

**REFINEMENTS AND REVERSES OF JENSEN TENSORIAL
INEQUALITY FOR TWICE DIFFERENTIABLE FUNCTIONS OF
SELFADJOINT OPERATORS IN HILBERT SPACES**

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ABSTRACT. Let H be a Hilbert space. In this paper we show among others that, if $\psi : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a twice differentiable convex function on I , $\phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $m\psi''(t) \leq \phi''(t) \leq M\psi''(t)$, $t \in I$, for some constants $m < M$, $A_i, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ are selfadjoint operators with $\text{Sp}(A_i) \subset I$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $w_i \geq 0, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$, then

$$m \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\psi}(A_i) - \widehat{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i A_i \right)} \right] \\ \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\phi}(A_i) - \phi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i A_i \right) \leq M \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\psi}(A_i) - \psi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i A_i \right) \right],$$

where \widehat{A}_i is defined as a tensorial product of A_i in position $i = 1, \dots, n$ and with 1 in the other positions. Let $(A_t)_{t \in \Omega}$ be a continuous field of operators in $B(H)$ with $\text{Sp}(A_t) \subseteq [m, M]$ for $t \in \Omega$, then for $\nu \in [0, 1]$ we have the inequalities for the Hadamard product

$$0 \leq (1 - \nu) \nu \exp(m) \\ \times \left[\int_{\Omega} A_t^2 d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \right] \\ \leq \int_{\Omega} \exp(A_t) d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} (\exp(1 - \nu) A_t) d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} \exp(\nu A_t) d\mu(t) \\ \leq (1 - \nu) \nu \exp(M) \\ \times \left[\int_{\Omega} A_t^2 d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \right].$$

1. INTRODUCTION

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

$$(1.1) \quad f(A_1, \dots, A_k) := \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_k} f(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k) dE_1(\lambda_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE_k(\lambda_k)$$

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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 [11] for functions of two variables and have the property that

$$(1.2) \quad f(A_1, \dots, A_k) = f_1(A_1) \otimes \dots \otimes f_k(A_k),$$

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 [13, p. 173]

$$(1.3) \quad f(A \otimes B) \geq (\leq) f(A) \otimes f(B) \text{ for all } A, B \geq 0.$$

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

$$(1.4) \quad f(A \otimes B) = \int_{[0, \infty)} \int_{[0, \infty)} f(st) dE(t) \otimes dF(s)$$

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 [16] obtained the following *Caltebaut type inequalities* for tensorial product

$$(1.5) \quad (A \# B) \otimes (A \# B) \leq \frac{1}{2} [(A \#_\alpha B) \otimes (A \#_{1-\alpha} B) + (A \#_{1-\alpha} B) \otimes (A \#_\alpha B)] \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} (A \otimes B + B \otimes A)$$

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 [12], we have the representation

$$(1.6) \quad A \circ B = \mathcal{U}^* (A \otimes B) \mathcal{U}$$

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 [13, p. 173]

$$(1.7) \quad f(A \circ B) \geq (\leq) f(A) \circ f(B) \text{ for all } A, B \geq 0.$$

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

$$A \circ A^{-1} \geq 1 \text{ for } A > 0.$$

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 [14] 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 $\psi : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a twice differentiable convex function on I , $\phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $m\psi''(t) \leq \phi''(t) \leq M\psi''(t)$, $t \in I$, for some constants $m < M$, A_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ are selfadjoint operators with $\text{Sp}(A_i) \subset I$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $w_i \geq 0$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} m \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\psi(A_i)} - \psi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{A_i} \right) \right] &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\phi(A_i)} - \phi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{A_i} \right) \\ &\leq M \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\psi(A_i)} - \psi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{A_i} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where \widehat{A}_i is defined as a tensorial product of A_i in position $i = 1, \dots, n$ and with 1 in the other positions. Let $(A_t)_{t \in \Omega}$ be a continuous field of operators in $B(H)$ with $\text{Sp}(A_t) \subseteq [m, M]$ for $t \in \Omega$, then for $\nu \in [0, 1]$ we have the inequalities for the Hadamard product

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq (1 - \nu) \nu \exp(m) \\ &\times \left[\int_{\Omega} A_t^2 d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \right] \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} \exp(A_t) d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} (\exp(1 - \nu) A_t) d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} \exp(\nu A_t) d\mu(t) \\ &\leq (1 - \nu) \nu \exp(M) \\ &\times \left[\int_{\Omega} A_t^2 d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

2. SOME FACTS RELATED JESSEN'S INEQUALITY

Let L be a linear class of real-valued functions $g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ having the properties

(L1) $f, g \in L$ imply $(\alpha f + \beta g) \in L$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$;

(L2) $\mathbf{1} \in L$, i.e., if $f_0(t) = 1$, $t \in E$ then $f_0 \in L$.

An isotonic linear functional $\mathcal{A} : L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a functional satisfying

(A1) $\mathcal{A}(\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha \mathcal{A}(f) + \beta \mathcal{A}(g)$ for all $f, g \in L$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$.

(A2) If $f \in L$ and $f \geq 0$, then $\mathcal{A}(f) \geq 0$.

The mapping \mathcal{A} is said to be *normalised* if

(A3) $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{1}) = 1$.

Isotonic, that is, order-preserving, linear functionals are natural objects in analysis which enjoy a number of convenient properties. Thus, they provide, for example, Jessen's inequality, which is a functional form of Jensen's inequality.

We recall Jessen's inequality ([4], see also [10]).

Theorem 1. *Let $\phi : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (I is an interval), be a convex function and $f : E \rightarrow I$ such that $\phi \circ f, f \in L$. If $\mathcal{A} : L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an isotonic linear and normalised functional, then*

$$(2.1) \quad \phi(\mathcal{A}(f)) \leq \mathcal{A}(\phi \circ f).$$

In we obtained among others, the following refinement and reverse of Jessen's inequality:

Theorem 2. *Let $\psi : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a twice differentiable convex function on $\overset{\circ}{I}$, $f : E \rightarrow I$ such that $\psi \circ f, f \in L$ and $\mathcal{A} : L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an isotonic linear and normalised functional. If $\phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $m\psi''(t) \leq \phi''(t) \leq M\psi''(t)$, $t \in \overset{\circ}{I}$, then*

$$(2.2) \quad m[\mathcal{A}(\psi \circ f) - \psi(\mathcal{A}(f))] \leq \mathcal{A}(\phi \circ f) - \phi(\mathcal{A}(f)) \\ \leq M[\mathcal{A}(\psi \circ f) - \psi(\mathcal{A}(f))],$$

provided $\phi \circ f, f \in L$.

Let $p \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$ and define $g_p : I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g_p(t) = \phi''(t)t^{2-p}$. Assume that $-\infty < \gamma \leq g_p(t) \leq \Gamma < \infty$, $t \in I$. This implies that $\gamma t^{p-2} \leq \phi''(t) \leq \Gamma t^{p-2}$, so if we take $m = \frac{\gamma}{p(p-1)}$, $M = \frac{\Gamma}{p(p-1)}$ and $\psi(t) = \ell^p(t)$, where $\ell(t) = t$, then we have $m\psi''(t) \leq \phi''(t) \leq M\psi''(t)$, $t \in \overset{\circ}{I}$.

By Theorem 2 we can state the following:

Corollary 1. *If $\phi : I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $\gamma t^{p-2} \leq \phi''(t) \leq \Gamma t^{p-2}$, $t \in \overset{\circ}{I}$, $p \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$, then*

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{\gamma}{p(p-1)} [\mathcal{A}(f^p) - \mathcal{A}^p(f)] \leq \mathcal{A}(\phi \circ f) - \phi(\mathcal{A}(f)) \\ \leq \frac{\Gamma}{p(p-1)} [\mathcal{A}(f^p) - \mathcal{A}^p(f)],$$

provided $\phi \circ f, f, f^p \in L$.

In particular, if $\gamma \leq \phi''(t) \leq \Gamma$, $t \in \overset{\circ}{I}$, then

$$(2.4) \quad \frac{\gamma}{2} [\mathcal{A}(f^2) - \mathcal{A}^2(f)] \leq \mathcal{A}(\phi \circ f) - \phi(\mathcal{A}(f)) \leq \frac{\Gamma}{2} [\mathcal{A}(f^2) - \mathcal{A}^2(f)],$$

provided $\phi \circ f, f, f^2 \in L$.

Also, if $\gamma t^{-3} \leq \phi''(t) \leq \Gamma t^{-3}$, $t \in \overset{\circ}{I}$, then

$$(2.5) \quad \frac{\gamma}{2} [\mathcal{A}(f^{-1}) - \mathcal{A}^{-1}(f)] \leq \mathcal{A}(\phi \circ f) - \phi(\mathcal{A}(f)) \leq \frac{\Gamma}{2} [\mathcal{A}(f^{-1}) - \mathcal{A}^{-1}(f)],$$

provided $\phi \circ f, f, f^{-1} \in L$.

Define $l(t) = t^2\phi''(t)$, $t \in \mathring{I} \subset (0, \infty)$ and assume that $-\infty < s \leq l(t) \leq S < \infty$ for $t \in \mathring{I}$. This implies that $st^{-2} \leq \phi''(t) \leq St^{-2}$ for $t \in \mathring{I}$, so if we take $m = s$, $M = S$ and $\psi(t) = -\ln t$, then we have $m\psi''(t) \leq \phi''(t) \leq M\psi''(t)$, $t \in \mathring{I}$.

By Theorem 2 we can state the following:

Corollary 2. *If $\phi : I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $st^{-2} \leq \phi''(t) \leq St^{-2}$ for $t \in \mathring{I}$, then*

$$(2.6) \quad s[\ln(\mathcal{A}(f)) - \mathcal{A}(\ln f)] \leq \mathcal{A}(\phi \circ f) - \phi(\mathcal{A}(f)) \leq S[\ln(\mathcal{A}(f)) - \mathcal{A}(\ln f)],$$

provided $\phi \circ f, f, \ln f \in L$.

Consider $k(t) = t\phi''(t)$, $t \in \mathring{I}$ and assume that $-\infty < \delta \leq k(t) \leq \Delta < \infty$ for $t \in \mathring{I}$. This implies that $\delta t^{-1} \leq \phi''(t) \leq t^{-1}\Delta$ for $t \in \mathring{I}$, so if we take $m = \delta$, $M = \Delta$ and $\psi(t) = t \ln t$, then we have $m\psi''(t) \leq \phi''(t) \leq M\psi''(t)$, $t \in \mathring{I}$.

By utilising Theorem 2 we can also state the following:

Corollary 3. *If $\phi : I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $\delta t^{-1} \leq \phi''(t) \leq t^{-1}\Delta$ for $t \in \mathring{I}$, then*

$$(2.7) \quad \delta[\mathcal{A}(f \ln f) - \mathcal{A}(f) \ln(\mathcal{A}(f))] \leq \mathcal{A}(\phi \circ f) - \phi(\mathcal{A}(f)) \\ \leq \Delta[\mathcal{A}(f \ln f) - \mathcal{A}(f) \ln(\mathcal{A}(f))],$$

provided $\phi \circ f, f, f \ln f \in L$.

A counterpart of Jessen's result was proved by Beesack and Pečarić in [4] for compact intervals $I = [\alpha, \beta]$.

Theorem 3. *Let $\phi : [\alpha, \beta] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function and $f : E \rightarrow [\alpha, \beta]$ such that $\phi \circ f, f \in L$. If $A : L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an isotonic linear and normalised functional, then*

$$(2.8) \quad \mathcal{A}(\phi \circ f) \leq \frac{\beta - A(f)}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\alpha) + \frac{A(f) - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\beta).$$

In [4] we obtained the following refinement and reverse of Beesack-Pečarić inequality (2.8):

Theorem 4. *Let $\psi : [\alpha, \beta] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a twice differentiable convex function on (α, β) , $f : E \rightarrow [\alpha, \beta]$ such that $\psi \circ f, f \in L$ and $\mathcal{A} : L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an isotonic linear and normalised functional. If $\phi : [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $m\psi''(t) \leq \phi''(t) \leq M\psi''(t)$, $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$, then*

$$(2.9) \quad m \left[\frac{\beta - A(f)}{\beta - \alpha} \psi(\alpha) + \frac{A(f) - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \psi(\beta) - \mathcal{A}(\psi \circ f) \right] \\ \leq \frac{\beta - A(f)}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\alpha) + \frac{A(f) - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\beta) - \mathcal{A}(\phi \circ f). \\ \leq M \left[\frac{\beta - A(f)}{\beta - \alpha} \psi(\alpha) + \frac{A(f) - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \psi(\beta) - \mathcal{A}(\psi \circ f) \right].$$

We consider the p -logarithmic mean of two positive numbers given by

$$L_p(a, b) := \begin{cases} a & \text{if } b = a, \\ \left[\frac{b^{p+1} - a^{p+1}}{(p+1)(b-a)} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} & \text{if } a \neq b \end{cases}$$

and $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, 0\}$.

Corollary 4. *If $-\infty < \gamma t^{p-2} \leq \phi''(t) \leq t^{p-2}\Gamma < \infty$, $t \in (\alpha, \beta) \subset (0, \infty)$, then*

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{\gamma}{p(p-1)} \left[pL_{p-1}^{p-1}(\alpha, \beta) A(f) - \alpha\beta(p-1)L_{p-2}^{p-2}(\alpha, \beta) - A(f^p) \right] \\ & \leq \frac{\beta - A(f)}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\alpha) + \frac{A(f) - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\beta) - A(\phi \circ f) \\ & \leq \frac{\Gamma}{p(p-1)} \left[pL_{p-1}^{p-1}(\alpha, \beta) A(f) - \alpha\beta(p-1)L_{p-2}^{p-2}(\alpha, \beta) - A(f^p) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

If $-\infty < k \leq \phi''(t) \leq K < \infty$, $t \in (\alpha, \beta) \subset (0, \infty)$, then by taking in (2.10) $p = 2$, we get

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{k}{2} A[(f - \alpha)(\beta - f)] &= \frac{k}{2} [(\alpha + \beta) A(f) - \alpha\beta - A(f^2)] \\ &\leq \frac{\beta - A(f)}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\alpha) + \frac{A(f) - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\beta) - A(\phi \circ f) \\ &\leq \frac{K}{2} [(\alpha + \beta) A(f) - \alpha\beta - A(f^2)] \\ &= \frac{K}{2} A[(f - \alpha)(\beta - f)]. \end{aligned}$$

Let $I(\cdot, \cdot)$ denotes the identric mean, i.e., we recall it

$$I(u, v) := \begin{cases} u & \text{if } v = u, \\ \frac{1}{e} \left(\frac{u^u}{v^v} \right)^{\frac{1}{u-v}}, & v \neq u. \end{cases}$$

Corollary 5. *If $-\infty < st^{-2} \leq \phi''(t) \leq t^{-2}S < \infty$ for $t \in (\alpha, \beta) \subset (0, \infty)$, then*

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & s \left[A(\ln f) + \ln \left[I\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\beta}\right) \right] + 1 - \frac{A(f)}{L(\alpha, \beta)} \right] \\ & \leq \frac{\beta - A(f)}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\alpha) + \frac{A(f) - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\beta) - A(\phi \circ f) \\ & \leq S \left[A(\ln f) + \ln \left[I\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\beta}\right) \right] + 1 - \frac{A(f)}{L(\alpha, \beta)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Assume that $G(\alpha, \beta) = \sqrt{ab}$ is the geometric mean and $L(\alpha, \beta)$ is the logarithmic mean, i.e., we recall it

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

Corollary 6. *If $-\infty < \delta t^{-1} \leq \phi''(t) \leq t^{-1}\Delta < \infty$ for $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$, then*

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} & \delta \left[A(f) \ln I(\alpha, \beta) - \frac{G^2(\alpha, \beta)}{L(\alpha, \beta)} + A(f) - A(f \ln f) \right] \\ & \leq \frac{\beta - A(f)}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\alpha) + \frac{A(f) - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\beta) - A(\phi \circ f) \\ & \leq \Delta \left[A(f) \ln I(\alpha, \beta) - \frac{G^2(\alpha, \beta)}{L(\alpha, \beta)} + A(f) - A(f \ln f) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

3. SOME PROPERTIES FOR FUNCTIONS OF TENSORIAL PRODUCTS

Recall the following property of the tensorial product

$$(3.1) \quad (AC) \otimes (BD) = (A \otimes B)(C \otimes D)$$

that holds for any $A, B, C, D \in B(H)$.

If we take $C = A$ and $D = B$, then we get

$$A^2 \otimes B^2 = (A \otimes B)^2.$$

By induction and using (3.1) we derive that

$$(3.2) \quad A^n \otimes B^n = (A \otimes B)^n \text{ for natural } n \geq 0.$$

In particular

$$(3.3) \quad A^n \otimes 1 = (A \otimes 1)^n \text{ and } 1 \otimes B^n = (1 \otimes B)^n$$

for all $n \geq 0$.

We also observe that, by (3.1), the operators $A \otimes 1$ and $1 \otimes B$ are commutative and

$$(3.4) \quad (A \otimes 1)(1 \otimes B) = (1 \otimes B)(A \otimes 1) = A \otimes B.$$

Moreover, for two natural numbers m, n we have

$$(3.5) \quad (A \otimes 1)^m (1 \otimes B)^n = (1 \otimes B)^n (A \otimes 1)^m = A^m \otimes B^n.$$

By induction over m , we derive

$$(3.6) \quad (A_1 \otimes A_2 \otimes \dots \otimes A_m)^n = A_1^n \otimes A_2^n \otimes \dots \otimes A_m^n \text{ for natural } n \geq 0$$

and

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & A_1 \otimes A_2 \otimes \dots \otimes A_m \\ &= (A_1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1)(1 \otimes A_2 \otimes \dots \otimes 1) \dots (1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes A_m) \end{aligned}$$

and the m operators $(A_1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1), (1 \otimes A_2 \otimes \dots \otimes 1), \dots$ and $(1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes A_m)$ are commutative between them.

We define for $A_i, B_i \in B(H), i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $\bigotimes_{i=1}^n B_i := B_1 \otimes \dots \otimes B_n$,

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}_i := 1 \otimes \dots \otimes A_i \otimes \dots \otimes 1, \quad i = 2, \dots, n-1,$$

and

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}_1 := A_1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \text{ while } \hat{\mathbf{A}}_n := 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes A_n.$$

Basically $\hat{\mathbf{A}}_i$ is defined as a tensorial product of A_i in position $i = 1, \dots, n$ and with 1 in the other positions.

We need the following identity for the tensorial product, see also [9]:

Lemma 1. *Assume $A_i, i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ are selfadjoint operators with $\text{Sp}(A_i) \subset I_i, i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ and with the spectral resolutions*

$$A_i = \int_{I_i} t_i dE(t_i), \quad i \in \{1, \dots, m\}.$$

Let $f_i, i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ be continuous on I_i and φ continuous on an interval K that contains the product of the intervals $f(I_1) \dots f(I_m)$, then

$$(3.8) \quad \varphi \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^m f_i(A_i) \right) = \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} \varphi \left(\prod_{i=1}^m f_i(t_i) \right) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m).$$

We also have

$$(3.9) \quad \varphi\left(\widehat{\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{A}_i)}\right) = \varphi\left(\widehat{\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{A}_i)}\right)$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, m$.

Proof. By Stone-Weierstrass theorem, any continuous function can be approximated by a sequence of polynomials, therefore it suffices to prove the equality for the power function $\varphi(t) = t^n$ with n any natural number.

Then, by (1.1) and (3.6) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} [f_1(t_1) \dots f_m(t_m)]^n dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) \\ &= \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} [f_1(t_1)]^n \dots [f_m(t_m)]^n dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) \\ &= [f(A_1)]^n \otimes \dots \otimes [f_m(A_m)]^n = [f_1(A_1) \otimes \dots \otimes f_m(A_m)]^n, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that the identity (3.6) is valid for the power function.

This proves the identity (3.8)

By taking $f_j \equiv 1$ for $j = 1, \dots, m$ and $j \neq i$ in (3.8) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_i(A_i) \otimes \dots \otimes 1) &= \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} \varphi(f_i(t_i)) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) \\ &= 1 \otimes \dots \otimes \varphi(f_i(A_i)) \otimes \dots \otimes 1, \end{aligned}$$

which proves (3.9). □

Corollary 7. Assume $A_i, i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ are selfadjoint operators with $\text{Sp}(A_i) \subset I_i$ and $f_i, i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ are continuous and positive on I_i , then

$$(3.10) \quad \ln\left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^m f_i(A_i)\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln\left(\widehat{\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{A}_i)}\right).$$

Also

$$(3.11) \quad \ln\left(\widehat{\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{A}_i)}\right) = \ln\left(\widehat{\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{A}_i)}\right)$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, m$.

Proof. Assume that

$$A_i = \int_I t_i dE(t_i)$$

are the spectral resolutions for $A_i, i = 1, \dots, m$.

We have for $\varphi(u) = \ln u$, $u > 0$, in (3.8) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \ln(f_1(A) \otimes \dots \otimes f_m(A_m)) \\
&= \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} \ln(f_1(t_1) \dots f_m(t_m)) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) \\
&= \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} [\ln f_1(t_1) + \dots + \ln f_m(t_m)] dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) \\
&= \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} \ln f_1(t_1) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) + \dots \\
&+ \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} \ln f_m(t_m) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) \\
&= (\ln f_1(A_1)) \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 + \dots + 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes (\ln f_m(A_m))
\end{aligned}$$

and the identity (3.10) is proved. \square

Corollary 8. Assume A_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ are selfadjoint operators with $\text{Sp}(A_i) \subset I_i$ and f_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ are continuous on I_i , then for $r > 0$

$$(3.12) \quad \left| \bigotimes_{i=1}^m f_i(A_i) \right|^r = \bigotimes_{i=1}^m |f_i(A_i)|^r$$

and

$$(3.13) \quad \left| \widehat{\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{A}_i)} \right|^r = |\widehat{\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{A}_i)}|^r$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, m$.

Proof. From (3.8) we have for the function $\varphi(t) = |t|^r$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
& |f_1(A_1) \otimes \dots \otimes f_m(A_m)|^r \\
&= \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} |f_1(t_1) \dots f_m(t_m)|^r dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) \\
&= \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} |f_1(t_1)|^r \dots |f_m(t_m)|^r dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) \\
&= |f_1(A_1)|^r \otimes \dots \otimes |f_m(A_m)|^r,
\end{aligned}$$

which proves (3.12).

The identity (3.13) follows in a similar way. \square

Corollary 9. Assume A_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ are positive operators and $q_i \geq 0$, $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, then

$$(3.14) \quad \varphi\left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^m A_i^{q_i}\right) = \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} \varphi\left(\prod_{i=1}^m t_i^{q_i}\right) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m).$$

We also have the additive result [9]:

Lemma 2. Assume A_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ are selfadjoint operators with $\text{Sp}(A_i) \subset I_i$, $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ and with the spectral resolutions

$$A_i = \int_{I_i} t_i dE(t_i), \quad i \in \{1, \dots, m\}.$$

Let g_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ be continuous on I_i and ψ continuous on an interval K that contains the sum of the intervals $g(I_1) + \dots + g(I_m)$, then

$$(3.15) \quad \psi \left(\widehat{\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{g}_i(\mathbf{A}_i)} \right) = \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} \psi \left(\sum_{i=1}^m g_i(t_i) \right) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m).$$

Proof. Let f_i , continuous, positive and such that $g_i(t_i) = \ln f_i(t_i)$, $t_i \in I_i$, $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^m g_i(t_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m \ln f_i(t_i) = \ln \left(\prod_{i=1}^m f_i(t_i) \right).$$

By (3.8) we get for $\varphi = \psi \circ \ln$ that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} \psi \left(\sum_{i=1}^m g_i(t_i) \right) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) \\ &= \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} \psi \left(\ln \left(\prod_{i=1}^m f_i(t_i) \right) \right) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) \\ &= \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} (\psi \circ \ln) \left(\prod_{i=1}^m f_i(t_i) \right) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) \\ &= (\psi \circ \ln) \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^m f_i(A_i) \right) = \psi \left(\ln \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^m f_i(A_i) \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

By (3.10) we also have

$$\ln \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^m f_i(A_i) \right) = \sum_{i=1}^m \ln \widehat{\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{A}_i)} = \sum_{i=1}^m \widehat{\mathbf{g}_i(\mathbf{A}_i)}$$

and the identity (3.15) is obtained. \square

Corollary 10. Assume that A_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ and g_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ are as in Lemma 2 and $r > 0$, then

$$(3.16) \quad \left| \widehat{\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{g}_i(\mathbf{A}_i)} \right|^r = \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} \left| \sum_{i=1}^m g_i(t_i) \right|^r dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m).$$

Also, if we take $\psi = \exp$, then we get

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \exp \left(\widehat{\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{g}_i(\mathbf{A}_i)} \right) &= \int_{I_1} \dots \int_{I_m} \exp \left(\sum_{i=1}^m g_i(t_i) \right) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m) \\ &= \bigotimes_{i=1}^m \exp[g_i(A_i)]. \end{aligned}$$

The case of convex combination is as follows:

Corollary 11. Assume A_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ are selfadjoint operators with $\text{Sp}(A_i) \subset I$, $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ and with the spectral resolutions

$$A_i = \int_I t_i dE(t_i), \quad i \in \{1, \dots, m\}.$$

If $p_i \geq 0$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$, and ψ continuous on I , then

$$(3.18) \quad \psi \left(\sum_{i=1}^m p_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right) = \int_I \dots \int_I \psi \left(\sum_{i=1}^m p_i t_i \right) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_m).$$

Follows by (3.4) for $g_i(t_i) = p_i t_i$, $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$.

4. MAIN RESULTS

Our first main result is as follows:

Theorem 5. Let $\psi : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a twice differentiable convex function on \dot{I} . If $\phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $m\psi''(t) \leq \phi''(t) \leq M\psi''(t)$, $t \in \dot{I}$, for some constants $m < M$, A_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ are selfadjoint operators with $\text{Sp}(A_i) \subset I$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $w_i \geq 0$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$, then

$$(4.1) \quad m \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\psi(A_i)} - \psi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{A_i} \right) \right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\phi(A_i)} - \phi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{A_i} \right) \\ \leq M \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\psi(A_i)} - \psi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{A_i} \right) \right].$$

Proof. If we write (3.2) for the weighted discrete sum, then we get

$$(4.2) \quad m \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \psi(t_i) - \psi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i \right) \right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \phi(t_i) - \phi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i \right) \\ \leq M \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \psi(t_i) - \psi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i \right) \right],$$

for all $t_i \in I$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Assume that we have the spectral resolutions

$$A_i = \int_I t_i dE(t_i), \quad i \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

Now, if we take the integral $\int_I \dots \int_I$ over $dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n)$ in (4.2), then we get

$$(4.3) \quad m \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \int_I \dots \int_I \psi(t_i) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) \right. \\ \left. - \int_I \dots \int_I \psi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i \right) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \int_I \dots \int_I \phi(t_i) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) \\
&\quad - \int_I \dots \int_I \phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i\right) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) \\
&\leq M \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \int_I \dots \int_I \psi(t_i) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \int_I \dots \int_I \psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i\right) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Since, by (1.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_I \dots \int_I \psi(t_i) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) \\
&= 1 \otimes \dots \otimes \int_I \psi(t_i) dE(t_i) \otimes \dots \otimes 1 = \widehat{\psi}(\widehat{\mathbf{A}_i}),
\end{aligned}$$

by (3.18)

$$\int_I \dots \int_I \psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i\right) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) = \psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i}\right)$$

and the similar equalities for the function ϕ , then by (4.3) we get (4.1). \square

Corollary 12. *If $\phi : I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $\gamma t^{p-2} \leq \phi''(t) \leq \Gamma t^{p-2}$, $t \in \overset{\circ}{I}$, $p \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.4) \quad &\frac{\gamma}{p(p-1)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i}^p - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right)^p \right] \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\phi(\mathbf{A}_i)} - \phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i}\right) \\
&\leq \frac{\Gamma}{p(p-1)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i}^p - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right)^p \right].
\end{aligned}$$

If $\gamma \leq \phi''(t) \leq \Gamma$, $t \in \overset{\circ}{I}$, then from (4.4) for $p = 2$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.5) \quad &\frac{\gamma}{2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i}^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right)^2 \right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\phi(\mathbf{A}_i)} - \phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i}\right) \\
&\leq \frac{\Gamma}{2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i}^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right)^2 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

If $\gamma t^{-3} \leq \phi''(t) \leq \Gamma t^{-3}$, $t \in \mathring{I}$, then for $p = -1$ in (4.4) we get

$$(4.6) \quad \frac{\gamma}{2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i^{-1}} - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right)^{-1} \right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\phi(\mathbf{A}_i)} - \phi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right) \\ \leq \frac{\Gamma}{2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i^{-1}} - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right)^{-1} \right].$$

Corollary 13. *If $\phi : I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $st^{-2} \leq \phi''(t) \leq St^{-2}$ for $t \in \mathring{I}$, then*

$$(4.7) \quad s \left[\ln \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right) - \ln \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^n A_i^{w_i} \right) \right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\phi(\mathbf{A}_i)} - \phi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right) \\ \leq S \left[\ln \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right) - \ln \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^n A_i^{w_i} \right) \right].$$

Corollary 14. *If $\phi : I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $\delta t^{-1} \leq \phi''(t) \leq t^{-1} \Delta$ for $t \in \mathring{I}$, then*

$$(4.8) \quad m \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \mathbf{A}_i \widehat{\ln(\mathbf{A}_i)} - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \ln \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right) \right] \\ \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\phi(\mathbf{A}_i)} - \phi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right) \\ \leq M \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \mathbf{A}_i \widehat{\ln(\mathbf{A}_i)} - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \ln \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right) \right].$$

Corollary 15. *If $\phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $\theta \exp t \leq \phi''(t) \leq \Theta \exp t$, $t \in \mathring{I}$, for some constants $\theta < \Theta$, A_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ are selfadjoint operators with $\text{Sp}(A_i) \subset I$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $w_i \geq 0$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$, then*

$$(4.9) \quad \theta \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\exp(\mathbf{A}_i)} - \bigotimes_{i=1}^n \exp(w_i A_i) \right] \\ \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\phi(\mathbf{A}_i)} - \phi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}_i} \right) \\ \leq \Theta \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\exp(\mathbf{A}_i)} - \bigotimes_{i=1}^n \exp(w_i A_i) \right].$$

We also have:

Theorem 6. *Let $\psi : [\alpha, \beta] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a twice differentiable convex function on (α, β) . If $\phi : [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable and $m\psi''(t) \leq \phi''(t) \leq M\psi''(t)$, $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$, A_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ are selfadjoint operators with $\text{Sp}(A_i) \subset [\alpha, \beta]$, $i \in$*

$\{1, \dots, n\}$ and $w_i \geq 0$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.10) \quad & m \left[\psi(\alpha) \frac{\beta - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i}{\beta - \alpha} + \psi(\beta) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \right. \\
& \left. - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\psi(\mathbf{A}_i)} \right] \\
& \leq \phi(\alpha) \frac{\beta - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i}{\beta - \alpha} + \phi(\beta) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\phi(\mathbf{A}_i)} \\
& \leq M \left[\psi(\alpha) \frac{\beta - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i}{\beta - \alpha} + \psi(\beta) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \right. \\
& \left. - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\psi(\mathbf{A}_i)} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. If we write (2.9) for the weighted discrete sum, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.11) \quad & m \left[\frac{\beta - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i}{\beta - \alpha} \psi(\alpha) + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \psi(\beta) - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \psi(t_i) \right] \\
& \leq \frac{\beta - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\alpha) + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \phi(\beta) - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \phi(t_i) \\
& \leq M \left[\frac{\beta - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i}{\beta - \alpha} \psi(\alpha) + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \psi(\beta) - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \psi(t_i) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

for all $t_i \in I$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Assume that we have the spectral resolutions

$$A_i = \int_I t_i dE(t_i), \quad i \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

Now, if we take the integral $\int_I \dots \int_I$ over $dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n)$ in (4.11), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& m \left[\psi(\alpha) \frac{\beta - \int_I \dots \int_I \sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n)}{\beta - \alpha} \right. \\
& + \psi(\beta) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \int_I \dots \int_I \sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \\
& \left. - \int_I \dots \int_I \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \psi(t_i) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) \right] \\
& \leq \phi(\alpha) \frac{\beta - \int_I \dots \int_I \sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n)}{\beta - \alpha} \\
& + \phi(\beta) \frac{\int_I \dots \int_I \sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \\
& - \int_I \dots \int_I \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \phi(t_i) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq M \left[\frac{\beta - \int_I \dots \int_I \sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n)}{\beta - \alpha} \psi(\alpha) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \int_I \dots \int_I \sum_{i=1}^n w_i t_i dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \psi(\beta) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_I \dots \int_I \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \psi(t_i) dE(t_1) \otimes \dots \otimes dE(t_n) \right], \end{aligned}$$

which, as in the proof of Theorem 5 gives (4.10). \square

Corollary 16. *If $-\infty < k \leq \phi''(t) \leq K < \infty$, $t \in (\alpha, \beta) \subset (0, \infty)$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} (4.12) \quad &\frac{k}{2} \left[\alpha^2 \frac{\beta - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i}{\beta - \alpha} + \beta^2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^2 \right] \\ &\leq \phi(\alpha) \frac{\beta - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i}{\beta - \alpha} + \phi(\beta) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\phi(\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i)} \\ &\leq \frac{K}{2} \left[\alpha^2 \frac{\beta - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i}{\beta - \alpha} + \beta^2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

By employing the inequalities from Corollaries 4, 5 and 6 for the weighted sum, one can derive other similar inequalities. The details are omitted.

We observe that the inequality (4.12) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} (4.13) \quad &\frac{k}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - \alpha) (\beta - \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i) \\ &\leq \phi(\alpha) \frac{\beta - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i}{\beta - \alpha} + \phi(\beta) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\phi(\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i)} \\ &\leq \frac{K}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - \alpha) (\beta - \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i). \end{aligned}$$

5. SOME EXAMPLES

Consider the function $\phi(t) = t^p$, $p \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, \infty)$. We observe that $\phi''(t) = p(p-1)t^{p-2}$, $t > 0$. For $0 < m < M$, put

$$B_{m,M,p} := p(p-1) \times \begin{cases} M^{p-2} & \text{if } p \geq 2 \\ m^{p-2} & \text{if } (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, 2) \end{cases}$$

and

$$b_{m,M,p} := p(p-1) \times \begin{cases} m^{p-2} & \text{if } p \geq 2 \\ M^{p-2} & \text{if } (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, 2). \end{cases}$$

If $\text{Sp}(A_i) \subset [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $w_i \geq 0$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$, then by (4.5)

$$(5.1) \quad \frac{1}{2} b_{m,M,p} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right)^2 \right] \\ \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^p - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right)^p \leq \frac{1}{2} B_{m,M,p} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right)^2 \right],$$

while from (4.13) we get

$$(5.2) \quad \frac{1}{2} b_{m,M,p} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - m) (M - \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i) \\ \leq \frac{M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i}{M - m} m^p + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - m}{M - m} M^p - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^p \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} B_{m,M,p} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - m) (M - \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i).$$

For $p = -1$, we get

$$(5.3) \quad M^{-3} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right)^2 \right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^{-1} - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right)^{-1} \\ \leq m^{-3} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right)^2 \right]$$

and

$$(5.4) \quad M^{-3} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - m) (M - \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i) \\ \leq m^{-1} \frac{M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i}{M - m} + M^{-1} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - m}{M - m} - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^{-1} \\ \leq m^{-3} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - m) (M - \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i).$$

Consider the function $\phi(t) = -\ln t$, $t > 0$. Then $\phi''(t) = \frac{1}{t^2} \in \left[\frac{1}{M^2}, \frac{1}{m^2} \right]$ for $t \in [m, M]$. Then by (4.5) we get

$$(5.5) \quad \frac{1}{2M^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right)^2 \right] \leq \ln \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \ln(\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i) \\ \leq \frac{1}{2m^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right)^2 \right],$$

while from (4.12)

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.6) \quad & \frac{1}{2M^2} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left(\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - m \right) \left(M - \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right) \\
& \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\ln} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right) - \ln M \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - m}{M - m} - \ln m \frac{M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i}{M - m} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2m^2} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left(\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - m \right) \left(M - \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Consider the function $\phi(t) = \exp t$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\phi''(t) = \exp t \in [\exp m, \exp M]$ for $t \in [m, M]$. From (4.5) we then get

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.7) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \exp(m) \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right)^2 \right] \\
& \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\exp} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right) - \exp \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \exp(M) \left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right)^2 \right],
\end{aligned}$$

while from (4.13) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.8) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \exp(m) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left(\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - m \right) \left(M - \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right) \\
& \leq \exp(m) \frac{M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i}{M - m} + \exp(M) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - m}{M - m} - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \widehat{\exp} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \exp(M) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left(\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i - m \right) \left(M - \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_i \right).
\end{aligned}$$

6. INTEGRAL INEQUALITIES

Let Ω be a locally compact Hausdorff space endowed with a Radon measure μ . A field $(A_t)_{t \in \Omega}$ of operators in $B(H)$ is called a continuous field of operators if the parametrization $t \mapsto A_t$ is norm continuous on $B(H)$. If, in addition, the norm function $t \mapsto \|A_t\|$ is Lebesgue integrable on Ω , we can form the Bochner integral $\int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t)$, which is the unique operator in $B(H)$ such that $\varphi \left(\int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \right) = \int_{\Omega} \varphi(A_t) d\mu(t)$ for every bounded linear functional φ on $B(H)$. Assume also that, $\int_{\Omega} 1 d\mu(t) = 1$.

If $\gamma \leq \phi''(t) \leq \Gamma$, $t \in \dot{I}$, then from (4.5) for $n = 2$ we get for A, B with $\text{Sp}(A), \text{Sp}(B) \subset I$ and $\nu \in [0, 1]$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.1) \quad & \frac{\gamma}{2} \left[(1 - \nu) A^2 \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B^2 - ((1 - \nu) A \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B)^2 \right] \\
& \leq (1 - \nu) \phi(A) \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes \phi(B) - \phi((1 - \nu) A \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B) \\
& \leq \frac{\Gamma}{2} \left[(1 - \nu) A^2 \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B^2 - ((1 - \nu) A \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B)^2 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Observe that, since $A \otimes 1$ commutes with $1 \otimes B$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
& (1 - \nu) A^2 \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B^2 - ((1 - \nu) A \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B)^2 \\
&= (1 - \nu) A^2 \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B^2 \\
&- (1 - \nu)^2 (A \otimes 1)^2 - 2(1 - \nu) \nu (A \otimes 1)(1 \otimes B) + \nu^2 (1 \otimes B)^2 \\
&= (1 - \nu) \nu (A \otimes 1)^2 + (1 - \nu) \nu (1 \otimes B)^2 \\
&- 2(1 - \nu) \nu (A \otimes 1)(1 \otimes B) \\
&= (1 - \nu) \nu (A \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes B)^2
\end{aligned}$$

and we get by (6.1) that

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.2) \quad & \frac{\gamma}{2} (1 - \nu) \nu (A \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes B)^2 \\
& \leq (1 - \nu) \phi(A) \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes \phi(B) - \phi((1 - \nu) A \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B) \\
& \leq \frac{\Gamma}{2} (1 - \nu) \nu (A \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes B)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

We have:

Proposition 1. *Assume that ϕ is twice differentiable and $\gamma \leq \phi''(t) \leq \Gamma$, $t \in \dot{I}$. Let $(A_t)_{t \in \Omega}$ and $(B_t)_{t \in \Omega}$ be continuous fields of operators in $B(H)$ with $\text{Sp}(A_t)$, $\text{Sp}(B_t) \subset I$, $t \in \Omega$, then for $\nu \in [0, 1]$,*

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.3) \quad & \frac{\gamma}{2} (1 - \nu) \nu \left[\left(\int_{\Omega} A_t^2 d\mu(t) \right) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \left(\int_{\Omega} B_s^2 d\mu(s) \right) \right. \\
& \left. - 2 \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \otimes \int_{\Omega} B_s d\mu(s) \right] \\
& \leq (1 - \nu) \int_{\Omega} \phi(A_t) d\mu(t) \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes \int_{\Omega} \phi(B_s) \\
& - \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \phi((1 - \nu) A_t \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B_s) d\mu(t) d\mu(s) \\
& \leq \frac{\Gamma}{2} (1 - \nu) \nu \left[\int_{\Omega} A_t^2 d\mu(t) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \int_{\Omega} B_s^2 d\mu(s) \right. \\
& \left. - 2 \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \otimes \int_{\Omega} B_s d\mu(s) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. From (6.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.4) \quad & \frac{\gamma}{2} (1 - \nu) \nu (A_t^2 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B_s^2 - 2A_t \otimes B_s) \\
& \leq (1 - \nu) \phi(A_t) \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes \phi(B_s) - \phi((1 - \nu) A_t \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B_s) \\
& \leq \frac{\Gamma}{2} (1 - \nu) \nu (A_t^2 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B_s^2 - 2A_t \otimes B_s)
\end{aligned}$$

for all $t, s \in \Omega$.

Fix $s \in \Omega$. If we take the \int_{Ω} over $d\mu(t)$ in (6.4), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.5) \quad & \frac{\gamma}{2} (1 - \nu) \nu \left(\left(\int_{\Omega} A_t^2 d\mu(t) \right) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B_s^2 - 2 \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \otimes B_s \right) \\
& \leq (1 - \nu) \int_{\Omega} \phi(A_t) d\mu(t) \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes \phi(B_s) \\
& \quad - \int_{\Omega} \phi((1 - \nu) A_t \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B_s) d\mu(t) \\
& \leq \frac{\Gamma}{2} (1 - \nu) \nu \left(\int_{\Omega} A_t^2 d\mu(t) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B_s^2 - 2 \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \otimes B_s \right)
\end{aligned}$$

for all $s \in \Omega$.

Further, if we take the \int_{Ω} over $d\mu(s)$ in (6.5), then we get the desired result (6.3). \square

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 $j \in \mathbb{N}$.

Corollary 17. *With the assumptions of Proposition 1 we have the inequalities*

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.6) \quad & \gamma (1 - \nu) \nu \\
& \times \left[\int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{A_t^2 + B_t^2}{2} \right) d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} B_s d\mu(s) \right] \\
& \leq \int_{\Omega} [(1 - \nu) \phi(A_t) + \nu \phi(B_s)] d\mu(t) \circ 1 \\
& \quad - \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{U}^* \phi((1 - \nu) A_t \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B_s) \mathcal{U} d\mu(t) d\mu(s) \\
& \leq \Gamma (1 - \nu) \nu \\
& \times \left[\int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{A_t^2 + B_t^2}{2} \right) d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} B_s d\mu(s) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

The proof follows by (6.3) by taking \mathcal{U}^* to the left and \mathcal{U} to the right and performing the required calculation.

Remark 1. *If we consider the exponential function $\phi(u) = \exp u$, then we get*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \exp((1 - \nu) A_t \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B_s) \\
& = \exp[(1 - \nu) A_t \otimes 1] \exp[\nu 1 \otimes B_s] \\
& = [(\exp(1 - \nu) A_t) \otimes 1] (1 \otimes \exp(\nu B_s)) = (\exp(1 - \nu) A_t) \otimes \exp(\nu B_s).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{U}^* \exp((1 - \nu) A_t \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B_s) \mathcal{U} \\
& = \mathcal{U}^* [(\exp(1 - \nu) A_t) \otimes \exp(\nu B_s)] \mathcal{U} = (\exp(1 - \nu) A_t) \circ \exp(\nu B_s)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{U}^* \exp((1 - \nu) A_t \otimes 1 + \nu 1 \otimes B_s) \mathcal{U} d\mu(t) d\mu(s) \\
& = \int_{\Omega} (\exp(1 - \nu) A_t) d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} \exp(\nu B_s) d\mu(s).
\end{aligned}$$

In this case the inequality (6.6) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 (6.7) \quad & (1 - \nu) \nu \exp(m) \\
 & \times \left[\int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{A_t^2 + B_t^2}{2} \right) d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} B_t d\mu(t) \right] \\
 & \leq \int_{\Omega} [(1 - \nu) \exp(A_t) + \nu \exp(B_t)] d\mu(t) \circ 1 \\
 & - \int_{\Omega} (\exp(1 - \nu) A_t) d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} \exp(\nu B_t) d\mu(t) \\
 & \leq (1 - \nu) \nu \exp(M) \\
 & \times \left[\int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{A_t^2 + B_t^2}{2} \right) d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} B_t d\mu(s) \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

provided that $\text{Sp}(A_t), \text{Sp}(B_t) \subset [m, M], t \in \Omega$.

Finally, if we take $B_t = A_t, t \in \Omega$, then we get the simpler inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 (6.8) \quad & (1 - \nu) \nu \exp(m) \\
 & \times \left[\int_{\Omega} A_t^2 d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \right] \\
 & \leq \int_{\Omega} \exp(A_t) d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} (\exp(1 - \nu) A_t) d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} \exp(\nu A_t) d\mu(t) \\
 & \leq (1 - \nu) \nu \exp(M) \\
 & \times \left[\int_{\Omega} A_t^2 d\mu(t) \circ 1 - \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \circ \int_{\Omega} A_t d\mu(t) \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

provided that $\text{Sp}(A_t) \subset [m, M], t \in \Omega$.

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