

UPPER BOUNDS FOR THE EXTENDED GENERALIZED ALUTHGE TRANSFORM OF BOUNDED OPERATORS IN HILBERT SPACES

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ABSTRACT. Let H be a complex Hilbert space. For a contraction $V \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, i.e. $0 \leq V^*V \leq I$, an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ we define the operator

$$\Delta_{t,V}(T) := |T|^t V |T|^{1-t}$$

that we call the extended generalized Aluthge transform. In this paper we provide several upper bounds for the extended generalized Aluthge transform $\Delta_{t,V}(T)$. The cases of usual generalized Aluthge, Dugali and Aluthge transforms are also presented.

1. INTRODUCTION

The numerical radius $w(T)$ of an operator T on H is given by

$$(1.1) \quad \omega(T) = \sup \{ |\langle Tx, x \rangle|, \|x\| = 1 \}.$$

Obviously, by (1.1), for any $x \in H$ one has

$$(1.2) \quad |\langle Tx, x \rangle| \leq w(T) \|x\|^2.$$

It is well known that $w(\cdot)$ is a norm on the Banach algebra $B(H)$ of all bounded linear operators $T : H \rightarrow H$, i.e.,

- (i) $\omega(T) \geq 0$ for any $T \in B(H)$ and $\omega(T) = 0$ if and only if $T = 0$;
- (ii) $\omega(\lambda T) = |\lambda| \omega(T)$ for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and $T \in B(H)$;
- (iii) $\omega(T + V) \leq \omega(T) + \omega(V)$ for any $T, V \in B(H)$.

This norm is equivalent with the operator norm. In fact, the following more precise result holds:

$$(1.3) \quad \omega(T) \leq \|T\| \leq 2\omega(T)$$

for any $T \in B(H)$.

F. Kittaneh, in 2003 [9], showed that for any operator $T \in B(H)$ we have the following refinement of the first inequality in (1.3):

$$(1.4) \quad \omega(T) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|T\| + \|T^2\|^{1/2} \right).$$

Utilizing the Cartesian decomposition for operators, F. Kittaneh in [10] improved the inequality (1.3) as follows:

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{1}{4} \|T^*T + TT^*\| \leq \omega^2(T) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|T^*T + TT^*\|$$

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for any operator $T \in B(H)$.

For powers of the absolute value of operators, one can state the following results obtained by El-Haddad & Kittaneh in 2007, [8]:

If for an operator $T \in B(H)$ we denote $|T| := (T^*T)^{1/2}$, then

$$(1.6) \quad \omega^r(T) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left\| |T|^{2\alpha r} + |T^*|^{2(1-\alpha)r} \right\|$$

and

$$(1.7) \quad \omega^{2r}(T) \leq \left\| \alpha |T|^{2r} + (1-\alpha) |T^*|^{2r} \right\|,$$

where $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $r \geq 1$.

If we take $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ and $r = 1$ we get from (1.6) that

$$(1.8) \quad \omega(T) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left\| |T| + |T^*| \right\|$$

and from (1.7) that

$$(1.9) \quad \omega^2(T) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left\| |T|^2 + |T^*|^2 \right\|.$$

For more related results, see the recent books on inequalities for numerical radii [7] and [4].

Let $T = U|T|$ be the *polar decomposition* of the bounded linear operator T . The *Aluthge transform* \tilde{T} of T is defined by $\tilde{T} := |T|^{1/2} U |T|^{1/2}$, see [1].

The following properties of \tilde{T} are as follows:

- (i) $\left\| \tilde{T} \right\| \leq \|T\|$,
- (ii) $w(\tilde{T}) \leq \omega(T)$,
- (iii) $r(\tilde{T}) = \omega(T)$,
- (iv) $\omega(\tilde{T}) \leq \|T^2\|^{1/2} (\leq \|T\|)$, [12].

Utilizing this transform T. Yamazaki, [12] obtained in 2007 the following refinement of Kittaneh's inequality (1.4):

$$(1.10) \quad \omega(T) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|T\| + \omega(\tilde{T}) \right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|T\| + \|T^2\|^{1/2} \right)$$

for any operator $T \in B(H)$.

We remark that if $\tilde{T} = 0$, then obviously $w(T) = \frac{1}{2} \|T\|$.

For a *contraction* $V \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, i.e. $0 \leq V^*V \leq I$ and an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ we define the operator

$$\Delta_{t,V}(T) := |T|^t V |T|^{1-t}$$

that we call *the extended generalized Aluthge transform*.

We assume in what follows that $|T|^0 := I$.

For $t = 1$ we have

$$\hat{T}_V := \Delta_{1,V}(T) = |T| V,$$

that we call *the extended Dougal transform*, for $t = 1/2$,

$$\tilde{T}_V = \Delta_{1/2,V}(T) := |T|^{1/2} V |T|^{1/2},$$

that we call *the extended Aluthge transform* and for $t = 0$,

$$T_V := \Delta_{0,V}(T) = V |T|.$$

An operator $U \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ is called a *partial isometry* if $\|Ux\| = \|x\|$ for all $x \in \mathcal{N}^\perp(U)$.

Now, let $x \in H$, then there exists a unique $x_1 \in \mathcal{N}(U)$ and a unique $x_2 \in \mathcal{N}^\perp(U)$ such that $x = x_1 + x_2$. Then

$$0 \leq \langle U^*Ux, x \rangle = \|Ux\|^2 = \|Ux_1 + Ux_2\|^2 = \|Ux_2\|^2 = \|x_2\|^2.$$

By the fact that $x_1 \perp x_2$,

$$\|x\|^2 = \|x_1\|^2 + \|x_2\|^2.$$

Therefore

$$0 \leq \langle U^*Ux, x \rangle \leq \|x\|^2,$$

which shows that U is a contraction on H .

Let $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $T = U|T|$ the polar decomposition of T with U a partial isometry. Then

$$\begin{aligned} T_U &= U|T| = T, \\ \tilde{T}_U &= |T|^{1/2} U |T|^{1/2} = \tilde{T} \end{aligned}$$

is the usual *Aluthge transform* and

$$\hat{T}_U = |T| U = \hat{T}$$

is the usual *Dougal transform*.

For $t \in (0, 1)$

$$\Delta_{t,U}(T) = |T|^t U |T|^{1-t} =: \Delta_t(T)$$

is the *generalized Aluthge transform* introduced in by Cho and Tanahashi in [6].

Abu-Omar and Kittaneh [2] improved on inequality (1.10) using generalized Aluthge transform to prove that

$$\omega(T) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|T\| + \min_{t \in [0,1]} \omega(\Delta_t(T)) \right).$$

For $t = 1$ this also gives the following result for the *Dougal transform*

$$(1.11) \quad \omega(T) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|T\| + \omega(\hat{T}) \right).$$

In [3] Bunia et al. also proved that

$$\omega(T) \leq \min_{t \in [0,1]} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \omega(\Delta_t(T)) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\|T\|^{2t} + \|T\|^{2(1-t)} \right) \right\},$$

which for $t = 1/2$ gives (1.10) as well.

If V is a contraction, then $\|V\| \leq 1$ and since $\|V^*\| = \|V\|$, hence V^* is also a contraction. Observe that

$$\Delta_{t,V}^*(T) := \left(|T|^t V |T|^{1-t} \right)^* = |T|^{1-t} V^* |T|^t = \Delta_{1-t,V^*}(T)$$

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

$$(T_V)^* = \hat{T}_{V^*}, \quad (\hat{T}_V)^* = T_{V^*}$$

and

$$(\tilde{T}_V)^* = \tilde{T}_{V^*}.$$

Since $\|V^*V\| = \|VV^*\| = \|V\|^2$ and V is a contraction, then

$$\left\| \frac{V^*V \pm VV^*}{2} \right\| \leq \|V\|^2 \leq 1$$

showing that

$$W := \frac{V^*V \pm VV^*}{2}$$

is a contraction and we can consider the transform

$$\Delta_{t, \frac{V^*V \pm VV^*}{2}}(T) := |T|^t \left(\frac{V^*V \pm VV^*}{2} \right) |T|^{1-t}$$

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

For a contraction V , we have

$$\operatorname{Im}(V) := \frac{V - V^*}{2i}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(V) := \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{V + V^*}{2} \right)$$

and since

$$\|\operatorname{Im}(V)\| = \left\| \frac{V - V^*}{2i} \right\| \leq \|V\| \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|\operatorname{Re}(V)\| \leq \|V\| \leq 1,$$

hence $\operatorname{Im}(V)$ and $\operatorname{Re}(V)$ are contractions as well. We can then consider the transforms

$$\Delta_{t, \operatorname{Im}(V)}(T) := |T|^t \operatorname{Im}(V) |T|^{1-t} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_{t, \operatorname{Re}(V)}(T) := |T|^t \operatorname{Re}(V) |T|^{1-t}$$

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

For $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ we define

$$T_+ := \frac{1}{2}(|T| + T) \quad \text{and} \quad T_- := \frac{1}{2}(|T| - T).$$

If U is the partial isometry in the polar representation of T , then

$$V := \frac{I \pm U}{2}$$

is a contraction and

$$\Delta_{t, \frac{I \pm U}{2}}(T) := |T|^t \frac{I \pm U}{2} |T|^{1-t} = \frac{|T| \pm \Delta_t(T)}{2}.$$

In particular, we get

$$T_{\frac{I \pm U}{2}} = \frac{|T| \pm T}{2} = T_{\pm}, \quad \widehat{T}_{\frac{I \pm U}{2}} = \frac{|T| \pm \widehat{T}}{2}$$

and

$$\widetilde{T}_{\frac{I \pm U}{2}} = \frac{|T| \pm \widetilde{T}}{2}$$

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

Motivated by the above results, in this paper we provide several upper bounds for the extended generalized Aluthge transform $\Delta_{t, V}(T)$. The cases of usual generalized Aluthge, Dougal and Aluthge transforms are also presented.

2. MAIN RESULTS

We need the following fact, see [5]:

Lemma 1. For any $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(H)$,

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(AB) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(BA) + \frac{1}{4}(\|AB\| + \|A\| \|B\|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}(\omega(BA) + \|A\| \|B\|). \end{aligned}$$

We have the following first result:

Theorem 1. For a contraction $V \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$,

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(\Delta_{t,V}(T)) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4}(\|\Delta_{t,V}(T)\| + \|V\| \|T\|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[\omega(T_V) + \|V\| \|T\|]. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\widehat{T}_V) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4}(\|\widehat{T}_V\| + \|V\| \|T\|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[\omega(T_V) + \|V\| \|T\|] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\widetilde{T}_V) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4}(\|\widetilde{T}_V\| + \|V\| \|T\|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[\omega(T_V) + \|V\| \|T\|]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. If we take $A = |T|^{1-t}$ and $B = V|T|^t$ in (2.1), then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\Delta_{t,V}(T)) &= \omega(|T|^{1-t} V |T|^t) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4}(\|\Delta_{t,V}(T)\| + \||T|^{1-t}\| \|V|T|^t\|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4}(\|\Delta_{t,V}(T)\| + \|T\|^{1-t} \|V\| \|T\|^t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4}(\|\Delta_{t,V}(T)\| + \|V\| \|T\|) \end{aligned}$$

for $t \in [0, 1]$, which proves the first part of (2.2)

Since

$$\|\Delta_{t,V}(T)\| = \||T|^{1-t} V |T|^t\| \leq \|T\|^{1-t} \|V\| \|T\|^t = \|T\|$$

hence the proof is concluded. \square

Remark 1. For an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ we derive the following inequalities:

$$\omega(\Delta_t(T)) \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T) + \frac{1}{4}(\|\Delta_t(T)\| + \|T\|) \leq \frac{1}{2}[\omega(T) + \|T\|].$$

In particular,

$$\omega(\widehat{T}) \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T) + \frac{1}{4}(\|\widehat{T}\| + \|T\|) \leq \frac{1}{2}[\omega(T) + \|T\|],$$

and

$$\omega(\tilde{T}) \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T) + \frac{1}{4}(\|\tilde{T}\| + \|T\|) \leq \frac{1}{2}[\omega(T) + \|T\|].$$

If $T = U|T|$ is the polar decomposition of T with U a partial isometry, then by putting $V = U$ in (2.2) we deduce the inequalities listed above in the Remark 1.

Corollary 1. For a contraction $V \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \omega\left(|T|^{1-t}(V^*V \pm VV^*)|T|^t\right) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega((V^*V \pm VV^*)|T|) \\ & + \frac{1}{4}\left(\left\|\left||T|^{1-t}(V^*V \pm VV^*)|T|^t\right\| + 2\|V\|\|T\|\right\right) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega((V^*V \pm VV^*)|T|) + \|V\|\|T\|. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Follows by (2.2) for the contraction

$$W = \frac{V^*V \pm VV^*}{2}.$$

□

We observe that for $t = 1/2$,

$$|T|^{1/2} \left(\frac{V^*V \pm VV^*}{2} \right) |T|^{1/2}$$

is selfadjoint and then

$$\omega\left(|T|^{1/2} \left(\frac{V^*V \pm VV^*}{2} \right) |T|^{1/2}\right) = \left\| |T|^{1/2} \left(\frac{V^*V \pm VV^*}{2} \right) |T|^{1/2} \right\|$$

and from the first inequality in (2.2) we derive

$$(2.3) \quad \left\| |T|^{1/2} (V^*V \pm VV^*) |T|^{1/2} \right\| \leq \frac{2}{3} [\omega((V^*V \pm VV^*)|T|) + \|V\|\|T\|].$$

Corollary 2. For a contraction $V \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ we have

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(\Delta_{t, \text{Im}(V)}(T)) & \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_{\text{Im}(V)}) + \frac{1}{4}(\|\Delta_{t, \text{Im}(V)}(T)\| + \|\text{Im}(V)\|\|T\|) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2}[\omega(T_{\text{Im}(V)}) + \|\text{Im}(V)\|\|T\|] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(\Delta_{t, \text{Re}(V)}(T)) & \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_{\text{Re}(V)}) + \frac{1}{4}(\|\Delta_{t, \text{Re}(V)}(T)\| + \|\text{Re}(V)\|\|T\|) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2}[\omega(T_{\text{Re}(V)}) + \|\text{Re}(V)\|\|T\|] \end{aligned}$$

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

Proof. Follows by (2.2) for the contractions $\text{Im}(V)$ and $\text{Re}(V)$.

□

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |T|^{1/2} (\operatorname{Im}(V)) |T|^{1/2} &= |T|^{1/2} \left(\frac{V - V^*}{2i} \right) |T|^{1/2} = \frac{\tilde{T}_V - (\tilde{T}_V)^*}{2i} \\ &= \operatorname{Im}(\tilde{T}_V). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\operatorname{Im}(\tilde{T}_V)$ is selfadjoint, then by (2.4) for $t = 1/2$ we get

$$(2.6) \quad \left\| \operatorname{Im}(\tilde{T}_V) \right\| \leq \frac{2}{3} \omega(\operatorname{Im}(V) |T|) + \frac{1}{3} \|\operatorname{Im}(V)\| \|T\|.$$

Similarly, we can show that

$$(2.7) \quad \left\| \operatorname{Re}(\tilde{T}_V) \right\| \leq \frac{2}{3} \omega(\operatorname{Re}(V) |T|) + \frac{1}{3} \|\operatorname{Re}(V)\| \|T\|.$$

For $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ we define

$$T_+ := \frac{1}{2} (|T| + T) \quad \text{and} \quad T_- := \frac{1}{2} (|T| - T).$$

Corollary 3. *For an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ we have for $t \in [0, 1]$ that*

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(|T| - \Delta_t(T)) &\leq \omega(T_-) + \frac{1}{4} (\| |T| - \Delta_t(T) \| + \|U - I\| \|T\|) \\ &\leq \omega(T_-) + \left\| \frac{U - I}{2} \right\| \|T\| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(|T| + \Delta_t(T)) &\leq \omega(T_+) + \frac{1}{4} (\| |T| + \Delta_t(T) \| + \|U + I\| \|T\|) \\ &\leq \omega(T_+) + \left\| \frac{U + I}{2} \right\| \|T\|. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From (2.2) we get for the contraction $V := \frac{I \pm U}{2}$ that

$$\begin{aligned} &\omega\left(\Delta_{t, \frac{I \pm U}{2}}(T)\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \omega\left(T_{\frac{I \pm U}{2}}\right) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\left\| \Delta_{t, \frac{I \pm U}{2}}(T) \right\| + \left\| \frac{I \pm U}{2} \right\| \|T\| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\omega\left(T_{\frac{I \pm U}{2}}\right) + \left\| \frac{I \pm U}{2} \right\| \|T\| \right], \end{aligned}$$

which proves the corollary. \square

Theorem 2. *For a contraction $V \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ we have*

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(\Delta_{t,V}(T)) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \omega(\widehat{T}_V) + \frac{1}{4} (\|\Delta_{t,V}(T)\| + \|V\| \|T\|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\omega(\widehat{T}_V) + \|V\| \|T\| \right]. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(T_V) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \omega(\widehat{T}_V) + \frac{1}{4} (\|T_V\| + \|V\| \|T\|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\omega(\widehat{T}_V) + \|V\| \|T\| \right], \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\omega(\tilde{T}_V) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\hat{T}_V) + \frac{1}{4}\left(\|\tilde{T}_V\| + \|V\| \|T\|\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\left[\omega(\hat{T}_V) + \|V\| \|T\|\right].\end{aligned}$$

Proof. If we take $A = |T|^{1-t}V$ and $B = |T|^t$ in (2.1), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}\omega(\Delta_{t,V}(T)) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\hat{T}_V) + \frac{1}{4}\left(\|\Delta_{t,V}(T)\| + \left\|\left|T|^{1-t}V\right\|\left\|\left|T|^t\right\|\right.\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\hat{T}_V) + \frac{1}{4}\left(\|\Delta_{t,V}(T)\| + \|V\| \|T\|\right)\end{aligned}$$

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

Also

$$\|\Delta_{t,V}(T)\| = \left\|\left|T|^t V |T|^{1-t}\right\| \leq \|V\| \|T\|$$

and the inequality (2.8) is proved. \square

Remark 2. For an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ we have

$$(2.9) \quad \omega(\Delta_t(T)) \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\hat{T}) + \frac{1}{4}\left(\|\Delta_t(T)\| + \|T\|\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}\left[\omega(\hat{T}) + \|T\|\right].$$

In particular,

$$\omega(T) \leq \frac{1}{2}\left[\omega(\hat{T}) + \|T\|\right], \text{ see also (1.11)}$$

and

$$\omega(\tilde{T}) \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\hat{T}) + \frac{1}{4}\left(\|\tilde{T}\| + \|T\|\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}\left[\omega(\hat{T}) + \|T\|\right].$$

If $T = U|T|$ is the polar decomposition of T with U a partial isometry, then by putting $V = U$ in (2.8) we deduce the inequalities listed above in the Remark 2.

One can obtain other results for the difference $V^*V - VV^*$. For instance, by using the inequality from Theorem 2

$$(2.10) \quad \omega(\Delta_{t,V}(T)) \leq \frac{1}{2}\left[\omega(\hat{T}_V) + \|V\| \|T\|\right]$$

for $\frac{1}{2}(V^*V - VV^*)$, we obtain

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned}\omega\left(|T|^t(V^*V - VV^*)|T|^{1-t}\right) \\ \leq \frac{1}{2}\left[\omega(|T|(V^*V - VV^*)) + \|V^*V - VV^*\| \|T\|\right]\end{aligned}$$

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

Also, if we take $\frac{1}{2}(V - V^*)$ in (2.10) we get

$$(2.12) \quad \omega\left(|T|^t \operatorname{Im}(V) |T|^{1-t}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}\left[\omega(|T| \operatorname{Im}(V)) + \|\operatorname{Im}(V)\| \|T\|\right]$$

while for $\frac{1}{2}(V + V^*)$ in (2.10) we obtain

$$(2.13) \quad \omega\left(|T|^t \operatorname{Re}(V) |T|^{1-t}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}\left[\omega(|T| \operatorname{Re}(V)) + \|\operatorname{Re}(V)\| \|T\|\right]$$

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

We also have:

Theorem 3. For a contraction $V \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$,

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(\Delta_{t,V}(T)) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4} \left\| \|T\|^{2(1-t)} |V^*|^2 + |T|^{2t} \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\|T\|^{2(1-t)} \|V\|^2 + \|T\|^{2t} \right). \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\tilde{T}_V) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4} \left\| \|T\| |V^*|^2 + |T| \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\|V\|^2 + 1 \right) \|T\| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\hat{T}_V) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4} \left\| |V^*|^2 + |T|^2 \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\|V\|^2 + \|T\|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We use the following inequality obtained in [11]

$$(2.15) \quad \omega(AB) \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(BA) + \frac{1}{4} \|BB^* + A^*A\|$$

for all $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$.

If we take $A = |T|^t$ and $B = V|T|^{1-t}$, then we get

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(\Delta_{t,V}(T)) &= \omega\left(|T|^{1-t} V |T|^t\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(V|T|) + \frac{1}{4} \left\| V|T|^{2(1-t)} V^* + |T|^{2t} \right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\omega(T_V) + \frac{1}{4} \left\| V|T|^{2(1-t)} V^* + |T|^{2t} \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$0 \leq |T|^{2(1-t)} \leq \left\| |T|^{2(1-t)} \right\| I = \|T\|^{2(1-t)} I.$$

Then by multiplying to the left with V and to the right with V^* we get

$$0 \leq V|T|^{2(1-t)} V^* \leq \|T\|^{2(1-t)} VV^* = \|T\|^{2(1-t)} |V^*|^2.$$

Therefore

$$0 \leq V|T|^{2(1-t)} V^* + |T|^{2t} \leq \|T\|^{2(1-t)} |V^*|^2 + |T|^{2t},$$

which implies that

$$\left\| V|T|^{2(1-t)} V^* + |T|^{2t} \right\| \leq \left\| \|T\|^{2(1-t)} |V^*|^2 + |T|^{2t} \right\|$$

and by (2.16) we derive the first part of (2.14).

Finally, since

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \|T\|^{2(1-t)} |V^*|^2 + |T|^{2t} \right\| &\leq \|T\|^{2(1-t)} \left\| |V^*|^2 \right\| + \left\| |T|^{2t} \right\| \\ &= \|T\|^{2(1-t)} \|V\|^2 + \|T\|^{2t}, \end{aligned}$$

hence the proof is completed. \square

Remark 3. For an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ we have

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(\Delta_t(T)) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T) + \frac{1}{4} \left\| \|T\|^{2(1-t)} + |T|^{2t} \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\|T\|^{2(1-t)} + \|T\|^{2t} \right). \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\omega(\tilde{T}) \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T) + \frac{1}{4} \left\| \|T\|I + |T| \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2}(\omega(T) + \|T\|)$$

and

$$\omega(\hat{T}) \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T) + \frac{1}{4} \left\| I + |T|^2 \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(T) + \frac{1}{4}(1 + \|T\|^2).$$

If $T = U|T|$ is the polar decomposition of T with U a partial isometry, then by putting $V = U$ in (2.14) and observing that $|U^*|^2 \leq I$ we obtain the desired results.

Moreover, we can also state:

Theorem 4. For a contraction $V \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ we have

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(\Delta_{t,V}(T)) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\hat{T}_V) + \frac{1}{4} \left\| |T|^{2(1-t)} + \|T\|^{2t} |V|^2 \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\hat{T}_V) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\|T\|^{2(1-t)} + \|T\|^{2t} \|V\|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$(2.19) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(T_V) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\hat{T}_V) + \frac{1}{4} \left\| |T|^2 + |V|^2 \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\hat{T}_V) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\|T\|^2 + \|V\|^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.20) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(\tilde{T}_V) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\hat{T}_V) + \frac{1}{4} \left\| |T| + \|T\| |V|^2 \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\hat{T}_V) + \frac{1}{4} (1 + \|V\|^2) \|T\|. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. If we take $A = |T|^t V$ and $B = |T|^{1-t}$ in (2.15), then we get

$$(2.21) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(\Delta_{t,V}(T)) &= \omega(|T|^t V |T|^{1-t}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(|T|V) + \frac{1}{4} \left\| |T|^{2(1-t)} + V^* |T|^{2t} V \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Now, observe that, since

$$0 \leq |T|^{2t} \leq \left\| |T|^{2t} \right\| I = \|T\|^{2t} I,$$

hence

$$0 \leq V^* |T|^{2t} V \leq \|T\|^{2t} V^* V = \|T\|^{2t} |V|^2 \leq \|T\|^{2t} \left\| |V|^2 \right\| I = \|T\|^{2t} \|V\|^2 I.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| |T|^{2(1-t)} + V^* |T|^{2t} V \right\| &\leq \left\| |T|^{2(1-t)} + \|T\|^{2t} |V|^2 \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| |T|^{2(1-t)} + \|T\|^{2t} \|V\|^2 I \right\| \\ &\leq \|T\|^{2(1-t)} + \|T\|^{2t} \|V\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and by (2.21) we get (2.18). \square

Remark 4. For an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ we have

$$(2.22) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega(\Delta_t(T)) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\widehat{T}) + \frac{1}{4}\left\| |T|^{2(1-t)} + \|T\|^{2t} \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\widehat{T}) + \frac{1}{4}\left(\|T\|^{2(1-t)} + \|T\|^{2t}\right). \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\omega(T) \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\widehat{T}) + \frac{1}{4}\left\| |T|^2 + I \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\widehat{T}) + \frac{1}{4}(\|T\|^2 + 1)$$

and

$$\omega(\widehat{T}) \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega(\widehat{T}) + \frac{1}{4}\| |T| + \|T\| I \| \leq \frac{1}{2}(\omega(\widehat{T}) + \|T\|).$$

If $T = U|T|$ is the polar decomposition of T with U a partial isometry, then by putting $V = U$ in (2.18) and observing that $|U|^2 \leq I$ we obtain the desired inequalities.

3. SOME RELATED RESULTS

We also have:

Theorem 5. For a contraction $V \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ we have

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega^2(\Delta_{t,V}(T)) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\left\| |T|^{1-t} V^* |T|^{2t} V |T|^{1-t} + |T|^t V |T|^{2(1-t)} V^* |T|^t \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\left\| \|T\|^{2t} |T|^{2(1-t)} + \|T\|^{2(1-t)} |T|^{2t} \right\| \leq \|T\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\omega^2(\widehat{T}_V) \leq \frac{1}{2}\left\| \|T\|^2 |V|^2 + |T| |V^*|^2 |T| \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\left\| \|T\|^2 + |T|^2 \right\| \leq \|T\|^2,$$

$$\omega^2(\widetilde{T}_V) \leq \frac{1}{2}\left\| |T|^{1/2} (|V|^2 + |V^*|^2) |T|^{1/2} \right\| \|T\| \leq \|T\|^2$$

and

$$\omega^2(T_V) \leq \frac{1}{2}\left\| |T| |V|^2 |T| + \|T\|^2 |V^*|^2 \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\left\| |T|^2 + \|T\|^2 I \right\| \leq \|T\|^2.$$

Proof. We use the following inequality obtained by Kittaneh in [10]

$$(3.2) \quad \omega^2(A) \leq \frac{1}{2}\|A^*A + AA^*\|$$

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

If we put $A = |T|^t V |T|^{1-t}$ in (2.15), then we get

$$(3.3) \quad \omega^2\left(|T|^t V |T|^{1-t}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}\left\| |T|^{1-t} V^* |T|^{2t} V |T|^{1-t} + |T|^t V |T|^{2(1-t)} V^* |T|^t \right\|$$

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

Since $|T|^{2t} \leq \|T\|^{2t}$ then $V^* |T|^{2t} V \leq \|T\|^{2t} |V|^2$, which implies that

$$|T|^{1-t} V^* |T|^{2t} V |T|^{1-t} \leq \|T\|^{2t} |T|^{1-t} |V|^2 |T|^{1-t} = \|T\|^{2t} |T|^{2(1-t)},$$

since $|V|^2 \leq I$.

Also $|T|^{2(1-t)} \leq \|T\|^{2(1-t)}$ implies that $V |T|^{2(1-t)} V^* \leq \|T\|^{2(1-t)} |V^*|^2$ and

$$|T|^t V |T|^{2(1-t)} V^* |T|^t \leq \|T\|^{2(1-t)} |T|^t |V^*|^2 |T|^t \leq \|T\|^{2(1-t)} |T|^{2t}$$

since $|V^*|^2 \leq I$.

By using (3.3) we derive (3.1). \square

Remark 5. For an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ we have

$$\omega(\Delta_t(T)) \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left\| \|T\|^{2t} |T|^{2(1-t)} + \|T\|^{2(1-t)} |T|^{2t} \right\|^{1/2} \leq \|T\|.$$

In particular,

$$\omega(\widehat{T}) \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left\| \|T\|^2 + |T|^2 \right\|^{1/2} \leq \|T\|$$

and

$$\omega(T) \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left\| |T|^2 + \|T\|^2 I \right\|^{1/2} \leq \|T\|.$$

Finally, we can also state:

Theorem 6. For a contraction $V \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ we have for $r \geq 2$ and $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ that

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega^r(\Delta_{t,V}(T)) &\leq \|V\|^r \left\| \alpha |T|^{\frac{tr}{\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) |T|^{\frac{(1-t)r}{1-\alpha}} \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| \alpha |T|^{\frac{tr}{\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) |T|^{\frac{(1-t)r}{1-\alpha}} \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

In particular

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^r(\widehat{T}_V) &\leq \|V\|^r \left\| \alpha |T|^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) I \right\| \leq \left\| \alpha |T|^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) I \right\|, \\ \omega^r(\widetilde{T}_V) &\leq \|V\|^r \left\| \alpha |T|^{\frac{r}{2\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) |T|^{\frac{r}{2(1-\alpha)}} \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| \alpha |T|^{\frac{r}{2\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) |T|^{\frac{r}{2(1-\alpha)}} \right\| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\omega^r(T_V) \leq \|V\|^r \left\| \alpha I + (1-\alpha) |T|^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}} \right\| \leq \left\| \alpha I + (1-\alpha) |T|^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}} \right\|.$$

If $r \geq 0$, $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ and $p, q > 1$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ and $pr, qr \geq 2$, we also have that

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega^r(\Delta_{t,V}(T)) &\leq \|V\|^r \left\| \frac{1}{p} |T|^{\frac{prt}{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{q} |T|^{\frac{qr(1-t)}{\alpha}} \right\|^\alpha \\ &\leq \left\| \frac{1}{p} |T|^{\frac{prt}{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{q} |T|^{\frac{qr(1-t)}{\alpha}} \right\|^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\omega^r(\widehat{T}_V) \leq \|V\|^r \left\| \frac{1}{p} |T|^{\frac{pr}{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{q} I \right\|^\alpha \leq \left\| \frac{1}{p} |T|^{\frac{pr}{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{q} I \right\|^\alpha,$$

$$\omega^r(\tilde{T}_V) \leq \|V\|^r \left\| \frac{1}{p} |T|^{\frac{pr}{2\alpha}} + \frac{1}{q} |T|^{\frac{qr}{2\alpha}} \right\|^\alpha \leq \left\| \frac{1}{p} |T|^{\frac{pr}{2\alpha}} + \frac{1}{q} |T|^{\frac{qr}{2\alpha}} \right\|^\alpha$$

and

$$\omega^r(T_V) \leq \|V\|^r \left\| \frac{1}{p} I + \frac{1}{q} |T|^{\frac{qr}{\alpha}} \right\|^\alpha \leq \left\| \frac{1}{p} I + \frac{1}{q} |T|^{\frac{qr}{\alpha}} \right\|^\alpha.$$

Proof. We use the following inequality obtained in [11]

$$(3.6) \quad \omega^r(A^\alpha X B^{1-\alpha}) \leq \|X\|^r \|\alpha A^r + (1-\alpha) B^r\|,$$

where $A, B \geq 0$, $X \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$, $r \geq 2$ and $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.

By utilizing (3.6) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^r(|T|^t V |T|^{1-t}) &= \omega^r\left(\left(|T|^{\frac{t}{\alpha}}\right)^\alpha V \left(|T|^{\frac{1-t}{1-\alpha}}\right)^{1-\alpha}\right) \\ &\leq \|V\|^r \left\| \alpha \left(|T|^{\frac{t}{\alpha}}\right)^r + (1-\alpha) \left(|T|^{\frac{1-t}{1-\alpha}}\right)^r \right\| \\ &\leq \|V\|^r \left\| \alpha |T|^{\frac{tr}{\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) |T|^{\frac{(1-t)r}{1-\alpha}} \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| \alpha |T|^{\frac{tr}{\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) |T|^{\frac{(1-t)r}{1-\alpha}} \right\|, \end{aligned}$$

which proves (3.4).

We use the following inequality obtained in [11]

$$(3.7) \quad \omega^r(A^\alpha X B^\alpha) \leq \|X\|^r \left\| \frac{1}{p} A^{pr} + \frac{1}{q} B^{qr} \right\|^\alpha$$

for $A, B \geq 0$, $X \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$, $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, $r \geq 0$ and $p, q > 1$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ and $pr, qr \geq 2$.

We have by (3.7) that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^r(|T|^t V |T|^{1-t}) &= \omega^r\left(\left(|T|^{\frac{t}{\alpha}}\right)^\alpha V \left(|T|^{\frac{1-t}{\alpha}}\right)^\alpha\right) \\ &\leq \|V\|^r \left\| \frac{1}{p} \left(|T|^{\frac{t}{\alpha}}\right)^{pr} + \frac{1}{q} \left(|T|^{\frac{1-t}{\alpha}}\right)^{qr} \right\|^\alpha \\ &= \|V\|^r \left\| \frac{1}{p} |T|^{\frac{prt}{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{q} |T|^{\frac{qr(1-t)}{\alpha}} \right\|^\alpha \\ &\leq \left\| \frac{1}{p} |T|^{\frac{prt}{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{q} |T|^{\frac{qr(1-t)}{\alpha}} \right\|^\alpha, \end{aligned}$$

which gives (3.5). □

By taking $V = U$ from the polar decomposition of T we can obtain the corresponding inequalities concerning the usual transforms, namely

$$(3.8) \quad \omega(\Delta_t(T)) \leq \left\| \alpha |T|^{\frac{tr}{\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) |T|^{\frac{(1-t)r}{1-\alpha}} \right\|^{1/r}$$

for all $r \geq 2$, $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and $t \in [0, 1]$.

In particular

$$\omega(\hat{T}) \leq \left\| \alpha |T|^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) I \right\|^{1/r}, \quad \omega(\tilde{T}) \leq \left\| \alpha |T|^{\frac{r}{2\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) |T|^{\frac{r}{2(1-\alpha)}} \right\|^{1/r}$$

and

$$\omega(T) \leq \left\| \alpha I + (1-\alpha) |T|^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}} \right\|^{1/r}.$$

Also for $r > 0$, $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ and $p, q > 1$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ and $pr, qr \geq 2$, we also have that

$$(3.9) \quad \omega(\Delta_t(T)) \leq \left\| \frac{1}{p} |T|^{\frac{prt}{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{q} |T|^{\frac{qr(1-t)}{\alpha}} \right\|^{\alpha/r}$$

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

In particular,

$$\omega(\widehat{T}) \leq \left\| \frac{1}{p} |T|^{\frac{pr}{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{q} I \right\|^{\alpha/r}, \quad \omega(\widetilde{T}) \leq \left\| \frac{1}{p} |T|^{\frac{pr}{2\alpha}} + \frac{1}{q} |T|^{\frac{qr}{2\alpha}} \right\|^{\alpha/r}$$

and

$$\omega(T) \leq \left\| \frac{1}{p} I + \frac{1}{q} |T|^{\frac{qr}{\alpha}} \right\|^{\alpha/r}.$$

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