) := \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda+T)^{-1} d\mu(\lambda),$$

where  $w$  and  $\mu$  are as above. Also, when  $\mu$  is the usual Lebesgue measure, then

$$(1.12) \quad \mathcal{D}(w)(T) := \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda+T)^{-1} d\lambda,$$

for  $T > 0$ .

We show among others that, for  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we have the representation for the Jensen's gap

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(T) x, x \rangle - \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \\ &= 2 \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left( \int_0^1 (1-t) \left\langle (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle \mathbf{1}_H + tT)^{-1} \right. \right. \\ & \times \left. \left. \left( (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle \mathbf{1}_H) (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle \mathbf{1}_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle \mathbf{1}_H) \right) \right. \right. \\ & \times \left. \left. (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle \mathbf{1}_H + tT)^{-1} x, x \right\rangle dt \right) d\mu(\lambda) \\ & \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Assume that  $M \geq T \geq m > 0$  for some constants  $M, m$ , then for  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \left( \|Tx\|^2 - \langle Tx, x \rangle^2 \right) \mathcal{D}''(w, \mu)(M) \\ &\leq \langle \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(T)x, x \rangle - \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \\ &\leq \left( \|Tx\|^2 - \langle Tx, x \rangle^2 \right) \mathcal{D}''(w, \mu)(m). \end{aligned}$$

## 2. REPRESENTATION RESULTS

We consider the inverse function  $\ell^{-1}(t) = t^{-1}$ ,  $t > 0$  and the corresponding operator inverse function  $\ell^{-1}(A) = A^{-1}$  defined for operators  $A > 0$ .

**Lemma 1.** *The operator inverse function  $\ell^{-1}$  is Fréchet differentiable in  $A > 0$  and*

$$(2.1) \quad D(\ell^{-1})(A)(V) = -A^{-1}VA^{-1}$$

for all  $V \in S(H)$ , the class of all selfadjoint operators on  $H$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A > 0$  and  $V \in S(H)$ . Then there exists a small open interval  $(-\delta, \delta)$  such that for  $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$ ,  $A + tV$  is invertible. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \ell^{-1}(A + tV) - \ell^{-1}(A) &= (A + tV)^{-1} - A^{-1} = (A + tV)^{-1}(A - (A + tV))A^{-1} \\ &= -t(A + tV)^{-1}VA^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\frac{\ell^{-1}(A + tV) - \ell^{-1}(A)}{t} = -(A + tV)^{-1}VA^{-1}, \quad t \neq 0.$$

By taking the limit over  $t \rightarrow 0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} D(\ell^{-1})(A)(V) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ell^{-1}(A + tV) - \ell^{-1}(A)}{t} = -\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (A + tV)^{-1}VA^{-1} \\ &= -A^{-1}VA^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

and the statement is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** *The operator inverse function  $\ell^{-1}$  is twice Fréchet differentiable in  $A > 0$  and*

$$(2.2) \quad D^2(\ell^{-1})(A)(V, V) = 2A^{-1}(VA^{-1}V)A^{-1} \geq 0$$

for all  $V \in S(H)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A > 0$  and  $V \in S(H)$ . Then there exists a small open interval  $(-\delta, \delta)$  such that for  $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$ ,  $A + tV$  is invertible and put

$$\begin{aligned} U_t &:= D(\ell^{-1})(A + tV)(V) - D(\ell^{-1})(A)(V) \\ &= A^{-1}VA^{-1} - (A + tV)^{-1}V(A + tV)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

If we multiply both sides of  $U_t$  with  $A + tV$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(A + tV) U_t (A + tV) &= (A + tV) A^{-1} V A^{-1} (A + tV) - V \\
&= (1 + tV A^{-1}) V (1 + tA^{-1}V) - V \\
&= (V + tV A^{-1}V) (1 + tA^{-1}V) - V \\
&= V + tV A^{-1}V + tV A^{-1}V + t^2 V A^{-1}V A^{-1}V - V \\
&= 2tV A^{-1}V + t^2 (V A^{-1})^2 V \\
&= t \left[ 2V A^{-1}V + t (V A^{-1})^2 V \right].
\end{aligned}$$

By multiplying this equality both sides with  $(A + tV)^{-1}$  we get

$$U_t = t(A + tV)^{-1} \left[ 2V A^{-1}V + t (V A^{-1})^2 V \right] (A + tV)^{-1}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
D^2(\ell^{-1})(A)(V, V) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{D(\ell^{-1})(A + tV)(V) - D(\ell^{-1})(A)(V)}{t} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t(A + tV)^{-1} \left[ 2V A^{-1}V + t (V A^{-1})^2 V \right] (A + tV)^{-1}}{t} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (A + tV)^{-1} \left[ 2V A^{-1}V + t (V A^{-1})^2 V \right] (A + tV)^{-1} \\
&= 2A^{-1} (V A^{-1}V) A^{-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $A^{-1} > 0$ , then by multiplying both sides by  $V$  we get  $V A^{-1}V \geq 0$  and by multiplying both sides by  $A^{-1}$  we get  $A^{-1} (V A^{-1}V) A^{-1} \geq 0$ , and the proof of (2.2) is thus proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** For all  $C, E > 0$  we have the representation

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.3) \quad E^{-1} - C^{-1} &= -C^{-1} (E - C) C^{-1} \\
&\quad + 2 \int_0^1 (1-t) ((1-t)C + tE)^{-1} \\
&\quad \times \left( (E - C) ((1-t)C + tE)^{-1} (E - C) \right) ((1-t)C + tE)^{-1} dt.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We use the Taylor's type formula with integral remainder, see for instance [2, p. 112],

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.4) \quad f(E) &= f(C) + D(f)(C)(E - C) \\
&\quad + \int_0^1 (1-t) D^2(f)((1-t)C + tE)(E - C, E - C) dt
\end{aligned}$$

that holds for functions  $f$  which are of class  $C^2$  on an open and convex subset  $\mathcal{O}$  in the Banach algebra  $B(H)$  and  $C, E \in \mathcal{O}$ .

Therefore, if we write this formula for  $\ell^{-1}$  and the class of strictly positive operators, we get

$$\begin{aligned} E^{-1} &= C^{-1} - C^{-1}(E - C)C^{-1} \\ &+ 2 \int_0^1 (1-t) ((1-t)C + tE)^{-1} \\ &\times \left( (E - C) ((1-t)C + tE)^{-1} (E - C) \right) ((1-t)C + tE)^{-1} dt \end{aligned}$$

and the representation (2.3) is proved.  $\square$

We have the following representation result for  $\mathcal{D}(w, \mu)$  :

**Lemma 4.** *For all  $A, B > 0$ , we have the representation*

$$\begin{aligned} (2.5) \quad \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(B) - \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(A) - D(\mathcal{D}(w, \mu))(A)(B - A) \\ &= 2 \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left( \int_0^1 (1-t) (\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1} \right. \\ &\times \left. \left( (B - A) (\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1} (B - A) \right) \right. \\ &\times \left. \left. (\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1} dt \right) d\mu(\lambda) \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From the identity (2.3) we get for  $E = \lambda + B$  and  $C = \lambda + A$  that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.6) \quad (\lambda + B)^{-1} - (\lambda + A)^{-1} &= -(\lambda + A)^{-1} (B - A) (\lambda + A)^{-1} \\ &+ 2 \int_0^1 (1-t) (\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1} \\ &\times \left( (B - A) (\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1} (B - A) \right) \\ &\times (\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1} dt \end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

If we multiply this equality by  $w(\lambda) \geq 0$  and integrate, then we get

$$\begin{aligned} (2.7) \quad \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda + B)^{-1} d\mu(\lambda) - \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda + A)^{-1} d\mu(\lambda) \\ &= - \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda + A)^{-1} (B - A) (\lambda + A)^{-1} \\ &+ 2 \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left( \int_0^1 (1-t) (\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1} \right. \\ &\times \left. \left( (B - A) (\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1} (B - A) \right) \right. \\ &\times \left. \left. (\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1} dt \right) d\mu(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

and since, by (2),

$$- \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda + A)^{-1} (B - A) (\lambda + A)^{-1} = D(\mathcal{D}(w, \mu))(A)(B - A),$$

hence by (2.7) we derive the equality in (2.7).

We observe that for all  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $(\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1} > 0$ . If we multiply this inequality both sides by  $(B - A)$  we derive

$$(B - A)(\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1}(B - A) \geq 0.$$

Further, if we multiply this inequality both sides by  $(\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (1-t)(\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1} \\ & \times \left( (B - A)(\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1}(B - A) \right) (\lambda + (1-t)A + tB)^{-1} \\ & \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . If we multiply this inequality with  $w(\lambda) \geq 0$  and integrate, then we obtain the inequality in (2.5).  $\square$

For a positive operator  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we define the Jensen's gap related to the transform  $\mathcal{D}(w, \mu)$

$$J(\mathcal{D}(w, \mu), T, x) := \langle \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(T)x, x \rangle - \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(\langle Tx, x \rangle).$$

**Theorem 5.** For  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we have the representation

$$\begin{aligned} (2.8) \quad & J(\mathcal{D}(w, \mu), T, x) \\ & = 2 \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left( \int_0^1 (1-t) \left\langle (\lambda + (1-t)\langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \right. \right. \\ & \times \left. \left. \left( (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)(\lambda + (1-t)\langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) \right) \right. \right. \\ & \times \left. \left. (\lambda + (1-t)\langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} x, x \right\rangle dt \right) d\mu(\lambda) \\ & \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* If we take in (2.5)  $B = T$  and  $A = u1_H$  with  $u > 0$  then we get

$$\begin{aligned} (2.9) \quad & \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(T) - \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(u1_H) - D(\mathcal{D}(w, \mu))(u1_H)(T - u1_H) \\ & = 2 \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left( \int_0^1 (1-t) (\lambda + (1-t)u1_H + tT)^{-1} \right. \\ & \times \left. \left( (T - u1_H)(\lambda + (1-t)u1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - u1_H) \right) \right. \\ & \times \left. (\lambda + (1-t)u1_H + tT)^{-1} dt \right) d\mu(\lambda) \\ & \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$  and take the inner product in (2.9) to get the scalar identity

$$\begin{aligned} (2.10) \quad & \langle \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(T)x, x \rangle - \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(u) - D(\mathcal{D}(w, \mu))(u1_H)(\langle Tx, x \rangle - u) \\ & = 2 \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left( \int_0^1 (1-t) \left\langle (\lambda + (1-t)u1_H + tT)^{-1} \right. \right. \\ & \times \left. \left. \left( (T - u1_H)(\lambda + (1-t)u1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - u1_H) \right) \right. \right. \\ & \times \left. \left. (\lambda + (1-t)u1_H + tT)^{-1} x, x \right\rangle dt \right) d\mu(\lambda) \\ & \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u > 0$ .

Now, if we take  $u = \langle Tx, x \rangle$  in (2.10) and take into account that

$$D(\mathcal{D}(w, \mu))(\langle Tx, x \rangle \mathbf{1}_H)(\langle Tx, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle) = 0,$$

then by (2.10) we derive (2.8).  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *Assume that the function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is operator monotone in  $[0, \infty)$  that has the representation (1.2). Then for  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we have the representation*

$$\begin{aligned} (2.11) \quad & \langle f(T)T^{-1}x, x \rangle - f(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-1} - f(0) \left( \langle T^{-1}x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-1} \right) \\ & = 2 \int_0^\infty \lambda \left( \int_0^1 (1-t) \left\langle (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle \mathbf{1}_H + tT)^{-1} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \left. \left( (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle \mathbf{1}_H) (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle \mathbf{1}_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle \mathbf{1}_H) \right) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \left. (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle \mathbf{1}_H + tT)^{-1} x, x \right\rangle dt \right) d\mu(\lambda) \\ & \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From (1.2) we have the representation

$$\mathcal{D}(\ell, \mu)(t) = \frac{f(t) - f(0)}{t} - b,$$

where  $b \geq 0$ ,  $\ell(\lambda) = \lambda$  and  $\mu$  a positive measure on  $(0, \infty)$ .

Since for  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \mathcal{D}(\ell, \mu)(T)x, x \rangle - \mathcal{D}(\ell, \mu)(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \\ & = \langle f(T)T^{-1}x, x \rangle - f(0) \langle T^{-1}x, x \rangle - \frac{f(\langle Tx, x \rangle) - f(0)}{\langle Tx, x \rangle} \\ & = \langle f(T)T^{-1}x, x \rangle - f(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-1} - f(0) \left( \langle T^{-1}x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-1} \right), \end{aligned}$$

hence by (2.8) we obtain (2.11).  $\square$

**Remark 1.** *Assume that the function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is operator monotone in  $[0, \infty)$ , then by (2.11) we get*

$$(2.12) \quad \langle f(T)T^{-1}x, x \rangle \langle Tx, x \rangle - f(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \geq f(0) \left( \langle T^{-1}x, x \rangle \langle Tx, x \rangle - 1 \right)$$

for  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ .

In particular, for  $f(0) \geq 0$ , we get

$$\langle f(T)T^{-1}x, x \rangle \langle Tx, x \rangle \geq f(\langle Tx, x \rangle), \quad x \in H \text{ with } \|x\| = 1.$$

**Remark 2.** *We consider the representation obtained from (1.9) for the operator  $T > 0$  and the power  $r \in (0, 1]$ ,*

$$T^{r-1} = \mathcal{D}(\tilde{w}_r)(T)$$



with the kernel  $\tilde{w}_r(\lambda) := \frac{\sin(r\pi)}{\pi} \lambda^{r-1}$ ,  $r \in (0, 1]$ . Then for  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we have the representation

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.13) \quad & \langle T^{r-1}x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^{r-1} \\
&= 2 \frac{\sin(r\pi)}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \lambda^{r-1} \left( \int_0^1 (1-t) \left\langle (\lambda + (1-t)\langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \left. \left( (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) (\lambda + (1-t)\langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) \right) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \left. (\lambda + (1-t)\langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} x, x \right\rangle dt \right) d\lambda \\
&\geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.** Assume that the function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is operator convex in  $[0, \infty)$  and has the representation (1.4). Then for  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we have the representation

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.14) \quad & \langle f(T)T^{-2}x, x \rangle - f(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-2} - f(0) \left( \langle T^{-2}x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-2} \right) \\
&\quad - f'_+(0) \left( \langle T^{-1}x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-1} \right) \\
&= 2 \int_0^\infty \lambda \left( \int_0^1 (1-t) \left\langle (\lambda + (1-t)\langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \left. \left( (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) (\lambda + (1-t)\langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) \right) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \left. (\lambda + (1-t)\langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} x, x \right\rangle dt \right) d\lambda \\
&\geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From the representation (1.4) we have

$$\mathcal{D}(\ell, \mu)(t) = \frac{f(t) - f(0) - f'_+(0)t}{t^2} - ct,$$

where  $c \geq 0$ ,  $\ell(\lambda) = \lambda$  and  $\mu$  a positive measure on  $(0, \infty)$ .

Since for  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle \mathcal{D}(\ell, \mu)(T)x, x \rangle - \mathcal{D}(\ell, \mu)(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \\
&= \langle f(T)T^{-2}x, x \rangle - f(0) \langle T^{-2}x, x \rangle - f'_+(0) \langle T^{-1}x, x \rangle - c \langle Tx, x \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{f(\langle Tx, x \rangle) - f(0) - f'_+(0)\langle Tx, x \rangle}{\langle Tx, x \rangle^2} + c \langle Tx, x \rangle \\
&= \langle f(T)T^{-2}x, x \rangle - f(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-2} - f(0) \left( \langle T^{-2}x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-2} \right) \\
&\quad - f'_+(0) \left( \langle T^{-1}x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-1} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

hence by (2.8) we obtain (2.14).  $\square$

**Remark 3.** Assume that the function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is operator convex in  $[0, \infty)$ . Then for  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.15) \quad & \langle f(T)T^{-2}x, x \rangle - f(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-2} - f(0) \left( \langle T^{-2}x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-2} \right) \\
&\geq f'_+(0) \left( \langle T^{-1}x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-1} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

In particular, for  $f'_+(0) \geq 0$ , we get

$$(2.16) \quad \langle f(T)T^{-2}x, x \rangle - f(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-2} \geq f(0) \left( \langle T^{-2}x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-2} \right)$$

for  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ .

### 3. UPPER AND LOWER BOUNDS

We have the following upper and lower bounds for the Jensen's gap:

**Theorem 6.** *Assume that  $M \geq T \geq m > 0$  for some constants  $M, m$ . Then for  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ ,*

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \left( \|Tx\|^2 - \langle Tx, x \rangle^2 \right) \mathcal{D}''(w, \mu)(M) \leq J(\mathcal{D}(w, \mu), T, x) \\ &\leq \left( \|Tx\|^2 - \langle Tx, x \rangle^2 \right) \mathcal{D}''(w, \mu)(m). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . Observe that

$$0 < \lambda + m \leq \lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT \leq \lambda + M$$

for  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

This implies that

$$0 < (\lambda + M)^{-1} \leq (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \leq (\lambda + m)^{-1}$$

for  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

If we multiply both sides by  $T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< (\lambda + M)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 \\ &\leq (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) \\ &\leq (\lambda + m)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Further, if we multiply this inequality both sides by  $(\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1}$ , we get

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &< (\lambda + M)^{-1} (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 \\ &\quad \times (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \\ &\leq (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) \\ &\quad \times (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \\ &\quad \times (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \\ &\leq (\lambda + m)^{-1} (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 \\ &\quad \times (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

Using the commutativity property of the continuous functional calculus for one selfadjoint operator  $T$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.3) \quad & (\lambda + M)^{-2} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 \\
& \leq (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 \\
& \quad \times (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \\
& \leq (\lambda + m)^{-2} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2
\end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

By (3.2) and (3.3) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.4) \quad & (\lambda + M)^{-3} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 \\
& \leq (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) \\
& \quad \times (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \\
& \quad \times (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \\
& \leq (\lambda + m)^{-3} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2
\end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

If we take the inner product for  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$  in (3.4), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.5) \quad & (\lambda + M)^{-3} \left\langle (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 x, x \right\rangle \\
& \leq \left\langle (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) \right. \\
& \quad \times (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \\
& \quad \times (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} x, x \left. \right\rangle \\
& \leq (\lambda + m)^{-3} \left\langle (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 x, x \right\rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

If we multiply this inequality by  $2(1-t)w(\lambda) \geq 0$  and integrate, then

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.6) \quad & 2 \left\langle (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 x, x \right\rangle \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda + M)^{-3} d\mu(\lambda) \\
& \leq 2 \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left( \int_0^1 (1-t) \left\langle (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} \right. \right. \\
& \quad \times \left. \left. (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \times \left. \left. (\lambda + (1-t) \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H + tT)^{-1} x, x \right\rangle dt \right) d\mu(\lambda) \\
& \leq 2 \left\langle (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 x, x \right\rangle \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda + m)^{-3} d\mu(\lambda)
\end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ .

Using (2.8) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.7) \quad & 2 \left\langle (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 x, x \right\rangle \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda + M)^{-3} d\mu(\lambda) \\
& \leq J(\mathcal{D}(w, \mu), T, x) \\
& \leq 2 \left\langle (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 x, x \right\rangle \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda + m)^{-3} d\mu(\lambda)
\end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ .

Observe that for  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\langle (T - \langle Tx, x \rangle 1_H)^2 x, x \right\rangle &= \left\langle (T^2 - 2\langle Tx, x \rangle T + \langle Tx, x \rangle^2) x, x \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle T^2 x - 2\langle Tx, x \rangle Tx + \langle Tx, x \rangle^2 x, x \right\rangle \\
&= \langle T^2 x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^2 = \|Tx\|^2 - \langle Tx, x \rangle^2.
\end{aligned}$$

If we take the derivative in (1.7) over  $t$  then we get

$$\mathcal{D}'(w, \mu)(t) = - \int_0^\infty \frac{w(\lambda)}{(\lambda + t)^2} d\mu(\lambda), \quad t > 0,$$

and

$$\mathcal{D}''(w, \mu)(t) = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{w(\lambda)}{(\lambda + t)^3} d\mu(\lambda), \quad t > 0.$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^\infty \frac{w(\lambda)}{(\lambda + M)^3} d\mu(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}''(w, \mu)(M), \\
\int_0^\infty \frac{w(\lambda)}{(\lambda + m)^3} d\mu(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}''(w, \mu)(m).
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, by making use of (3.7) we derive the desired result (3.1).  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** *Assume that the function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is operator monotone in  $[0, \infty)$  that has the representation (1.2). Then for  $T > 0$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.8) \quad & 0 \leq \left( \|Tx\|^2 - \langle Tx, x \rangle^2 \right) \frac{f''(M)M^2 - 2Mf'(M) + 2f(M)}{M^3} \\
& \leq \langle f(T)T^{-1}x, x \rangle - f(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-1} \\
& \quad - f(0) \left( \langle T^{-1}x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^{-1} \right) \\
& \leq \left( \|Tx\|^2 - \langle Tx, x \rangle^2 \right) \frac{f''(m)m^2 - 2mf'(m) + 2f(m)}{m^3}.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\mathcal{D}(\ell, \mu)(t) = \frac{f(t)}{t} - b, \quad t > 0,$$

where  $b \geq 0$  and  $\mu$  is a positive measure on  $(0, \infty)$ .

The derivative of this function is

$$\mathcal{D}'(\ell, \mu)(t) = \frac{f'(t)t - f(t)}{t^2}, \quad t > 0$$

and the second derivative

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}''(\ell, \mu)(t) &= \frac{(f'(t)t - f(t))' t^2 - 2t(f'(t)t - f(t))}{t^4} \\ &= \frac{f''(t)t^3 - 2t^2 f'(t) + 2tf(t)}{t^4} = \frac{f''(t)t^2 - 2tf'(t) + 2f(t)}{t^3}. \end{aligned}$$

By (3.1) we then get (3.8).  $\square$

**Remark 4.** If we write the inequality (3.8) for  $f(t) = t^r$ ,  $r \in (0, 1]$ , then by (3.8) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (3.9) \quad 0 &\leq (1-r)(2-r) \left( \|Tx\|^2 - \langle Tx, x \rangle^2 \right) M^{r-3} \leq \langle T^{r-1}x, x \rangle - \langle Tx, x \rangle^{r-1} \\ &\leq (1-r)(2-r) \left( \|Tx\|^2 - \langle Tx, x \rangle^2 \right) m^{r-3}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ .

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