

## INEQUALITIES FOR THE NORMALIZED DETERMINANT OF POSITIVE OPERATORS IN HILBERT SPACES VIA TOMINAGA AND FURUICHI RESULTS

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ABSTRACT. For positive invertible operators  $A$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  and a fixed unit vector  $x \in H$ , define the normalized determinant by  $\Delta_x(A) := \exp \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle$ . In this paper we prove among others that, if  $0 < mI \leq A \leq MI$ , then

$$1 \leq \exp \left\langle \ln S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}I - \frac{1}{M-m}|A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I|} \right) x, x \right\rangle$$

$$\leq \frac{\Delta_x(A)}{\frac{m^{M-\langle Ax, x \rangle}}{M^{M-m}} \frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M^{M-m}}} \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right),$$

for  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$ , where  $S(\cdot)$  is *Specht's ratio*.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $B(H)$  be the space of all bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space  $H$ , and  $I$  stands for the identity operator on  $H$ . An operator  $A$  in  $B(H)$  is said to be positive (in symbol:  $A \geq 0$ ) if  $\langle Ax, x \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x \in H$ . In particular,  $A > 0$  means that  $A$  is positive and invertible. For a pair  $A, B$  of selfadjoint operators the order relation  $A \geq B$  means as usual that  $A - B$  is positive.

In 1998, Fujii et al. [1], [2], introduced the *normalized determinant*  $\Delta_x(A)$  for positive invertible operators  $A$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  and a fixed unit vector  $x \in H$ , namely  $\|x\| = 1$ , defined by  $\Delta_x(A) := \exp \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle$  and discussed it as a continuous geometric mean and observed some inequalities around the determinant from this point of view.

Some of the fundamental properties of normalized determinant are as follows, [1].

For each unit vector  $x \in H$ , see also [5], we have:

- (i) *continuity*: the map  $A \rightarrow \Delta_x(A)$  is norm continuous;
- (ii) *bounds*:  $\langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle^{-1} \leq \Delta_x(A) \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle$ ;
- (iii) *continuous mean*:  $\langle A^p x, x \rangle^{1/p} \downarrow \Delta_x(A)$  for  $p \downarrow 0$  and  $\langle A^p x, x \rangle^{1/p} \uparrow \Delta_x(A)$  for  $p \uparrow 0$ ;
- (iv) *power equality*:  $\Delta_x(A^t) = \Delta_x(A)^t$  for all  $t > 0$ ;
- (v) *homogeneity*:  $\Delta_x(tA) = t\Delta_x(A)$  and  $\Delta_x(tI) = t$  for all  $t > 0$ ;
- (vi) *monotonicity*:  $0 < A \leq B$  implies  $\Delta_x(A) \leq \Delta_x(B)$ ;
- (vii) *multiplicativity*:  $\Delta_x(AB) = \Delta_x(A)\Delta_x(B)$  for commuting  $A$  and  $B$ ;

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(viii) *Ky Fan type inequality*:  $\Delta_x((1 - \alpha)A + \alpha B) \geq \Delta_x(A)^{1-\alpha} \Delta_x(B)^\alpha$  for  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .

We define the logarithmic mean of two positive numbers  $a, b$  by

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

In [1] the authors obtained the following additive reverse inequality for the operator  $A$  which satisfy the condition  $0 < mI \leq A \leq MI$ , where  $m, M$  are positive numbers,

$$(1.1) \quad 0 \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle - \Delta_x(A) \leq L(m, M) \left[ \ln L(m, M) + \frac{M \ln m - m \ln M}{M - m} - 1 \right]$$

for all  $x \in H, \|x\| = 1$ .

The famous *Young inequality* for scalars says that if  $a, b > 0$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ , then

$$(1.2) \quad a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \leq (1 - \nu)a + \nu b$$

with equality if and only if  $a = b$ . The inequality (1.2) is also called  *$\nu$ -weighted arithmetic-geometric mean inequality*.

We recall that *Specht's ratio* is defined by [6]

$$(1.3) \quad S(h) := \begin{cases} \frac{h^{\frac{1}{h-1}}}{e \ln \left( h^{\frac{1}{h-1}} \right)} & \text{if } h \in (0, 1) \cup (1, \infty) \\ 1 & \text{if } h = 1. \end{cases}$$

It is well known that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 1} S(h) = 1$ ,  $S(h) = S\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) > 1$  for  $h > 0, h \neq 1$ . The function is decreasing on  $(0, 1)$  and increasing on  $(1, \infty)$ .

In [2], the authors obtained the following multiplicative reverse inequality as well

$$(1.4) \quad 1 \leq \frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle}{\Delta_x(A)} \leq S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)$$

for  $0 < mI \leq A \leq MI$  and  $x \in H, \|x\| = 1$ .

Since  $0 < M^{-1}I \leq A^{-1} \leq m^{-1}I$ , then by (1.4) for  $A^{-1}$  we get

$$1 \leq \frac{\langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle}{\Delta_x(A^{-1})} \leq S\left(\frac{m^{-1}}{M^{-1}}\right) = S\left(\left(\frac{m}{M}\right)^{-1}\right) = S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right),$$

which is equivalent to

$$(1.5) \quad 1 \leq \frac{\Delta_x(A)}{\langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle^{-1}} \leq S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)$$

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

The following inequality provides a refinement and a multiplicative reverse for Young's inequality

$$(1.6) \quad \left(a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \leq S\left(\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^r\right) a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \leq (1 - \nu)a + \nu b \leq S\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) a^{1-\nu} b^\nu\right),$$

where  $a, b > 0, \nu \in [0, 1], r = \min\{1 - \nu, \nu\}$ .

The second inequality in (1.6) is due to Tominaga [7] while the first one is due to Furuichi [3].

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

Our first main result is as follows:

**Theorem 1.** *If  $0 < mI \leq A \leq MI$  for positive numbers  $m, M$ , then*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \exp \left\langle \ln S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}I - \frac{1}{M-m}|A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I|} \right) x, x \right\rangle \\ &\leq \frac{\Delta_x(A)}{m^{\frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M-m}}} \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

*Proof.* Assume that  $t \in [m, M]$  and consider  $\nu = \frac{t-m}{M-m} \in [0, 1]$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \min \{1 - \nu, \nu\} &= \frac{1}{2} - \left| \nu - \frac{1}{2} \right| = \frac{1}{2} - \left| \frac{t-m}{M-m} - \frac{1}{2} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M-m} \left| t - \frac{1}{2}(m+M) \right|, \\ (1 - \nu)m + \nu M &= \frac{M-t}{M-m}m + \frac{t-m}{M-m}M = t \end{aligned}$$

and

$$m^{1-\nu} M^\nu = m^{\frac{M-t}{M-m}} M^{\frac{t-m}{M-m}}.$$

By using the inequality (1.6) we deduce

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} m^{\frac{M-t}{M-m}} M^{\frac{t-m}{M-m}} &\leq S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M-m} |t - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)|} \right) m^{\frac{M-t}{M-m}} M^{\frac{t-m}{M-m}} \\ &\leq t \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right) m^{\frac{M-t}{M-m}} M^{\frac{t-m}{M-m}} \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \in [m, M]$ .

By taking the log in (2.2) we get

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{M-t}{M-m} \ln m + \frac{t-m}{M-m} \ln M \\ &\leq \ln S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M-m} |t - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)|} \right) + \frac{M-t}{M-m} \ln m + \frac{t-m}{M-m} \ln M \\ &\leq \ln t \leq \ln S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right) + \frac{M-t}{M-m} \ln m + \frac{t-m}{M-m} \ln M, \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \in [m, M]$ .

If  $0 < mI \leq A \leq MI$ , then by using the continuous functional calculus for selfadjoint operators we get from (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \ln m \frac{MI - A}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{A - mI}{M - m} \\ &\leq \ln S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}I - \frac{1}{M-m} |A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I|} \right) + \ln m \frac{MI - A}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{A - mI}{M - m} \\ &\leq \ln A \leq \ln S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right) I + \ln m \frac{MI - A}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{A - mI}{M - m}, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \ln m \frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M - m} \\
 & \leq \left\langle \ln S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}I - \frac{1}{M-m} |A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I|} \right) x, x \right\rangle \\
 & + \ln m \frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M - m} \\
 & \leq \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle \leq \ln S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right) + \ln m \frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M - m} + \frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M - m} \ln M
 \end{aligned}$$

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

This inequality can also be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.4) \quad & \ln \left( m^{\frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M - m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M - m}} \right) \\
 & \leq \ln \exp \left\langle \ln S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}I - \frac{1}{M-m} |A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I|} \right) x, x \right\rangle \\
 & + \ln \left( m^{\frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M - m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M - m}} \right) \\
 & \leq \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle \leq \ln S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right) + \ln \left( m^{\frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M - m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M - m}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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

If we take the exponential in (2.4), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & m^{\frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M - m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M - m}} \\
 & \leq \exp \left\langle \ln S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}I - \frac{1}{M-m} |A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I|} \right) x, x \right\rangle m^{\frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M - m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M - m}} \\
 & \leq \exp \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right) m^{\frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M - m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M - m}}
 \end{aligned}$$

and the inequality (2.1) is proved.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** From (1.4) and (2.1) we derive the following inequalities in terms of Specht's ratio

$$(2.5) \quad \frac{m^{\frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M - m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M - m}}}{S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)} \leq \frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle}{S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)} \leq \Delta_x(A) \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right) m^{\frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M - m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M - m}}$$

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

**Corollary 1.** With the assumption of Theorem 1, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.6) \quad & 1 \leq \exp \left\langle \ln S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}I - \frac{1}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}} |A^{-1} - \frac{1}{2}(M^{-1}+m^{-1})I|} \right) x, x \right\rangle \\
 & \leq \frac{M^{\frac{m^{-1} - \langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle}{m^{-1} - M^{-1}}}}{\Delta_x(A)} \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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

*Proof.* If we write the inequality for  $A^{-1}$  that satisfies the condition  $0 < M^{-1}I \leq A^{-1} \leq m^{-1}I$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \exp \left\langle \ln S \left( \left( \frac{m^{-1}}{M^{-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}I - \frac{1}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}|A^{-1} - \frac{1}{2}(M^{-1}+m^{-1})I|} \right) x, x \right\rangle \\ &\leq \frac{\Delta_x(A^{-1})}{M^{-\frac{m^{-1}-\langle A^{-1}x,x \rangle}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}} m^{-\frac{\langle A^{-1}x,x \rangle - M^{-1}}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}} \leq S \left( \frac{m^{-1}}{M^{-1}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

namely

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \exp \left\langle \ln S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}I - \frac{1}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}|A^{-1} - \frac{1}{2}(M^{-1}+m^{-1})I|} \right) x, x \right\rangle \\ &\leq \frac{\Delta_x(A^{-1})}{M^{-\frac{m^{-1}-\langle A^{-1}x,x \rangle}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}} m^{-\frac{\langle A^{-1}x,x \rangle - M^{-1}}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}} \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right), \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \exp \left\langle \ln S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}I - \frac{1}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}|A^{-1} - \frac{1}{2}(M^{-1}+m^{-1})I|} \right) x, x \right\rangle \\ &\leq \frac{[\Delta_x(A)]^{-1}}{\left( M^{-\frac{m^{-1}-\langle A^{-1}x,x \rangle}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}} m^{-\frac{\langle A^{-1}x,x \rangle - M^{-1}}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}} \right)^{-1}} \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right), \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to the desired result (2.6). □

**Corollary 2.** *If  $0 < mI \leq A$ ,  $B \leq MI$  for positive numbers  $m$ ,  $M$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} (2.7) \quad &\frac{m^{\frac{M-1}{M-m}} M^{\frac{1-m}{M-m}}}{\ln\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)} \Theta(A, B, m, M, x) \\ &\frac{S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)}{S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)} \\ &\leq \frac{\langle \frac{A+B}{2}x, x \rangle}{S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)} \leq \int_0^1 \Delta_x((1-t)A + tB) dt \\ &\leq S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right) \frac{m^{\frac{M-1}{M-m}} M^{\frac{1-m}{M-m}}}{\ln\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)} \Theta(A, B, m, M, x), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Theta(A, B, m, M, x) := \begin{cases} \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{\langle (B-A)x, x \rangle}{M-m}} - 1 & \text{if } \langle (B-A)x, x \rangle \neq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } \langle (B-A)x, x \rangle = 0, \end{cases}$$

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

*Proof.* From (2.5) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{m^{\frac{M-\langle[(1-t)A+tB]x,x\rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle[(1-t)A+tB]x,x\rangle-m}{M-m}}}{S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)} \\
 & \leq \frac{\langle[(1-t)A+tB]x,x\rangle}{S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)} \leq \Delta_x((1-t)A+tB) \\
 & \leq S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right) m^{\frac{M-\langle[(1-t)A+tB]x,x\rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle[(1-t)A+tB]x,x\rangle-m}{M-m}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

If we take the integral over  $t \in [0, 1]$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.8) \quad & \int_0^1 \frac{m^{\frac{M-\langle[(1-t)A+tB]x,x\rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle[(1-t)A+tB]x,x\rangle-m}{M-m}} dt}{S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)} \\
 & \leq \frac{\langle\frac{A+B}{2}x,x\rangle}{S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)} \leq \int_0^1 \Delta_x((1-t)A+tB) dt \\
 & \leq S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right) \int_0^1 m^{\frac{M-\langle[(1-t)A+tB]x,x\rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle[(1-t)A+tB]x,x\rangle-m}{M-m}} dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^1 m^{\frac{M-\langle[(1-t)A+tB]x,x\rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle[(1-t)A+tB]x,x\rangle-m}{M-m}} dt \\
 & = m^{\frac{M}{M-m}} M^{\frac{-m}{M-m}} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{\frac{\langle[(1-t)A+tB]x,x\rangle}{M-m}} dt \\
 & = m^{\frac{M}{M-m}} M^{\frac{-m}{M-m}} \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{\frac{1}{M-m}} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{t \frac{\langle(B-A)x,x\rangle}{M-m}} dt \\
 & = m^{\frac{M-1}{M-m}} M^{\frac{1-m}{M-m}} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{t \frac{\langle(B-A)x,x\rangle}{M-m}} dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since for  $a > 0$ ,  $a \neq 1$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

$$\int_0^1 a^{bx} dx = \frac{a^b - 1}{b \ln a},$$

then for  $\langle(B-A)x,x\rangle \neq 0$

$$\int_0^1 \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{t \frac{\langle(B-A)x,x\rangle}{M-m}} dt = \frac{\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{\frac{\langle(B-A)x,x\rangle}{M-m}} - 1}{\frac{\langle(B-A)x,x\rangle}{M-m} \ln\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)}$$

and by (2.8) we derive (2.7). □

### 3. RELATED RESULTS

We also have:

**Theorem 2.** *With the assumption of Theorem 1, we have that*

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} 1 &\leq S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\ln M - \ln m} |\langle \ln Ax, x \rangle - \frac{\ln M + \ln m}{2}|} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\frac{\ln M - \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle}{\ln M - \ln m} m + \frac{\langle \ln Ax, x \rangle - \ln m}{\ln M - \ln m} M}{\Delta_x(A)} \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

*Proof.* Assume that  $m^{1-\nu} M^\nu = \exp s$ , then  $s = (1 - \nu) \ln m + \nu \ln M \in [\ln m, \ln M]$ , which gives that

$$\nu = \frac{s - \ln m}{\ln M - \ln m}.$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} \min \{1 - \nu, \nu\} &= \frac{1}{2} - \left| \frac{s - \ln m}{\ln M - \ln m} - \frac{1}{2} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\ln M - \ln m} \left| s - \frac{\ln M + \ln m}{2} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \exp s &\leq S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\ln M - \ln m} \left| s - \frac{\ln M + \ln m}{2} \right|} \right) \exp s \\ &\leq \frac{\ln M - s}{\ln M - \ln m} m + \frac{s - \ln m}{\ln M - \ln m} M \\ &\leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right) \exp s, \end{aligned}$$

namely

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\ln M - \ln m} \left| s - \frac{\ln M + \ln m}{2} \right|} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\frac{\ln M - s}{\ln M - \ln m} m + \frac{s - \ln m}{\ln M - \ln m} M}{\exp s} \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for  $s \in [\ln m, \ln M]$ .

If  $0 < m \leq A \leq M$  and  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$ , then  $\ln m \leq \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle \leq \ln M$  and for  $s = \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle$  we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\ln M - \ln m} |\langle \ln Ax, x \rangle - \frac{\ln M + \ln m}{2}|} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\frac{\ln M - \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle}{\ln M - \ln m} m + \frac{\langle \ln Ax, x \rangle - \ln m}{\ln M - \ln m} M}{\exp \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle} \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right), \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to (3.1). □

**Corollary 3.** *With the assumption of Theorem 1, we get*

$$(3.2) \quad 1 \leq S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\ln M - \ln m}} \left| \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle - \frac{\ln m + \ln M}{2} \right| \right) \\ \leq \frac{\Delta_x(A)}{\left( \frac{\langle \ln Ax, x \rangle - \ln m}{\ln M - \ln m} M^{-1} + \frac{\ln M - \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle}{\ln M - \ln m} m^{-1} \right)^{-1}} \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right),$$

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

*Proof.* If we write the inequality (3.1) for  $A^{-1}$  that satisfies the condition  $0 < M^{-1}I \leq A^{-1} \leq m^{-1}I$ , then we obtain

$$1 \leq S \left( \left( \frac{m^{-1}}{M^{-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\ln m^{-1} - \ln M^{-1}}} \left| \langle \ln A^{-1}x, x \rangle - \frac{\ln m^{-1} + \ln M^{-1}}{2} \right| \right) \\ \leq \frac{\frac{\ln m^{-1} - \langle \ln A^{-1}x, x \rangle}{\ln m^{-1} - \ln M^{-1}} M^{-1} + \frac{\langle \ln A^{-1}x, x \rangle - \ln M^{-1}}{\ln m^{-1} - \ln M^{-1}} m^{-1}}{\Delta_x(A^{-1})} \leq S \left( \frac{m^{-1}}{M^{-1}} \right),$$

namely

$$1 \leq S \left( \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\ln M - \ln m}} \left| \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle - \frac{\ln m + \ln M}{2} \right| \right) \\ \leq \frac{\frac{\langle \ln Ax, x \rangle - \ln m}{\ln M - \ln m} M^{-1} + \frac{\ln M - \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle}{\ln M - \ln m} m^{-1}}{\Delta_x(A^{-1})} \leq S \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)$$

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

This proves (3.2). □

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