

## INEQUALITIES FOR THE NORMALIZED DETERMINANT OF POSITIVE OPERATORS IN HILBERT SPACES VIA ONE VARIABLE LOG INEQUALITIES

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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,

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

and

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

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

### 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. [5], [6], 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, [5].

For each unit vector  $x \in H$ , see also [8], 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  $t > 0$ ;

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- (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  $B$ ;
- (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 [5] 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  $x \in H, \|x\| = 1$ .

We recall that *Specht's ratio* is defined by [9]

$$(1.2) \quad S(h) := \begin{cases} \frac{h^{\frac{1}{h-1}}}{e \ln \left( h^{\frac{1}{h-1}} \right)} & \text{if } h \in (0, 1) \cup (1, \infty), \\ 1 & \text{if } h = 1. \end{cases}$$

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

$$(1.3) \quad 1 \leq \frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle}{\Delta_x(A)} \leq S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)$$

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

Motivated by the above results, in this paper we prove among others that,

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

and

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

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

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

We have the following inequalities for logarithm:

**Lemma 1.** For any  $a, b > 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.1) \quad \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\min\{a, b\}}{\max\{a, b\}} \right)^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{\max^2\{a, b\}} \\
 &\leq \frac{b-a}{a} - \ln b + \ln a \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{\min^2\{a, b\}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\max\{a, b\}}{\min\{a, b\}} - 1 \right)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Observe that

$$(2.2) \quad \int_a^b \frac{b-t}{t^2} dt = b \int_a^b t^{-2} dt - \int_a^b \frac{1}{t} dt = \frac{b-a}{a} - \ln b + \ln a$$

for any  $a, b > 0$ .

If  $b > a$ , then

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{a^2} \geq \int_a^b \frac{b-t}{t^2} dt \geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{b^2}.$$

If  $a > b$  then

$$\int_a^b \frac{b-t}{t^2} dt = - \int_b^a \frac{b-t}{t^2} dt = \int_b^a \frac{t-b}{t^2} dt$$

and

$$(2.4) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{b^2} \geq \int_b^a \frac{t-b}{t^2} dt \geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{a^2}.$$

Therefore, by (2.3) and (2.4) we have for any  $a, b > 0$  that

$$\int_a^b \frac{b-t}{t^2} dt \geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{\max^2\{a, b\}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\min\{a, b\}}{\max\{a, b\}} - 1 \right)^2$$

and

$$\int_a^b \frac{b-t}{t^2} dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{\min^2\{a, b\}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\max\{a, b\}}{\min\{a, b\}} - 1 \right)^2.$$

By the representation (2.2) we then get the desired result (2.1). □

When some bounds for  $a, b$  are provided, then we have:

**Corollary 1.** Assume that  $a, b \in [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$ , then we have the local bounds

$$(2.5) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{M^2} \leq \frac{b-a}{a} - \ln b + \ln a \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{m^2}$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{M^2} \leq \ln b - \ln a - \frac{b-a}{b} \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{m^2}.$$

**Remark 1.** If we take in (2.1)  $a = 1$  and  $b = t \in (0, \infty)$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.7) \quad \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\min\{1, t\}}{\max\{1, t\}} \right)^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(t-1)^2}{\max^2\{1, t\}} \\
 &\leq t - 1 - \ln t \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(t-1)^2}{\min^2\{1, t\}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\max\{1, t\}}{\min\{1, t\}} - 1 \right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

and if we take  $a = t$  and  $b = 1$ , then we also get

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\min\{1, t\}}{\max\{1, t\}} \right)^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(t-1)^2}{\max^2\{1, t\}} \\ &\leq \ln t - \frac{t-1}{t} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(t-1)^2}{\min^2\{1, t\}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\max\{1, t\}}{\min\{1, t\}} - 1 \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

If  $t \in [k, K] \subset (0, \infty)$ , then by analyzing all possible locations of the interval  $[k, K]$  and 1 we have

$$\min\{1, k\} \leq \min\{1, t\} \leq \min\{1, K\}$$

and

$$\max\{1, k\} \leq \max\{1, t\} \leq \max\{1, K\}.$$

By (2.7) and (2.8) we get the *local bounds*

$$(2.9) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{(t-1)^2}{\max^2\{1, K\}} \leq t-1 - \ln t \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(t-1)^2}{\min^2\{1, k\}}$$

and

$$(2.10) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{(t-1)^2}{\max^2\{1, K\}} \leq \ln t - \frac{t-1}{t} \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(t-1)^2}{\min^2\{1, k\}}$$

for any  $t \in [k, K]$ .

**Theorem 1.** Assume that the operator  $A$  satisfies the condition  $0 < mI \leq A \leq MI$ , where  $m, M$  are positive numbers, then

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} (1 \leq) \exp \left( \frac{1}{2 \max^2\{1, M\}} \|Ax - x\|^2 \right) \\ \leq \frac{\exp[\langle Ax, x \rangle - 1]}{\Delta_x(A)} \\ \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2 \min^2\{1, m\}} \|Ax - x\|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} (1 \leq) \exp \left( \frac{1}{2 \max^2\{1, M\}} \|Ax - x\|^2 \right) \\ \leq \frac{\Delta_x(A)}{\exp[\langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle - 1]} \\ \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2 \min^2\{1, m\}} \|Ax - x\|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

*Proof.* Using the continuous functional calculus for  $A$  and the inequality (2.9) we have

$$\frac{1}{2 \max^2\{1, M\}} (A - I)^2 \leq A - I - \ln A \leq \frac{1}{2 \min^2\{1, m\}} (A - I)^2,$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{2 \max^2 \{1, M\}} \langle (A - I)^2 x, x \rangle \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle - 1 - \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2 \min^2 \{1, m\}} \langle (A - I)^2 x, x \rangle$$

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

This is equivalent to

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

which proves (2.11).

From (2.10) we also get

$$\frac{1}{2 \max^2 \{1, M\}} (A - I)^2 \leq \ln A - I + A^{-1} \leq \frac{1}{2 \min^2 \{1, m\}} (A - I)^2,$$

namely

$$\frac{1}{2 \max^2 \{1, M\}} \|Ax - x\|^2 \leq \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle - 1 + \langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2 \min^2 \{1, m\}} \|Ax - x\|^2,$$

which gives in (2.12). □

**Corollary 2.** *With the assumptions of Theorem 1,*

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \exp \left( \frac{\min^2 \{1, m\}}{2} \|A^{-1}x - x\|^2 \right) \leq \frac{\Delta_x(A)}{\exp [1 - \langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle]} \\ &\leq \exp \left( \frac{\max^2 \{1, M\}}{2} \|A^{-1}x - x\|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \exp \left( \frac{\min^2 \{1, m\}}{2} \|A^{-1}x - x\|^2 \right) \leq \frac{\exp [1 - \langle Ax, x \rangle]}{\Delta_x(A)} \\ &\leq \exp \left( \frac{\max^2 \{1, M\}}{2} \|A^{-1}x - x\|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

*Proof.* If  $0 < mI \leq A \leq MI$ , where  $m, M$  are positive numbers, then  $0 < M^{-1}I \leq A^{-1} \leq m^{-1}I$ . If we write the inequality (2.11) for  $A^{-1}$ , then we can state that

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2 \max^2 \{1, m^{-1}\}} \|A^{-1}x - x\|^2 \right) \leq \frac{\exp [\langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle - 1]}{\Delta_x(A^{-1})} \\ &\leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2 \min^2 \{1, M^{-1}\}} \|A^{-1}x - x\|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

Since

$$\max \{1, m^{-1}\} = \frac{1}{\min \{1, m\}}, \quad \min \{1, M^{-1}\} = \frac{1}{\max \{1, M\}}$$

and

$$\frac{\exp [\langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle - 1]}{\Delta_x(A^{-1})} = \frac{\Delta_x(A)}{\exp [1 - \langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle]},$$

hence by (2.15) we get (2.13).  $\square$

Let  $a, b > 0$  and such that  $\frac{b}{a} \in [k, K] \subset (0, \infty)$ , then by (2.9) and (2.10):

$$(2.16) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{a^2 \max^2 \{1, K\}} \leq \frac{b-a}{a} - \ln b + \ln a \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{a^2 \min^2 \{1, k\}}$$

and

$$(2.17) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{a^2 \max^2 \{1, K\}} \leq \ln b - \ln a - \frac{b-a}{b} \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^2}{a^2 \min^2 \{1, k\}}.$$

If we assume that  $a, b \in [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$ , then by taking  $k = \frac{m}{M} < 1 < \frac{M}{m} = K$  in (2.16) and (2.17) we get

$$(2.18) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{m^2}{M^2} \left( \frac{b}{a} - 1 \right)^2 \leq \frac{b-a}{a} - \ln b + \ln a \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{M^2}{m^2} \left( \frac{b}{a} - 1 \right)^2$$

and

$$(2.19) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{m^2}{M^2} \left( \frac{b}{a} - 1 \right)^2 \leq \ln b - \ln a - \frac{b-a}{b} \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{M^2}{m^2} \left( \frac{b}{a} - 1 \right)^2.$$

Observe also that for  $t \in [k, K]$  we have

$$1 - \frac{\min \{1, t\}}{\max \{1, t\}} \geq 1 - \frac{\min \{1, K\}}{\max \{1, k\}} \geq 0$$

and

$$0 \leq \frac{\max \{1, t\}}{\min \{1, t\}} - 1 \leq \frac{\max \{1, K\}}{\min \{1, k\}} - 1.$$

Now, by (2.7) and (2.8) we get the *global bounds*

$$(2.20) \quad \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\min \{1, K\}}{\max \{1, k\}} \right)^2 \leq t - 1 - \ln t \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\max \{1, K\}}{\min \{1, k\}} - 1 \right)^2$$

and

$$(2.21) \quad \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\min \{1, K\}}{\max \{1, k\}} \right)^2 \leq \ln t - \frac{t-1}{t} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\max \{1, K\}}{\min \{1, k\}} - 1 \right)^2$$

By the use of (2.20), (2.21) and a similar argument to the one in the proof of Theorem 1 we can also state:

**Theorem 2.** *With the assumptions of Theorem 1 we have*

$$(2.22) \quad 1 \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\min \{1, M\}}{\max \{1, m\}} \right)^2 \right) \leq \frac{\exp [\langle Ax, x \rangle - 1]}{\Delta_x(A)} \\ \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\max \{1, M\}}{\min \{1, m\}} - 1 \right)^2 \right)$$

and

$$(2.23) \quad 1 \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\min \{1, M\}}{\max \{1, m\}} \right)^2 \right) \leq \frac{\Delta_x(A)}{\exp [\langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle - 1]} \\ \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\max \{1, M\}}{\min \{1, m\}} - 1 \right)^2 \right)$$

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

**Corollary 3.** *With the assumptions of Theorem 1 we have*

$$(2.24) \quad 1 \leq \exp \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\min \{1, M\}}{\max \{1, m\}} \right)^2 \leq \frac{\Delta_x(A)}{\exp [1 - \langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle]} \\ \leq \exp \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\max \{1, M\}}{\min \{1, m\}} - 1 \right)^2$$

and

$$(2.25) \quad 1 \leq \exp \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\min \{1, M\}}{\max \{1, m\}} \right)^2 \leq \frac{\exp [1 - \langle Ax, x \rangle]}{\Delta_x(A)} \\ \leq \exp \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\max \{1, M\}}{\min \{1, m\}} - 1 \right)^2$$

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

**Remark 2.** *If we multiply (2.23) and (2.24) we get*

$$1 \leq \exp \left( \left( 1 - \frac{\min \{1, M\}}{\max \{1, m\}} \right)^2 \right) \leq \Delta_x^2(A) \leq \exp \left( \left( \frac{\max \{1, M\}}{\min \{1, m\}} - 1 \right)^2 \right),$$

which is equivalent to

$$(2.26) \quad 1 \leq \exp \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\min \{1, M\}}{\max \{1, m\}} \right)^2 \leq \Delta_x(A) \\ \leq \exp \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\max \{1, M\}}{\min \{1, m\}} - 1 \right)^2,$$

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

### 3. RELATED RESULTS

We also have:

**Lemma 2.** *For any  $a, b > 0$  we have*

$$(3.1) \quad (0 \leq) \frac{b-a}{a} - \ln b + \ln a \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{ab}$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad (0 \leq) \ln b - \ln a - \frac{b-a}{b} \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{ab}.$$

*Proof.* If  $b > a$ , then

$$\int_a^b \frac{b-t}{t^2} dt \leq (b-a) \int_a^b \frac{1}{t^2} dt = (b-a) \frac{b-a}{ab} = \frac{(b-a)^2}{ab}.$$

If  $a > b$ , then

$$\int_a^b \frac{b-t}{t^2} dt = \int_b^a \frac{t-b}{t^2} dt \leq (a-b) \int_b^a \frac{1}{t^2} dt = (a-b) \frac{a-b}{ab} = \frac{(b-a)^2}{ab}.$$

Therefore,

$$\int_a^b \frac{b-t}{t^2} dt \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{ab}$$

for any  $a, b > 0$  and by the representation (2.2) we get the desired result (3.1).  $\square$

If we take in (3.1) and (3.2)  $a = 1$  and  $b = t \in (0, \infty)$ , then we get

$$(3.3) \quad (0 \leq) t - 1 - \ln t \leq \frac{(t-1)^2}{t}$$

and

$$(3.4) \quad (0 \leq) \ln t - \frac{t-1}{t} \leq \frac{(t-1)^2}{t}$$

for any  $t > 0$ .

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $a, b > 0$  and such that  $\frac{b}{a} \in [k, K] \subset (0, \infty)$ . Then we have*

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{b-a}{a} - \ln b + \ln a \leq U(k, K)$$

and

$$(3.6) \quad \ln b - \ln a - \frac{b-a}{b} \leq U(k, K),$$

where

$$U(k, K) := \begin{cases} \frac{(k-1)^2}{k} & \text{if } K < 1, \\ \max \left\{ \frac{(k-1)^2}{k}, \frac{(K-1)^2}{K} \right\} & \text{if } k \leq 1 \leq K, \\ \frac{(K-1)^2}{K} & \text{if } 1 < k. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Consider the function  $f(t) = \frac{(t-1)^2}{t}$ ,  $t > 0$ . We observe that

$$f'(t) = \frac{t^2 - 1}{t^2} \text{ and } f''(t) = \frac{2}{t^3},$$

which shows that  $f$  is strictly decreasing on  $(0, 1)$ , strictly increasing on  $[1, \infty)$  and strictly convex for  $t > 0$ . We also have  $f\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) = f(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .

By (3.3) and by the properties of  $f$  we then have that for any  $t \in [k, K]$

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} t - 1 - \ln t &\leq \max_{t \in [k, K]} \frac{(t-1)^2}{t} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{(k-1)^2}{k} & \text{if } K < 1, \\ \max \left\{ \frac{(k-1)^2}{k}, \frac{(K-1)^2}{K} \right\} & \text{if } k \leq 1 \leq K, \\ \frac{(K-1)^2}{K} & \text{if } 1 < k. \end{cases} \\ &= U(k, K). \end{aligned}$$

Now, put  $t = \frac{b}{a} \in [k, K]$  in (3.7) to get the desired inequality (3.5).



Let  $y = \frac{1}{t}$  with  $t = \frac{b}{a} \in [k, K]$ . Then  $y \in [\frac{1}{K}, \frac{1}{k}]$  and we have like in (3.7) that

$$\begin{aligned} y - 1 - \ln y &\leq \max_{y \in [K^{-1}, k^{-1}]} \frac{(y-1)^2}{y} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{(K^{-1}-1)^2}{K^{-1}} & \text{if } k^{-1} < 1, \\ \max \left\{ \frac{(K^{-1}-1)^2}{K^{-1}}, \frac{(\frac{1}{k^{-1}}-1)^2}{\frac{1}{k^{-1}}} \right\} & \text{if } k \leq 1 \leq K^{-1}, \\ \frac{(\frac{1}{k^{-1}}-1)^2}{\frac{1}{k^{-1}}} & \text{if } 1 < K^{-1}, \end{cases} \\ &= U(k, K), \end{aligned}$$

which implies (3.6). □

**Remark 3.** If we take  $a = 1$  and  $b = t$  in Corollary 4, then we get

$$(3.8) \quad t - 1 - \ln t \leq U(k, K)$$

and

$$(3.9) \quad \ln t - \frac{t-1}{t} \leq U(k, K),$$

for  $t \in [k, K] \subset (0, \infty)$ .

**Theorem 3.** Assume that the operator  $A$  satisfies the condition  $0 < mI \leq A \leq MI$ , where  $m, M$  are positive numbers, then

$$(3.10) \quad (1 \leq) \frac{\exp[\langle Ax, x \rangle - 1]}{\Delta_x(A)} \leq U(m, M)$$

and

$$(3.11) \quad (1 \leq) \frac{\Delta_x(A)}{\exp[1 - \langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle]} \leq U(m, M)$$

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

*Proof.* From (2.11) we have

$$0 \leq A - I - \ln A \leq U(m, M),$$

namely

$$\langle Ax, x \rangle - 1 - \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle \leq U(m, M),$$

for all  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$  and by taking the exponential, we derive (3.10).

The inequality (3.11) follows by (3.9). □

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