

**INEQUALITIES FOR THE NORMALIZED ENTROPIC
DETERMINANT OF POSITIVE OPERATORS IN HILBERT
SPACES VIA KANTOROVICH CONSTANT**

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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 entropic determinant by $\eta_x(A) := \exp[-\langle A \ln Ax, x \rangle]$. In this paper we show among others that, if A satisfies the condition $0 < m \leq A \leq M$, then

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\geq K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{-\left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{(M-m)\langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle |A^2 - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)A| x, x \rangle \right]} \\ &\geq \frac{\eta_x(A)}{\left(m \frac{M - \frac{\langle A^2 x, x \rangle}{\langle Ax, x \rangle}}{M-m} M \frac{\frac{\langle A^2 x, x \rangle}{\langle Ax, x \rangle} - m}{M-m} \right)^{-1}} \\ &\geq K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{-\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(M-m)\langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle |A^2 - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)A| x, x \rangle \right]} \geq \left[K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \right]^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

for $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$, where $K(h) := \frac{(h+1)^2}{4h}$, $h > 0$ is Kantorovich constant.

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. [3], [4], 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, [3].

For each unit vector $x \in H$, see also [7], 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 $t > 0$;

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- (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 ;
- (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 [3] 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 *ν -weighted arithmetic-geometric mean inequality*.

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

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

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

In [4], 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 $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$.

We consider the *Kantorovich's constant* defined by

$$(1.6) \quad K(h) := \frac{(h+1)^2}{4h}, \quad h > 0.$$

The function K is decreasing on $(0, 1)$ and increasing on $[1, \infty)$, $K(h) \geq 1$ for any $h > 0$ and $K(h) = K(\frac{1}{h})$ for any $h > 0$.

The following multiplicative refinement and reverse of Young inequality in terms of Kantorovich's constant holds

$$(1.7) \quad \left(a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \leq \right) K^r \left(\frac{a}{b} \right) a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \leq (1-\nu) a + \nu b \leq K^R \left(\frac{a}{b} \right) a^{1-\nu} b^\nu$$

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

The first inequality in (1.7) was obtained by Zuo et al. in [12] while the second by Liao et al. [8].

For the entropy function $\eta(t) = -t \ln t$, $t > 0$, the operator entropy has the following expression:

$$\eta(A) = -A \ln A$$

for positive A .

For $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$, we define the *normalized entropic determinant* $\eta_x(A)$ by

$$(1.8) \quad \eta_x(A) := \exp(-\langle A \ln Ax, x \rangle) = \exp \langle \eta(A)x, x \rangle.$$

Let $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$. Observe that the map $A \rightarrow \eta_x(A)$ is *norm continuous* and since

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp(-\langle tA \ln(tA)x, x \rangle) \\ &= \exp(-\langle tA(\ln t + \ln A)x, x \rangle) = \exp(-\langle (tA \ln t + tA \ln A)x, x \rangle) \\ &= \exp(-\langle Ax, x \rangle t \ln t) \exp(-t \langle A \ln Ax, x \rangle) \\ &= \exp \ln \left(t^{-\langle Ax, x \rangle t} \right) [\exp(-\langle A \ln Ax, x \rangle)]^{-t}, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$(1.9) \quad \eta_x(tA) = t^{-t\langle Ax, x \rangle} [\eta_x(A)]^{-t}$$

for $t > 0$ and $A > 0$.

Observe also that

$$(1.10) \quad \eta_x(I) = 1 \text{ and } \eta_x(tI) = t^{-t}$$

for $t > 0$.

Motivated by the above results, in this paper we provide, among others, some bounds for the quantities

$$\frac{\eta_x(A)}{\left(m^{\frac{M - \langle A^2 x, x \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle A^2 x, x \rangle - m}{M-m}} \right)^{-1}}$$

and

$$\frac{[\eta_x(A)]^{\langle Ax, x \rangle - 1}}{\left(m^{\frac{M - \langle A^2 x, x \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle A^2 x, x \rangle - m}{M-m}} \right)^{-1}},$$

where $0 < m \leq A \leq M$ for positive numbers m , M and $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Our first main result is as follows:

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

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.1) \quad 1 &\geq K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{-\left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{(M-m)\langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle |A^2 - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)A| x, x \rangle \right]} \\
&\geq \frac{\eta_x(A)}{\left(m^{\frac{M-\langle Ax, x \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - m}{M-m}} \right)^{-1}} \\
&\geq K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{-\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(M-m)\langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle |A^2 - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)A| x, x \rangle \right]} \geq \left[K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \right]^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

$$(1 - \nu) m + \nu M = \frac{M-t}{M-m} m + \frac{t-m}{M-m} M = t$$

and

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

By using (1.7) we get

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

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

By taking the log in (2.2) we get

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

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

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

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \ln m \frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m} + \ln M \frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M-m} \left\langle \left| A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I \right| y, y \right\rangle \right] \\
& + \ln m \frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m} + \ln M \frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m} \\
& \leq \langle \ln Ay, y \rangle \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{M-m} \left\langle \left| A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I \right| y, y \right\rangle \right] \\
& \ln m \frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m} + \ln M \frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) + \ln m \frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m} + \ln M \frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m},
\end{aligned}$$

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

This inequality can also be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.4) \quad & \ln \left(m^{\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m}} \right) \\
& \leq \ln \left[K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \right]^{\left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M-m} \langle |A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I|y, y \rangle \right]} \\
& + \ln \left(m^{\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m}} \right) \\
& \leq \langle \ln Ay, y \rangle \\
& \leq \ln \left[K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \right]^{\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{M-m} \langle |A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I|y, y \rangle \right]} \\
& + \ln \left(m^{\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m}} \right) \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) + \ln \left(m^{\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m}} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.5) \quad & m^{\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m}} \\
& \leq \left(m^{\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m}} \right) K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{\left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M-m} \langle |A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I|y, y \rangle \right]} \\
& \leq \exp \langle \ln Ay, y \rangle \\
& \leq \left(m^{\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m}} \right) \ln \left[K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \right]^{\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{M-m} \langle |A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I|y, y \rangle \right]} \\
& \leq \left(m^{\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m}} \right) K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Let $x \in H$ with $\|x\| = 1$ and take $y = \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}$ in (2.5) to get

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \left(m \frac{\frac{M - \langle A^{1/2}x, x \rangle}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}}{m - \frac{\langle A^{1/2}x, x \rangle}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}} M^{\frac{\langle A^{1/2}x, x \rangle - m}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}} \right) \\
&\quad \times K\left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{M-m} \left\langle \left|A - \frac{1}{2}(m+M)I\right| \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle\right]} \\
&\leq \left(m \frac{\frac{M - \langle A^{1/2}x, x \rangle}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}}{m - \frac{\langle A^{1/2}x, x \rangle}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}} M^{\frac{\langle A^{1/2}x, x \rangle - m}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}} \right) K\left(\frac{M}{m}\right),
\end{aligned}$$

namely

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

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

This is equivalent to

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

and the theorem is proved. \square

Corollary 1. *With the assumption of Theorem 1, we have the alternative inequality*

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.6) \quad 1 &\leq K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{\left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{(m-1-M^{-1}) \langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle |1 - \frac{1}{2}(M^{-1} + m^{-1})A|_{x,x} \rangle \right]} \\
&\leq \frac{[\eta_x(A)]^{\langle Ax, x \rangle - 1}}{\left(M^{\frac{m-1-\langle Ax, x \rangle - 1}{m-1-M^{-1}}} m^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle - 1 - M^{-1}}{m-1-M^{-1}}} \right)^{-1}} \\
&\leq \left[K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \right]^{\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(m-1-M^{-1}) \langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle |1 - \frac{1}{2}(M^{-1} + m^{-1})A|_{x,x} \rangle \right]} \leq K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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

Proof. If we write the inequality (2.5) for A^{-1} that satisfies the condition $0 < M^{-1} \leq A^{-1} \leq m^{-1}$, then for $y \in H$ with $\|y\| = 1$,

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

namely

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

Let $x \in H$ with $\|x\| = 1$ and take $y = \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}$ to get

$$1 \leq K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{\left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{m-1-M^{-1}} \left\langle |A^{-1} - \frac{1}{2}(M^{-1} + m^{-1})I| \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle \right]}$$

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

namely

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

which proves (2.6). \square

3. RELATED RESULTS

We also have:

Theorem 2. Assume that $0 < mI \leq A \leq MI$ and $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.1) \quad 1 & \geq \frac{[\eta_x(A)]^{\langle Ax, x \rangle - 1}}{\left(m^{\frac{\langle A^2x, x \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle A^2x, x \rangle}{M-m} - m} \right)^{-1}} \\
& \geq \exp \left[\frac{-1}{Mm \langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle A(MI - A)(A - mI)x, x \rangle \right] \\
& \geq \exp \left[\frac{-1}{Mm} \left(M - \frac{\langle A^2x, x \rangle}{\langle Ax, x \rangle} \right) \left(\frac{\langle A^2x, x \rangle}{\langle Ax, x \rangle} - m \right) \right] \\
& \geq \exp \left[-K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. In [1] we obtained the following reverses of Young's inequality:

$$1 \leq \frac{(1-\nu)a + \nu b}{a^{1-\nu}b^\nu} \leq \exp \left[4\nu(1-\nu) \left(K \left(\frac{a}{b} \right) - 1 \right) \right],$$

where $a, b > 0$, $\nu \in [0, 1]$.

This is equivalent, by taking the logarithm, with

$$0 \leq \ln((1-\nu)a + \nu b) - (1-\nu)\ln a - \nu\ln b \leq \nu(1-\nu) \frac{(b-a)^2}{ba}$$

where $a, b > 0$, $\nu \in [0, 1]$.

If we take $a = m$, $b = M$, $t \in [m, M]$ and $\nu = \frac{t-m}{M-m} \in [0, 1]$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \ln t - \frac{M-t}{M-m} \ln m - \frac{t-m}{M-m} \ln M \leq \frac{(M-t)(t-m)}{(M-m)^2} \frac{(M-m)^2}{Mm} \\ &= \frac{(M-t)(t-m)}{Mm}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the continuous functional calculus for selfadjoint operators, we have

$$0 \leq \ln A - \frac{MI-A}{M-m} \ln m - \frac{AI-m}{M-m} \ln M \leq \frac{(MI-A)(A-mI)}{Mm},$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \langle \ln Ay, y \rangle - \frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m} \ln m - \frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m} \ln M \\ &\leq \frac{1}{Mm} \langle (MI - A)(A - mI)y, y \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

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

If we take the exponential, then we get

$$\begin{aligned} (3.2) \quad 1 &\leq \frac{\exp \langle \ln Ay, y \rangle}{\exp \left[\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m} \ln m + \frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m} \ln M \right]} \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{Mm} \langle (MI - A)(A - mI)y, y \rangle \right], \end{aligned}$$

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

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left[\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m} \ln m + \frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m} \ln M \right] &= \exp \left[\ln \left(m^{\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m}} \right) \right] \\ &= m^{\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m}} \end{aligned}$$

and by (3.2) we obtain the first inequality in (3.3).

The function $g(t) = (M-t)(t-m)$ is concave on $[m, M]$ and by Jensen's inequality

$$\langle g(A)y, y \rangle \leq g(\langle Ay, y \rangle), \quad y \in H, \|y\| = 1$$

we have

$$\langle (MI - A)(A - mI)y, y \rangle \leq ((M - \langle Ay, y \rangle)(\langle Ay, y \rangle - m))$$

for all $y \in H$, $\|y\| = 1$, which proves that

$$\begin{aligned} (3.3) \quad 1 &\leq \frac{\exp \langle \ln Ay, y \rangle}{m^{\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m}}} \leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{Mm} \langle (MI - A)(A - mI)y, y \rangle \right] \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{Mm} (M - \langle Ay, y \rangle)(\langle Ay, y \rangle - m) \right] \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{4Mm} (M - m)^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Let $x \in H$ with $\|x\| = 1$ and take $y = \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \frac{\exp \left\langle \ln A \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle}{m \frac{M - \left\langle A \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle}{M-m} M \frac{\left\langle A \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle - m}{M-m}} \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{Mm} \left\langle (MI - A)(A - mI) \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle \right] \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{Mm} \left(M - \left\langle A \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle \right) \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left(\left\langle A \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle - m \right) \right] \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{4Mm} (M-m)^2 \right], \end{aligned}$$

namely

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \frac{\exp \frac{1}{\langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle A \ln Ax, x \rangle}{m \frac{M - \langle A^2 x, x \rangle}{M-m} M \frac{\langle A^2 x, x \rangle - m}{M-m}} \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{Mm \langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle A(MI - A)(A - mI)x, x \rangle \right] \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{Mm} \left(M - \frac{\langle A^2 x, x \rangle}{\langle Ax, x \rangle} \right) \left(\frac{\langle A^2 x, x \rangle}{\langle Ax, x \rangle} - m \right) \right] \\ &\leq \exp \left[K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

and by taking the power -1 , we derive (3.1). \square

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

$$\begin{aligned} (3.4) \quad 1 &\leq \frac{[\eta_x(A)]^{\langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1}}}{\left(M^{\frac{m-1-\langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1}}{m-1-M-1}} m^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1}-M-1}{m-1-M-1}} \right)^{-1}} \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{m^{-1}M^{-1}\langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle A(m^{-1}I - A^{-1})(A^{-1} - M^{-1}I)x, x \rangle \right] \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{m^{-1}M^{-1}} \left(m^{-1} - \langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1} \right) \left(\langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1} - M^{-1} \right) \right] \\ &\leq \exp \left[K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

Proof. We have from (3.3) for A^{-1} that satisfies the condition $0 < M^{-1} \leq A^{-1} \leq m^{-1}$,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \frac{\exp \langle \ln A^{-1}y, y \rangle}{M^{-\frac{m^{-1}-\langle A^{-1}y, y \rangle}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}} m^{-\frac{\langle A^{-1}y, y \rangle - M^{-1}}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}}} \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{m^{-1}M^{-1}} \langle (m^{-1}I - A^{-1}) (A^{-1} - M^{-1}I) y, y \rangle \right] \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{m^{-1}M^{-1}} (m^{-1} - \langle A^{-1}y, y \rangle) (\langle A^{-1}y, y \rangle - M^{-1}) \right] \\ &\leq \exp \left[K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

Let $x \in H$ with $\|x\| = 1$ and take $y = \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}$ to get

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

□

In [2] we obtained the following refinement and reverse of Young's inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} (3.5) \quad &\exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \nu (1-\nu) \left(1 - \frac{\min \{a, b\}}{\max \{a, b\}} \right)^2 \right] \\ &\leq \frac{(1-\nu)a + \nu b}{a^{1-\nu} b^\nu} \\ &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \nu (1-\nu) \left(\frac{\max \{a, b\}}{\min \{a, b\}} - 1 \right)^2 \right], \end{aligned}$$

for any $a, b > 0$ and $\nu \in [0, 1]$.

Theorem 3. Assume that $0 < mI \leq A \leq MI$ and $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (3.6) \quad 1 &\geq \exp \left[\frac{-1}{2M^2 \langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle A(M-A)(A-m)x, x \rangle \right] \\ &\geq \frac{[\eta_x(A)]^{\langle Ax, x \rangle - 1}}{\left(m^{\frac{M - \langle Ax, x \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle}{M-m} - m} \right)^{-1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq \exp \left[\frac{-1}{2m^2 \langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle A(M-A)(A-m)x, x \rangle \right] \\
&\geq \exp \left[\frac{-1}{2m^2} \left(M - \frac{\langle A^2x, x \rangle}{\langle Ax, x \rangle} \right) \left(\frac{\langle A^2x, x \rangle}{\langle Ax, x \rangle} - m \right) \right] \\
&\geq \exp \left[-\frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{M}{m} - 1 \right)^2 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. From (3.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \nu (1-\nu) \left(1 - \frac{m}{M} \right)^2 \right] \\
&\leq \frac{(1-\nu)m + \nu M}{m^{1-\nu} M^\nu} \leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \nu (1-\nu) \left(\frac{M}{m} - 1 \right)^2 \right],
\end{aligned}$$

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

By taking the logarithm, we obtain

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

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

If we take $a = m$, $b = M$, $t \in [m, M]$ and $\nu = \frac{t-m}{M-m} \in [0, 1]$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{(M-t)(t-m)}{2M^2} &\leq \ln t - \frac{M-t}{M-m} \ln m - \frac{t-m}{M-m} \ln M \\
&\leq \frac{(M-t)(t-m)}{2m^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$t \in [m, M]$.

As above, we get the vector inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{2M^2} \langle (MI - A)(A - mI)y, y \rangle \\
&\leq \langle \ln Ay, y \rangle - \frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m} \ln m - \frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m} \ln M \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2m^2} \langle (MI - A)(A - mI)y, y \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

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

If we take the exponential, then we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
&\exp \left[\frac{1}{2M^2} \langle (MI - A)(A - mI)y, y \rangle \right] \\
&\leq \frac{\exp \langle \ln Ay, y \rangle}{\exp \left[\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m} \ln m + \frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m} \ln M \right]} \\
&\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2m^2} \langle (MI - A)(A - mI)y, y \rangle \right],
\end{aligned}$$

for all $y \in H$, $\|y\| = 1$, which proves that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.8) \quad 1 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2M^2} \langle (MI - A)(A - mI)y, y \rangle \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{\exp \langle \ln Ay, y \rangle}{m^{\frac{M - \langle Ay, y \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle - m}{M-m}}} \\
 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2m^2} \langle (MI - A)(A - mI)y, y \rangle \right] \\
 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2m^2} (M - \langle Ay, y \rangle) (\langle Ay, y \rangle - m) \right] \\
 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{M}{m} - 1 \right)^2 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $x \in H$ with $\|x\| = 1$ and take $y = \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}$ to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2M^2} \left\langle (M - A)(A - m) \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{\exp \left\langle \ln A \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle}{m^{\frac{\left\langle A \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\left\langle A \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle - m}{M-m}}} \\
 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2m^2} \left\langle (M - A)(A - m) \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle \right] \\
 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2m^2} \left(M - \left\langle A \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \times \left. \left(\left\langle A \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|}, \frac{A^{1/2}x}{\|A^{1/2}x\|} \right\rangle - m \right) \right] \\
 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{M}{m} - 1 \right)^2 \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

namely

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2M^2 \langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle A(M - A)(A - m)x, x \rangle \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{\exp \langle A \ln Ax, x \rangle}{m^{\frac{\langle A^2 x, x \rangle}{M-m}} M^{\frac{\langle A^2 x, x \rangle - m}{M-m}}} \\
 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2m^2 \langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle A(M - A)(A - m)x, x \rangle \right] \\
 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2m^2} \left(M - \frac{\langle A^2 x, x \rangle}{\langle Ax, x \rangle} \right) \left(\frac{\langle A^2 x, x \rangle}{\langle Ax, x \rangle} - m \right) \right] \leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{M}{m} - 1 \right)^2 \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to (3.6). \square

Finally, we have:

Corollary 3. *With the assumptions of Theorem 2,*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.9) \quad 1 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2m^{-2} \langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle A(m^{-1}I - A^{-1})(A^{-1} - M^{-1}I)x, x \rangle \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{[\eta_x(A)]^{\langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1}}}{\left(M^{\frac{m^{-1}-\langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1}}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}} m^{\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1}-M^{-1}}{m^{-1}-M^{-1}}} \right)^{-1}} \\
 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2M^{-2} \langle Ax, x \rangle} \langle A(m^{-1}I - A^{-1})(A^{-1} - M^{-1}I)x, x \rangle \right] \\
 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2M^{-2}} \left(m^{-1} - \langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1} \right) \left(\langle Ax, x \rangle^{-1} - M^{-1} \right) \right] \\
 &\leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{M}{m} - 1 \right)^2 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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