



A refinement of Heniz-logarithmic inequality for matrices

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Abstract: In this note, we establish a refinement of Heinz-logarithmic inequality for unitarily invariant norms, which was obtained by Drissi in 2006. The obtained inequality gives a better estimates than already presented."

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1. INTRODUCTION

There are several means that interpolate the geometric and arithmetic means for two nonnegative real numbers, see [1, Chapter 4].(where is the chpt 4) Two well-known means for two scalars are the so-called Heinz mean $H_\nu(a, b)$ and the logarithmic mean $L(a, b)$, given by

$$H_\nu(a, b) = \frac{a^\nu b^{1-\nu} + a^{1-\nu} b^\nu}{2} \quad (a > 0, b > 0, 0 \leq \nu \leq 1),$$

$$L(a, b) = \frac{a - b}{\log a - \log b} = \int_0^1 a^t b^{1-t} dt \quad (a > 0, b > 0).$$

Note that $H_0(a, b) = (a + b)/2$ is the arithmetic mean and $H_{1/2}(a, b) = \sqrt{ab}$ is the geometric mean.

It is well known that the Heinz and logarithmic means interpolate between the geometric mean and the arithmetic mean:

$$\sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a^\nu b^{1-\nu} + a^{1-\nu} b^\nu}{2} \leq \frac{a + b}{2}, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\sqrt{ab} \leq \int_0^1 a^t b^{1-t} dt \leq \frac{a + b}{2}. \quad (1.2)$$

Let M_n be the space of $n \times n$ complex matrices and $\|\cdot\|$ stands for any unitarily invariant norm on M_n , i.e., $\|UAV\| = \|A\|$ for all $A \in M_n$ and for all unitary matrices $U, V \in M_n$.

There are two celebrated inequalities for matrices related to the inequalities (1.1) and (1.2). Suppose that $A, B, X \in M_n$, and A, B are positive

semidefinite. In 1993, Bhatia and Davis proved Bhatia, Davis. (1993) that if $0 \leq \nu \leq 1$, then

$$\|A^{1/2} X B^{1/2}\| \leq \left\| \frac{A^\nu X B^{1-\nu} + A^{1-\nu} X B^\nu}{2} \right\| \leq \left\| \frac{AX + XB}{2} \right\|. \quad (1.3)$$

In 1999, Hiai and Kosaki obtained the following inequality:

$$\|A^{1/2} X B^{1/2}\| \leq \left\| \int_0^1 A^t X B^{1-t} dt \right\| \leq \left\| \frac{AX + XB}{2} \right\|. \quad (1.4)$$

$$\left\| \frac{A^\nu X B^{1-\nu} + A^{1-\nu} X B^\nu}{2} \right\| \leq \left\| \int_0^1 A^t X B^{1-t} dt \right\|, \quad (1.5)$$

$$\text{where } \frac{1}{4} \leq \nu \leq \frac{3}{4}.$$

The Heinz-logarithmic inequality (1.5) gives the relationship between the Heinz and logarithmic means for matrices, which extends the above results given by Bhatia-Davis and Hiai-Kosaki.

In this paper, We utilize the convexity of the function to obtain unitarily invariant norms inequality that leads to a refinement of the Heinz-logarithmic inequality (1.5).

2. MAIN RESULTS

To prove our main result, the following two Lemmas on convex function are needed:

Lemma 2.1. (Drissi. 2006) Let $A, B, X \in M_n$ such that A and B are positive semidefinite, then the function

$$\psi(\nu) = \frac{1}{2} \|A^\nu X B^{1-\nu} + A^{1-\nu} X B^\nu\| \quad (2.1)$$

is convex on $[0, 1]$.

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Lemma 2.2 [6, 7]. If $f(x)$ is convex on $[a, b]$, then for $x \in (x_1, x_2) \subset [a, b]$

$$f(x) \leq \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} x - \frac{x_1 f(x_2) - x_2 f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}. \quad (2.2)$$

In what follows, we shall utilize the convexity of $\psi(v)$ in (1) to prove our result (Theorem 2.1) that is a refinement of the Heinz-logarithmic inequality (1.5).

Theorem 2.1. Let $A, B, X \in M_n$ such that A and B are positive semidefinite. If $\frac{1}{4} \leq v \leq \frac{3}{4}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{A^v XB^{1-v} + A^{1-v} XB^v}{2} \right\| &\leq (4v_0 - 1) \|A^{1/2} XB^{1/2}\| + (1 - 2v_0) \|A^{1/4} XB^{3/4} + A^{3/4} XB^{1/4}\| \\ &\leq \left\| \int_0^1 A^t XB^{1-t} dt \right\|, \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

where $v_0 = \min\{v, 1-v\}$. Note that when $v = \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}$, the inequality (3) becomes equality.

Proof. If $\frac{1}{4} \leq v \leq \frac{1}{2}$, then by Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\psi(v) \leq \frac{\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}} v - \frac{\frac{1}{4}\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}}.$$

That is,

$$\psi(v) \leq (4v - 1)\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (2 - 4v)\psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right). \quad (2.4)$$

If $\frac{1}{2} \leq v \leq \frac{3}{4}$, then by Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(v) &\leq \frac{\psi\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2}} v - \frac{\frac{1}{2}\psi\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) - \frac{3}{4}\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (3 - 4v)\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (4v - 2)\psi\left(\frac{3}{4}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Since $\psi\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = \psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$, it follows from (5) that

$$\psi(v) \leq (3 - 4v)\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (4v - 2)\psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right). \quad (2.6)$$

By (4) and (6), for $\frac{1}{4} \leq v \leq \frac{3}{4}$ we have

$$\psi(v) \leq \begin{cases} (4v-1)\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (2-4v)\psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right), & \text{if } \frac{1}{4} \leq v \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ (3-4v)\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (4v-2)\psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right), & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq v \leq \frac{3}{4}, \end{cases}$$

which implies

$$\psi(v) \leq (4v_0-1)\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2(1-2v_0)\psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \quad (2.7)$$

with $v_0 = \min\{v, 1-v\}$.

Note that

$$\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \|A^{1/2}XB^{1/2}\|, \quad \psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\|A^{1/4}XB^{3/4} + A^{3/4}XB^{1/4}\|, \quad (2.8)$$

by (7) we have

$$\left\| \frac{A^v XB^{1-v} + A^{1-v}XB^v}{2} \right\| \leq (4v_0-1)\|A^{1/2}XB^{1/2}\| + (1-2v_0)\|A^{1/4}XB^{3/4} + A^{3/4}XB^{1/4}\|.$$

which is the first inequality in (2.3). This proves the first part of (2.3).

On the other hand, by (2.8) and (1.5) we have

$$\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \|A^{1/2}XB^{1/2}\| \leq \left\| \int_0^1 A^t XB^{1-t} dt \right\|,$$

$$\psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\|A^{1/4}XB^{3/4} + A^{3/4}XB^{1/4}\| \leq \left\| \int_0^1 A^t XB^{1-t} dt \right\|.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} & (4v_0-1)\|A^{1/2}XB^{1/2}\| + (1-2v_0)\|A^{1/4}XB^{3/4} + A^{3/4}XB^{1/4}\| \\ &= (4v_0-1)\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2(1-2v_0)\psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \\ &\leq (4v_0-1)\left\| \int_0^1 A^t XB^{1-t} dt \right\| + 2(1-2v_0)\left\| \int_0^1 A^t XB^{1-t} dt \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| \int_0^1 A^t XB^{1-t} dt \right\|, \end{aligned}$$

which is the second inequality in (3). The proof is completed.

3 Numerical Examples

In this section, we give two numerical examples to show that our result is better than the inequality (1.5).

Example 3.1. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, X = B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_2, v_0 = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Then, by (1.55), we have

$$\left\| \int_0^1 A^t XB^{1-t} dt \right\|_2 = 4.0345.$$

By Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\left\| (4\nu_0 - 1) \|A^{1/2}XB^{1/2}\| + (1 - 2\nu_0) \|A^{1/4}XB^{3/4} + A^{3/4}XB^{1/4}\| \right\|_2 = 3.7008.$$

Example 3.2. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1000 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, X = B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_2, \nu_0 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Then, by (1.5), we have

$$\left\| \int_0^1 A^t XB^{1-t} dt \right\|_2 = 144.6235.$$

By Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\left\| (4\nu_0 - 1) \|A^{1/2}XB^{1/2}\| + (1 - 2\nu_0) \|A^{1/4}XB^{3/4} + A^{3/4}XB^{1/4}\| \right\|_2 = 91.7255.$$

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