

**BOUNDS FOR THE NORMALIZED DETERMINANT OF
 HADAMARD PRODUCT OF TWO POSITIVE OPERATORS IN
 HILBERT SPACES**

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ABSTRACT. For positive invertible operators A on a Hilbert space H and a fixed unit vector $x \in H$, define the normalized determinant by $\Delta_x(A) := \exp \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle$. In this paper we obtain upper and lower bounds for the determinant $\Delta_x(A \circ B)$ of the Hadamard product of two operators under some natural assumptions such as $0 < m_1 \leq A \leq M_1$ and $0 < m_2 \leq B \leq M_2$, where m_i, M_i ($i = 1, 2$) are constants.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $B(H)$ be the space of all bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space H , and I stands for the identity operator on H . An operator A in $B(H)$ is said to be positive (in symbol: $A \geq 0$) if $\langle Ax, x \rangle \geq 0$ for all $x \in H$. In particular, $A > 0$ means that A is positive and invertible. For a pair A, B of selfadjoint operators the order relation $A \geq B$ means as usual that $A - B$ is positive.

In 1998, Fujii et al. [7], [8], introduced the *normalized determinant* $\Delta_x(A)$ for positive invertible operators A on a Hilbert space H and a fixed unit vector $x \in H$, namely $\|x\| = 1$, defined by $\Delta_x(A) := \exp \langle \ln Ax, x \rangle$ and discussed it as a continuous geometric mean and observed some inequalities around the determinant from this point of view.

Some of the fundamental properties of normalized determinant are as follows, [7].

For each unit vector $x \in H$, see also [12], we have:

- (i) *continuity*: the map $A \rightarrow \Delta_x(A)$ is norm continuous;
- (ii) *bounds*: $\langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle^{-1} \leq \Delta_x(A) \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle$;
- (iii) *continuous mean*: $\langle A^p x, x \rangle^{1/p} \downarrow \Delta_x(A)$ for $p \downarrow 0$ and $\langle A^p x, x \rangle^{1/p} \uparrow \Delta_x(A)$ for $p \uparrow 0$;
- (iv) *power equality*: $\Delta_x(A^t) = \Delta_x(A)^t$ for all $t > 0$;
- (v) *homogeneity*: $\Delta_x(tA) = t \Delta_x(A)$ and $\Delta_x(tI) = t$ for all $t > 0$;
- (vi) *monotonicity*: $0 < A \leq B$ implies $\Delta_x(A) \leq \Delta_x(B)$;
- (vii) *multiplicativity*: $\Delta_x(AB) = \Delta_x(A)\Delta_x(B)$ for commuting A and B ;
- (viii) *Ky Fan type inequality*: $\Delta_x((1 - \alpha)A + \alpha B) \geq \Delta_x(A)^{1-\alpha} \Delta_x(B)^\alpha$ for $0 < \alpha < 1$.

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

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

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In [7] the authors obtained the following additive reverse inequality for the operator A which satisfy the condition $0 < mI \leq A \leq MI$, where m, M are positive numbers,

$$0 \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle - \Delta_x(A) \leq L(m, M) \left[\ln L(m, M) + \frac{M \ln m - m \ln M}{M - m} - 1 \right] \quad (1)$$

for all $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$.

The famous *Young inequality* for scalars says that if $a, b > 0$ and $\nu \in [0, 1]$, then

$$a^{1-\nu}b^\nu \leq (1-\nu)a + \nu b \quad (2)$$

with equality if and only if $a = b$. The inequality (2) is also called ν -*weighted arithmetic-geometric mean inequality*.

We recall that *Specht's ratio* is defined by [15]

$$S(h) := \begin{cases} \frac{h^{\frac{1}{h-1}}}{e \ln \left(h^{\frac{1}{h-1}} \right)} & \text{if } h \in (0, 1) \cup (1, \infty) \\ 1 & \text{if } h = 1. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

It is well known that $\lim_{h \rightarrow 1} S(h) = 1$, $S(h) = S\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) > 1$ for $h > 0$, $h \neq 1$. The function is decreasing on $(0, 1)$ and increasing on $(1, \infty)$.

In [8], the authors obtained the following multiplicative reverse inequality as well

$$1 \leq \frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle}{\Delta_x(A)} \leq S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right) \quad (4)$$

for $0 < mI \leq A \leq MI$ and $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$.

Since $0 < M^{-1}I \leq A^{-1} \leq m^{-1}I$, then by (4) for A^{-1} we get

$$1 \leq \frac{\langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle}{\Delta_x(A^{-1})} \leq S\left(\frac{m^{-1}}{M^{-1}}\right) = S\left(\left(\frac{m}{M}\right)^{-1}\right) = S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right),$$

which is equivalent to

$$1 \leq \frac{\Delta_x(A)}{\langle A^{-1}x, x \rangle^{-1}} \leq S\left(\frac{M}{m}\right) \quad (5)$$

for $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$.

We consider the *Kantorovich's constant* defined by

$$K(h) := \frac{(h+1)^2}{4h}, \quad h > 0. \quad (6)$$

The function K is decreasing on $(0, 1)$ and increasing on $[1, \infty)$, $K(h) \geq 1$ for any $h > 0$ and $K(h) = K\left(\frac{1}{h}\right)$ for any $h > 0$.

The following multiplicative refinement and reverse of Young inequality in terms of Kantorovich's constant holds

$$K^r \left(\frac{b}{a}\right) a^{1-\nu}b^\nu \leq (1-\nu)a + \nu b \leq K^R \left(\frac{b}{a}\right) a^{1-\nu}b^\nu \quad (7)$$

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

The first inequality in (7) was obtained by Zuo et al. in [19] while the second by Liao et al. [14].

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

$$\begin{aligned} (A\#B) \otimes (A\#B) &\leq \frac{1}{2} [(A\#\alpha B) \otimes (A\#_{1-\alpha}B) + (A\#_{1-\alpha}B) \otimes (A\#\alpha B)] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (A \otimes B + B \otimes A) \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

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 [5], we have the representation

$$A \circ B = \mathcal{U}^* (A \otimes B) \mathcal{U} \tag{9}$$

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 [11, p. 173]

$$f(A \circ B) \geq (\leq) f(A) \circ f(B) \text{ for all } A, B \geq 0. \tag{10}$$

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*

$$A \circ A^{-1} \geq 1 \text{ for } A > 0. \tag{11}$$

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 [13] 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, we establish in this paper the following upper and lower bounds for the determinant $\Delta_x(A \circ B)$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (m_1 m_2)^{\frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} (M_1 M_2)^{\frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} \\
& \leq K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right)^{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \langle \mathcal{U}^* \left(\left| A \otimes B - \frac{m_1 m_2 + M_1 M_2}{2} \right| \right) \mathcal{U}x, x \rangle \right)} \\
& \times (m_1 m_2)^{\frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} (M_1 M_2)^{\frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} \\
& \leq \exp [\langle \mathcal{U}^* (\ln(A \otimes B)) \mathcal{U}x, x \rangle] \\
& \leq \Delta_x(A \circ B) \\
& \leq K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right)^{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \langle \mathcal{U}^* \left(\left| A \otimes B - \frac{m_1 m_2 + M_1 M_2}{2} \right| \right) x, x \rangle \right)} \\
& \times (m_1 m_2)^{\frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} (M_1 M_2)^{\frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} \\
& \leq K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) (m_1 m_2)^{\frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} (M_1 M_2)^{\frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} \\
& \leq K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) \exp \langle \mathcal{U}^* (\ln(A \otimes B)) \mathcal{U}x, x \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

provided that $0 < m_1 \leq A \leq M_1$ and $0 < m_2 \leq B \leq M_2$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

We start to the following operator inequalities involved positive operators and positive linear maps:

Theorem 1. *Assume that the selfadjoint operator P satisfies the condition $0 < m \leq P \leq M$ for some constants, m, M and Φ a unital positive linear map from $B(H)$ into $B(K)$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \ln m \frac{M - \Phi(P)}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\Phi(P) - m}{M - m} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M - m} \left| \Phi(P) - \frac{m + M}{2} \right| \right) \\
& + \ln m \frac{M - \Phi(P)}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\Phi(P) - m}{M - m} \\
& \leq \ln \Phi(P) \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{M - m} \left| \Phi(P) - \frac{m + M}{2} \right| \right) \\
& + \ln m \frac{M - \Phi(P)}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\Phi(P) - m}{M - m}
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \ln m \frac{M - \Phi(P)}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\Phi(P) - m}{M - m} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M - m} \Phi \left(\left| P - \frac{m + M}{2} \right| \right) \right) \\
& + \ln m \frac{M - \Phi(P)}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\Phi(P) - m}{M - m} \\
& \leq \Phi(\ln P) \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{M - m} \Phi \left(\left| T - \frac{m + M}{2} \right| \right) \right) \\
& + \ln m \frac{M - \Phi(P)}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\Phi(P) - m}{M - m}.
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Proof. Assume that $0 < a < b$. If we take $\nu = \frac{t-a}{b-a} \in [0, 1]$ for $t \in [a, b]$ and observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
r &= \min \left\{ \frac{t-a}{b-a}, \frac{b-t}{b-a} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \left| t - \frac{a+b}{2} \right|, \\
R &= \max \left\{ \frac{t-a}{b-a}, \frac{b-t}{b-a} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{b-a} \left| t - \frac{a+b}{2} \right|
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$(1 - \nu)a + \nu b = \frac{b-t}{b-a}a + \frac{t-a}{b-a}b = t.$$

By utilizing (7) we get

$$K^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \left| t - \frac{a+b}{2} \right|} \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) a^{\frac{b-t}{b-a}} b^{\frac{t-a}{b-a}} \leq t \leq K^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{b-a} \left| t - \frac{a+b}{2} \right|} \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) a^{\frac{b-t}{b-a}} b^{\frac{t-a}{b-a}} \tag{14}$$

for all $t \in [a, b]$.

If we take the logarithm in (14), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \ln a \frac{b-t}{b-a} + \ln b \frac{t-a}{b-a} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \left| t - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right) + \ln a \frac{b-t}{b-a} + \ln b \frac{t-a}{b-a} \\
& \leq \ln t \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{b-a} \left| t - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right) + \ln a \frac{b-t}{b-a} + \ln b \frac{t-a}{b-a}
\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

for all $t \in [a, b]$.

By utilizing the continuous functional calculus for selfadjoint operators T with spectra $\lim Sp(T) \subseteq [a, b]$, we obtain from (15) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \ln a \frac{b-T}{b-a} + \ln b \frac{T-a}{b-a} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \left| T - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right) + \ln a \frac{b-T}{b-a} + \ln b \frac{T-a}{b-a} \\
& \leq \ln T \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{b-a} \left| T - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right) + \ln a \frac{b-T}{b-a} + \ln b \frac{T-a}{b-a}.
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Now if $0 < m \leq P \leq M$, then $0 < m \leq \Phi(P) \leq M$ and by (16) we get for $T = \Phi(P)$, $a = m$ and $b = M$ the inequality (12). If we take $T = P$, $a = m$ and $b = M$ in (16) and then apply Φ we also obtain (13). \square

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

$$\begin{aligned}
& \ln m \frac{M - \Phi(P)}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\Phi(P) - m}{M - m} & (17) \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M - m} \Phi \left(\left| P - \frac{m + M}{2} \right| \right) \right) \\
& + \ln m \frac{M - \Phi(P)}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\Phi(P) - m}{M - m} \\
& \leq \Phi(\ln P) \leq \ln \Phi(P) \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{M - m} \left| \Phi(P) - \frac{m + M}{2} \right| \right) \\
& + \ln m \frac{M - \Phi(P)}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\Phi(P) - m}{M - m} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) + \ln m \frac{M - \Phi(P)}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\Phi(P) - m}{M - m} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) + \Phi(\ln P).
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Third inequality follows by Jensen's operator inequality for the operator concave function \ln . The fifth inequality follows by the fact that

$$\left| \Phi(P) - \frac{m + M}{2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} (M - m),$$

while the last inequality follows by the fact that

$$\ln m \frac{M - \Phi(P)}{M - m} + \ln M \frac{\Phi(P) - m}{M - m} \leq \Phi(\ln P)$$

from the first part of (17). \square

Theorem 2. Assume that $0 < m_1 \leq A \leq M_1$ and $0 < m_2 \leq B \leq M_2$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
& (m_1 m_2)^{\frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} (M_1 M_2)^{\frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} \\
& \leq K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right)^{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \langle \mathcal{U}^* \left(\left| A \otimes B - \frac{m_1 m_2 + M_1 M_2}{2} \right| \right) \mathcal{U} x, x \rangle \right)} \\
& \times (m_1 m_2)^{\frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} (M_1 M_2)^{\frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} \\
& \leq \exp [\langle \mathcal{U}^* (\ln (A \otimes B)) \mathcal{U} x, x \rangle] \\
& \leq \Delta_x (A \circ B) \\
& \leq K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right)^{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \langle \left| A \circ B - \frac{m_1 m_2 + M_1 M_2}{2} \right| x, x \rangle \right)} \\
& \times (m_1 m_2)^{\frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} (M_1 M_2)^{\frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} \\
& \leq K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) (m_1 m_2)^{\frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} (M_1 M_2)^{\frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} \\
& \leq K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) \exp \langle \mathcal{U}^* (\ln (A \otimes B)) \mathcal{U} x, x \rangle,
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

for $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$.

Proof. Since $0 < m_1 \leq A \leq M_1$ and $0 < m_2 \leq B \leq M_2$, then $0 < m_1 m_2 \leq P = A \otimes B \leq M_1 M_2$. From (17) for $m = m_1 m_2$, $M = M_1 M_2$, $\Phi(P) = \mathcal{U}^* (A \otimes B) \mathcal{U} = A \circ B$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \ln (m_1 m_2) \frac{M_1 M_2 - A \circ B}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} + \ln (M_1 M_2) \frac{A \circ B - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) \\
& \times \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \mathcal{U}^* \left(\left| A \otimes B - \frac{m_1 m_2 + M_1 M_2}{2} \right| \right) \mathcal{U} \right) \\
& + \ln (m_1 m_2) \frac{M_1 M_2 - A \circ B}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} + \ln (M_1 M_2) \frac{A \circ B - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \\
& \leq \mathcal{U}^* (\ln (A \otimes B)) \mathcal{U} \leq \ln (A \circ B) \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \left| A \circ B - \frac{m_1 m_2 + M_1 M_2}{2} \right| \right) \\
& + \ln (m_1 m_2) \frac{M_1 M_2 - A \circ B}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} + \ln (M_1 M_2) \frac{A \circ B - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) \\
& + \ln (m_1 m_2) \frac{M_1 M_2 - A \circ B}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} + \ln (M_1 M_2) \frac{A \circ B - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) + \mathcal{U}^* (\ln (A \otimes B)) \mathcal{U}.
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

If we take the inner product for $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \ln(m_1 m_2) \frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} + \ln(M_1 M_2) \frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) \\
& \times \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \left\langle \mathcal{U}^* \left(\left| A \otimes B - \frac{m_1 m_2 + M_1 M_2}{2} \right| \right) \mathcal{U}x, x \right\rangle \right) \\
& + \ln(m_1 m_2) \frac{M_1 M_2 - A \circ B}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} + \ln(M_1 M_2) \frac{A \circ B - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \\
& \leq \langle \mathcal{U}^* (\ln(A \otimes B)) \mathcal{U}x, x \rangle \leq \langle \ln(A \circ B)x, x \rangle \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) \\
& \times \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \left\langle \left| A \circ B - \frac{m_1 m_2 + M_1 M_2}{2} \right| x, x \right\rangle \right) \\
& + \ln(m_1 m_2) \frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} + \ln(M_1 M_2) \frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) \\
& + \ln(m_1 m_2) \frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} + \ln(M_1 M_2) \frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) + \langle \mathcal{U}^* (\ln(A \otimes B)) \mathcal{U}x, x \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

namely

$$\begin{aligned}
& \ln \left[(m_1 m_2)^{\frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} (M_1 M_2)^{\frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} \right] \tag{20} \\
& \leq \ln \left[K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) \right]^{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \langle \mathcal{U}^* (|A \otimes B - \frac{m_1 m_2 + M_1 M_2}{2}|) \mathcal{U}x, x \rangle \right)} \\
& + \ln \left[(m_1 m_2)^{\frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} (M_1 M_2)^{\frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} \right] \\
& \leq \langle \mathcal{U}^* (\ln(A \otimes B)) \mathcal{U}x, x \rangle \leq \langle \ln(A \circ B)x, x \rangle \\
& \leq \ln \left[K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) \right]^{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \langle |A \circ B - \frac{m_1 m_2 + M_1 M_2}{2}| x, x \rangle \right)} \\
& + \ln(m_1 m_2) \frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} + \ln(M_1 M_2) \frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2} \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) \\
& + \ln \left[(m_1 m_2)^{\frac{M_1 M_2 - \langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} (M_1 M_2)^{\frac{\langle (A \circ B)x, x \rangle - m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2}} \right] \\
& \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) + \langle \mathcal{U}^* (\ln(A \otimes B)) \mathcal{U}x, x \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

for $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$.

If we take the exponential in (20), then we get (18). □

3. CONNECTION TO OPPENHEIM'S INEQUALITIES

In the finite dimensional case, if we consider the matrices $A = (a_{ij}), B = (b_{ij}) \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$, then $A \circ B$ has an associated matrix $A \circ B = (a_{ij}b_{ij})$ in $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$.

Recall Hadamard determinant inequality [18, p. 218] for $A \geq 0$

$$\det A \leq \det (A \circ 1) \quad (= \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii})$$

and Oppenheim's inequality [18, p. 242] for $A, B \geq 0$

$$\det A \det B \leq \det (A \circ B) \leq \det (A \circ 1) \det (B \circ 1) \quad \left(= \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}b_{ii} \right).$$

In the recent paper [12] the authors obtained the following Oppenheim's type inequalities

$$\frac{1}{S(h_1)S(h_2)} \leq \frac{\Delta_x(A \circ B)}{\Delta_x(A \circ 1)\Delta_x(1 \circ B)} \leq S(h_1h_2) \tag{21}$$

for $x \in H, \|x\| = 1$, provided that $0 < m_1 \leq A \leq M_1$ and $0 < m_2 \leq B \leq M_2$.

We have the following inequalities:

Proposition 1. *With the assumptions of Theorem 2 we have the determinant inequalities*

$$\frac{1}{K(h_1)K(h_2)} \leq \frac{\Delta_x(A \circ B)}{\Delta_x(A \circ 1)\Delta_x(1 \circ B)} \leq K(h_1h_2) \tag{22}$$

where $h_1 = \frac{M_1}{m_1} > 1, h_2 = \frac{M_2}{m_2} > 1$.

Proof. By the properties of the tensorial product, we have that

$$A \otimes B = (A \otimes 1)(1 \otimes B)$$

where $A \otimes 1$ and $1 \otimes B$ are commutative operators.

Therefore

$$\ln(A \otimes B) = \ln[(A \otimes 1)(1 \otimes B)] = \ln(A \otimes 1) + \ln(1 \otimes B)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}^*(\ln(A \otimes B))\mathcal{U} &= \mathcal{U}^*[\ln(A \otimes 1) + \ln(1 \otimes B)]\mathcal{U} \\ &= \mathcal{U}^*(\ln(A \otimes 1))\mathcal{U} + \mathcal{U}^*(\ln(1 \otimes B))\mathcal{U}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Jensen's operator inequality for the operator concave function \ln , we also have

$$\mathcal{U}^*(\ln(A \otimes 1))\mathcal{U} \leq \ln(\mathcal{U}^*(A \otimes 1)\mathcal{U}) = \ln(A \circ 1)$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}^*(\ln(1 \otimes B))\mathcal{U} \leq \ln(\mathcal{U}^*((1 \otimes B))\mathcal{U}) = \ln(1 \circ B).$$

These imply for $x \in H, \|x\| = 1$ that

$$\begin{aligned} \exp\langle \mathcal{U}^*(\ln(A \otimes B))\mathcal{U}x, x \rangle &\leq \exp[\langle \ln(A \circ 1)x, x \rangle + \langle \ln(1 \circ B)x, x \rangle] \\ &= \exp[\langle \ln(A \circ 1)x, x \rangle] \exp[\langle \ln(1 \circ B)x, x \rangle] \\ &= \Delta_x(A \circ 1)\Delta_x(1 \circ B) \end{aligned}$$

and by the second part of (18) we derive the second inequality in (22).

From (17) we have

$$\ln \Phi(P) \leq \ln K \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) + \Phi(\ln P)$$

provided that $0 < m \leq P \leq M$.

Now, if we take in this inequality $0 < m_1 \leq P = A \otimes 1 \leq M_1$, then we get for $\Phi(P) = \mathcal{U}^*(A \otimes 1)\mathcal{U} = A \circ 1$ that

$$\ln(A \circ 1) \leq \ln K\left(\frac{M_1}{m_1}\right) + \mathcal{U}^*(\ln(A \otimes 1))\mathcal{U}$$

while for $0 < m_2 \leq P = 1 \otimes B \leq M_2$

$$\ln(1 \circ B) \leq \ln K\left(\frac{M_2}{m_2}\right) + \mathcal{U}^*(\ln(1 \otimes B))\mathcal{U},$$

which gives, by addition, that

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(A \circ 1) + \ln(1 \circ B) - \ln\left[K\left(\frac{M_1}{m_1}\right)K\left(\frac{M_2}{m_2}\right)\right] \\ \leq \mathcal{U}^*(\ln(A \otimes 1))\mathcal{U} + \mathcal{U}^*(\ln(1 \otimes B))\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}^*(\ln(A \otimes B))\mathcal{U}. \end{aligned}$$

By taking the inner product for $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$ we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \ln(A \circ 1)x, x \rangle + \langle \ln(1 \circ B)x, x \rangle - \ln\left[K\left(\frac{M_1}{m_1}\right)K\left(\frac{M_2}{m_2}\right)\right] \\ \leq \langle \mathcal{U}^*(\ln(A \otimes B))\mathcal{U}x, x \rangle \end{aligned}$$

and by taking the exponential, we derive

$$\frac{\exp\langle (A \circ 1)x, x \rangle \exp\langle \ln(1 \circ B)x, x \rangle}{K(h_1)K(h_2)} \leq \exp\langle \mathcal{U}^*(\ln(A \otimes B))\mathcal{U}x, x \rangle$$

for $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$ and by the third inequality in (18) we obtain the first part of (22). \square

Remark 1. Since $K(h) \geq S(h)$ for $h > 0$ (see for instance [10, p. 4]), then the bounds for the ratio

$$\frac{\Delta_x(A \circ B)}{\Delta_x(A \circ 1)\Delta_x(1 \circ B)}$$

provided by (21) are better than the ones from (22).

Lemma 1. For all $h_1, h_2 \in (1, \infty)$ or $h_1, h_2 \in (0, 1)$ we have

$$K(h_1 h_2) \geq K(h_1)K(h_2). \quad (23)$$

If $h_1 \in (1, \infty)$ and $h_2 \in (0, 1)$ or $h_2 \in (1, \infty)$ and $h_1 \in (0, 1)$ then the sign of inequality reverses in (23).

Proof. We have for $h_1, h_2 \in (0, \infty)$ that

$$\begin{aligned} K(h_1 h_2) - K(h_1)K(h_2) &= \frac{(h_1 h_2 + 1)^2}{4h_1 h_2} - \frac{(h_1 + 1)^2}{4h_1} \frac{(h_2 + 1)^2}{4h_2} \\ &= \frac{1}{16h_1 h_2} \left[4(h_1 h_2 + 1)^2 - (h_1 + 1)^2 (h_2 + 1)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{16h_1 h_2} [2(h_1 h_2 + 1) + (h_1 + 1)(h_2 + 1)] \\ &\quad \times [2(h_1 h_2 + 1) - (h_1 + 1)(h_2 + 1)]. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} 2(h_1 h_2 + 1) - (h_1 + 1)(h_2 + 1) &= 2h_1 h_2 + 2 - h_1 h_2 - h_1 - h_2 - 1 \\ &= h_1 h_2 + 1 - h_1 - h_2 = (h_1 - 1)(h_2 - 1), \end{aligned}$$

which shows that the sign of $K(h_1 h_2) - K(h_1)K(h_2)$ is the same with the one for $(h_1 - 1)(h_2 - 1)$, and this proves the lemma. \square

Corollary 2. *With the assumptions of Theorem 2 we have the determinant inequalities*

$$\frac{1}{K(h_1 h_2)} \leq \frac{\Delta_x(A \circ B)}{\Delta_x(A \circ 1) \Delta_x(1 \circ B)} \leq K(h_1 h_2). \quad (24)$$

The proof follows by (22) and (23).

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