



## On some results related to positive semidefinite matrices by means of Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

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**Abstract.** In this study, the relationship between the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and matrix norms and singular values is discussed. First, the classical form of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality is recalled, and its extended versions in matrix space are examined. Then, the connections between singular values and unitarily invariant norms are addressed, and various inequalities are derived in this context. In particular, the majorization properties of singular values for Hermitian and positive semidefinite matrices are investigated.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  be the space of all  $n \times n$  complex matrices. For an arbitrary matrix  $A$ , let  $|A| \equiv (A^*A)^{1/2}$ . Here,  $A^*$  is the conjugate transpose of  $A$ , and the square root of the eigenvalue of  $A^*A$  is called the singular value of matrix  $A$ . Symbolically,  $s_i(A) = \sqrt{\lambda_i(A^*A)} = \lambda_i^{1/2}(A^*A) = \lambda_i(A^*A)^{1/2} = \lambda_i(|A|)$ , meaning  $s_i(A) = \lambda_i(|A|)$ . Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . When we arrange the components of this vector in descending order, we obtain  $x^\downarrow = (x_1^\downarrow, x_2^\downarrow, \dots, x_n^\downarrow)$ , where  $x_1^\downarrow \geq x_2^\downarrow \geq \dots \geq x_n^\downarrow$ . For  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , if for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ;

$$\sum_{i=1}^k x_i^\downarrow \leq \sum_{i=1}^k y_i^\downarrow$$

then the vector  $x$  is said to be weakly majorized by  $y$ , denoted as  $x \prec_w y$ .

If  $x \prec_w y$  and also

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$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

then  $x$  is said to be majorized by  $y$ , denoted as  $x < y$ . Thus, majorization includes weak majorization. To use majorization,  $s(A) = (s_1(A), s_2(A), \dots, s_n(A))$  is arranged in descending order as  $s_1(A) \geq s_2(A) \geq \dots \geq s_n(A)$ . If  $A$  is a Hermitian matrix, its eigenvalues are real and can be ordered as  $\lambda_1(A) \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n(A)$ . For Hermitian matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , if  $A - B \geq 0$ , then  $B \leq A$ . Hence,  $\lambda_j(B) \leq \lambda_j(A) \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$ . This results is known as Weyl's Monotonicity Principle.

- For an arbitrary matrix  $A$ ,  $A^*A \geq 0$ .
- For  $A \geq 0$ ,  $X^*AX \geq 0$ .
- If  $A, B \geq 0$ , then  $A + B \geq 0$ .
- $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A & -B \\ -B^* & C \end{pmatrix} \geq 0, \begin{pmatrix} C & B \\ B^* & A \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$ . Additionally;

The direct sum of matrices  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is defined as  $A \oplus B = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$  and denoted by  $A \oplus B$ .

A norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is called a unitarily invariant norm if for all  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  and unitary matrices  $U, V \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,

$$\|UAV\| = \|A\|$$

holds. Unitarily invariant norms are monotonically increasing functions of singular values. Let  $H$  be an inner product space. For  $x, y \in H$ ,

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$$

is known as the classical Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality.

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be positive numbers. For  $0 \leq v \leq 1$ ,

$$H_v(a, b) = \frac{a^v b^{1-v} + a^{1-v} b^v}{2}$$

is called the Heinz Mean. The Heinz Mean lies between the geometric mean and the arithmetic mean, and can be written as

$$\sqrt{ab} \leq H_v(a, b) \leq \frac{a+b}{2}.$$

Bhatia and Davis [6] generalized this to matrices. For positive semidefinite matrices,

$$\|A^{1/2}B^{1/2}\| \leq \|H_v(A, B)\| \leq \left\| \frac{A+B}{2} \right\|$$

holds.

Let  $A$  be a Hermitian matrix. If for all  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,

$$\langle Ax, x \rangle \geq 0$$

then  $A$  is called a positive semidefinite matrix. (If  $\langle Ax, x \rangle > 0$  for  $x \neq 0$ , then  $A$  is called a positive definite matrix.) Moreover, for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $A \geq 0$ , the following inequality:

$$|\langle Ax, y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle \langle Ay, y \rangle$$

is a generalized form of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, (See [11], p. 221). For a positive semidefinite matrix  $A$ ,

$$\|Ax\|^2 \leq \|A\|\langle Ax, x \rangle.$$

In 1952, Kato [12] showed that for any matrix  $T \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$|\langle Tx, y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle (T^*T)^\alpha x, x \rangle \langle (T^*T)^{1-\alpha} y, y \rangle.$$

In 1994, Furuta [10] showed that for any  $T \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$   $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ , and  $\alpha + \beta \geq 1$ ,

$$|\langle T|T|^{\alpha+\beta-1}x, y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle |T|^{2\alpha}x, x \rangle \langle |T|^{2\beta}y, y \rangle.$$

More detailed and good works on singular values inequalities have been discussed recently in [1],[3],[4],[5],[14],[15],[17].

In this paper, we generalize some inequalities involving singular values and norm inequalities for  $2 \times 2$  positive semidefinite block matrices in a different perspective.

## LEMMAS

In this section, we list some results that will be used in our further considerations. The first lemma was mentioned by Kittaneh [13].

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $A, B, C \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ , with  $A, B \geq 0$ . Then*

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & C^* \\ C & B \end{pmatrix}$$

*is a positive if and only if*

$$|\langle Cx, y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle \langle By, y \rangle,$$

*for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .*

This is an extension of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

**Lemma 1.2.** [20] (von Neumann): *Let  $A, B \in M_{m \times n}$ . Then*

$$s(A) \prec_w s(B) \Leftrightarrow \|A\| \leq \|B\|,$$

*for all unitarily invariant matrix-vector norms  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .*

Y.Tao proved the following lemma, which is used in many studies:

**Lemma 1.3.** [18] *Let  $A, C \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$ . Then*

$$2s_j(B) \leq s_j\left(\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix}\right) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

W.Audeh and F.Kittaneh showed the following lemma in [2].

**Lemma 1.4.** *Let  $A, B, C \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$ . Then*

$$s_j(B) \leq s_j(A \oplus C) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

F.Zhang proved the following lemma, which is used in many studies:

**Lemma 1.5.** [20] *Let  $H$  and  $K$  be  $n \times n$  Hermitian matrices. Then*

$$\begin{pmatrix} H & K \\ K & H \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \pm K \leq H \Rightarrow |s(K)| \prec_w s(H) \Rightarrow \|K\| \leq \|H\|.$$

Burqan and F.Kittaneh showed the following lemma in [9].

**Lemma 1.6.** Let  $A, B, C \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$ . Then

$$s_j(B + B^*) \leq s_j((A + C) \oplus (A + C)) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

and

$$\|B + B^*\| \leq \|A + C\|.$$

R.Bhatia and F.Kittaneh proved the following lemma in [7].

**Lemma 1.7.** For all  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ;

$$2s_j(A^*B) \leq s_j(AA^* + BB^*) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

**Lemma 1.8.** [19] Let  $A$  and  $B$  be positive matrices. Then

$$s(A \oplus A) \prec_w s((A + B) \oplus (A - B)).$$

**Lemma 1.9.** [16] Let  $M, N$  be square matrices of the same size. Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} M & K \\ K^* & N \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \Rightarrow s(K) \prec_w \frac{1}{2}\{\lambda(M) + \lambda(N)\}.$$

**Lemma 1.10.** [19] Let  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $2x \prec y + z$ , then  $(x, x) \prec (y, z)$ .

**Lemma 1.11.** [8] Let  $X, Y$  be Hermitian matrices and  $\pm Y \leq X$ . Then

$$s_j(Y) \leq s_j(X \oplus X) \quad 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

T.Furuta has proved the following lemma in [10].

**Lemma 1.12.** Let  $A, B \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ . Then

$$s_j(A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha}) \leq s_j(\alpha A + (1-\alpha)B) \quad 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be positive semidefinite matrices. For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , the following inequality holds:

$$\left| \langle (A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} + A^{1-\alpha} B^\alpha) x, y \rangle \right|^2 \leq \langle (A^{2\alpha} + A^{2-2\alpha}) x, x \rangle \langle (B^{2-2\alpha} + B^{2\alpha}) y, y \rangle.$$

*Proof.* Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & B^{1-\alpha} \\ A^{1-\alpha} & B^\alpha \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $X^* = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & A^{1-\alpha} \\ B^{1-\alpha} & B^\alpha \end{pmatrix}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} X^*X &= \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & A^{1-\alpha} \\ B^{1-\alpha} & B^\alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & B^{1-\alpha} \\ A^{1-\alpha} & B^\alpha \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{2\alpha} + A^{2-2\alpha} & A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} + A^{1-\alpha} B^\alpha \\ B^{1-\alpha} A^\alpha + B^\alpha A^{1-\alpha} & B^{2-2\alpha} + B^{2\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 1.1, we obtain;

$$\left| \langle (A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} + A^{1-\alpha} B^\alpha) x, y \rangle \right|^2 \leq \langle (A^{2\alpha} + A^{2-2\alpha}) x, x \rangle \langle (B^{2-2\alpha} + B^{2\alpha}) y, y \rangle$$

which proves the statement.

**Corollary 2.2.** For  $\alpha = 1/2$ ,

$$\left| \langle 2((A^{1/2} + B^{1/2})x, y) \rangle \right|^2 \leq \langle (2A)x, x \rangle \langle (2B)y, y \rangle$$

is obtained. Specifically, if  $A$  is replaced by  $A^2$  and  $B$  is replaced by  $B^2$ , we get

$$|\langle (A + B)x, y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle A^2x, x \rangle \langle B^2y, y \rangle.$$

In addition, using properties of inner product, it is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle (A + B)x, y \rangle|^2 &\leq \langle Ax, A^*x \rangle \langle By, B^*y \rangle \\ &= \langle Ax, Ax \rangle \langle By, By \rangle \\ &= \|Ax\|^2 \|By\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

From different perspective, we have the following result as well.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $A, B \geq 0$ . For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Then

$$\left| \langle (A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha})x, y \rangle \right|^2 \leq \langle A^{2\alpha}x, x \rangle \langle B^{2-2\alpha}y, y \rangle.$$

*Proof.* Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & B^{1-\alpha} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $X^* = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ B^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
 $X^*X \geq 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ B^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & B^{1-\alpha} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A^{2\alpha} & A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} \\ B^{1-\alpha} A^\alpha & B^{2-2\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$ .

From Lemma 1.1, we obtain

$$\left| \langle (A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha})x, y \rangle \right|^2 \leq \langle A^{2\alpha}x, x \rangle \langle B^{2-2\alpha}y, y \rangle.$$

**Corollary 2.4.** For  $\alpha = 1/2$ ,

$$\left| \langle (A^{1/2}B^{1/2})x, y \rangle \right|^2 \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle \langle By, y \rangle.$$

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $A, B \geq 0$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Then

$$s_j(A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} + B^{1-\alpha} A^\alpha) \leq s_j((A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha}) \oplus (A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})).$$

*Proof.* Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & B^{1-\alpha} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $X^* = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ B^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
 $X^*X = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ B^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & B^{1-\alpha} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A^{2\alpha} & A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} \\ B^{1-\alpha} A^\alpha & B^{2-2\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$ . Thus  
 $\begin{pmatrix} A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha} & A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} + B^{1-\alpha} A^\alpha \\ A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} + B^{1-\alpha} A^\alpha & A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$ .

By Lemma 1.6,

$$s_j(A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} + B^{1-\alpha} A^\alpha) \leq s_j((A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha}) \oplus (A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha}))$$

is obtained.

**Corollary 2.6.** From Lemma 1.2,

$$\|A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} + B^{1-\alpha} A^\alpha\| \leq \|A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha}\|.$$

For  $\alpha = 1/2$ ,

$$\|A^{1/2}B^{1/2} + B^{1/2}A^{1/2}\| \leq \|A + B\|.$$

Specifically, if  $A$  is replaced by  $A^2$  and  $B$  is replaced by  $B^2$ ,

$$\|AB + BA\| \leq \|A^2 + B^2\|$$

holds.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\alpha + \beta \geq 1$ . Then

$$s_j(A|A|^{\alpha+\beta-1}) \leq s_j(|A|^{2\alpha} \oplus |A|^{2\beta}).$$

*Proof.* Observe that

$$\begin{pmatrix} |A|^{2\alpha} & A|A|^{\alpha+\beta-1} \\ |A|^{2\beta} & |A|^{2\beta} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

It is clear that this matrix is positive semidefinite due to Furuta's result [10]. Therefore, by Lemma 1.3,

$$2s_j(A|A|^{\alpha+\beta-1}) \leq \begin{pmatrix} |A|^{2\alpha} & A|A|^{\alpha+\beta-1} \\ |A|^{2\beta} & |A|^{2\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$

is obtained. Also, using Lemma 1.4,

$$\begin{pmatrix} |A|^{2\alpha} & A|A|^{\alpha+\beta-1} \\ |A|^{2\beta} & |A|^{2\beta} \end{pmatrix} \leq 2s_j(|A|^{2\alpha} \oplus |A|^{2\beta})$$

can be written. Connecting these two inequalities; we get

$$2s_j(A|A|^{\alpha+\beta-1}) \leq \begin{pmatrix} |A|^{2\alpha} & A|A|^{\alpha+\beta-1} \\ |A|^{2\beta} & |A|^{2\beta} \end{pmatrix} \leq 2s_j(|A|^{2\alpha} \oplus |A|^{2\beta}).$$

That is;

$$2s_j(A|A|^{\alpha+\beta-1}) \leq 2s_j(|A|^{2\alpha} \oplus |A|^{2\beta}).$$

Rearranging this inequality, as result

$$s_j(A|A|^{\alpha+\beta-1}) \leq s_j(|A|^{2\alpha} \oplus |A|^{2\beta})$$

is obtained.

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be positive semidefinite matrices and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Then

$$2s_j(A \oplus B) \leq s_j((A^{2\alpha} + A^{2-2\alpha}) \oplus (B^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})) \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

*Proof.* Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & B^\alpha \end{pmatrix}$  and  $Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A^{1-\alpha} \\ B^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $X^* = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & B^\alpha \end{pmatrix}$  and  $Y^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B^{1-\alpha} \\ A^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Hence

$$X^*Y = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & B^\alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A^{1-\alpha} \\ B^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $s_j(A) = s_j(A^*) = s_j(|A^*|)$ ,  $s_j(X^*Y) = s_j(A \oplus B)$ . On the other hand,

$$XX^* = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & B^\alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & B^\alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A^{2\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & B^{2\alpha} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$YY^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A^{1-\alpha} \\ B^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B^{1-\alpha} \\ A^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A^{2-2\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & B^{2-2\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned} XX^* + YY^* &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{2\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & B^{2\alpha} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} A^{2-2\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & B^{2-2\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{2\alpha} + A^{2-2\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & B^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 1.7,

$$2s_j(A \oplus B) \leq s_j((A^{2\alpha} + A^{2-2\alpha}) \oplus (B^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})) \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

is obtained.

**Corollary 2.9.** *From Lemma 1.2,*

$$\|A \oplus B\| \leq \frac{\|(A^{2\alpha} + A^{2-2\alpha}) \oplus (B^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})\|}{2}$$

is found. For  $\alpha = 1$ ,

$$\|A \oplus B\| \leq \frac{\|(A^2 + I) \oplus (B^2 + I)\|}{2}$$

is obtained.

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Then*

$$s_j(A) \leq s_j((A^*A)^\alpha \oplus (AA^*)^{1-\alpha}).$$

*Proof.* Observe that

$$\begin{pmatrix} (A^*A)^\alpha & A \\ A^* & (AA^*)^{1-\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

We know that this matrix is positive semidefinite due to Kato's result [12]. From Lemma 1.3,

$$2s_j(A) \leq s_j\begin{pmatrix} (A^*A)^\alpha & A \\ A^* & (AA^*)^{1-\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$$

can be derived. Also, using Lemma 1.4,

$$s_j\begin{pmatrix} (A^*A)^\alpha & A \\ A^* & (AA^*)^{1-\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \leq 2s_j((A^*A)^\alpha \oplus (AA^*)^{1-\alpha})$$

is obtained. Connecting these two inequalities;

$$\begin{aligned} 2s_j(A) &\leq 2s_j((A^*A)^\alpha \oplus (AA^*)^{1-\alpha}) \\ s_j(A) &\leq s_j((A^*A)^\alpha \oplus (AA^*)^{1-\alpha}) \end{aligned}$$

is obtained.

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $A, B \geq 0$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Then*

$$s_j(A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} + B^{1-\alpha} A^\alpha) \leq s_j((A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha}) \oplus (A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})) \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

*Proof.* Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ B^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $X^* = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & B^{1-\alpha} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$XX^* = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ B^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & B^{1-\alpha} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A^{2\alpha} & A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} \\ B^{1-\alpha} A^\alpha & B^{2-2\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

From Lemma 1.8 and Lemma 1.9,

$$\begin{aligned} s_j(A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} + B^{1-\alpha} A^\alpha) &\leq \lambda_j((A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha}) \oplus (A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})) \\ &= s_j((A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha}) \oplus (A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})). \end{aligned}$$

Since it is known that  $x \leq y$  (component-wise)  $\Rightarrow x \prec_w y$ ;

$$s(A^\alpha B^{1-\alpha} + B^{1-\alpha} A^\alpha) \prec_w s((A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha}) \oplus (A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha}))$$

is obtained.

**Corollary 2.12.** For  $\alpha = 1/2$ ,

$$s(A^{1/2} B^{1/2} + B^{1/2} A^{1/2}) \prec_w s((A + B) \oplus (A + B)),$$

and if  $A$  is replaced by  $A^2$  and  $B$  is replaced by  $B^2$ ;

$$s(AB + BA) \prec_w s((A^2 + B^2) \oplus (A^2 + B^2))$$

is found. This inequality was obtained by Bhatia and Kittaneh (see, [9], Proposition 6.2).

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $A, B \geq 0$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Then

$$2s_j(A + B) \leq s_j(A^{2\alpha} + A^{2-2\alpha} + B^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha} \oplus 0).$$

*Proof.* Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & A^{1-\alpha} \\ B^{1-\alpha} & B^\alpha \end{pmatrix}$ . Then

$$X^*X = \begin{pmatrix} A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha} & A + B \\ A + B & A^{2-2\alpha} + B^{2\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$2s_j(A + B) \leq s_j\begin{pmatrix} A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha} & A + B \\ A + B & A^{2-2\alpha} + B^{2\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$$

is obtained.

**Corollary 2.14.** From Lemma 1.2,

$$2\|A + B\| \leq \left\| \begin{pmatrix} A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha} & A + B \\ A + B & A^{2-2\alpha} + B^{2\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \right\|$$

is found.

**Theorem 2.15.** Let  $A, B \geq 0$ . For  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  and  $r$  is a positive integer. Then

$$2s_j(A^\alpha (A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})^r B^{1-\alpha}) \leq s_j(A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})^{r+1}.$$

*Proof.* For any matrix  $X$ , the polar decomposition is  $X = UP$ . Then,

$$(XX^*)^{r+1} = X(X^*X)^r X^*$$

can be easily seen. For  $X = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ B^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

$$(XX^*)^{r+1} = X(X^*X)^r X^* = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha (A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})^r A^\alpha & A^\alpha (A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})^r B^{1-\alpha} \\ B^{1-\alpha} (A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})^r A^\alpha & B^{1-\alpha} (A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})^r B^{1-\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$$

is obtained. Moreover,  $(XX^*)^{r+1}$  and  $(X^*X)^{r+1}$  are unitarily equivalent, and their singular values are equal. Using Lemma 1.11, seen that

$$\begin{aligned} 2s_j(A^\alpha(A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})^*B^{1-\alpha}) &\leq s_j((XX^*)^{r+1}) \\ &= s_j((X^*X)^{r+1}) \\ &= s_j((A^{2\alpha} + B^{2-2\alpha})^{r+1}). \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.16.** For  $\alpha = 1/2$ , we get

$$s_j(A^{1/2}(A + B)^r B^{1/2}) \leq s_j(A + B)^{r+1}, 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

This inequality was obtained by Bhatia and Kittaneh (see, e.g., [18]).

**Theorem 2.17.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be positive semidefinite matrices. For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Then

$$|\langle Ax, y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle A^{2\alpha}x, x \rangle \langle A^{2-2\alpha}y, y \rangle.$$

*Proof.* Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & A^{1-\alpha} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $X^* = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ A^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Thus,

$$X^*X = \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & 0 \\ A^{1-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^\alpha & A^{1-\alpha} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A^{2\alpha} & A \\ A & A^{2-2\alpha} \end{pmatrix}.$$

From Lemma 1.1,

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle Ax, y \rangle|^2 &\leq \langle A^{2\alpha}x, x \rangle \langle A^{2-2\alpha}y, y \rangle \\ &= \langle A^\alpha x, A^\alpha x \rangle \langle A^{1-\alpha}y, A^{1-\alpha}y \rangle \\ &\leq \|A^\alpha x\|^2 \|A^{1-\alpha}y\|^2 \\ &\leq \|A^\alpha x\| \|A^{1-\alpha}y\|. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for  $\alpha = 1$  and  $A = I$ ;

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$$

is obtained. This inequality is the known Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality.

**Theorem 2.18.** Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Then

$$s(A + A^*) \prec_w s((A^*A)^\alpha + (AA^*)^{1-\alpha}).$$

*Proof.* Let

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} (A^*A)^\alpha & A \\ A^* & (AA^*)^{1-\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0,$$

and

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} (AA^*)^{1-\alpha} & A^* \\ A & (A^*A)^\alpha \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

So

$$M + N = \begin{pmatrix} (A^*A)^\alpha + (AA^*)^{1-\alpha} & A + A^* \\ A + A^* & (A^*A)^\alpha + (AA^*)^{1-\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

From Lemma 1.5,

$$\pm(A + A^*) \leq (A^*A)^\alpha + (AA^*)^{1-\alpha}$$

$$s(A + A^*) \prec_w s((A^*A)^\alpha + (AA^*)^{1-\alpha})$$

is obtained.

**Corollary 2.19.** *From Lemma 1.2,*

$$\|A + A^*\| \leq \|(A^*A)^\alpha + (AA^*)^{1-\alpha}\|$$

is found.

**Theorem 2.20.** *Let  $\begin{pmatrix} M & K \\ K^* & N \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$  and  $M, N$  be square matrices of the same size.*

$$(s(K), s(K)) \prec_w (\lambda(M), \lambda(N)).$$

*Proof.* If  $\begin{pmatrix} M & K \\ K^* & N \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$ , then using Lemma 1.9, we get

$$s(K) \prec_w \frac{1}{2}\{\lambda(M) + \lambda(N)\}.$$

By Lemma 1.10,

$$(s(K), s(K)) \prec_w (\lambda(M), \lambda(N))$$

is obtained.

**Corollary 2.21.** *Using Lemma 1.2 and since  $\|A \oplus B\| = \max\{\|M\|, \|N\|\}$ ; we get*

$$\|K\| \leq \|M \oplus N\|.$$

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