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A Numerical Radius Version of the Arithmetic-Geometric Mean of Operators

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Abstract. In this paper, we obtain some numerical radius inequalities for operators, in particular for positive definite operators *A*, *B* a numerical radius and some operator norm versions for arithmetic-geometric mean inequality are obtained, respectively as

$$\omega^{2}(A \sharp B) \leq \omega \left(\frac{A^{2} + B^{2}}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \inf_{\|x\|=1} \delta(x),$$

where $\delta(x) = \langle (A - B)x, x \rangle^2$, and

$$\|A\|\|B\| \leq \frac{1}{2}(\|A^2\| + \|B^2\|) - \frac{1}{2}\inf_{\|x\| = \|y\| = 1} \delta(x, y),$$

where, $\delta(x, y) = (\langle Ay, y \rangle - \langle Bx, x \rangle)^2$.

1. Introduction

Let *H* be a complex Hilbert space with inner product $\langle ., . \rangle$ and let $\mathcal{B}(H)$ denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators on *H*. Let |||.||| denote any unitarily invariant norm, i.e., a norm with the property that |||UAV||| = |||A|||, for all $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and for all unitary $U, V \in \mathcal{B}(H)$. For $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, the spectral norm of *A* is defined by

$$||A|| = \sup\{|\langle Ax, y\rangle| : ||x|| = ||y|| = 1, x, y \in H\}.$$

It is evident that this norm is unitary invariant. The numerical range of a $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ is defined as

$$W(A) = \sup\{\langle Ax, x \rangle : ||x|| = 1, x \in H\}.$$

For any $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, $\overline{W(A)}$ is a convex subset of the complex plane containing the spectrum of *A*. See [5, Chapter 2] for this topic.

The numerical radius of $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ is defined by

 $\omega(A) = \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in W(A)\}.$

We recall the following results that were proved in [6].

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Lemma 1.1. Let $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{H})$ and let $\omega(.)$ be the numerical radius. Then (i) $\omega(.)$ is a norm on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{H})$, (ii) $\omega(UAU^*) = \omega(A)$, for all unitary operators U, (iii) $\omega(A) = ||A||$ if (but not only if) A is normal, (iv) $\frac{1}{2}||A|| \le \omega(A) \le ||A||$.

Moreover, $\omega(.)$ is not a unitarily invariant norm and is not submultiplicative. For positive real numbers *a* and *b*, the most familiar form of the Young inequality is the following:

$$ab \le \frac{a^p}{p} + \frac{b^q}{q},\tag{1}$$

where p, q > 1 such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, or equivalently

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

with $\nu \in [0, 1]$. Recently, Kittaneh and Manasrah [8] obtained a refinement of (1)

$$ab + r_0(a^{p/2} - b^{q/2})^2 \le \frac{a^p}{p} + \frac{b^q}{q},$$
(2)

where $r_0 = \min\{\frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{q}\}.$

For positive definite operators $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, the operator geometric mean is defined by

$$A \sharp B \equiv A^{1/2} (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2}.$$

The operator geometric mean has the symmetric property $(A \sharp B = B \sharp A)$. If AB = BA, then $A \sharp B = (AB)^{1/2}$. In this paper we obtain some inequalities (upper bound) for $\omega((A \sharp B)X)$, where $X \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ is arbitrary. Throughout the paper we use the notation A > 0 to mean that A is positive definite and \mathbb{M}_n the space of all $n \times n$ matrices.

2. Main Results

Bhatia and Kittaneh in 1990 [3] established a matrix mean inequality as follows:

$$||A^*B|| \le \frac{1}{2} ||A^*A + B^*B||,$$
(3)

for matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{M}_n$.

In [2] a generalization of (3) was proved, for all $X \in \mathbb{M}_n$,

$$\|A^*XB\| \le \frac{1}{2} \|AA^*X + XBB^*\|$$

Ando in 1995 [1] established a matrix Young inequality:

$$||AB|| \le \left\| \left| \frac{A^p}{p} + \frac{B^q}{q} \right| \right|$$
(4)

for p, q > 1 with 1/p + 1/q = 1 and positive matrices *A*, *B*. In [9] we considered the inequalities (3) and (4) with the numerical radius norm as follows:

Proposition 2.1. [9, Proposition 1] If A, B are $n \times n$ matrices, then

 $\omega(A^*B) \le \frac{1}{2}\omega(A^*A + B^*B).$

Also if A and B are positive matrices and p, q > 1 with 1/p + 1/q = 1, then

$$\omega(AB) \le \omega(\frac{A^p}{p} + \frac{B^q}{q}).$$

Moreover, the authors, in [9, Theorem 2] and [10, Theorem 2.3], showed that the inequality

$$||AXB||| \le \left\| \left\| \frac{A^p}{p} X + X \frac{B^q}{q} \right\|$$

does not holds for numerical radius and spectral norm for all $X \in \mathbb{M}_n$ and positive matrices A, B. The following lemma is a consequence of the spectral theorem for positive operators and Jensen's inequality (see, e.g., [7]).

Lemma 2.2. Let A be a positive semidefinite operator in $\mathcal{B}(H)$ and let $x \in H$ be any unit vector. Then for all $r \ge 1$

$$\langle Ax, x \rangle^r \le \langle A^r x, x \rangle, \tag{5}$$

and for all $0 \le r \le 1$

$$\langle A^r x, x \rangle \leq \langle A x, x \rangle^r$$
.

Theorem 2.3. Let $A, B, X \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, such that A, B > 0 and $p \ge q > 1$ where 1/p + 1/q = 1. Then for all $r \ge \frac{2}{q}$

$$\omega^{r}((A\sharp B)X) \leq \omega \left(\frac{A^{rp/2}}{p} + \frac{(X^{*}BX)^{rq/2}}{q}\right) - \frac{1}{p} \inf_{\|x\|=1} \delta(x), \tag{6}$$
$$e \ \delta(x) = \left(\langle Ax, x \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^{*}BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4}\right)^{2}.$$

where $\delta(x) = \left(\langle Ax, x \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4}\right)^2$.

Proof. Let $x \in H$, with ||x|| = 1. By the Schwarz inequality in the Hilbert space $(H; \langle ., . \rangle)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \langle (A \sharp B) X x, x \rangle \right|^r &= \left| \left\langle A^{1/2} (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2} X x, x \rangle \right|^r \\ &= \left| \left\langle (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2} X x, A^{1/2} x \rangle \right|^r \\ &\leq \| (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2} X x \|^r . \| A^{1/2} x \|^r \\ &= \left\langle (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2} X x, (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2} X x \right\rangle^{r/2} \\ &\times \left\langle A^{1/2} x, A^{1/2} x \right\rangle^{r/2} \\ &= \langle A x, x \rangle^{r/2} \left\langle X^* B X x, x \right\rangle^{r/2} . \end{aligned}$$

Now, by Young's inequality and (2) we have $(4x x^{1/2}/X^*BYx x^{1/2})$

$$\langle Ax, x \rangle^{rp/2} \langle X BXx, x \rangle^{rq/2} - \frac{1}{p} \left(\langle Ax, x \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4} \right)^2$$
and by (5) we have
$$\frac{1}{p} \langle Ax, x \rangle^{rp/2} + \frac{1}{q} \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/2} - \frac{1}{p} \left(\langle Ax, x \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4} \right)^2$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{p} \left(A^{rp/2}x, x \rangle + \frac{1}{q} \left((X^*BX)^{rq/2}x, x \rangle - \frac{1}{p} \left(\langle Ax, x \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4} \right)^2 \right)^2$$

$$= \left(\left(\frac{A^{rp/2}}{p} + \frac{(X^*BX)^{rq/2}}{q} \right) x, x \right) - \frac{1}{p} \left(\langle Ax, x \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4} \right)^2 .$$
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Remark 2.4. Let r = p = q = 2. Then $\delta(x) \equiv 0$ if and only if $A - X^*BX = 0$. In general, $\delta(x) = 0$ if and only if $\langle Ax, x \rangle^{rp/4} = \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4}$.

The following example shows that, inequality (6) does not hold in general for spectral norm.

Example 2.5. If we take
$$p = q = 2$$
, $r = 1$, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$, $B = I_2$ and $X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, then
 $1 = \|(A \# B)X\|^r > \left\|\frac{A^{rp/2}}{p} + \frac{(X^*BX)^{rq/2}}{q}\right\| = \frac{5}{8}.$

Put X = I in Theorem 2.3, we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 2.6. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, be positive definite and $p \ge q > 1$ such that 1/p + 1/q = 1. Then for all $r \ge \frac{2}{q}$

$$\omega^{r}(A \sharp B) \leq \omega \left(\frac{A^{rp/2}}{p} + \frac{B^{rq/2}}{q} \right) - \frac{1}{p} \inf_{\|x\|=1} \delta(x),$$

where $\delta(x) = \left(\langle Ax, x \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle Bx, x \rangle^{rq/4}\right)^2$.

Note that it is enough to replace r with 2r and X = I in the statement of Theorem 2.3 to obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 2.7. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{H})$ be positive definite operators and $p \ge q > 1$ such that 1/p + 1/q = 1. Then for all $r \ge \frac{1}{q}$,

$$\omega^{2r}(A\sharp B) \leq \omega(\frac{A^{rp}}{p} + \frac{B^{rq}}{q}) - \frac{1}{p} \inf_{\|x\|=1} \delta(x), \tag{7}$$

where $\delta(x) = \left(\langle Ax, x \rangle^{rp/2} - \langle Bx, x \rangle^{rq/2}\right)^2$.

Remark 2.8. Note that, if we set r = 1 and p = q = 2 in (7), then we have

$$\omega^{2}(A\sharp B) \leq \omega \left(\frac{A^{2} + B^{2}}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \inf_{\|x\|=1} \delta(x), \tag{8}$$

where $\delta(x) = \langle (A - B)x, x \rangle^2$. Notice that (8) is an operator numerical radius version for arithmetic-geometric mean and moreover if, $0 \notin \overline{W(A - B)}$, then $\inf_{\|x\|=1} \delta(x) > 0$.

In the proof of Theorem 2.3, if we put r = 2 and X = I, then we have the following corollary.

Corollary 2.9. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, be positive definite operators. Then

 $||A \# B||^2 \le ||A||||B||.$

Let $T, U \in \mathcal{B}(H)$. The Euclidean radius(see [4]) is defined by

$$\omega_e(T, U) = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \left(|\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + |\langle Ux, x \rangle|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Corollary 2.10. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(H)$, be positive definite operators. Then

$$\sqrt{2} \|A \# B\| \le \omega_e(A, B) \le \|A^2 + B^2\|^{1/2},$$

inparticular,

$$\sqrt{2\omega(A\sharp B)} \leq \omega_e(A,B) \leq \omega^{1/2}(A^2 + B^2).$$

Proof. Same as, in the proof of Theorem 2.3, if we set r = p = q = 2, then we have

$$\left| \left\langle (A \sharp B) x, x \right\rangle \right|^2 \le \frac{1}{2} \left(\left\langle A x, x \right\rangle^2 + \left\langle B x, x \right\rangle^2 \right) \tag{9}$$

and by Lemma 2.2,

$$\frac{1}{2}(\langle Ax, x \rangle^2 + \langle Bx, x \rangle^2) \leq \frac{1}{2}(\langle A^2x, x \rangle + \langle B^2x, x \rangle) = \frac{1}{2}\langle (A^2 + B^2)x, x \rangle.$$
(10)

Now, the result follows by taking the supremum in (9) and (10) over all unit vectors in H. \Box

3. Additional Results

Proposition 3.1. Let $A, B, X \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ such that A, B > 0 and $p \ge q > 1$ such that 1/p + 1/q = 1. Then for all $r \ge \frac{2}{q}$

$$\|(A \sharp B)X\|^r \le \|\frac{A^{rp/2}}{p}\| + \|\frac{(X^*BX)^{rq/2}}{q}\| - \frac{1}{p} \inf_{\|x\| = \|y\| = 1} \delta(x, y),$$

$$ra \,\delta(x, y) = \left((Ay y)^{rp/4} - (X^*BXx x)^{rq/4} \right)^2$$

where $\delta(x, y) = \left(\langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4}\right)^2$.

Proof. Let $x, y \in H$, such that ||x|| = ||y|| = 1. By the Schwarz inequality in the Hilbert space $(H; \langle ., . \rangle)$, we have

$$\begin{split} \left| \langle (A \sharp B) Xx, y \rangle \right|^{r} &= \left| \left\langle A^{1/2} (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2} Xx, y \rangle \right|^{r} \\ &= \left| \left\langle (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2} Xx, A^{1/2} y \rangle \right|^{r} \\ &\leq \left\| (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2} Xx \|^{r} . \|A^{1/2} y\|^{r} \\ &= \left\langle (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2} Xx, (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2} Xx \right\rangle^{r/2} \\ &\times \left\langle A^{1/2} y, A^{1/2} y \right\rangle^{r/2} \\ &= \left\langle Ay, y \right\rangle^{r/2} \langle X^{*} B Xx, x \rangle^{r/2} . \end{split}$$

Now, by Young's inequality and (2) we have $(A_{1/2})^{r/2} / Y^* B Y_{r} \sim V^{r/2}$

$$\langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/2} \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{r/2}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{p} \langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/2} + \frac{1}{q} \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/2} - \frac{1}{p} \left(\langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4} \right)^2$$
and by (5) we have
$$\frac{1}{p} \langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/2} + \frac{1}{q} \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/2} - \frac{1}{p} \left(\langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4} \right)^2$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{p} \left\langle A^{rp/2}y, y \right\rangle + \frac{1}{q} \left\langle (X^*BX)^{rq/2}x, x \right\rangle - \frac{1}{p} \left(\langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4} \right)^2 .$$

Now, the result follows by taking the supremum over all unit vectors $x, y \in H$. \Box

Corollary 3.2. Let $A, B, X \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ be such that A, B > 0. Then for all $r \ge 1$

$$2||(A \sharp B)X||^r \le ||A^r|| + ||(X^*BX)^r|| - \inf_{||x|| = ||y|| = 1} \delta(x, y),$$
(11)

where $\delta(x, y) = \left(\langle Ay, y \rangle^{r/2} - \langle X^* B X x, x \rangle^{r/2} \right)^2$.

If in relation (11) we set X = I we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 3.3. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ be positive definite operators. Then for all $r \ge 1$

$$2\|A\sharp B\|^r \leq \|A^r\| + \|B^r\| - \inf_{\|x\| = \|y\| = 1} \delta(x, y)$$

where $\delta(x, y) = \left(\langle Ay, y \rangle^{r/2} - \langle Bx, x \rangle^{r/2}\right)^2$.

Proposition 3.4. Let $A, B, X \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ such that A, B > 0 and $p \ge q > 1$ such that 1/p + 1/q = 1. Then for all $r \ge 2/q$

$$(||A||||X^*BX||)^{r/2} \le ||\frac{A^{rp/2}}{p}|| + ||\frac{(X^*BX)^{rq/2}}{q}|| - \frac{1}{p} \inf_{||x|| = ||y|| = 1} \delta(x, y),$$
(12)

where $\delta(x, y) = \left(\langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^* BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4}\right)^2$.

Proof. Let $x, y \in H$ with ||x|| = ||y|| = 1. By the inequality (2), we have $\langle Ay, y \rangle^{r/2} \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{r/2}$ $\leq \frac{1}{p} \langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/2} + \frac{1}{q} \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/2} - \frac{1}{p} (\langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4})^2$ and by (5) we have $\frac{1}{p} \langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/2} + \frac{1}{q} \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/2} - \frac{1}{p} (\langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4})^2$ $\leq \frac{1}{p} \langle A^{rp/2}y, y \rangle + \frac{1}{q} \langle (X^*BX)^{rq/2}x, x \rangle - \frac{1}{p} (\langle Ay, y \rangle^{rp/4} - \langle X^*BXx, x \rangle^{rq/4})^2$. Now, the result follows by taking the supremum over all unit vectors x, y.

Now, the result follows by taking the supremum over all unit vectors $x, y \in H$. \Box

If in relation (12), we set X = I and r = 2, then we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 3.5. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ be positive definite operators and $p \ge q > 1$ such that 1/p + 1/q = 1. Then

$$\|A\|\|B\| \le \|\frac{A^p}{p}\| + \|\frac{B^q}{q}\| - \frac{1}{p} \inf_{\|x\| = \|y\| = 1} \delta(x, y),$$
(13)

where $\delta(x, y) = \left(\langle Ay, y \rangle^{p/2} - \langle Bx, x \rangle^{q/2} \right)^2$.

Remark 3.6. Note that, if we set p = q = 2 in (13), then we have

$$||A||||B|| \leq \frac{1}{2}(||A^2|| + ||B^2||) - \frac{1}{2}\inf_{||x|| = ||y|| = 1}\delta(x, y),$$
(14)

where $\delta(x, y) = (\langle Ay, y \rangle - \langle Bx, x \rangle)^2$. Notice that (14) is an operator norm version for arithmetic-geometric mean and moreover if, W(A) and W(B) are separated, then $\inf_{\|x\|=\|y\|=1} \delta(x, y) > 0$.

Example 3.7. Let p = q = 2 and A = diag(1, 2), B = diag(5, 6) in the inequality (13). Then $\inf_{\|x\|=\|y\|=1} \delta(x, y) = 9 > 0$ and hence,

$$12 = ||A||||B|| \leq \frac{1}{2}(||A^2|| + ||B^2||) - \frac{1}{2}\inf_{||x|| = ||y|| = 1}\delta(x, y) = \frac{31}{2}$$

Whereas, if we set this values in the inequality (4), with the spectral norm, then we obtain

$$12 = ||AB|| \le ||\frac{A^p}{p} + \frac{B^q}{q}|| = 20.$$

Thus, in this case, we have

$$||AB|| = ||A||||B|| < ||\frac{A^p}{p}|| + ||\frac{B^q}{q}|| - \frac{1}{p} \inf_{||x|| = ||y|| = 1} \delta(x, y) < ||\frac{A^p}{p} + \frac{B^q}{q}||$$

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