

# REVERSES OF DAVIS-CHOI-JENSEN'S INEQUALITY FOR THE CONVEX INTEGRAL TRANSFORM

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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 *convex integral transform*

$$\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(t) := \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) t^2 (\lambda + t)^{-1} d\mu(\lambda),$$

where the integral is assumed to exist for  $t > 0$ .

Let  $H$  and  $K$  be Hilbert spaces. In this paper we show among others that, if the linear map  $\Phi : \mathcal{B}(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(K)$  is positive, preserves the operator order and is normalised while  $A$  is a positive operator on  $H$  satisfying the condition  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$  for some scalars  $m < M$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi[\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(A)] - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(\Phi(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(m) + \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(M)}{2} - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Some applications for operator monotone and operator convex functions are also provided. In particular, we obtain for  $r \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$0 \leq \Phi(A^{r+1}) - \Phi^{r+1}(A) \leq \frac{m^{r+1} + M^{r+1}}{2} - \left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right)^{r+1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi(A \ln A) - \Phi(A) \ln(\Phi(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{m \ln m + M \ln M}{2} - \frac{M+m}{2} \ln\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $H$  be a complex Hilbert space and  $\mathcal{B}(H)$ , the Banach algebra of bounded linear operators acting on  $H$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{B}_h(H)$  the semi-space of all selfadjoint operators in  $\mathcal{B}(H)$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{B}^+(H)$  the convex cone of all positive operators on  $H$  and by  $\mathcal{B}^{++}(H)$  the convex cone of all positive definite operators on  $H$ .

Let  $H, K$  be complex Hilbert spaces. Following [2] (see also [7, p. 18]) we can introduce the following definition:

**Definition 1.** A map  $\Phi : \mathcal{B}(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(K)$  is linear if it is additive and homogeneous, namely

$$\Phi(\lambda A + \mu B) = \lambda \Phi(A) + \mu \Phi(B)$$

for any  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ . The linear map  $\Phi : \mathcal{B}(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(K)$  is positive if it preserves the operator order, i.e., if  $A \in \mathcal{B}^+(H)$  then  $\Phi(A) \in \mathcal{B}^+(K)$ . We

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write  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$ . The linear map  $\Phi : \mathcal{B}(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(K)$  is normalised if it preserves the identity operator, i.e.,  $\Phi(1) = 1$ . We write  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$ .

We observe that a positive linear map  $\Phi$  preserves the order relation, namely

$$A \leq B \text{ implies } \Phi(A) \leq \Phi(B)$$

and preserves the adjoint operation  $\Phi(A^*) = \Phi(A)^*$ . If  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$  and  $\alpha 1 \leq A \leq \beta 1$ , then  $\alpha 1 \leq \Phi(A) \leq \beta 1$ .

If the map  $\Psi : \mathcal{B}(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(K)$  is linear, positive and  $\Psi(1_H) \in \mathcal{B}^{++}(K)$  then by putting  $\Phi = \Psi^{-1/2}(1) \Psi \Psi^{-1/2}(1)$  we get that  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$ , namely it is also normalised.

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

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

for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and for every selfadjoint operators  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  whose spectra are contained in  $I$ .

The following Jensen's type result is well known [2]:

**Theorem 1** (Davis-Choi-Jensen's Inequality). *Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an operator convex function on the interval  $I$  and  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$ , then for any selfadjoint operator  $A$  whose spectrum is contained in  $I$  we have*

$$(1.1) \quad f(\Phi(A)) \leq \Phi(f(A)).$$

We observe that if  $\Psi \in \mathfrak{P}[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$  with  $\Psi(1) \in \mathcal{B}^{++}(K)$ , then by taking  $\Phi = \Psi^{-1/2}(1) \Psi \Psi^{-1/2}(1)$  in (1.1) we get

$$f\left(\Psi^{-1/2}(1) \Psi(A) \Psi^{-1/2}(1)\right) \leq \Psi^{-1/2}(1) \Psi(f(A)) \Psi^{-1/2}(1).$$

If we multiply both sides of this inequality by  $\Psi^{1/2}(1_H)$  we get the following *Davis-Choi-Jensen's inequality for general positive linear maps*:

$$(1.2) \quad \Psi^{1/2}(1) f\left(\Psi^{-1/2}(1) \Psi(A) \Psi^{-1/2}(1)\right) \Psi^{1/2}(1) \leq \Psi(f(A)).$$

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

$$(1.3) \quad t^{r-1} = \frac{\sin(r\pi)}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda^{r-1}}{\lambda+t} d\lambda.$$

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

$$(1.4) \quad \ln t = (t-1) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{(\lambda+1)(\lambda+t)}$$

for all  $t > 0$ .

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

$$(1.5) \quad \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(t) := \int_0^\infty \frac{w(\lambda)}{\lambda + t} d\mu(\lambda), \quad t > 0,$$

where  $\mu$  is a positive measure on  $(0, \infty)$  and the integral (1.5) exists for all  $t > 0$ .

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

$$(1.6) \quad \mathcal{D}(w)(t) := \int_0^\infty \frac{w(\lambda)}{\lambda + t} d\lambda, \quad t > 0.$$

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

$$(1.7) \quad t^{r-1} = \frac{\sin(r\pi)}{\pi} \mathcal{D}(w_r)(t), \quad t > 0.$$

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

$$(1.8) \quad \ln t = (t - 1) \mathcal{D}(w_{\ln})(t), \quad t > 0.$$

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

$$(1.9) \quad \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(T) := \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda + T)^{-1} d\mu(\lambda),$$

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

$$(1.10) \quad \mathcal{D}(w)(T) := \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (\lambda + T)^{-1} d\lambda,$$

for  $T > 0$ .

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 [10], see for instance [1, p. 144-145]:

**Theorem 2.** *A function  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is operator monotone in  $(0, \infty)$  if and only if it has the representation*

$$(1.11) \quad f(t) = a + bt + \int_0^\infty \frac{t\lambda}{t + \lambda} d\mu(\lambda),$$

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

$$(1.12) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda} d\mu(\lambda) < \infty.$$

If  $f$  is operator monotone in  $[0, \infty)$ , then  $a = f(0)$  in (1.11).

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.

We have the following representation of operator convex functions [1, p. 147]:

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

$$(1.13) \quad f(t) = a + bt + ct^2 + \int_0^\infty \frac{t^2\lambda}{t+\lambda} d\mu(\lambda),$$

where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \geq 0$  and a positive measure  $\mu$  on  $(0, \infty)$  such that (1.4) holds. If  $f$  is operator convex in  $[0, \infty)$ , then  $a = f(0)$  and  $b = f'_+(0)$ , the right derivative, in (1.13).

For a continuous and positive function  $w(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and a positive measure  $\mu$  on  $(0, \infty)$ , we can define the following mapping, which we call the *convex integral transform*,

$$(1.14) \quad \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(t) := t^2 \mathcal{D}(w, \mu)(t), \quad t > 0.$$

For  $t > 0$  we have

$$(1.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(t) &:= \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) t^2 (t+\lambda)^{-1} d\mu(\lambda) \\ &= \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) (t+\lambda-\lambda)^2 (t+\lambda)^{-1} d\mu(\lambda) \\ &= \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left[ (t+\lambda)^2 - 2\lambda(t+\lambda) + \lambda^2 \right] (t+\lambda)^{-1} d\mu(\lambda) \\ &= \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left[ (t+\lambda) - 2\lambda + \lambda^2 (t+\lambda)^{-1} \right] d\mu(\lambda) \\ &= \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left[ t - \lambda + \lambda^2 (t+\lambda)^{-1} \right] d\mu(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

If  $\int_0^\infty w(\lambda) d\mu(\lambda) < \infty$  and  $\int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \lambda d\mu(\lambda) < \infty$ , then we conclude that

$$(1.16) \quad \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(t) = - \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \lambda d\mu(\lambda) + t \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) d\mu(\lambda) + \mathcal{D}(\ell^2 w, \mu)(t),$$

where  $\ell(t) = t$ ,  $t > 0$ .

Consider, for instance, the kernel  $e_{-a}(\lambda) := \exp(-a\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $a > 0$ . After some calculations, we obtain

$$\mathcal{D}(e_{-a})(t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\exp(-a\lambda)}{t+\lambda} d\lambda = E_1(at) \exp(at), \quad t \geq 0$$

where the *exponential integral* is given by

$$E_1(t) := \int_t^\infty \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du.$$

We also have

$$\int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \lambda d\lambda = \int_0^\infty \exp(-a\lambda) \lambda d\lambda = \frac{1}{a^2}$$

and

$$\int_0^\infty w(\lambda) d\lambda = \int_0^\infty \exp(-a\lambda) d\lambda = \frac{1}{a}.$$

Therefore

$$(1.17) \quad \mathcal{C}(e_{-a})(t) := t^2 \mathcal{D}(e_{-a}, \mu)(t) = t^2 E_1(at) \exp(at), \quad t > 0.$$

Since

$$\mathcal{D}(\ell^2 e_{-a}, \mu)(t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda^2 \exp(-a\lambda)}{t + \lambda} d\lambda$$

then by (1.16) we get

$$t^2 E_1(at) \exp(at) = -\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{t}{a} + \mathcal{D}(\ell^2 w, \mu)(t),$$

which gives

$$\mathcal{D}(\ell^2 w, \mu)(t) = t^2 E_1(at) \exp(at) - \frac{t}{a} + \frac{1}{a^2}, \quad t > 0, a > 0.$$

If we take  $w_r(\lambda) = \lambda^{r-1}$ ,  $r \in (0, 1]$ , then  $\int_0^\infty w_r(\lambda) d\lambda = \infty$  and the equality (1.16) does not hold in this case.

Using the continuous functional calculus for selfadjoint operators in Hilbert spaces we can introduce the following *convex integral transform* of the positive operator  $T$

$$\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(T) := \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) T^2 (\lambda + T)^{-1} d\mu(\lambda),$$

provided the integral exist.

In this paper we show among others that, if the operator  $A$  satisfies condition  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$  for some scalars  $m < M$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi[\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(A)] - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(\Phi(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(m) + \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(M)}{2} - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Some applications for operator monotone and operator convex functions are also provided. In particular, we obtain for  $r \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$0 \leq \Phi(A^{r+1}) - \Phi^{r+1}(A) \leq \frac{m^{r+1} + M^{r+1}}{2} - \left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right)^{r+1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi(A \ln A) - \Phi(A) \ln(\Phi(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{m \ln m + M \ln M}{2} - \frac{M+m}{2} \ln\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

We recall the following reverse inequality for the inverse function [7, p. 29]:

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$  and  $A$  a positive operator on  $H$  satisfying the condition  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$  for some scalars  $m < M$ . Then*

$$(2.1) \quad 0 \leq \Phi(A^{-1}) - [\Phi(A)]^{-1} \leq \frac{(\sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m})^2}{mM}.$$

We have the following main result:

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$  and  $A$  a positive operator on  $H$  satisfying the condition  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$ . Then

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi[\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(A)] - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(\Phi(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(m) + \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(M)}{2} - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We have, by the properties of  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$  and of Bochner integral, that

$$\Phi[\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(A)] = \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left[ \Phi(A) - \lambda + \lambda^2 \Phi \left[ (A + \lambda)^{-1} \right] \right] d\mu(\lambda)$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(\Phi(A)) = \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left[ \Phi(A) - \lambda + \lambda^2 (\Phi(A) + \lambda)^{-1} \right] d\mu(\lambda).$$

These imply that

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} &\Phi[\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(A)] - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(\Phi(A)) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \lambda^2 w(\lambda) \left( \Phi \left[ (\lambda + A)^{-1} \right] - (\lambda + \Phi(A))^{-1} \right) d\mu(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $A > 0$ .

Since the function  $f(t) = t^{-1}$  is operator convex, then by (1.1) we have

$$\Phi \left[ (\lambda + A)^{-1} \right] - (\lambda + \Phi(A))^{-1} \geq 0$$

for all  $\lambda \geq 0$ , which by multiplication with  $w(\lambda) \geq 0$  and integration gives by (2.3) the first inequality in (2.2).

Since  $M + \lambda \geq A + \lambda \geq m + \lambda > 0$  for all  $\lambda \geq 0$ , then by (2.1) we get

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi \left( (\lambda + A)^{-1} \right) - [\Phi(\lambda + A)]^{-1} \leq \frac{(\sqrt{M + \lambda} - \sqrt{m + \lambda})^2}{(m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)} \\ &= \frac{(M - m)^2}{(\sqrt{M + \lambda} + \sqrt{m + \lambda})^2 (m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\lambda \geq 0$ . Using the elementary inequality  $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} \geq \sqrt{a + b}$ ,  $a, b \geq 0$  we deduce that

$$\left( \sqrt{M + \lambda} + \sqrt{m + \lambda} \right)^2 \geq M + m + 2\lambda$$

for  $\lambda \geq 0$ , which implies that

$$\frac{(M - m)^2}{(\sqrt{M + \lambda} + \sqrt{m + \lambda})^2 (m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)} \leq \frac{(M - m)^2}{(M + m + 2\lambda)(m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)}.$$

We observe that, by performing the calculations, one has the equality

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\left(\frac{M+m}{2} + \lambda\right)(m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(M - m)^2} \left( \frac{1}{m + \lambda} + \frac{1}{M + \lambda} - \frac{2}{\lambda + \frac{m+M}{2}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.5) \quad & \frac{(M-m)^2}{(\sqrt{M+\lambda} + \sqrt{m+\lambda})^2 (m+\lambda)(M+\lambda)} \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{m+\lambda} + \frac{1}{M+\lambda} - \frac{2}{\lambda + \frac{m+M}{2}} \right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{m+\lambda} + \frac{1}{M+\lambda} \right) - \frac{1}{\lambda + \frac{m+M}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

If we use (2.3), then by (2.4) and (2.5) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.6) \quad & \Phi[\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(A)] - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(\Phi(A)) \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \lambda^2 w(\lambda) \left( \Phi[(\lambda + T)^{-1}] - (\lambda + \Phi(A))^{-1} \right) d\mu(\lambda) \\
 & \leq \int_0^\infty \lambda^2 w(\lambda) \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{m+\lambda} + \frac{1}{M+\lambda} \right) - \frac{1}{\lambda + \frac{m+M}{2}} \right) d\mu(\lambda).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(m) & = \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left[ m - \lambda + \lambda^2 (m + \lambda)^{-1} \right] d\mu(\lambda), \\
 \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(M) & = \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left[ M - \lambda + \lambda^2 (M + \lambda)^{-1} \right] d\mu(\lambda),
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) = \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) \left[ \frac{M+m}{2} - \lambda + \lambda^2 \left( \frac{M+m}{2} + \lambda \right)^{-1} \right] d\mu(\lambda),$$

which gives that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.7) \quad & \frac{\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(m) + \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(M)}{2} - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \lambda^2 w(\lambda) \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{m+\lambda} + \frac{1}{M+\lambda} \right) - \frac{1}{\lambda + \frac{m+M}{2}} \right) d\mu(\lambda).
 \end{aligned}$$

By utilising (2.6) and (2.7) we derive (2.2).  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *Assume that function  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is operator monotone in  $(0, \infty)$  and has the representation (1.11). If  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$  and  $A$  is a positive operator on  $H$  satisfying the condition  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.8) \quad & 0 \leq b \left[ \Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2 \right] \leq \Phi[Af(A)] - \Phi(A)f(\Phi(A)) \\
 & \leq \frac{mf(m) + Mf(M)}{2} - \frac{M+m}{2} f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) \\
 & + b \left[ \Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2 \right] - \frac{1}{4} b (M-m)^2 \\
 & \leq \frac{mf(m) + Mf(M)}{2} - \frac{M+m}{2} f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From (1.11) we get

$$tf(t) = at + bt^2 + \mathcal{C}(\ell, \mu)(t), \quad t > 0,$$

namely

$$\mathcal{C}(\ell, \mu)(t) = tf(t) - at - bt^2, \quad t > 0,$$

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

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi[\mathcal{C}(\ell, \mu)(A)] - \mathcal{C}(\ell, \mu)(\Phi(A)) \\ &= \Phi[Af(A)] - a\Phi(A) - b\Phi(A^2) - \Phi(A)f(\Phi(A)) + a\Phi(A) + b[\Phi(A)]^2 \\ &= \Phi[Af(A)] - \Phi(A)f(\Phi(A)) - b[\Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(m) + \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(M)}{2} - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [mf(m) - am - bm^2 + Mf(M) - aM - bM^2] \\ & \quad - \left[ \frac{M+m}{2} f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) - a\frac{M+m}{2} - b\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (mf(m) + Mf(M)) - \frac{M+m}{2} f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) \\ & \quad - b \left[ \frac{M^2 + m^2}{2} - \left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{mf(m) + Mf(M)}{2} - \frac{M+m}{2} f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{4}b(M-m)^2 \end{aligned}$$

and by (2.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi[Af(A)] - \Phi(A)f(\Phi(A)) - b[\Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2] \\ &\leq \frac{mf(m) + Mf(M)}{2} - \frac{M+m}{2} f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{4}b(M-m)^2 \end{aligned}$$

namely

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq b[\Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2] \leq \Phi[Af(A)] - \Phi(A)f(\Phi(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{mf(m) + Mf(M)}{2} - \frac{M+m}{2} f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) \\ &\quad + b[\Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2] - \frac{1}{4}b(M-m)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since, see for instance [7, p. 29],

$$[\Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2] - \frac{1}{4}(M-m)^2 \leq 0,$$

then the last part of (2.8) is also proved.  $\square$



**Remark 1.** If we write the inequality (2.8) for the power function  $f(t) = t^r$ ,  $r \in (0, 1]$ , then we have for  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$  that

$$(2.9) \quad 0 \leq \Phi(A^{r+1}) - \Phi^{r+1}(A) \leq \frac{m^{r+1} + M^{r+1}}{2} - \left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right)^{r+1}.$$

The same inequality written for the operator monotone function  $f(t) = \ln t$  gives

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi(A \ln A) - \Phi(A) \ln(\Phi(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{m \ln m + M \ln M}{2} - \frac{M+m}{2} \ln\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$ .

**Corollary 2.** Assume that function  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is operator convex in  $(0, \infty)$  and has the representation (1.13). If  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$  and  $A$  is a positive operator on  $H$  satisfying the condition  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$ , then

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq c \left[ \Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2 \right] \leq \Phi[f(A)] - f(\Phi(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{f(m) + f(M)}{2} - f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) \\ &\quad + c \left[ \Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2 \right] - \frac{1}{4}c(M-m)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{f(m) + f(M)}{2} - f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From (1.13) we have

$$f(t) = a + bt + ct^2 + \mathcal{C}(\ell, \mu)(t), \quad t > 0,$$

namely

$$\mathcal{C}(\ell, \mu)(t) = f(t) - a - bt - ct^2, \quad t > 0,$$

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

From this we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\Phi[\mathcal{C}(\ell, \mu)(A)] - \mathcal{C}(\ell, \mu)(\Phi(A)) \\ &= \Phi[f(A)] - a - b\Phi(A) - c\Phi(A^2) - f(\Phi(A)) + a + b\Phi(A) + c[\Phi(A)]^2 \\ &= \Phi[f(A)] - f(\Phi(A)) - c \left[ \Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(m) + \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(M)}{2} - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [f(m) - a - bm - cm^2 + Mf(M) - a - bM - cM^2] \\ &\quad - \left[ f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) - a - b\frac{M+m}{2} - c\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (f(m) + f(M)) - f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) - c \left[ \frac{M^2 + m^2}{2} - \left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{f(m) + f(M)}{2} - f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{4}c(M-m)^2. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi[f(A)] - f(\Phi(A)) - c[\Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2] \\ &\leq \frac{f(m) + f(M)}{2} - f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{4}c(M-m)^2. \end{aligned}$$

namely

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq c[\Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2] \leq \Phi[f(A)] - f(\Phi(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{f(m) + f(M)}{2} - f\left(\frac{M+m}{2}\right) \\ &\quad + c[\Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2] - \frac{1}{4}c(M-m)^2 \end{aligned}$$

and since

$$c[\Phi(A^2) - [\Phi(A)]^2] - \frac{1}{4}c(M-m)^2 \leq 0,$$

hence (2.11) is proved.  $\square$

**Remark 2.** Let  $a > 0$  and  $f(t) = (t+a)^p$  with  $p \in [-1, 0) \cup [1, 2]$ . From (2.11) we get

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi[(A+a)^p] - (\Phi(A) + a)^p \\ &\leq \frac{(m+a)^p + (M+a)^p}{2} - \left(\frac{M+m}{2} + a\right)^p, \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$  and  $A$  is a positive operator on  $H$  satisfying the condition  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$ .

From (2.12) we get for  $p = -1$  that

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi[(A+a)^{-1}] - (\Phi(A) + a)^{-1} \\ &\leq \frac{(m+a)^{-1} + (M+a)^{-1}}{2} - \left(\frac{M+m}{2} + a\right)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

### 3. FURTHER RESULTS

We also have:

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$  and  $A$  a positive operator on  $H$  satisfying the condition  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$ . If  $\int_0^\infty w(\lambda) d\mu(\lambda) < \infty$ , then

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi[\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(A)] - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(\Phi(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{(M-m)^2}{(\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{m})^2} \left[ \int_0^\infty w(\lambda) d\mu(\lambda) - \frac{\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(M) - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(m)}{M-m} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From (2.4) we get Since  $M + \lambda \geq A + \lambda \geq m + \lambda > 0$  for all  $\lambda \geq 0$ , then by (2.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.2) \quad 0 &\leq \Phi\left((\lambda + A)^{-1}\right) - [\Phi(\lambda + A)]^{-1} \leq \frac{(\sqrt{M + \lambda} - \sqrt{m + \lambda})^2}{(m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)} \\
 &= \frac{(M - m)^2}{(\sqrt{M + \lambda} + \sqrt{m + \lambda})^2 (m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)} \\
 &\leq \frac{(M - m)^2}{(\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{m})^2 (m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

If we multiply by  $\lambda^2 w(\lambda) \geq 0$  and integrate, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.3) \quad 0 &\leq \int_0^\infty \lambda^2 w(\lambda) \left( \Phi\left((\lambda + A)^{-1}\right) - [\Phi(\lambda + A)]^{-1} \right) d\mu(\lambda) \\
 &\leq \int_0^\infty \frac{(M - m)^2 \lambda^2 w(\lambda) d\mu(\lambda)}{(\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{m})^2 (m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)} \\
 &= \frac{(M - m)^2}{(\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{m})^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda^2 w(\lambda) d\mu(\lambda)}{(m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)}
 \end{aligned}$$

which gives, by (2.3), that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.4) \quad &\Phi[\mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(A)] - \mathcal{C}(w, \mu)(\Phi(A)) \\
 &\leq \frac{(M - m)^2}{(\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{m})^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda^2 w(\lambda) d\mu(\lambda)}{(m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\lambda^2}{(m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)} &= 1 - \frac{(m + M)\lambda + mM}{(m + \lambda)(M + \lambda)} \\
 &= 1 + \frac{m^2}{M - m} \frac{1}{\lambda + m} - \frac{M^2}{M - m} \frac{1}{\lambda + M}
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

If we multiply this equality and integrate, then we get

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

then by (3.4) we get (3.1).  $\square$

We define the *upper incomplete Gamma function* as [14]

$$\Gamma(a, z) := \int_z^\infty t^{a-1} e^{-t} dt,$$

which for  $z = 0$  gives *Gamma function*

$$\Gamma(a) := \int_0^\infty t^{a-1} e^{-t} dt \text{ for } \operatorname{Re} a > 0.$$

We have the integral representation [15]

$$(3.5) \quad \Gamma(a, z) = \frac{z^a e^{-z}}{\Gamma(1-a)} \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{-a} e^{-t}}{z+t} dt$$

for  $\operatorname{Re} a < 1$  and  $|\operatorname{ph} z| < \pi$ .

Now, we consider the weight  $w_{\cdot -a e^{-\cdot}}(\lambda) := \lambda^{-a} e^{-\lambda}$  for  $\lambda > 0$ . Then by (3.5) we obtain

$$(3.6) \quad \mathcal{D}(w_{\cdot -a e^{-\cdot}})(t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda^{-a} e^{-\lambda}}{t+\lambda} d\lambda = \Gamma(1-a) t^{-a} e^t \Gamma(a, t)$$

for  $a < 1$  and  $t > 0$ .

Define

$$(3.7) \quad C(w_{\cdot -a e^{-\cdot}}) := \int_0^\infty \lambda^{-a} e^{-\lambda} d\lambda = \int_0^\infty \lambda^{1-a-1} e^{-\lambda} d\lambda = \Gamma(1-a)$$

for  $a < 1$ .

For  $a = 0$  in (3.6) we get

$$(3.8) \quad \mathcal{D}(w_{e^{-\cdot}})(t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{t+\lambda} d\lambda = \Gamma(1) e^t \Gamma(0, t) = e^t E_1(t)$$

for  $t > 0$ , where the *exponential integral*  $E_1$  is defined by

$$E_1(t) := \int_t^\infty \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du.$$

For  $a = 0$  in (3.7) we get

$$(3.9) \quad C(w_{e^{-\cdot}}) := \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda} d\lambda = \Gamma(1) = 1.$$

Let  $a = 1 - n$ , with  $n$  a natural number with  $n \geq 0$ , then by (3.6) we have

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(w_{\cdot n-1 e^{-\cdot}})(t) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda^{n-1} e^{-\lambda}}{t+\lambda} d\lambda = \Gamma(n) t^{n-1} e^t \Gamma(1-n, t) \\ &= (n-1)! t^{n-1} e^t \Gamma(1-n, t). \end{aligned}$$

If we define the generalized exponential integral [16] by

$$E_p(z) := z^{p-1} \Gamma(1-p, z) = z^{p-1} \int_z^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{t^p} dt$$

then

$$t^{n-1} \Gamma(1-n, t) = E_n(t)$$

for  $n \geq 1$  and  $t > 0$ .

Using the identity [16, Eq 8.19.7], for  $n \geq 2$

$$E_n(z) = \frac{(-z)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} E_1(z) + \frac{e^{-z}}{(n-1)!} \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (n-k-2)! (-z)^k,$$

we then obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.11) \quad \mathcal{D}(w_{n-1}e^{-\cdot})(t) &= (n-1)!e^t E_n(t) \\
 &= (n-1)!e^t \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \frac{(-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} E_1(t) + \frac{e^{-t}}{(n-1)!} \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (n-k-2)! (-t)^k \right] \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (-1)^k (n-k-2)! t^k + (-1)^{n-1} t^{n-1} e^t E_1(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq 2$  and  $t > 0$ .

For  $n \geq 2$  we get

$$C(w_{n-1}e^{-\cdot})(t) = \int_0^\infty \lambda^{n-1} e^{-\lambda} d\lambda = \Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$$

For  $n = 2$ , we derive by (3.11) that

$$(3.12) \quad \mathcal{D}(w_{e^{-\cdot}})(t) = \int_0^\infty \lambda e^{-\lambda} (t+\lambda)^{-1} d\lambda = 1 - t \exp(t) E_1(t)$$

for  $t > 0$ . We also have

$$(3.13) \quad C(w_{e^{-\cdot}}) := \int_0^\infty \lambda e^{-\lambda} d\lambda = \Gamma(0) = 1.$$

By making use of Corollary 1 we can then state:

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$  and  $A$  a positive operator on  $H$  satisfying the condition  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$ . If  $a < 1$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.14) \quad 0 &\leq \Phi[A^{2-a} \exp(A) \Gamma(a, A)] - (\Phi(A))^{2-a} \exp(\Phi(A)) \Gamma(a, \Phi(A)) \\
 &\leq \frac{(M-m)^2}{(\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{m})^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{M^{2-a} e^M \Gamma(a, M) - m^{2-a} e^m \Gamma(a, m)}{M-m} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

In particular, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.15) \quad 0 &\leq \Phi[A^2 \exp(A) E_1(A)] - (\Phi(A))^2 \exp(\Phi(A)) E_1(\Phi(A)) \\
 &\leq \frac{(M-m)^2}{(\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{m})^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{M^2 e^M E_1(M) - m^2 e^m E_1(m)}{M-m} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Consider the convex transform

$$\mathcal{C}(w_{-ae^{-\cdot}})(t) = t^2 \mathcal{D}(w_{-ae^{-\cdot}})(t) = \Gamma(1-a) t^{2-a} e^t \Gamma(a, t).$$

By Theorem 5 we then obtain the desired  $\square$

We can also consider the weight  $w_{(\cdot, 2+a^2)^{-1}}(\lambda) := \frac{1}{\lambda^2+a^2}$  for  $\lambda > 0$  and  $a > 0$ . Then, by simple calculations, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{D}(w_{(\cdot, 2+a^2)^{-1}})(t) &:= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(\lambda+t)(\lambda^2+a^2)} d\lambda \\
 &= \frac{1}{t^2+a^2} \left[ \frac{\pi t}{2a} - \ln\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $t > 0$  and  $a > 0$ . We have

$$D\left(w_{(\cdot, 2+a^2)^{-1}}\right) := \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\lambda^2 + a^2} d\lambda = \frac{\pi}{2a}.$$

For  $a = 1$  we also have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}\left(w_{(\cdot, 2+1)^{-1}}\right)(t) &:= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(\lambda + t)(\lambda^2 + 1)} d\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{t^2 + 1} \left( \frac{\pi t}{2} - \ln t \right) \end{aligned}$$

for  $t > 0$ . In this case

$$D\left(w_{(\cdot, 2+1)^{-1}}\right) := \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\lambda^2 + 1} d\lambda = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

By making use of Corollary 1 we can then state:

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{P}_N[\mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(K)]$  and  $A$  a positive operator on  $H$  satisfying the condition  $M \geq A \geq m > 0$ . If  $a > 0$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} (3.16) \quad 0 &\leq \Phi\left(A^2(A^2 + a^2)^{-1} \left[ \frac{\pi A}{2a} - \ln\left(\frac{A}{a}\right) \right]\right) \\ &\quad - (\Phi(A))^2 \left( (\Phi(A))^2 + a^2 \right)^{-1} \left[ \frac{\pi \Phi(A)}{2a} - \ln\left(\frac{\Phi(A)}{a}\right) \right] \\ &\leq \frac{(M - m)^2}{(\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{m})^2} \\ &\quad \times \left[ \frac{\pi}{2a} - \frac{\frac{M^2}{M^2 + a^2} \left[ \frac{\pi M}{2a} - \ln\left(\frac{M}{a}\right) \right] - \frac{m^2}{m^2 + a^2} \left[ \frac{\pi m}{2a} - \ln\left(\frac{m}{a}\right) \right]}{M - m} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.17) \quad 0 &\leq \Phi\left(A^2(A^2 + 1)^{-1} \left( \frac{\pi A}{2} - \ln A \right)\right) \\ &\quad - (\Phi(A))^2 \left( (\Phi(A))^2 + 1 \right)^{-1} \left[ \frac{\pi \Phi(A)}{2} - \ln(\Phi(A)) \right] \\ &\leq \frac{(M - m)^2}{(\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{m})^2} \\ &\quad \times \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\frac{M^2}{M^2 + 1} \left( \frac{\pi M}{2} - \ln M \right) - \frac{m^2}{m^2 + 1} \left( \frac{\pi m}{2} - \ln m \right)}{M - m} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\mathcal{C}\left(w_{(\cdot, 2+a^2)^{-1}}\right)(t) = t^2 \mathcal{D}\left(w_{(\cdot, 2+a^2)^{-1}}\right)(t) = \frac{t^2}{t^2 + a^2} \left[ \frac{\pi t}{2a} - \ln\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) \right].$$

By applying Theorem 5, we get (3.16).  $\square$

The interested reader can obtain other similar results by employing the examples of operator monotone/convex functions from [3]-[6], [12]-[13] and the references therein.

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