

**TENSORIAL AND HADAMARD PRODUCT INEQUALITIES FOR
FUNCTIONS OF SELFADJOINT OPERATORS IN HILBERT
SPACES VIA A CARTWRIGHT-FIELD RESULT**

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ABSTRACT. Let H be a Hilbert space. In this paper we show among others that, if the functions f and g are continuous and positive on the interval I and such that there exists the positive numbers $m < M$ with

$$0 < m \leq \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \leq M \text{ for all } t \in I,$$

then, for the selfadjoint operators A, B with spectra $\text{Sp}(A), \text{Sp}(A) \subset I$, we have the tensorial inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{M} \nu (1 - \nu) \\ &\times \left[\frac{(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \otimes g(B) + g(A) \otimes (f^2(B)g^{-1}(B))}{2} - f(A) \otimes f(B) \right] \\ &\leq (1 - \nu) f(A) \otimes g(B) + \nu g(A) \otimes f(B) - (f^{1-\nu}(A)g^\nu(A)) \otimes (f^\nu(B)g^{1-\nu}(B)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} \nu (1 - \nu) \\ &\times \left[\frac{(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \otimes g(B) + g(A) \otimes (f^2(B)g^{-1}(B))}{2} - f(A) \otimes f(B) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Some similar inequalities for Hadamard product are also given.

1. INTRODUCTION

We have the following inequality that provides a refinement and a reverse for the celebrated Young's inequality

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{1}{2} \nu (1 - \nu) \frac{(b - a)^2}{\max\{a, b\}} \leq (1 - \nu) a + \nu b - a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \leq \frac{1}{2} \nu (1 - \nu) \frac{(b - a)^2}{\min\{a, b\}}$$

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

This result was obtained in 1978 by Cartwright and Field [4] who established a more general result for n variables and gave an application for a probability measure supported on a finite interval.

Since $\max\{a, b\} \min\{a, b\} = ab$ for $a, b > 0$, then by (1.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \nu (1 - \nu) \min\{a, b\} \frac{(b - a)^2}{ab} &\leq (1 - \nu) a + \nu b - a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \nu (1 - \nu) \max\{a, b\} \frac{(b - a)^2}{ab}, \end{aligned}$$

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namely

$$(1.2) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1}{2}\nu(1-\nu)\min\{a,b\}\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} - 2\right) \leq (1-\nu)a + \nu b - a^{1-\nu}b^\nu \\ \leq \frac{1}{2}\nu(1-\nu)\max\{a,b\}\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} - 2\right),$$

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

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 $A = (A_1, \dots, A_n)$ 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

$$(1.3) \quad f(A_1, \dots, A_k) := \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_k} f(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k) dE_1(\lambda_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE_k(\lambda_k)$$

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 know 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]

$$(1.4) \quad f(A \otimes B) \geq (\leq) f(A) \otimes f(B) \text{ for all } A, B \geq 0.$$

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

$$(1.5) \quad f(A \otimes B) = \int_{[0, \infty)} \int_{[0, \infty)} f(st) dE(t) \otimes dF(s)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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 [9] obtained the following *Callebaut type inequalities* for tensorial product

$$(1.6) \quad (A\#B) \otimes (A\#B) \leq \frac{1}{2} [(A\#\alpha B) \otimes (A\#_{1-\alpha}B) + (A\#_{1-\alpha}B) \otimes (A\#\alpha B)] \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} (A \otimes B + B \otimes A)$$

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

$$(1.7) \quad A \circ B = \mathcal{U}^* (A \otimes B) \mathcal{U}$$

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]

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

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*

$$(1.9) \quad A \circ A^{-1} \geq 1 \text{ for } A > 0.$$

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 obtain some lower and upper bounds for the quantities

$$(1 - \nu) f(A) \otimes g(B) + \nu g(A) \otimes f(B) - (f^{1-\nu}(A) g^\nu(A)) \otimes (f^\nu(B) g^{1-\nu}(B))$$

and

$$(1 - \nu) f(A) \circ g(B) + \nu g(A) \circ f(B) - (f^{1-\nu}(A) g^\nu(A)) \circ (f^\nu(B) g^{1-\nu}(B))$$

with $\nu \in [0, 1]$, under the assumptions that the functions f and g are continuous and positive on the interval I and such that there exists the positive numbers $m < M$ such that

$$0 < m \leq \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \leq M \text{ for all } t \in I,$$

while the selfadjoint operators A, B are with spectra $\text{Sp}(A), \text{Sp}(A) \subset I$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

We have the following main result:

Theorem 1. *Assume that the functions f and g are continuous and positive on the interval I and such that there exists the positive numbers $m < M$ such that*

$$0 < m \leq \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \leq M \text{ for all } t \in I,$$

then for the selfadjoint operators A, B with spectra $\text{Sp}(A), \text{Sp}(B) \subset I$, we have the tensorial inequalities

$$(2.1) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1}{M} \nu (1 - \nu) \times \left[\frac{(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \otimes g(B) + g(A) \otimes (f^2(B)g^{-1}(B))}{2} - f(A) \otimes f(B) \right] \\ \leq (1 - \nu) f(A) \otimes g(B) + \nu g(A) \otimes f(B) \\ - (f^{1-\nu}(A)g^\nu(A)) \otimes (f^\nu(B)g^{1-\nu}(B)) \\ \leq \frac{1}{m} \nu (1 - \nu) \times \left[\frac{(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \otimes g(B) + g(A) \otimes (f^2(B)g^{-1}(B))}{2} - f(A) \otimes f(B) \right]$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad 0 \leq m \nu (1 - \nu) \times \left[\frac{f(A) \otimes (f^{-1}(B)g(B)) + (f^{-1}(A)g(A)) \otimes f(B)}{2} - g(A) \otimes g(B) \right] \\ \leq (1 - \nu) f(A) \otimes g(B) + \nu g(A) \otimes f(B) \\ - (f^{1-\nu}(A)g^\nu(A)) \otimes (f^\nu(B)g^{1-\nu}(B)) \\ \leq M \nu (1 - \nu) \times \left[\frac{f(A) \otimes (f^{-1}(B)g(B)) + (f^{-1}(A)g(A)) \otimes f(B)}{2} - g(A) \otimes g(B) \right]$$

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

Proof. Now if $a, b \in [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$, then we have from (1.1) and (1.2) the following two inequalities

$$(2.3) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1}{2M} \nu (1 - \nu) (a^2 - 2ab + b^2) \leq (1 - \nu) a + \nu b - a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \\ \leq \frac{1}{2m} \nu (1 - \nu) (a^2 - 2ab + b^2)$$

and

$$(2.4) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1}{2} m \nu (1 - \nu) \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} - 2 \right) \leq (1 - \nu) a + \nu b - a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} M \nu (1 - \nu) \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} - 2 \right)$$

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

Since

$$a = \frac{f(t)}{g(t)}, \quad b = \frac{f(s)}{g(s)} \in [m, M] \text{ for all } t, s \in I,$$

then by (2.3) and (2.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (2.5) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2M} \nu(1-\nu) \left(\left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \right)^2 - 2 \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \frac{f(s)}{g(s)} + \left(\frac{f(s)}{g(s)} \right)^2 \right) \\ &\leq (1-\nu) \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} + \nu \frac{f(s)}{g(s)} - \left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \right)^{1-\nu} \left(\frac{f(s)}{g(s)} \right)^\nu \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2m} \nu(1-\nu) \left(\left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \right)^2 - 2 \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \frac{f(s)}{g(s)} + \left(\frac{f(s)}{g(s)} \right)^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (2.6) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2} m \nu(1-\nu) \left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \frac{g(s)}{f(s)} + \frac{g(t)}{f(t)} \frac{f(s)}{g(s)} - 2 \right) \\ &\leq (1-\nu) \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} + \nu \frac{f(s)}{g(s)} - \left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \right)^{1-\nu} \left(\frac{f(s)}{g(s)} \right)^\nu \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} M \nu(1-\nu) \left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \frac{g(s)}{f(s)} + \frac{g(t)}{f(t)} \frac{f(s)}{g(s)} - 2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

If we multiply the inequalities (2.5) and (2.6) by $g(t)g(s)$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned} (2.7) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2M} \nu(1-\nu) \left(\frac{f^2(t)}{g(t)} g(s) - 2f(t)f(s) + \frac{f^2(s)}{g(s)} g(t) \right) \\ &\leq (1-\nu) f(t)g(s) + \nu g(t)f(s) - f^{1-\nu}(t)g^\nu(t)f^\nu(s)g^{1-\nu}(s) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2m} \nu(1-\nu) \left(\frac{f^2(t)}{g(t)} g(s) - 2f(t)f(s) + \frac{f^2(s)}{g(s)} g(t) \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (2.8) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2} m \nu(1-\nu) \left(f(t) \frac{g(s)}{f(s)} + \frac{g(t)}{f(t)} f(s) - 2g(t)g(s) \right) \\ &\leq (1-\nu) f(t)g(s) + \nu g(t)f(s) - f^{1-\nu}(t)g^\nu(t)f^\nu(s)g^{1-\nu}(s) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} M \nu(1-\nu) \left(f(t) \frac{g(s)}{f(s)} + \frac{g(t)}{f(t)} f(s) - 2g(t)g(s) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

If

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

are the spectral resolutions of A and B , then by taking the double integral $\int_I \int_I$ over $dE(t) \otimes dF(s)$ in (2.7) and (2.8) we get

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

and

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

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

Now, by (1.3) we get

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

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

and

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

Then by (2.9) and (2.10) we get (2.1) and (2.2). \square

Remark 1. We observe that for $\nu = 1/2$ we obtain the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.11) \quad 0 & \leq \frac{1}{4M} \left[\frac{1}{2} [(f^2(A) g^{-1}(A)) \otimes g(B) + g(A) \otimes (f^2(B) g^{-1}(B))] \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - f(A) \otimes f(B) \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{f(A) \otimes g(B) + g(A) \otimes f(B)}{2} \\
 & \quad - \left(f^{1/2}(A) g^{1/2}(A) \right) \otimes \left(f^{1/2}(B) g^{1/2}(B) \right) \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{4M} \left[\frac{1}{2} [(f^2(A) g^{-1}(A)) \otimes g(B) + g(A) \otimes (f^2(B) g^{-1}(B))] \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - f(A) \otimes f(B) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.12) \quad 0 & \leq \frac{1}{4} m \left[\frac{1}{2} [f(A) \otimes (f^{-1}(B) g(B)) + (f^{-1}(A) g(A)) \otimes f(B)] \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - g(A) \otimes g(B) \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{f(A) \otimes g(B) + g(A) \otimes f(B)}{2} \\
 & \quad - \left(f^{1/2}(A) g^{1/2}(A) \right) \otimes \left(f^{1/2}(B) g^{1/2}(B) \right) \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{4} M \left[\frac{1}{2} [f(A) \otimes (f^{-1}(B) g(B)) + (f^{-1}(A) g(A)) \otimes f(B)] \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - g(A) \otimes g(B) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.13) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{M} \nu(1-\nu) \\
&\times \left[\frac{(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \circ g(B) + g(A) \circ (f^2(B)g^{-1}(B))}{2} - f(A) \circ f(B) \right] \\
&\leq (1-\nu) f(A) \circ g(B) + \nu g(A) \circ f(B) \\
&\quad - (f^{1-\nu}(A)g^\nu(A)) \circ (f^\nu(B)g^{1-\nu}(B)) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{m} \nu(1-\nu) \\
&\times \left[\frac{(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \circ g(B) + g(A) \circ (f^2(B)g^{-1}(B))}{2} - f(A) \circ f(B) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.14) \quad 0 &\leq m\nu(1-\nu) \\
&\times \left[\frac{f(A) \circ (f^{-1}(B)g(B)) + (f^{-1}(A)g(A)) \circ f(B)}{2} - g(A) \circ g(B) \right] \\
&\leq (1-\nu) f(A) \circ g(B) + \nu g(A) \circ f(B) \\
&\quad - (f^{1-\nu}(A)g^\nu(A)) \circ (f^\nu(B)g^{1-\nu}(B)) \\
&\leq M\nu(1-\nu) \\
&\times \left[\frac{f(A) \circ (f^{-1}(B)g(B)) + (f^{-1}(A)g(A)) \circ f(B)}{2} - g(A) \circ g(B) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

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

Proof. For $X, Y \in B(H)$, 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 $j \in \mathbb{N}$.

If we take \mathcal{U}^* at the left and \mathcal{U} at the right in the inequality (2.1), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \frac{1}{M} \nu(1-\nu) \\
&\times \mathcal{U}^* \left[\frac{(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \otimes g(B) + g(A) \otimes (f^2(B)g^{-1}(B))}{2} - f(A) \otimes f(B) \right] \mathcal{U} \\
&\leq \mathcal{U}^* [(1-\nu) f(A) \otimes g(B) + \nu g(A) \otimes f(B) \\
&\quad - (f^{1-\nu}(A)g^\nu(A)) \otimes (f^\nu(B)g^{1-\nu}(B))] \mathcal{U} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{m} \nu(1-\nu) \\
&\times \mathcal{U}^* \left[\frac{(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \otimes g(B) + g(A) \otimes (f^2(B)g^{-1}(B))}{2} - f(A) \otimes f(B) \right] \mathcal{U},
\end{aligned}$$

namely

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \frac{1}{M} \nu (1 - \nu) \\
 &\times \left[\frac{\mathcal{U}^* [(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \otimes g(B)] \mathcal{U} + \mathcal{U}^* [g(A) \otimes (f^2(B)g^{-1}(B))] \mathcal{U}}{2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \mathcal{U}^* (f(A) \otimes f(B)) \mathcal{U} \right] \\
 &\leq (1 - \nu) \mathcal{U}^* [f(A) \otimes g(B)] \mathcal{U} + \nu \mathcal{U}^* (g(A) \otimes f(B)) \mathcal{U} \\
 &\quad - \mathcal{U}^* [(f^{1-\nu}(A)g^\nu(A)) \otimes (f^\nu(B)g^{1-\nu}(B))] \mathcal{U} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{m} \nu (1 - \nu) \\
 &\times \left[\frac{\mathcal{U}^* [(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \otimes g(B)] \mathcal{U} + \mathcal{U}^* [g(A) \otimes (f^2(B)g^{-1}(B))] \mathcal{U}}{2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \mathcal{U}^* (f(A) \otimes f(B)) \mathcal{U} \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to (2.13). \square

Remark 2. We observe that for $\nu = 1/2$ we obtain the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.15) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{4M} \left[\frac{1}{2} [(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \circ g(B) + g(A) \circ (f^2(B)g^{-1}(B))] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - f(A) \circ f(B) \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{f(A) \circ g(B) + g(A) \circ f(B)}{2} \\
 &\quad - (f^{1/2}(A)g^{1/2}(A)) \circ (f^{1/2}(B)g^{1/2}(B)) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4M} \left[\frac{1}{2} [(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \circ g(B) + g(A) \circ (f^2(B)g^{-1}(B))] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - f(A) \circ f(B) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.16) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{4} m \left[\frac{1}{2} [f(A) \circ (f^{-1}(B)g(B)) + (f^{-1}(A)g(A)) \circ f(B)] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - g(A) \circ g(B) \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{f(A) \circ g(B) + g(A) \circ f(B)}{2} \\
 &\quad - (f^{1/2}(A)g^{1/2}(A)) \circ (f^{1/2}(B)g^{1/2}(B)) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} M \left[\frac{1}{2} [f(A) \circ (f^{-1}(B)g(B)) + (f^{-1}(A)g(A)) \circ f(B)] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - g(A) \circ g(B) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, if we take $B = A$ in Corollary 1, then we get

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{M} \nu (1 - \nu) [(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \circ g(A) - f(A) \circ f(A)] \\ &\leq f(A) \circ g(A) - (f^{1-\nu}(A)g^\nu(A)) \circ (f^\nu(A)g^{1-\nu}(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} \nu (1 - \nu) [(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \circ g(A) - f(A) \circ f(A)] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq m\nu(1 - \nu) [f(A) \circ (f^{-1}(A)g(A)) - g(A) \circ g(A)] \\ &\leq f(A) \circ g(A) - (f^{1-\nu}(A)g^\nu(A)) \circ (f^\nu(A)g^{1-\nu}(A)) \\ &\leq M\nu(1 - \nu) [f(A) \circ (f^{-1}(A)g(A)) - g(A) \circ g(A)] \end{aligned}$$

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

In particular, for $\nu = 1/2$ we get

$$(2.19) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{4M} [(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \circ g(A) - f(A) \circ f(A)] \\ &\leq f(A) \circ g(A) - (f^{1/2}(A)g^{1/2}(A)) \circ (f^{1/2}(A)g^{1/2}(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4m} [(f^2(A)g^{-1}(A)) \circ g(A) - f(A) \circ f(A)] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.20) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{4} m [f(A) \circ (f^{-1}(A)g(A)) - g(A) \circ g(A)] \\ &\leq f(A) \circ g(A) - (f^{1/2}(A)g^{1/2}(A)) \circ (f^{1/2}(A)g^{1/2}(A)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} M [f(A) \circ (f^{-1}(A)g(A)) - g(A) \circ g(A)]. \end{aligned}$$

3. INEQUALITIES FOR POWER SERIES

Assume that the operators A and B satisfy the conditions

$$0 < m \leq A, \quad B \leq M$$

for some constants m and M .

Consider the functions $f(t) = t^p$, $g(t) = t^q$ for $t > 0$ and $p \neq q$ are real numbers.

We have $\frac{t^p}{t^q} = t^{p-q}$ and

$$m^{p-q} \leq \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \leq M^{p-q} \text{ for } p > q$$

and

$$M^{p-q} \leq \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \leq m^{p-q} \text{ for } p < q$$

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

For $p > q$ we get by Theorem 1 that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.1) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{M^{p-q}} \nu (1-\nu) \left[\frac{A^{2p-q} \otimes B^q + A^q \otimes B^{2p-q}}{2} - A^p \otimes B^q \right] \\
 &\leq (1-\nu) A^p \otimes B^q + \nu A^q \otimes B^p - A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q} \otimes B^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{m^{p-q}} \nu (1-\nu) \left[\frac{A^{2p-q} \otimes B^q + A^q \otimes B^{2p-q}}{2} - A^p \otimes B^q \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.2) \quad 0 &\leq m^{p-q} \nu (1-\nu) \left[\frac{A^p \otimes B^{q-p} + A^{q-p} \otimes B^p}{2} - A^p \otimes B^q \right] \\
 &\leq (1-\nu) A^p \otimes B^q + \nu A^q \otimes B^p - A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q} \otimes B^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p} \\
 &\leq M^{p-q} \nu (1-\nu) \left[\frac{A^p \otimes B^{q-p} + A^{q-p} \otimes B^p}{2} - A^p \otimes B^q \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

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

We also have the following result for power series

Theorem 2. Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ be a power series with nonnegative coefficients and convergent on the open disk $D(0, R) \subset \mathbb{C}$, $R > 0$. Assume that $0 \leq A, B \leq 1$, $p > q$ and $0 \leq \alpha, \beta < R$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.3) \quad 0 &\leq \nu (1-\nu) \\
 &\times \left[\frac{f(\alpha A^{2p-q}) \otimes f(\beta B^q) + f(\alpha A^q) \otimes f(\beta B^{2p-q})}{2} - f(\alpha A^p) \otimes f(\beta B^q) \right] \\
 &\leq (1-\nu) f(\alpha A^p) \otimes f(\beta B^q) + \nu f(\alpha A^q) \otimes f(\beta B^p) \\
 &\quad - f(\alpha A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q}) \otimes f(\beta B^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p}).
 \end{aligned}$$

If $R = \infty$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.4) \quad 0 &\leq \nu (1-\nu) \\
 &\times \left[\frac{f(\alpha A^{2p-q}) \otimes f(\beta B^q) + f(\alpha A^q) \otimes f(\beta B^{2p-q})}{2} - f(\alpha A^p) \otimes f(\beta B^q) \right] \\
 &\leq (1-\nu) f(\alpha A^p) \otimes f(\beta B^q) + \nu f(\alpha A^q) \otimes f(\beta B^p) \\
 &\quad - f(\alpha A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q}) \otimes f(\beta B^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p}) \\
 &\leq \nu (1-\nu) \\
 &\times \left[\frac{f(\alpha A^p) \otimes f(\beta B^{q-p}) + f(\alpha A^{q-p}) \otimes f(\beta B^p)}{2} - f(\alpha A^p) \otimes f(\beta B^q) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From (3.1) and (3.2) we have for $0 \leq A, B \leq 1$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.5) \quad 0 &\leq \nu (1-\nu) \left[\frac{A^{2p-q} \otimes B^q + A^q \otimes B^{2p-q}}{2} - A^p \otimes B^q \right] \\
 &\leq (1-\nu) A^p \otimes B^q + \nu A^q \otimes B^p - A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q} \otimes B^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p} \\
 &\leq \nu (1-\nu) \left[\frac{A^p \otimes B^{q-p} + A^{q-p} \otimes B^p}{2} - A^p \otimes B^q \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

for $p > q$ and $\nu \in [0, 1]$.

Since $0 \leq A, B \leq 1$, then $0 \leq A^i, B^j \leq 1$ for $i, j = 0, 1, \dots$ and by (3.5) we get

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \nu(1-\nu) \left[\frac{A^{i(2p-q)} \otimes B^{jq} + A^{iq} \otimes B^{j(2p-q)}}{2} - A^{ip} \otimes B^{jq} \right] \\ &\leq (1-\nu) A^{ip} \otimes B^{jq} + \nu A^{iq} \otimes B^{jp} - A^{i[(1-\nu)p+\nu q]} \otimes B^{j[\nu q+(1-\nu)p]} \\ &\leq \nu(1-\nu) \left[\frac{A^{ip} \otimes B^{j(q-p)} + A^{i(q-p)} \otimes B^{jp}}{2} - A^{ip} \otimes B^{jq} \right], \end{aligned}$$

for $i, j = 0, 1, \dots$

If we multiply this inequality by $a_i \alpha^i$ and $a_j \beta^j$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \nu(1-\nu) \\ &\times \left[\frac{a_i \alpha^i A^{i(2p-q)} \otimes a_j \beta^j B^{jq} + a_i \alpha^i A^{iq} \otimes a_j \beta^j B^{j(2p-q)}}{2} - a_i \alpha^i A^{ip} \otimes a_j \beta^j B^{jq} \right] \\ &\leq (1-\nu) a_i \alpha^i A^{ip} \otimes a_j \beta^j B^{jq} + \nu a_i \alpha^i A^{iq} \otimes a_j \beta^j B^{jp} \\ &\quad - a_i \alpha^i A^{i[(1-\nu)p+\nu q]} \otimes a_j \beta^j B^{j[\nu q+(1-\nu)p]} \\ &\leq \nu(1-\nu) \\ &\times \left[\frac{a_i \alpha^i A^{ip} \otimes a_j \beta^j B^{j(q-p)} + a_i \alpha^i A^{i(q-p)} \otimes a_j \beta^j B^{jp}}{2} - a_i \alpha^i A^{ip} \otimes a_j \beta^j B^{jq} \right], \end{aligned}$$

for $i, j = 0, 1, \dots$

If we sum over i from 0 to n and over j from 0 to m , then we get

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \nu(1-\nu) \\ &\times \left[\frac{\left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \alpha^i A^{i(2p-q)} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{j=0}^m a_j \beta^j B^{jq} \right)}{2} \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{\left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \alpha^i A^{iq} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{j=0}^m a_j \beta^j B^{j(2p-q)} \right)}{2} \\ &\quad \left. - \left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \alpha^i A^{ip} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{j=0}^m a_j \beta^j B^{jq} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq (1-\nu) \left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \alpha^i A^{ip} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{j=0}^m a_j \beta^j B^{jq} \right) \\
 &+ \nu \left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \alpha^i A^{iq} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{j=0}^m a_j \beta^j B^{jp} \right) \\
 &- \left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \alpha^i A^{i[(1-\nu)p+\nu q]} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{j=0}^m a_j \beta^j B^{j[\nu q+(1-\nu)p]} \right) \\
 &\leq \nu(1-\nu) \\
 &\times \left[\frac{\left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \alpha^i A^{ip} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{j=0}^m a_j \beta^j B^{j(q-p)} \right)}{2} \right] \\
 &+ \frac{\left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \alpha^i A^{i(q-p)} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{j=0}^m a_j \beta^j B^{jp} \right)}{2} \\
 &- \left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \alpha^i A^{ip} \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{j=0}^m a_j \beta^j B^{jq} \right) \Big],
 \end{aligned}$$

for $p > q$ and $\nu \in [0, 1]$.

If $0 \leq A, B \leq 1$ and $0 \leq \alpha, \beta < R$, then $0 \leq \alpha A^{2p-q}, \beta B^q, \alpha A^q, \beta B^{2p-q}, \alpha A^p, \beta B^p, \alpha A^{[(1-\nu)p+\nu q]}, \beta B^{[\nu q+(1-\nu)p]} < R$, which shows that the series

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \alpha^i A^{i(2p-q)}, \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j \beta^j B^{jq}, \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \alpha^i A^{iq}, \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j \beta^j B^{j(2p-q)} \\
 &\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \alpha^i A^{ip}, \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j \beta^j B^{jq}, \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \alpha^i A^{i[(1-\nu)p+\nu q]} \text{ and} \\
 &\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j \beta^j B^{j[\nu q+(1-\nu)p]}
 \end{aligned}$$

are convergent. By taking $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ in the first two inequalities in (3.7) we deduce (3.3).

If $R = \infty$, then the series $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j \beta^j B^{j(q-p)}$ and $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \alpha^i A^{i(q-p)}$ are also convergent, and by taking $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ in all inequalities in (3.7), we derive (3.4). \square

Corollary 2. *Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ be a power series with nonnegative coefficients and convergent on the open disk $D(0, R) \subset \mathbb{C}$, $R > 0$. Assume that $0 \leq A, B \leq 1$, $p > q$ and $0 \leq \alpha, \beta < R$, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.8) \quad &0 \leq \nu(1-\nu) \\
 &\times \left[\frac{f(\alpha A^{2p-q}) \circ f(\beta B^q) + f(\alpha A^q) \circ f(\beta B^{2p-q})}{2} - f(\alpha A^p) \circ f(\beta B^q) \right] \\
 &\leq (1-\nu) f(\alpha A^p) \circ f(\beta B^q) + \nu f(\alpha A^q) \circ f(\beta B^p) \\
 &- f(\alpha A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q}) \circ f(\beta B^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p}).
 \end{aligned}$$

If $R = \infty$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.9) \quad & 0 \leq \nu(1-\nu) \\
& \times \left[\frac{f(\alpha A^{2p-q}) \circ f(\beta B^q) + f(\alpha A^q) \circ f(\beta B^{2p-q})}{2} - f(\alpha A^p) \circ f(\beta B^q) \right] \\
& \leq (1-\nu) f(\alpha A^p) \circ f(\beta B^q) + \nu f(\alpha A^q) \circ f(\beta B^p) \\
& \quad - f(\alpha A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q}) \circ f(\beta B^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p}) \\
& \leq \nu(1-\nu) \\
& \times \left[\frac{f(\alpha A^p) \circ f(\beta B^{q-p}) + f(\alpha A^{q-p}) \circ f(\beta B^p)}{2} - f(\alpha A^p) \circ f(\beta B^q) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

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

Remark 3. Assume that $0 \leq A \leq 1$, $p > q$ and $0 \leq \alpha, \beta < R$, then by taking $B = A$ in (3.8), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.10) \quad & 0 \leq \nu(1-\nu) \\
& \times \left[\frac{f(\alpha A^{2p-q}) \circ f(\beta A^q) + f(\alpha A^q) \circ f(\beta A^{2p-q})}{2} - f(\alpha A^p) \circ f(\beta A^q) \right] \\
& \leq (1-\nu) f(\alpha A^p) \circ f(\beta A^q) + \nu f(\alpha A^q) \circ f(\beta A^p) \\
& \quad - f(\alpha A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q}) \circ f(\beta A^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p}),
\end{aligned}$$

and for $\alpha = \beta = 1$ we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.11) \quad & 0 \leq \nu(1-\nu) [f(A^{2p-q}) - f(A^p)] \circ f(A^q) \\
& \leq f(A^p) \circ f(A^q) - f(A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q}) \circ f(A^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p}).
\end{aligned}$$

If $R = \infty$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.12) \quad & 0 \leq \nu(1-\nu) \\
& \times \left[\frac{f(\alpha A^{2p-q}) \circ f(\beta A^q) + f(\alpha A^q) \circ f(\beta A^{2p-q})}{2} - f(\alpha A^p) \circ f(\beta A^q) \right] \\
& \leq (1-\nu) f(\alpha A^p) \circ f(\beta A^q) + \nu f(\alpha A^q) \circ f(\beta A^p) \\
& \quad - f(\alpha A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q}) \circ f(\beta A^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p}) \\
& \leq \nu(1-\nu) \\
& \times \left[\frac{f(\alpha A^p) \circ f(\beta A^{q-p}) + f(\alpha A^{q-p}) \circ f(\beta A^p)}{2} - f(\alpha A^p) \circ f(\beta A^q) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

and for $\alpha = \beta = 1$ we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.13) \quad & 0 \leq \nu(1-\nu) [f(A^{2p-q}) - f(A^p)] \circ f(A^q) \\
& \leq f(A^p) \circ f(A^q) - f(A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q}) \circ f(A^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p}) \\
& \leq \nu(1-\nu) [f(A^{q-p}) - f(A^q)] \circ f(A^p)
\end{aligned}$$

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

Let $h(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ be a power series with complex coefficients and convergent on the open disk $D(0, R) \subset \mathbb{C}$, $R > 0$. We have the following examples

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} h(z) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} z^n = \ln \frac{1}{1-z}, \quad z \in D(0, 1); \\ h(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} z^{2n} = \cosh z, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}; \\ h(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} z^{2n+1} = \sinh z, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}; \\ h(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n = \frac{1}{1-z}, \quad z \in D(0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Other important examples of functions as power series representations with non-negative coefficients are:

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{aligned} h(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} z^n = \exp(z) \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \\ h(z) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1} z^{2n-1} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z} \right), \quad z \in D(0, 1); \\ h(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n+\frac{1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi} (2n+1) n!} z^{2n+1} = \sin^{-1}(z), \quad z \in D(0, 1); \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{aligned} h(z) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1} z^{2n-1} = \tanh^{-1}(z), \quad z \in D(0, 1) \\ h(z) &= {}_2F_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha)\Gamma(n+\beta)\Gamma(\gamma)}{n!\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(n+\gamma)} z^n, \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0, \\ & \quad z \in D(0, 1); \end{aligned}$$

where Γ is *Gamma function*.

Assume that $0 \leq A, B \leq 1$, $p > q$ and $0 \leq \alpha, \beta < 1$, then by writing the inequality (3.3) for the function $f(z) = (1-z)^{-1}$, we get

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{aligned} & 0 \leq \nu(1-\nu) \\ & \times \left[\frac{(1-\alpha A^{2p-q})^{-1} \otimes (1-\beta B^q)^{-1} + (1-\alpha A^q)^{-1} \otimes (1-\beta B^{2p-q})^{-1}}{2} \right. \\ & \left. - (1-\alpha A^p)^{-1} \otimes f(1-\beta B^q)^{-1} \right] \\ & \leq (1-\nu)(1-\alpha A^p)^{-1} \otimes (1-\beta B^q)^{-1} + \nu(1-\alpha A^q)^{-1} \otimes (1-\beta B^p)^{-1} \\ & - \left(1-\alpha A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left(1-\beta B^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p} \right)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.11) we also have the inequalities for the Hadamard product

$$(3.18) \quad 0 \leq \nu(1-\nu) \left[(1-A^{2p-q})^{-1} - (1-A^p)^{-1} \right] \circ (1-A^q)^{-1} \\ \leq (1-A^p)^{-1} \circ (1-A^q)^{-1} - \left(1-A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q} \right)^{-1} \circ \left(1-A^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p} \right)^{-1},$$

for $\nu \in [0, 1]$, $0 \leq A < 1$, $p > q$.

Assume that $0 \leq A, B \leq 1$, $p > q$ and $0 \leq \alpha, \beta$, then by writing the inequality (3.4) for the function $f(z) = \exp z$, we get

$$(3.19) \quad 0 \leq \nu(1-\nu) \\ \times \left[\frac{\exp(\alpha A^{2p-q}) \otimes \exp(\beta B^q) + \exp(\alpha A^q) \otimes \exp(\beta B^{2p-q})}{2} \right. \\ \left. - \exp(\alpha A^p) \otimes \exp(\beta B^q) \right] \\ \leq (1-\nu) \exp(\alpha A^p) \otimes \exp(\beta B^q) + \nu f(\alpha A^q) \otimes f(\beta B^p) \\ - \exp(\alpha A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q}) \otimes \exp(\beta B^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p}) \\ \leq \nu(1-\nu) \\ \times \left[\frac{\exp(\alpha A^p) \otimes \exp(\beta B^{q-p}) + \exp(\alpha A^{q-p}) \otimes \exp(\beta B^p)}{2} \right. \\ \left. - \exp(\alpha A^p) \otimes \exp(\beta B^q) \right].$$

Finally, from (3.13) we derive

$$(3.20) \quad 0 \leq \nu(1-\nu) \left[\exp(A^{2p-q}) - \exp(A^p) \right] \circ \exp(A^q) \\ \leq \exp(A^p) \circ \exp(A^q) - \exp(A^{(1-\nu)p+\nu q}) \circ \exp(A^{\nu q+(1-\nu)p}) \\ \leq \nu(1-\nu) \left[\exp(A^{q-p}) - \exp(A^q) \right] \circ \exp(A^p)$$

for $\nu \in [0, 1]$, $0 \leq A \leq 1$, $p > q$.

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