

**TENSORIAL AND HADAMARD PRODUCT INEQUALITIES FOR
SELFADJOINT OPERATORS IN HILBERT SPACES VIA A
RESULT OF KITTANEH AND MANASRAH**

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ABSTRACT. Let H be a Hilbert space. In this paper we show among others that, if the selfadjoint operators A and B are nonnegative and $\nu \in [0, 1]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq r \left(A \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B - 2A^{1/2} \otimes B^{1/2} \right) \\ &\leq (1 - \nu) A \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B - A^{1-\nu} \otimes B^\nu \\ &\leq R \left(A \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B - 2A^{1/2} \otimes B^{1/2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $r = \min \{1 - \nu, \nu\}$ and $R = \max \{1 - \nu, \nu\}$. We also have the following inequalities for the Hadamard product

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq 2r \left(\left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \circ 1 - A^{1/2} \circ B^{1/2} \right) \\ &\leq [(1 - \nu) A + \nu B] \circ 1 - A^{1-\nu} \circ B^\nu \\ &\leq 2R \left(\left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \circ 1 - A^{1/2} \circ B^{1/2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

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

1. INTRODUCTION

As is known to all, the famous *Young inequality* for scalars says that if $a, b > 0$ and $\nu \in [0, 1]$, then

$$(1.1) \quad a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \leq (1 - \nu) a + \nu b$$

with equality if and only if $a = b$. The inequality (1.1) is also called ν -weighted arithmetic-geometric mean inequality.

Kittaneh and Manasrah [9], [10] provided a refinement and a reverse for Young inequality as follows:

$$(1.2) \quad 0 \leq r \left(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b} \right)^2 \leq (1 - \nu) a + \nu b - a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \leq R \left(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b} \right)^2$$

where $a, b > 0$, $\nu \in [0, 1]$, $r = \min \{1 - \nu, \nu\}$ and $R = \max \{1 - \nu, \nu\}$. The case $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$ reduces (1.2) to an identity and is of no interest.

We observe that, if $a, b \in [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$, then $\left| \sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b} \right| \leq \sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m}$ and by (1.2) we obtain the following reverse of Young inequality

$$(1.3) \quad (1 - \nu) a + \nu b - a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \leq R \left(\sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m} \right)^2.$$

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We can give a simple direct proof for (1.2) as follows.

Recall the following result obtained by Dragomir in 2006 [4] that provides a refinement and a reverse for the weighted Jensen's discrete inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.4) \quad 0 &\leq n \min_{j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}} \{p_j\} \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \Phi(x_j) - \Phi\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_j\right) \right] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \Phi(x_j) - \Phi\left(\frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j x_j\right) \\
&\leq n \max_{j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}} \{p_j\} \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \Phi(x_j) - \Phi\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_j\right) \right],
\end{aligned}$$

where $\Phi : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex function defined on convex subset C of the linear space X , $\{x_j\}_{j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}}$ are vectors in C and $\{p_j\}_{j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}}$ are nonnegative numbers with $P_n = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j > 0$.

For $n = 2$, we deduce from (1.4) that

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.5) \quad 0 &\leq 2 \min\{\nu, 1 - \nu\} \left[\frac{\Phi(x) + \Phi(y)}{2} - \Phi\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \right] \\
&\leq \nu \Phi(x) + (1 - \nu) \Phi(y) - \Phi[\nu x + (1 - \nu)y] \\
&\leq 2 \max\{\nu, 1 - \nu\} \left[\frac{\Phi(x) + \Phi(y)}{2} - \Phi\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\nu \in [0, 1]$.

If we take $\Phi(x) = \exp(x)$, then we get from (1.5)

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.6) \quad 0 &\leq 2 \min\{\nu, 1 - \nu\} \left[\frac{\exp(x) + \exp(y)}{2} - \exp\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \right] \\
&\leq \nu \exp(x) + (1 - \nu) \exp(y) - \exp[\nu x + (1 - \nu)y] \\
&\leq 2 \max\{\nu, 1 - \nu\} \left[\frac{\exp(x) + \exp(y)}{2} - \exp\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\nu \in [0, 1]$. Further, denote $\exp(x) = a$, $\exp(y) = b$ with $a, b > 0$, then from (1.6) we obtain the inequality (1.2).

Let I_1, \dots, I_k be intervals from \mathbb{R} and let $f : I_1 \times \dots \times I_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an essentially bounded real function defined on the product of the intervals. Let $A = (A_1, \dots, A_k)$ be a k -tuple of bounded selfadjoint operators on Hilbert spaces H_1, \dots, H_k such that the spectrum of A_i is contained in I_i for $i = 1, \dots, k$. We say that such a k -tuple is in the domain of f . If

$$A_i = \int_{I_i} \lambda_i dE_i(\lambda_i)$$

is the spectral resolution of A_i for $i = 1, \dots, k$; by following [2], we define

$$(1.7) \quad f(A_1, \dots, A_k) := \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_k} f(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k) dE_1(\lambda_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE_k(\lambda_k)$$

as a bounded selfadjoint operator on the tensorial product $H_1 \otimes \dots \otimes H_k$.

If the Hilbert spaces are of finite dimension, then the above integrals become finite sums, and we may consider the functional calculus for arbitrary real functions.

This construction [2] extends the definition of Korányi [5] for functions of two variables and have the property that

$$f(A_1, \dots, A_k) = f_1(A_1) \otimes \dots \otimes f_k(A_k),$$

whenever f can be separated as a product $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) = f_1(t_1) \dots f_k(t_k)$ of k functions each depending on only one variable.

It is known that, if f is *super-multiplicative* (*sub-multiplicative*) on $[0, \infty)$, namely

$$f(st) \geq (\leq) f(s) f(t) \text{ for all } s, t \in [0, \infty)$$

and if f is continuous on $[0, \infty)$, then [7, p. 173]

$$(1.8) \quad f(A \otimes B) \geq (\leq) f(A) \otimes f(B) \text{ for all } A, B \geq 0.$$

This follows by observing that, if

$$A = \int_{[0, \infty)} t dE(t) \text{ and } B = \int_{[0, \infty)} s dF(s)$$

are the spectral resolutions of A and B , then

$$(1.9) \quad f(A \otimes B) = \int_{[0, \infty)} \int_{[0, \infty)} f(st) dE(t) \otimes dF(s)$$

for the continuous function f on $[0, \infty)$.

Recall the *geometric operator mean* for the positive operators $A, B > 0$

$$A \#_t B := A^{1/2} (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^t A^{1/2},$$

where $t \in [0, 1]$ and

$$A \# B := A^{1/2} (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2}.$$

By the definitions of $\#$ and \otimes we have

$$A \# B = B \# A \text{ and } (A \# B) \otimes (B \# A) = (A \otimes B) \# (B \otimes A).$$

In 2007, S. Wada [13] obtained the following *Callebaut type inequalities* for tensorial product

$$(1.10) \quad \begin{aligned} (A \# B) \otimes (A \# B) &\leq \frac{1}{2} [(A \#_\alpha B) \otimes (A \#_{1-\alpha} B) + (A \#_{1-\alpha} B) \otimes (A \#_\alpha B)] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (A \otimes B + B \otimes A) \end{aligned}$$

for $A, B > 0$ and $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.

Recall that the *Hadamard product* of A and B in $B(H)$ is defined to be the operator $A \circ B \in B(H)$ satisfying

$$\langle (A \circ B) e_j, e_j \rangle = \langle A e_j, e_j \rangle \langle B e_j, e_j \rangle$$

for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$, where $\{e_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an *orthonormal basis* for the separable Hilbert space H .

It is known that, see [6], we have the representation

$$(1.11) \quad A \circ B = \mathcal{U}^* (A \otimes B) \mathcal{U}$$

where $\mathcal{U} : H \rightarrow H \otimes H$ is the isometry defined by $\mathcal{U} e_j = e_j \otimes e_j$ for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$.

If f is *super-multiplicative* (*sub-multiplicative*) on $[0, \infty)$, then also [7, p. 173]

$$(1.12) \quad f(A \circ B) \geq (\leq) f(A) \circ f(B) \text{ for all } A, B \geq 0.$$

We recall the following elementary inequalities for the Hadamard product

$$A^{1/2} \circ B^{1/2} \leq \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \circ 1 \text{ for } A, B \geq 0$$

and *Fiedler inequality*

$$(1.13) \quad A \circ A^{-1} \geq 1 \text{ for } A > 0.$$

As extension of Kadison's Schwarz inequality on the Hadamard product, Ando [1] showed that

$$A \circ B \leq (A^2 \circ 1)^{1/2} (B^2 \circ 1)^{1/2} \text{ for } A, B \geq 0$$

and Aujla and Vasudeva [3] gave an alternative upper bound

$$A \circ B \leq (A^2 \circ B^2)^{1/2} \text{ for } A, B \geq 0.$$

It has been shown in [8] that $(A^2 \circ 1)^{1/2} (B^2 \circ 1)^{1/2}$ and $(A^2 \circ B^2)^{1/2}$ are incomparable for 2-square positive definite matrices A and B .

Motivated by the above results, in this paper we show among others that, if the selfadjoint operators A and B are nonnegative and $\nu \in [0, 1]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq r \left(A \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B - 2A^{1/2} \otimes B^{1/2} \right) \\ &\leq (1-\nu) A \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B - A^{1-\nu} \otimes B^\nu \\ &\leq R \left(A \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B - 2A^{1/2} \otimes B^{1/2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $r = \min \{1-\nu, \nu\}$ and $R = \max \{1-\nu, \nu\}$. We also have the following inequalities for the Hadamard product

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq 2r \left(\left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \circ 1 - A^{1/2} \circ B^{1/2} \right) \\ &\leq [(1-\nu)A + \nu B] \circ 1 - A^{1-\nu} \circ B^\nu \\ &\leq 2R \left(\left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \circ 1 - A^{1/2} \circ B^{1/2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

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

2. MAIN RESULTS

The first main result is as follows:

Theorem 1. *If the selfadjoint operators A and B are nonnegative and $\nu \in [0, 1]$, then*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq r \left(A \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B - 2A^{1/2} \otimes B^{1/2} \right) \\ &\leq (1-\nu) A \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B - A^{1-\nu} \otimes B^\nu \\ &\leq R \left(A \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B - 2A^{1/2} \otimes B^{1/2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $r = \min \{1-\nu, \nu\}$ and $R = \max \{1-\nu, \nu\}$.

Proof. From (1.2) we have

$$(2.2) \quad r \left(t - 2t^{1/2}s^{1/2} + s \right) \leq (1-\nu)t + \nu s - t^{1-\nu}s^\nu \leq R \left(t - 2t^{1/2}s^{1/2} + s \right)$$

for all $t, s \geq 0$ and $\nu \in [0, 1]$.

If

$$A = \int_{[0,\infty)} t dE(t) \text{ and } B = \int_{[0,\infty)} s dF(s)$$

are the spectral resolutions of A and B , then by taking the integral $\int_{[0,\infty)} \int_{[0,\infty)}$ over $dE(t) \otimes dF(s)$ in (2.2), we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.3) \quad & r \int_{[0,\infty)} \int_{[0,\infty)} \left(t - 2t^{1/2}s^{1/2} + s \right) dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\ & \leq \int_{[0,\infty)} \int_{[0,\infty)} \left[(1-\nu)t + \nu s - t^{1-\nu}s^\nu \right] dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\ & \leq R \int_{[0,\infty)} \int_{[0,\infty)} \left(t - 2t^{1/2}s^{1/2} + s \right) dE(t) \otimes dF(s). \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{[0,\infty)} \int_{[0,\infty)} \left(t + s - 2t^{1/2}s^{1/2} \right) dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\ & = \int_{[0,\infty)} \int_{[0,\infty)} t dE(t) \otimes dF(s) + \int_{[0,\infty)} \int_{[0,\infty)} s dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\ & \quad - 2 \int_{[0,\infty)} \int_{[0,\infty)} t^{1/2}s^{1/2} dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\ & = A \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B - 2A^{1/2} \otimes B^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{[0,\infty)} \int_{[0,\infty)} \left[(1-\nu)t + \nu s - t^{1-\nu}s^\nu \right] dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\ & = (1-\nu) \int_{[0,\infty)} \int_{[0,\infty)} t dE(t) \otimes dF(s) + \nu \int_{[0,\infty)} \int_{[0,\infty)} s dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\ & \quad - \int_{[0,\infty)} \int_{[0,\infty)} t^{1-\nu}s^\nu dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\ & = (1-\nu)A \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B - A^{1-\nu} \otimes B^\nu \end{aligned}$$

and by (2.3) we obtain (2.1). \square

Remark 1. If $0 < m \leq A \leq M$ for some constants m and M , then

$$\begin{aligned} (2.4) \quad & 0 \leq r \left(A \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes A - 2A^{1/2} \otimes A^{1/2} \right) \\ & \leq (1-\nu)A \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes A - A^{1-\nu} \otimes A^\nu \\ & \leq R \left(A \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes A - 2A^{1/2} \otimes A^{1/2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The following result for sums also holds:

Corollary 1. *Assume that the selfadjoint operators A_i and B_i are nonnegative and $p_i \geq 0$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.5) \quad & 0 \leq r \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i B_i \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - 2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1/2} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i B_i^{1/2} \right) \right] \\
& \leq (1 - \nu) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i B_i \right) \\
& \quad - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1-\nu} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i B_i^\nu \right) \\
& \leq R \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i B_i \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - 2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1/2} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i B_i^{1/2} \right) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. From (2.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& r \left(A_i \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B_j - 2A_i^{1/2} \otimes B_j^{1/2} \right) \\
& \leq (1 - \nu) A_i \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B_j - A_i^{1-\nu} \otimes B_j^\nu \\
& \leq R \left(A_i \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B_j - 2A_i^{1/2} \otimes B_j^{1/2} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

for $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

If we multiply by $p_i p_j \geq 0$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& r \sum_{i,j=1}^n p_i p_j \left(A_i \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B_j - 2A_i^{1/2} \otimes B_j^{1/2} \right) \\
& \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^n p_i p_j \left[(1 - \nu) A_i \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B_j - A_i^{1-\nu} \otimes B_j^\nu \right] \\
& \leq R \sum_{i,j=1}^n p_i p_j \left(A_i \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B_j - 2A_i^{1/2} \otimes B_j^{1/2} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to (2.5). □

Remark 2. If we take $B_i = A_i$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ in (2.5), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.6) \quad 0 &\leq r \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1/2} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1/2} \right) \right] \\
 &\leq (1 - \nu) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \\
 &\quad - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1-\nu} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^\nu \right) \\
 &\leq R \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1/2} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1/2} \right) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

We have the following result for the Hadamard product:

Corollary 2. Assume that $A, B \geq 0$ and $\nu \in [0, 1]$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.7) \quad 0 &\leq 2r \left(\left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \circ 1 - A^{1/2} \circ B^{1/2} \right) \\
 &\leq [(1 - \nu)A + \nu B] \circ 1 - A^{1-\nu} \circ B^\nu \\
 &\leq 2R \left(\left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \circ 1 - A^{1/2} \circ B^{1/2} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $r = \min \{1 - \nu, \nu\}$ and $R = \max \{1 - \nu, \nu\}$.

In particular, for $B = A$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.8) \quad 0 &\leq 2r \left(A \circ 1 - A^{1/2} \circ A^{1/2} \right) \leq A \circ 1 - A^{1-\nu} \circ A^\nu \\
 &\leq 2R \left(A \circ 1 - A^{1/2} \circ A^{1/2} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We have the representation

$$X \circ Y = \mathcal{U}^* (X \otimes Y) \mathcal{U},$$

where $\mathcal{U} : H \rightarrow H \otimes H$ is the isometry defined by $\mathcal{U}e_j = e_j \otimes e_j$ for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$.

Now, if we apply \mathcal{U}^* to the left and \mathcal{U} to the right in the inequality (2.1), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &r\mathcal{U}^* \left(A \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B - 2A^{1/2} \otimes B^{1/2} \right) \mathcal{U} \\
 &\leq \mathcal{U}^* \left[(1 - \nu)A \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B - A^{1-\nu} \otimes B^\nu \right] \mathcal{U} \\
 &\leq R\mathcal{U}^* \left(A \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B - 2A^{1/2} \otimes B^{1/2} \right) \mathcal{U},
 \end{aligned}$$

which gives that

$$\begin{aligned} & r \left[\mathcal{U}^* (A \otimes 1) \mathcal{U} + \mathcal{U}^* (1 \otimes B) \mathcal{U} - 2\mathcal{U}^* (A^{1/2} \otimes B^{1/2}) \mathcal{U} \right] \\ & \leq (1 - \nu) \mathcal{U}^* (A \otimes 1) \mathcal{U} + \nu \mathcal{U}^* (1 \otimes B) \mathcal{U} - \mathcal{U}^* (A^{1-\nu} \otimes B^\nu) \mathcal{U} \\ & \leq R \left[\mathcal{U}^* (A \otimes 1) \mathcal{U} + \mathcal{U}^* (1 \otimes B) \mathcal{U} - 2\mathcal{U}^* (A^{1/2} \otimes B^{1/2}) \mathcal{U} \right], \end{aligned}$$

namely

$$\begin{aligned} r \left(A \circ 1 + 1 \circ B - 2A^{1/2} \circ B^{1/2} \right) & \leq (1 - \nu) A \circ 1 + \nu 1 \circ B - A^{1-\nu} \circ B^\nu \\ & \leq R \left(A \circ 1 + 1 \circ B - 2A^{1/2} \circ B^{1/2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to (2.7). \square

Remark 3. Assume that the selfadjoint operators A_i and B_i are nonnegative and $p_i \geq 0$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (2.9) \quad 0 & \leq 2r \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{A_i + B_i}{2} \right) \circ 1 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1/2} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i B_i^{1/2} \right) \right] \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i [(1 - \nu) A_i + \nu B_i] \right) \circ 1 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1-\nu} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i B_i^\nu \right) \\ & \leq 2R \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{A_i + B_i}{2} \right) \circ 1 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1/2} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i B_i^{1/2} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for $A_i = B_i$ where $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (2.10) \quad 0 & \leq 2r \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \circ 1 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1/2} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1/2} \right) \right] \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \circ 1 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1-\nu} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^\nu \right) \\ & \leq 2R \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \circ 1 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1/2} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1/2} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

We have the following result for tensorial product of continuous functions of operators:

Theorem 2. Assume that f, g are continuous and nonnegative on the interval I and selfadjoint operators A and B with spectra $\text{Sp}(A), \text{Sp}(B) \subset I$,

$$\begin{aligned} (2.11) \quad 0 & \leq r \left[f^2(A) \otimes g^2(B) + g^2(A) \otimes f^2(B) - 2(f(A)g(A) \otimes (f(B)g(B))) \right] \\ & \leq (1 - \nu) f^2(A) \otimes g^2(B) + \nu g^2(A) \otimes f^2(B) \\ & \quad - \left(f^{2(1-\nu)}(A) g^{2\nu}(A) \right) \otimes \left(f^{2\nu}(B) g^{2(1-\nu)}(B) \right) \\ & \leq R \left[f^2(A) \otimes g^2(B) + g^2(A) \otimes f^2(B) - 2(f(A)g(A) \otimes (f(B)g(B))) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

In particular, for $B = A$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.12) \quad 0 &\leq r [f^2(A) \otimes g^2(A) + g^2(A) \otimes f^2(A) - 2(f(A)g(A)) \otimes (f(A)g(A))] \\
 &\leq (1-\nu) f^2(A) \otimes g^2(A) + \nu g^2(A) \otimes f^2(A) \\
 &\quad - \left(f^{2(1-\nu)}(A) g^{2\nu}(A) \right) \otimes \left(f^{2\nu}(A) g^{2(1-\nu)}(A) \right) \\
 &\leq R [f^2(A) \otimes g^2(A) + g^2(A) \otimes f^2(A) - 2(f(A)g(A)) \otimes (f(A)g(A))]
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. If we use the inequality (1.2) for

$$a = \frac{f^2(t)}{g^2(t)}, \quad b = \frac{f^2(s)}{g^2(s)},$$

then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.13) \quad 0 &\leq r \left(\frac{f^2(t)}{g^2(t)} - 2 \frac{f(t)f(s)}{g(t)g(s)} + \frac{f^2(s)}{g^2(s)} \right) \\
 &\leq (1-\nu) \frac{f^2(t)}{g^2(t)} + \nu b - \left(\frac{f^2(t)}{g^2(t)} \right)^{1-\nu} \left(\frac{f^2(s)}{g^2(s)} \right)^\nu \\
 &\leq R \left(\frac{f^2(t)}{g^2(t)} - 2 \frac{f(t)f(s)}{g(t)g(s)} + \frac{f^2(s)}{g^2(s)} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $t, s \in I$.

Now, if we multiply (2.11) by $g^2(t)g^2(s) > 0$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.14) \quad 0 &\leq r (f^2(t)g^2(s) - 2f(t)g(t)f(s)g(s) + f^2(s)g^2(t)) \\
 &\leq (1-\nu) f^2(t)g^2(s) + \nu g^2(t)f^2(s) \\
 &\quad - f^{2(1-\nu)}(t)g^{2\nu}(t)f^{2\nu}(s)g^{2(1-\nu)}(s) \\
 &\leq R (f^2(t)g^2(s) - 2f(t)g(t)f(s)g(s) + f^2(s)g^2(t))
 \end{aligned}$$

for any $t, s \in I$.

Assume that

$$A = \int_I t dE(t) \quad \text{and} \quad B = \int_I s dF(s)$$

are the spectral resolutions of A and B .

Further on, if we take the double integral $\int_I \int_I$ over $dE(t) \otimes dF(s)$ in (2.13), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.15) \quad 0 &\leq r \int_I \int_I (f^2(t)g^2(s) - 2f(t)g(t)f(s)g(s) + f^2(s)g^2(t)) \\
 &\quad \times dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\
 &\leq \int_I \int_I \left[(1-\nu) f^2(t)g^2(s) + \nu g^2(t)f^2(s) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - f^{2(1-\nu)}(t)g^{2\nu}(t)f^{2\nu}(s)g^{2(1-\nu)}(s) \right] dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\
 &\leq R \int_I \int_I (f^2(t)g^2(s) - 2f(t)g(t)f(s)g(s) + f^2(s)g^2(t)) \\
 &\quad \times dE(t) \otimes dF(s).
 \end{aligned}$$

Observe that, by (1.7)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_I \int_I (f^2(t)g^2(s) - 2f(t)g(t)f(s)g(s) + f^2(s)g^2(t)) dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\
&= \int_I \int_I f^2(t)g^2(s) dE(t) \otimes dF(s) + \int_I \int_I f^2(s)g^2(t) dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\
&- 2 \int_I \int_I f(t)g(t)f(s)g(s) dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\
&= f^2(A) \otimes g^2(B) + g^2(A) \otimes f^2(B) - 2(f(A)g(A)) \otimes (f(B)g(B))
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_I \int_I [(1-\nu)f^2(t)g^2(s) + \nu g^2(t)f^2(s) \\
&- f^{2(1-\nu)}(t)g^{2\nu}(t)f^{2\nu}(s)g^{2(1-\nu)}(s)] dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\
&= (1-\nu) \int_I \int_I f^2(t)g^2(s) dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\
&+ \nu \int_I \int_I g^2(t)f^2(s) dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\
&- \int_I \int_I f^{2(1-\nu)}(t)g^{2\nu}(t)f^{2\nu}(s)g^{2(1-\nu)}(s) dE(t) \otimes dF(s) \\
&= (1-\nu)f^2(A) \otimes g^2(B) + \nu g^2(A) \otimes f^2(B) \\
&- \left(f^{2(1-\nu)}(A)g^{2\nu}(A) \right) \otimes \left(f^{2\nu}(B)g^{2(1-\nu)}(B) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (2.15) we derive the desired result (2.11). \square

Corollary 3. *With the assumptions of Theorem 2 we have the following inequalities for the Hadamard product*

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.16) \quad 0 &\leq r [f^2(A) \circ g^2(B) + g^2(A) \circ f^2(B) - 2(f(A)g(A)) \circ (f(B)g(B))] \\
&\leq (1-\nu)f^2(A) \circ g^2(B) + \nu g^2(A) \circ f^2(B) \\
&- \left(f^{2(1-\nu)}(A)g^{2\nu}(A) \right) \circ \left(f^{2\nu}(B)g^{2(1-\nu)}(B) \right) \\
&\leq R [f^2(A) \circ g^2(B) + g^2(A) \circ f^2(B) - 2(f(A)g(A)) \circ (f(B)g(B))]
\end{aligned}$$

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

In particular, for $B = A$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.17) \quad 0 &\leq 2r [f^2(A) \circ g^2(A) - (f(A)g(A)) \circ (f(A)g(A))] \\
&\leq f^2(A) \circ g^2(A) - \left(f^{2(1-\nu)}(A)g^{2\nu}(A) \right) \circ \left(f^{2\nu}(A)g^{2(1-\nu)}(A) \right) \\
&\leq 2R [f^2(A) \circ g^2(A) - (f(A)g(A)) \circ (f(A)g(A))].
\end{aligned}$$

We have the following result for sums of operators:

Corollary 4. *Assume that the selfadjoint operators A_i and B_i are nonnegative and $p_i \geq 0$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.18) \quad 0 &\leq r \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(B_i) \right) \right. \\
 &+ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(B_i) \right) \\
 &\left. - 2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(A_i) g(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(B_i) g(B_i) \right) \right] \\
 &\leq (1 - \nu) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(B_i) \right) \\
 &+ \nu \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(B_i) \right) \\
 &- \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^{2(1-\nu)}(A_i) g^{2\nu}(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^{2\nu}(B_i) g^{2(1-\nu)}(B_i) \right) \\
 &\leq R \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(B_i) \right) \right. \\
 &+ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(B_i) \right) \\
 &\left. - 2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(A_i) g(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(B_i) g(B_i) \right) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.19) \quad 0 &\leq r \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(A_i) \right) \right. \\
 &+ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(A_i) \right) \\
 &\left. - 2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(A_i) g(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(A_i) g(A_i) \right) \right] \\
 &\leq (1 - \nu) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(A_i) \right) \\
 &+ \nu \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(A_i) \right) \\
 &- \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^{2(1-\nu)}(A_i) g^{2\nu}(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^{2\nu}(A_i) g^{2(1-\nu)}(A_i) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq R \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(A_i) \right) \right. \\
&+ \left. \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(A_i) \right) \right. \\
&\left. - 2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(A_i) g(A_i) \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(A_i) g(A_i) \right) \right],
\end{aligned}$$

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

Remark 4. The corresponding Hadamard inequality we can get from (2.19) is

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.20) \quad 0 &\leq 2r \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(A_i) \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(A_i) \right) \right. \\
&\left. - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(A_i) g(A_i) \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(A_i) g(A_i) \right) \right] \\
&\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(A_i) \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(A_i) \right) \\
&\left. - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^{2(1-\nu)}(A_i) g^{2\nu}(A_i) \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^{2\nu}(A_i) g^{2(1-\nu)}(A_i) \right) \right] \\
&\leq 2R \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f^2(A_i) \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g^2(A_i) \right) \right. \\
&\left. - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(A_i) g(A_i) \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(A_i) g(A_i) \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

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

3. SOME EXAMPLES

Consider the functions $f(t) = t^p$ and $g(t) = t^q$ for $t > 0$ and $p, q \neq 0$. If the selfadjoint operators A and B are nonnegative and $\nu \in [0, 1]$, then by Theorem 2

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.1) \quad 0 &\leq r (A^{2p} \otimes B^{2q} + A^{2q} \otimes B^{2p} - 2A^{p+q} \otimes B^{p+q}) \\
&\leq (1-\nu) A^{2p} \otimes B^{2q} + \nu A^{2q} \otimes B^{2p} - A^{2(1-\nu)p+2\nu q} \otimes B^{2\nu p+2(1-\nu)q} \\
&\leq R (A^{2p} \otimes B^{2q} + A^{2q} \otimes B^{2p} - 2A^{p+q} \otimes B^{p+q})
\end{aligned}$$

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

In particular, for $B = A$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.2) \quad 0 &\leq r (A^{2p} \otimes A^{2q} + A^{2q} \otimes A^{2p} - 2A^{p+q} \otimes A^{p+q}) \\
&\leq (1-\nu) A^{2p} \otimes A^{2q} + \nu A^{2q} \otimes A^{2p} - A^{2(1-\nu)p+2\nu q} \otimes A^{2\nu p+2(1-\nu)q} \\
&\leq R (A^{2p} \otimes A^{2q} + A^{2q} \otimes A^{2p} - 2A^{p+q} \otimes A^{p+q})
\end{aligned}$$

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

If we take $p = 1/2$, $q = -1/2$ in (3.2), then we get

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq r (A \otimes A^{-1} + A^{-1} \otimes A - 2) \\ &\leq (1 - \nu) A \otimes A^{-1} + \nu A^{-1} \otimes A - A^{1-2\nu} \otimes A^{2\nu-1} \\ &\leq R (A \otimes A^{-1} + A^{-1} \otimes A - 2) \end{aligned}$$

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

We also have the inequalities for the Hadamard product

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq r (A^{2p} \circ B^{2q} + A^{2q} \circ B^{2p} - 2A^{p+q} \circ B^{p+q}) \\ &\leq (1 - \nu) A^{2p} \circ B^{2q} + \nu A^{2q} \circ B^{2p} - A^{2(1-\nu)p+2\nu q} \circ B^{2\nu p+2(1-\nu)q} \\ &\leq R (A^{2p} \circ B^{2q} + A^{2q} \circ B^{2p} - 2A^{p+q} \circ B^{p+q}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq 2r (A^{2p} \circ A^{2q} - A^{p+q} \circ A^{p+q}) \\ &\leq A^{2p} \circ A^{2q} - A^{2(1-\nu)p+2\nu q} \circ A^{2\nu p+2(1-\nu)q} \\ &\leq 2R (A^{2p} \circ A^{2q} - A^{p+q} \circ A^{p+q}) \end{aligned}$$

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

If we take $p = 1/2$, $q = -1/2$ in (3.5), then we get

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq 2r (A \circ A^{-1} - 1) \leq A \circ A^{-1} - A^{1-2\nu} \circ A^{2\nu-1} \\ &\leq 2R (A \circ A^{-1} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

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

Now, assume that $\text{Sp}(A_i) \subseteq [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$ and $p_i \geq 0$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$, then from (2.20) we derive

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq 2r \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{2p} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{2q} \right) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{p+q} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{p+q} \right) \right] \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{2p} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{2q} \right) \\ &\quad - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{2(1-\nu)p+2\nu q} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{2\nu p+2(1-\nu)q} \right) \\ &\leq 2R \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{2p} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{2q} \right) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{p+q} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{p+q} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

If we take $p = 1/2$, $q = -1/2$ in (3.7), then we get

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq 2r \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{-1} \right) - 1 \right] \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{-1} \right) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{1-2\nu} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{2\nu-1} \right) \\ &\leq 2R \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i A_i^{-1} \right) - 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

The interested reader may also consider the examples $f(t) = \exp(\alpha t)$, $g(t) = \exp(\beta t)$ with $\alpha \neq \beta$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

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