

**SOME PROPERTIES OF TRACE CLASS ENTROPIC
P-DETERMINANT OF POSITIVE OPERATORS IN HILBERT
SPACES**

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ABSTRACT. Let H be a complex Hilbert space. For a given operator $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$, the trace class associated to $\mathcal{B}(H)$ and $\text{tr}(P) = 1$, we define the entropic P -determinant of the positive invertible operator A by

$$\eta_P(A) := \exp[-\text{tr}(PA \ln A)].$$

In this paper we show among others that

$$\left[\frac{\text{tr}(PA^2)}{\text{tr}^2(PA)} \right]^{-\text{tr}(PA)} \leq \frac{\eta_P(A)}{[\text{tr}(PA)]^{-\text{tr}(PA)}} \leq 1$$

and if there exists the constants $0 < m < M$ such that $m \leq A \leq M$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{m+M}{2\sqrt{mM}} \right)^{-2M} &\leq \left(\frac{m+M}{2\sqrt{mM}} \right)^{-2\text{tr}(PA)} \leq \left[\frac{\text{tr}(PA^2)}{\text{tr}^2(PA)} \right]^{-\text{tr}(PA)} \\ &\leq \frac{\eta_P(A)}{[\text{tr}(PA)]^{-\text{tr}(PA)}} \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

1. INTRODUCTION

In 1952, in the paper [8], B. Fuglede and R. V. Kadison introduced the determinant of a (invertible) operator and established its fundamental properties. The notion generalizes the usual determinant and can be considered for any operator in a finite von Neumann algebra (M, τ) with a faithful normal trace.

Let $T \in M$ be normal and $|T| := (T^*T)^{1/2}$ its modulus. By the spectral theorem one can represent T as an integral

$$T = \int_{\text{Sp}(T)} \lambda dE(\lambda),$$

where $E(\lambda)$ is a projection valued measure and $\text{Sp}(T)$ is the spectrum of T . The measure $\mu_T := \tau \circ E$ becomes a probability measure on the complex plane and has the support in the spectrum $\text{Sp}(T)$.

For any $T \in M$ the Fuglede-Kadison determinant (*FK-determinant*) is defined by

$$\Delta_{FK}(T) := \exp \left(\int_0^\infty \ln t d\mu_{|T|} \right).$$

If T is invertible, then

$$\Delta_{FK}(T) := \exp(\tau(\ln(|T|))),$$

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where $\ln(|T|)$ is defined by the use of functional calculus.

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. [9], [10], 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. For some recent results, see [11].

We need now some preparations for trace of operators in Hilbert spaces.

Let $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be a complex Hilbert space and $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ an *orthonormal basis* of H . We say that $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ is a *Hilbert-Schmidt operator* if

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{i \in I} \|Ae_i\|^2 < \infty.$$

It is well known that, if $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ and $\{f_j\}_{j \in J}$ are orthonormal bases for H and $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ then

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{i \in I} \|Ae_i\|^2 = \sum_{j \in J} \|Af_j\|^2 = \sum_{j \in J} \|A^*f_j\|^2$$

showing that the definition (1.1) is independent of the orthonormal basis and A is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator iff A^* is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator.

Let $\mathcal{B}_2(H)$ the set of *Hilbert-Schmidt operators* in $\mathcal{B}(H)$. For $A \in \mathcal{B}_2(H)$ we define

$$(1.3) \quad \|A\|_2 := \left(\sum_{i \in I} \|Ae_i\|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

for $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ an orthonormal basis of H .

Using the triangle inequality in $l^2(I)$, one checks that $\mathcal{B}_2(H)$ is a *vector space* and that $\|\cdot\|_2$ is a norm on $\mathcal{B}_2(H)$, which is usually called in the literature as the *Hilbert-Schmidt norm*.

Denote the *modulus* of an operator $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ by $|A| := (A^*A)^{1/2}$.

Because $\| |A| x \| = \|Ax\|$ for all $x \in H$, A is Hilbert-Schmidt iff $|A|$ is Hilbert-Schmidt and $\|A\|_2 = \| |A| \|_2$. From (1.2) we have that if $A \in \mathcal{B}_2(H)$, then $A^* \in \mathcal{B}_2(H)$ and $\|A\|_2 = \|A^*\|_2$.

The following theorem collects some of the most important properties of Hilbert-Schmidt operators:

Theorem 1. *We have:*

(i) $(\mathcal{B}_2(H), \|\cdot\|_2)$ is a Hilbert space with inner product

$$(1.4) \quad \langle A, B \rangle_2 := \sum_{i \in I} \langle Ae_i, Be_i \rangle = \sum_{i \in I} \langle B^*Ae_i, e_i \rangle$$

and the definition does not depend on the choice of the orthonormal basis $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$;

(ii) We have the inequalities

$$(1.5) \quad \|A\| \leq \|A\|_2$$

for any $A \in \mathcal{B}_2(H)$ and, if $A \in \mathcal{B}_2(H)$ and $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, then $AT, TA \in \mathcal{B}_2(H)$ with

$$(1.6) \quad \|AT\|_2, \|TA\|_2 \leq \|T\| \|A\|_2$$

(iii) $\mathcal{B}_2(H)$ is an operator ideal in $\mathcal{B}(H)$, i.e.

$$\mathcal{B}(H) \mathcal{B}_2(H) \mathcal{B}(H) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_2(H).$$

If $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ an orthonormal basis of H , we say that $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ is trace class if

$$(1.7) \quad \|A\|_1 := \sum_{i \in I} \langle |A| e_i, e_i \rangle < \infty.$$

The definition of $\|A\|_1$ does not depend on the choice of the orthonormal basis $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$. We denote by $\mathcal{B}_1(H)$ the set of trace class operators in $\mathcal{B}(H)$.

The following proposition holds:

Proposition 1. *If $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, then the following are equivalent:*

- (i) $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$;
- (ii) $|A|^{1/2} \in \mathcal{B}_2(H)$.

The following properties are also well known:

Theorem 2. *With the above notations:*

(i) We have

$$(1.8) \quad \|A\|_1 = \|A^*\|_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|A\|_2 \leq \|A\|_1$$

for any $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$;

(ii) $\mathcal{B}_1(H)$ is an operator ideal in $\mathcal{B}(H)$, i.e.

$$\mathcal{B}(H) \mathcal{B}_1(H) \mathcal{B}(H) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_1(H);$$

(iii) We have

$$\mathcal{B}_2(H) \mathcal{B}_2(H) = \mathcal{B}_1(H);$$

(iv) We have

$$\|A\|_1 = \sup \{ \langle A, B \rangle_2 \mid B \in \mathcal{B}_2(H), \|B\|_2 \leq 1 \};$$

(v) $(\mathcal{B}_1(H), \|\cdot\|_1)$ is a Banach space.

We define the *trace* of a trace class operator $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ to be

$$(1.9) \quad \text{tr}(A) := \sum_{i \in I} \langle A e_i, e_i \rangle,$$

where $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ an orthonormal basis of H . Note that this coincides with the usual definition of the trace if H is finite-dimensional. We observe that the series (1.9) converges absolutely and it is independent from the choice of basis.

The following result collects some properties of the trace:

Theorem 3. *We have:*

(i) If $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ then $A^* \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and

$$(1.10) \quad \text{tr}(A^*) = \overline{\text{tr}(A)};$$

(ii) If $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, then $AT, TA \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$,

$$(1.11) \quad \operatorname{tr}(AT) = \operatorname{tr}(TA) \text{ and } |\operatorname{tr}(AT)| \leq \|A\|_1 \|T\|;$$

(iii) $\operatorname{tr}(\cdot)$ is a bounded linear functional on $\mathcal{B}_1(H)$ with $\|\operatorname{tr}\| = 1$;

(iv) If $A, B \in \mathcal{B}_2(H)$ then $AB, BA \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\operatorname{tr}(AB) = \operatorname{tr}(BA)$.

Now, if we assume that $P \geq 0$ and $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$, then for all $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, $PT, TP \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\operatorname{tr}(PT) = \operatorname{tr}(TP)$. Also, since $P^{1/2} \in \mathcal{B}_2(H)$, $TP^{1/2} \in \mathcal{B}_2(H)$, hence $P^{1/2}TP^{1/2}$ and $TP^{1/2}P^{1/2} = TP \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ with $\operatorname{tr}(P^{1/2}TP^{1/2}) = \operatorname{tr}(TP)$. Therefore, if $P \geq 0$ and $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$,

$$\operatorname{tr}(PT) = \operatorname{tr}(TP) = \operatorname{tr}\left(P^{1/2}TP^{1/2}\right)$$

for all $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$.

If $T \geq 0$, then $P^{1/2}TP^{1/2} \geq 0$, which implies that $\operatorname{tr}(PT) \geq 0$ that shows that the functional $\mathcal{B}(H) \ni T \mapsto \operatorname{tr}(PT)$ is linear and isotonic functional. Also, by (1.11), if $T_n \rightarrow T$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$ in $\mathcal{B}(H)$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{tr}(PT_n) = \operatorname{tr}(PT)$, namely $\mathcal{B}(H) \ni T \mapsto \operatorname{tr}(PT)$ is also continuous in the norm topology.

For a survey on recent trace inequalities see [6] and the references therein.

Now, for a given $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\operatorname{tr}(P) = 1$, we define the P -determinant of the positive invertible operator A by

$$(1.12) \quad \Delta_P(A) := \exp \operatorname{tr}(P \ln A) = \exp \operatorname{tr}((\ln A)P) = \exp \operatorname{tr}\left(P^{1/2}(\ln A)P^{1/2}\right).$$

Assume that $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\operatorname{tr}(P) = 1$. We observe that we have the following elementary properties [7]:

- (i) *continuity*: the map $A \rightarrow \Delta_P(A)$ is norm continuous;
- (ii) *power equality*: $\Delta_P(A^t) = \Delta_P(A)^t$ for all $t > 0$;
- (iii) *homogeneity*: $\Delta_P(tA) = t\Delta_P(A)$ and $\Delta_P(tI) = t$ for all $t > 0$;
- (iv) *monotonicity*: $0 < A \leq B$ implies $\Delta_P(A) \leq \Delta_P(B)$.

In [7], we presented some fundamental properties of this determinant. Among others we showed that

$$1 \leq \frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA)}{\Delta_P(A)} \leq \exp [\operatorname{tr}(PA) \operatorname{tr}(PA^{-1}) - 1]$$

and

$$1 \leq \frac{\Delta_P(A)}{[\operatorname{tr}(PA^{-1})]^{-1}} \leq \exp [\operatorname{tr}(PA^{-1}) \operatorname{tr}(PA) - 1],$$

for $A > 0$ and $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\operatorname{tr}(P) = 1$.

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 .

Now, for a given $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\operatorname{tr}(P) = 1$, we define the *entropic* P -determinant of the positive invertible operator A by

$$\eta_P(A) := \exp [-\operatorname{tr}(PA \ln A)] = \exp \{\operatorname{tr}[P\eta(A)]\} = \exp \left\{ \operatorname{tr} \left[P^{1/2} \eta(A) P^{1/2} \right] \right\}.$$

Observe that the map $A \rightarrow \eta_P(A)$ is *norm continuous* and since

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp(-\operatorname{tr}\{P[tA \ln(tA)]\}) \\ &= \exp(-\operatorname{tr}\{P[tA(\ln t + \ln A)]\}) = \exp(-\operatorname{tr}\{P(tA \ln t + tA \ln A)\}) \\ &= \exp(-t \ln t \operatorname{tr}(PA)) \exp(-t \operatorname{tr}(PA \ln A)) \\ &= \exp \ln \left(t^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA)t} \right) [\exp(-\operatorname{tr}(PA \ln A))]^{-t}, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$(1.13) \quad \eta_P(tA) = t^{-t \operatorname{tr}(PA)} [\eta_P(A)]^{-t}$$

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

Observe also that

$$(1.14) \quad \eta_P(I) = 1 \text{ and } \eta_P(tI) = t^{-t}$$

for $t > 0$.

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

$$\left[\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}{\operatorname{tr}^2(PA)} \right]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA)} \leq \frac{\eta_P(A)}{[\operatorname{tr}(PA)]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA)}} \leq 1$$

and if there exists the constants $0 < m < M$ such that $m \leq A \leq M$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{m+M}{2\sqrt{mM}} \right)^{-2M} &\leq \left(\frac{m+M}{2\sqrt{mM}} \right)^{-2 \operatorname{tr}(PA)} \leq \left[\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}{\operatorname{tr}^2(PA)} \right]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA)} \\ &\leq \frac{\eta_P(A)}{[\operatorname{tr}(PA)]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA)}} \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

2. MAIN RESULTS

We have the following fundamental facts:

Proposition 2. *Let $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\operatorname{tr}(P) = 1$. If $A, B > 0$, then we have the Ky Fan type inequality*

$$(2.1) \quad \eta_P((1-t)A + tB) \geq [\eta_P(A)]^{1-t} [\eta_P(B)]^t$$

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

Proof. Since entropy function $\eta(\cdot)$ is operator concave, then

$$\eta((1-t)A + tB) \geq (1-t)\eta(A) + t\eta(B)$$

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

If we multiply both sides by $P^{1/2} \geq 0$, then we get

$$P^{1/2} \eta((1-t)A + tB) P^{1/2} \geq (1-t) P^{1/2} \eta(A) P^{1/2} + t P^{1/2} \eta(B) P^{1/2}$$

and by taking the tr we derive

$$\operatorname{tr}[P \eta((1-t)A + tB)] \geq (1-t) \operatorname{tr}[P \eta(A)] + t \operatorname{tr}[P \eta(B)]$$

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

If we take the exponential, then we derive that

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_P((1-t)A+tB) &= \exp(\operatorname{tr}[P\eta((1-t)A+tB)]) \\ &\geq \exp[(1-t)\operatorname{tr}[P\eta(A)] + t\operatorname{tr}[P\eta(B)]] \\ &= (\exp(\operatorname{tr}[P\eta(A)]))^{1-t} (\exp(\operatorname{tr}[P\eta(B)]))^t \\ &= [\eta_P(A)]^{1-t} [\eta_P(B)]^t,\end{aligned}$$

which proves the desired inequality (2.1). \square

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

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

The following Hermite-Hadamard type integral inequalities hold:

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

$$(2.2) \quad \int_0^1 \eta_P((1-t)A+tB)dt \geq L(\eta_P(A), \eta_P(B))$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad \eta_P\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \geq \int_0^1 [\eta_P((1-t)A+tB)]^{1/2} [\eta_P(tA+(1-t)B)]^{1/2} dt.$$

Proof. If we take the integral over $t \in [0, 1]$ in (2.5), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 \eta_P((1-t)A+tB)dt &\geq \int_0^1 [\eta_P(A)]^{1-t} [\eta_P(B)]^t dt \\ &= L(\eta_P(A), \eta_P(B))\end{aligned}$$

for all $A, B > 0$, which proves (2.6).

We get from (2.5) for $t = 1/2$ that

$$\eta_P\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \geq [\eta_P(A)]^{1/2} [\eta_P(B)]^{1/2}.$$

If we replace A by $(1-t)A+tB$ and B by $tA+(1-t)B$ we obtain

$$\eta_P\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \geq [\eta_P((1-t)A+tB)]^{1/2} [\eta_P(tA+(1-t)B)]^{1/2}.$$

By taking the integral, we derive the desired result (2.3). \square

Theorem 4. *Let $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\operatorname{tr}(P) = 1$. If $A > 0$, then*

$$(2.4) \quad \left[\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}{\operatorname{tr}^2(PA)} \right]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA)} \leq \frac{\eta_P(A)}{[\operatorname{tr}(PA)]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA)}} \leq 1.$$

Proof. The entropy function $\eta(t) = -t \ln t$, $t > 0$ is operator concave. By utilizing Jensen's trace inequality for concave function g on $(0, \infty)$, see [3], [4] or [6], we have for $B > 0$, $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\operatorname{tr}(P) = 1$ that

$$\operatorname{tr}[Pg(B)] \leq g[\operatorname{tr}(PB)],$$

implying that

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_P(A) &= \exp(\operatorname{tr}[P\eta(A)]) \leq \exp[\eta(\operatorname{tr}(PA))] \\ &= \exp\left(\ln[\operatorname{tr}(PA)]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA)}\right) = [\operatorname{tr}(PA)]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA)},\end{aligned}$$

which proves the second inequality in (2.4).

Observe that if $Q := \frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}$, then $Q \geq 0$, $\operatorname{tr} Q = 1$ and for $B = A^{-1}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_Q(B) &= \eta_{\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}}(A^{-1}) \\ &= \exp\left(\operatorname{tr}\left[-\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}A^{-1}\ln(A^{-1})\right]\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\operatorname{tr}\left[-\frac{AP}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}\ln(A^{-1})\right]\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\operatorname{tr}\left[\frac{AP}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}\ln A\right]\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}\operatorname{tr}(AP\ln A)\right) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}\operatorname{tr}(P(\ln A)A)\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}\operatorname{tr}(PA\ln A)\right) = \exp\left(\frac{-1}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}\operatorname{tr}(-PA\ln A)\right) \\ &= [\exp(-\operatorname{tr}(PA\ln A))]^{\frac{-1}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}} = [\eta_P(A)]^{\frac{-1}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}}\end{aligned}$$

for $A > 0$, $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\operatorname{tr}(P) = 1$, which gives that

$$(2.5) \quad \eta_P(A) = \left[\eta_{\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}}(A^{-1})\right]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}$$

for $A > 0$, $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\operatorname{tr}(P) = 1$.

Now, using the second inequality in (2.4) for $Q := \frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}$ and A^{-1} we have

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned}\eta_{\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}}(A^{-1}) &\leq \left[\operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}A^{-1}\right)\right]^{-\operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}A^{-1}\right)} \\ &= \left[\operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{PA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}\right)\right]^{-\operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{PA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}\right)} = \left[\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA)}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}\right]^{-\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA)}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}}.\end{aligned}$$

If we take the power $-\operatorname{tr}(PA^2) \leq 0$ in (2.6), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}\left[\eta_{\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}}(A^{-1})\right]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} &\geq \left[\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA)}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}\right]^{\operatorname{tr}(PA)} \\ &= \left[\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}{\operatorname{tr}(PA)}\right]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA)} \\ &= \left[\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}{\operatorname{tr}^2(PA)}\right]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA)} [\operatorname{tr}(PA)]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA)}\end{aligned}$$

and by (2.5) we derive the first inequality in (2.4). \square

Corollary 2. *Let $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\text{tr}(P) = 1$. If there exists the constants $0 < m < M$ such that $m \leq A \leq M$, then*

$$(2.7) \quad \left(\frac{m+M}{2\sqrt{mM}} \right)^{-2M} \leq \left(\frac{m+M}{2\sqrt{mM}} \right)^{-2\text{tr}(PA)} \leq \left[\frac{\text{tr}(PA^2)}{\text{tr}^2(PA)} \right]^{-\text{tr}(PA)} \\ \leq \frac{\eta_P(A)}{[\text{tr}(PA)]^{-\text{tr}(PA)}} \leq 1.$$

Proof. We use the following Kantorovich type inequality, see [5] or [6],

$$\frac{\text{tr}(PA^2)}{\text{tr}^2(PA)} \leq \left(\frac{m+M}{2\sqrt{mM}} \right)^2$$

that holds for A satisfying the condition $m \leq A \leq M$.

By employing the first inequality in (2.7) we derive the first part of (2.7). \square

Theorem 5. *Let $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\text{tr}(P) = 1$. If $A > 0$, then*

$$(2.8) \quad \eta_P(A) \leq a^{-\text{tr}(PA)} \exp[-\text{tr}(PA) + a]$$

for all $a > 0$.

In particular, for $a = \text{tr}(PA)$ we get the second inequality in (2.4), which is the best possible inequality from (2.8).

Proof. It is well know that, if f is differentiable convex on an interval I , then for all $u, v \in I$ we have

$$(2.9) \quad f(u) - f(v) \leq f'(u)(u - v).$$

Consider the convex function $f(t) = t \ln t$, $t > 0$. Since $f'(t) = \ln t + 1$, $t > 0$, hence by (2.9) we get

$$(2.10) \quad u \ln u - v \ln v \leq (\ln u + 1)(u - v)$$

namely

$$-v \ln v \leq -u \ln u + (\ln u + 1)(u - v)$$

giving that

$$-v \ln v \leq u - v - v \ln u$$

for $u, v > 0$.

If we take $u = a$ and use the functional calculus for $v = A > 0$, then we get

$$-A \ln A \leq a - A - A \ln a,$$

namely

$$(2.11) \quad -A \ln A \leq -\ln(ea)A + a$$

for all $a > 0$ and $A > 0$.

Now, if we multiply both sides of (2.11) with $P^{1/2} \geq 0$, then we get

$$-P^{1/2}(A \ln A)P^{1/2} \leq -\ln(ea)P^{1/2}AP^{1/2} + aP$$

and by taking the trace, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} -\text{tr}[P(A \ln A)] &\leq -\ln(ea)\text{tr}(PA) + a \\ &= -\text{tr}(PA) - \ln a \text{tr}(PA) + a. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, if we take the exponential we derive

$$\eta_P(A) \leq a^{-\text{tr}(PA)} \exp[-\text{tr}(PA) + a].$$

For given $A > 0$, $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\text{tr}(P) = 1$, consider the function

$$f(t) = t^{-\text{tr}(PA)} \exp[-\text{tr}(PA) + t], \quad t > 0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} f'(t) &= -\text{tr}(PA) t^{-\text{tr}(PA)-1} \exp[-\text{tr}(PA) + t] \\ &\quad + t^{-\text{tr}(PA)} \exp[-\text{tr}(PA) + t] \\ &= \exp[-\text{tr}(PA) + t] t^{-\text{tr}(PA)-1} (t - \text{tr}(PA)). \end{aligned}$$

We observe that the function f is decreasing on $(0, \text{tr}(PA))$ and increasing on $(\text{tr}(PA), \infty)$ showing that

$$\inf_{t \in (0, \infty)} f(t) = f(\text{tr}(PA)) = \text{tr}(PA)^{-\text{tr}(PA)}.$$

Therefore the best inequality we can get from (2.8) is for $a = \text{tr}(PA)$. □

Remark 1. For $a = 1$ in (2.8) we get the inequality

$$(2.12) \quad \eta_P(A) \leq \exp[1 - \text{tr}(PA)]$$

for $A > 0$, $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\text{tr}(P) = 1$.

Corollary 3. With the assumptions of Theorem 5, we have

$$(2.13) \quad \eta_P(A) \geq a^{\text{tr}(PA)} \exp[\text{tr}(PA) - a \text{tr}(PA^2)].$$

In particular, for $a = \frac{\text{tr}(PA)}{\text{tr}(PA^2)}$ we get the first inequality in (2.4), which is the best possible inequality from (2.13).

Proof. If we write the inequality (2.8) for A^{-1} and $\frac{APA}{\text{tr}(PA^2)}$, then we get

$$\eta_P(A^{-1}) \leq a^{-\text{tr}\left(\frac{APA}{\text{tr}(PA^2)} A^{-1}\right)} \exp\left[-\text{tr}\left(\frac{APA}{\text{tr}(PA^2)} A^{-1}\right) + a\right]$$

for all $a > 0$.

This is equivalent to

$$(2.14) \quad \eta_P(A^{-1}) \leq a^{-\frac{\text{tr}(PA)}{\text{tr}(PA^2)}} \exp\left[-\frac{\text{tr}(PA)}{\text{tr}(PA^2)} + a\right]$$

for all $a > 0$.

Now, if we take the power $-\text{tr}(PA^2) \leq 0$ in (2.14), then we get

$$[\eta_P(A^{-1})]^{-\text{tr}(PA^2)} \geq a^{\text{tr}(PA)} \exp[\text{tr}(PA) - a \text{tr}(PA^2)]$$

for all $a > 0$ and by (2.5) we get (2.13).

For given $A > 0$, $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\text{tr}(P) = 1$, consider the function

$$g(t) = t^{\text{tr}(PA)} \exp[\text{tr}(PA) - t \text{tr}(PA^2)], \quad t > 0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} g'(t) &= \text{tr}(PA) t^{\text{tr}(PA)-1} \exp[\text{tr}(PA) - t \text{tr}(PA^2)] \\ &\quad - t^{\text{tr}(PA)} \text{tr}(PA^2) \exp[\text{tr}(PA) - t \text{tr}(PA^2)] \\ &= t^{\text{tr}(PA)-1} \exp[\text{tr}(PA) - t \text{tr}(PA^2)] (\text{tr}(PA) - t \text{tr}(PA^2)). \end{aligned}$$

We observe that the function g is increasing on $\left(0, \frac{\text{tr}(PA)}{\text{tr}(PA^2)}\right)$ and decreasing on $\left(\frac{\text{tr}(PA)}{\text{tr}(PA^2)}, \infty\right)$ showing that

$$\sup_{t \in (0, \infty)} g(t) = g\left(\frac{\text{tr}(PA)}{\text{tr}(PA^2)}\right) = \left[\frac{\text{tr}(PA)}{\text{tr}(PA^2)}\right]^{\text{tr}(PA)} = \left[\frac{\text{tr}(PA^2)}{\text{tr}(PA)}\right]^{-\text{tr}(PA)}$$

and the statement is proved. \square

Remark 2. For $a = 1$ in (2.13) we get

$$(2.15) \quad \eta_P(A) \geq \exp[\text{tr}(PA) - \text{tr}(PA^2)].$$

for $A > 0$, $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\text{tr}(P) = 1$.

3. RELATED RESULTS

In [4] we obtained, among others, the following reverse of Jensen's inequality:

Lemma 1. Let A be a selfadjoint operator on the Hilbert space H and assume that $\text{Sp}(A) \subseteq [m, M]$ for some scalars m, M with $m < M$. If f is a continuously differentiable convex function on $[m, M]$ and $Q \in \mathcal{B}_1(H) \setminus \{0\}$, $Q \geq 0$, then we have

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{\text{tr}(Qf(A))}{\text{tr}(Q)} - f\left(\frac{\text{tr}(QA)}{\text{tr}(Q)}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{\text{tr}(Qf'(A)A)}{\text{tr}(Q)} - \frac{\text{tr}(QA)}{\text{tr}(Q)} \frac{\text{tr}(Qf'(A))}{\text{tr}(Q)} \\ &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} [f'(M) - f'(m)] \frac{\text{tr}(Q|A - \frac{\text{tr}(QA)}{\text{tr}(Q)} 1_H|)}{\text{tr}(Q)} \\ \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \frac{\text{tr}\left(Q\left|f'(A) - \frac{\text{tr}(Qf'(A))}{\text{tr}(Q)} 1_H\right|\right)}{\text{tr}(Q)} \end{cases} \\ &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} [f'(M) - f'(m)] \left[\frac{\text{tr}(QA^2)}{\text{tr}(Q)} - \left(\frac{\text{tr}(QA)}{\text{tr}(Q)}\right)^2\right]^{1/2} \\ \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \left[\frac{\text{tr}(Q[f'(A)]^2)}{\text{tr}(Q)} - \left(\frac{\text{tr}(Qf'(A))}{\text{tr}(Q)}\right)^2\right]^{1/2} \end{cases} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} [f'(M) - f'(m)] (M - m). \end{aligned}$$

By the use of this results we can obtain the following result:

Theorem 6. *Let $P \geq 0$ with $P \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$ and $\text{tr}(P) = 1$. If there exists the constants $0 < m < M$ such that $m \leq A \leq M$, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.2) \quad 1 &\leq \frac{[\text{tr}(PA)]^{-\text{tr}(PA)}}{\eta_P(A)} \\
&\leq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(P|A - \text{tr}(PA)|)} \\ \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} (M - m) \text{tr}(P |\ln A - \text{tr}(P \ln A)|) \right] \end{array} \right\} \\
&\leq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{\frac{1}{2} [\text{tr}(PA^2) - (\text{tr}(PA))^2]^{1/2}} \\ \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \left[\text{tr} \left(P [\ln(eA)]^2 \right) - (\text{tr}(P \ln(eA)))^2 \right]^{1/2} \right\} \end{array} \right\} \\
&\leq \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}(M-m)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. If we write the inequality (3.1) for A satisfying the condition $0 < m \leq A \leq M$ and $Q = P$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \text{tr}(PA \ln A) - \text{tr}(PA) \ln(\text{tr}(PA)) \\
&\leq \text{tr}(P(\ln A + 1)A) - \text{tr}(PA) \text{tr}(P(\ln A + 1)) \\
&\leq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{M}{m}\right) \text{tr}(P|A - \text{tr}(PA)|) \\ \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \text{tr}(P |\ln A + 1 - \text{tr}(P(\ln A + 1))|) \end{array} \right\} \\
&\leq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{M}{m}\right) \left[\text{tr}(PA^2) - (\text{tr}(PA))^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \left[\text{tr} \left(P [\ln(eA)]^2 \right) - (\text{tr}(P \ln(eA)))^2 \right]^{1/2} \end{array} \right\} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4} \ln \left(\frac{M}{m}\right) (M - m),
\end{aligned}$$

namely

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \text{tr}(PA \ln A) - \text{tr}(PA) \ln(\text{tr}(PA)) \\
&\leq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{M}{m}\right) \text{tr}(P|A - \text{tr}(PA)|) \\ \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \text{tr}(P |\ln A - \text{tr}(P \ln A)|) \end{array} \right\} \\
&\leq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{M}{m}\right) \left[\text{tr}(PA^2) - (\text{tr}(PA))^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \left[\text{tr} \left(P [\ln(eA)]^2 \right) - (\text{tr}(P \ln(eA)))^2 \right]^{1/2} \end{array} \right\} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4} \ln \left(\frac{M}{m}\right) (M - m).
\end{aligned}$$

If we take the exponential in this inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &\leq \frac{\exp[-\operatorname{tr}(PA) \ln(\operatorname{tr}(PA))]}{\exp[-\operatorname{tr}(PA \ln A)]} \\
&\leq \begin{cases} \exp\left[\frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{M}{m}\right) \operatorname{tr}(P|A - \operatorname{tr}(PA)|)\right] \\ \exp\left[\frac{1}{2}(M-m) \operatorname{tr}(P|\ln A - \operatorname{tr}(P \ln A)|)\right] \end{cases} \\
&\leq \begin{cases} \exp\left[\frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{M}{m}\right) \left[\operatorname{tr}(PA^2) - (\operatorname{tr}(PA))^2\right]^{1/2}\right] \\ \exp\left\{\frac{1}{2}(M-m) \left[\operatorname{tr}(P[\ln(eA)]^2) - (\operatorname{tr}(P \ln(eA)))^2\right]^{1/2}\right\} \end{cases} \\
&\leq \exp\left[\frac{1}{4} \ln\left(\frac{M}{m}\right) (M-m)\right]
\end{aligned}$$

and the inequality (3.1) is proved. \square

Corollary 4. *With the assumptions of Theorem 6, we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.3) \quad 1 &\geq \frac{\left[\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA)}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}\right]^{\operatorname{tr}(PA)}}{\eta_P(A)} \\
&\geq \begin{cases} \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}\left(APA \left|A^{-1} - \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}\right)\right|\right)} \\ \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(m^{-1} - M^{-1}) \operatorname{tr}\left(APA \left|\ln A^{-1} - \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \ln A^{-1}\right)\right|\right)\right] \end{cases} \\
&\geq \begin{cases} \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2} [\operatorname{tr}(PA^2) - (\operatorname{tr}(PA))^2]^{1/2}} \\ \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(m^{-1} - M^{-1}) \right. \\ \left. \times \left[\operatorname{tr}(PA^2) \operatorname{tr}\left(APA [\ln(eA^{-1})]^2\right) - (\operatorname{tr}(APA \ln(eA^{-1})))^2\right]^{1/2}\right\} \end{cases} \\
&\geq \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{-\frac{1}{4mM}(M-m) \operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \geq \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{-\frac{M}{4m}(M-m)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. If $0 < m \leq A \leq M$, then $0 < M^{-1} \leq A^{-1} \leq m^{-1}$. Now, using (3.2) for $Q := \frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}$ and A^{-1} we have

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &\leq \frac{\left[\operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} A^{-1}\right)\right]^{-\operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} A^{-1}\right)}}{\eta_{\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}}(A^{-1})} \\
&\leq \begin{cases} \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \left|A^{-1} - \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} A^{-1}\right)\right|\right)} \\ \exp\left[\frac{1}{2}(m^{-1} - M^{-1}) \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \left|\ln A^{-1} - \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \ln A^{-1}\right)\right|\right)\right] \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \leq \left\{ \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} A^{-2} \right) - \left(\operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} A^{-1} \right) \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \right. \\
& \leq \left\{ \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (m^{-1} - M^{-1}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \times \left[\operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} [\ln(eA^{-1})]^2 \right) - \left(\operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \ln(eA^{-1}) \right) \right)^2 \right] \right\}^{1/2} \right\} \\
& \leq \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}(m^{-1} - M^{-1})},
\end{aligned}$$

namely

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.4) \quad 1 & \leq \frac{\left[\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA)}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \right]^{-\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA)}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}}}{\eta_{\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}}(A^{-1})} \\
& \leq \left\{ \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \left| A^{-1} - \operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{PA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \right) \right| \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} (m^{-1} - M^{-1}) \operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \left| \ln A^{-1} - \operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{PA^2}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \ln A^{-1} \right) \right| \right) \right] \right\} \\
& \leq \left\{ \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} - \left(\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA)}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \right. \\
& \quad \left. \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (m^{-1} - M^{-1}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \times \left[\operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} [\ln(eA^{-1})]^2 \right) - \left(\operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \ln(eA^{-1}) \right) \right)^2 \right] \right\}^{1/2} \right\} \\
& \leq \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{4mM}(M-m)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, if we take the power $-\operatorname{tr}(PA^2) \leq 0$ in (2.14), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
1 & \geq \frac{\left[\frac{\operatorname{tr}(PA)}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \right]^{\operatorname{tr}(PA)}}{\left[\eta_{\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}}(A^{-1}) \right]^{-\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}} \\
& \geq \left\{ \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \operatorname{tr} \left(APA \left| A^{-1} - \operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{PA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \right) \right| \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (m^{-1} - M^{-1}) \operatorname{tr} \left(APA \left| \ln A^{-1} - \operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{APA}{\operatorname{tr}(PA^2)} \ln A^{-1} \right) \right| \right) \right] \right\} \\
& \geq \left\{ \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left[\operatorname{tr}(PA^2) - (\operatorname{tr}(PA))^2 \right]^{1/2} \right. \\
& \quad \left. \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (m^{-1} - M^{-1}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \times \left[\operatorname{tr}(PA^2) \operatorname{tr} \left(APA [\ln(eA^{-1})]^2 \right) - \left(\operatorname{tr} \left(APA \ln(eA^{-1}) \right) \right)^2 \right] \right\}^{1/2} \right\} \\
& \geq \left(\frac{M}{m} \right)^{-\frac{1}{4mM}(M-m) \operatorname{tr}(PA^2)}.
\end{aligned}$$

This proves the desired result (3.3). \square

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