

# Inequalities For Singular Values And Traces Of Quaternion Hermitian Matrices

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**Abstract:** Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \in H_{n \times n}$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$  be positive real numbers. It is proved that if  $\sum_{s=1}^m \alpha_s \geq 1$  and if the  $A_s$  are non negative definite triple complex matrices, then  $|\text{tr} \prod_{s=1}^m A_s^{\alpha_s}| \leq \prod_{s=1}^m (\text{tr} A_s)^{\alpha_s}$  and equality occurs if and only if (a) for  $\sum_{s=1}^m \alpha_s = 1$ , all  $A_s$  are scalar multiples of one another.

(b) for  $\sum_{s=1}^m \alpha_s = 1$ , all  $A_s$  are scalar multiples of  $A_1$  and are of rank 1. This result generalizes many classical inequalities and gives a multivariate version of the recent paper by Magnus (1987). The above inequality can be generalized further. Let  $\sigma_1(C) \geq \sigma_2(C) \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n(C)$  be singular values of an  $n \times n$  quaternion Hermitian matrices. Then for all  $l = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $\sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t(\prod_{s=1}^m A_s) \leq \sum_{t=1}^l \prod_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_s) \leq \prod_{s=1}^m \{\sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(A_s)]^{1/\alpha_s}\}^{\alpha_s} \leq \sum_{s=1}^m \{\sum_{t=1}^l \alpha_s [\sigma_t(A_s)]^{1/\alpha_s}\}$

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Throughout the paper,  $H_{n \times n}$  will denote the  $n \times n$  quaternion Hermitian matrices.

## II. INEQUALITIES FOR SINGULAR VALUES

Let  $C \in H_{n \times n}$ . Then  $\sigma_1(C) \geq \sigma_2(C) \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n(C)$  will denote the singular values of  $C$ , and  $\sigma(C)$  will denote the column vector  $(\sigma_t(C))_{t=1}^n$  in the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; the  $x_{[t]}$ 's will denote the rearrangement of the  $x_t$ 's with  $x_{[1]} \geq x_{[2]} \geq \dots \geq x_{[n]}$ . Let  $x = (x_t)$ ,  $y = (y_t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $x$  is said to be weakly majorized by  $y$ , if  $\sum_{t=1}^l x_{[t]} \leq \sum_{t=1}^l y_{[t]}$  for all  $l = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ;

$x$  is said to be majorized by  $y$  if

$\sum_{t=1}^l x_t = \sum_{t=1}^l y_t$ . By a result of Gelfand and Naimark (1950), [or p. 248 of Marshall and Olkin (1979)], we obtain

$$\sigma(A_1 A_2 \dots A_m) < \sigma(A_1) * \sigma(A_2) * \dots * \sigma(A_m) \tag{2.1}$$

$$[\because \sigma(A_1) * \sigma(A_2) * \dots * \sigma(A_m) = \sigma(A_1) \sigma(A_2) \dots \sigma(A_m)]$$

Where each  $A_t \in H_{n \times n}$  and  $*$  is the pointwise product if we view  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  as a function on  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . By a result of Fan (1951)

$$\sigma(A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_m) < \sigma(A_1) + \sigma(A_2) + \dots + \sigma(A_m) \tag{2.2}$$

### THEOREM 1

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \in H_{n \times n}$ ,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m > 0$  with

$$\sum_{s=1}^m \alpha_s = 1 \text{ and } l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}. \text{ Then}$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t(\prod_{s=1}^m A_s) \leq \sum_{t=1}^l \prod_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_s) \leq \prod_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(A_s)]^{1/\alpha_s} \right\}^{\alpha_s} \leq \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \alpha_s [\sigma_t(A_s)]^{1/\alpha_s} \right\}$$

PROOF

Since  $A_s = A_{s0} + A_{s1j} + A_{s2k}$

$$\prod_{s=1}^m A_s = \prod_{s=1}^m (A_{s0} + A_{s1j} + A_{s2k})$$

$$\prod_{s=1}^m A_s = \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s0} + \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s1j} + \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s2k} \quad (\because A * B = AB = A_0B_0 + A_1B_1j + A_2B_2k)$$

$$\sigma_t \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_s \right) = \sigma_t \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s0} + \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s1j} + \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s2k} \right)$$

$$\leq \sigma_t \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s0} \right) + \sigma_t \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s1j} \right) + \sigma_t \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s2k} \right)$$

$[\because \sigma(A_1 A_2 \dots A_m) < \sigma(A_1) * \sigma(A_2) * \dots * \sigma(A_m)]$

Now,

$$\sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s0} \right) \leq \sum_{t=1}^l \prod_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s0}) \quad (\text{By theorem 1})$$

$$\leq \prod_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(A_{s0})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}$$

$$\leq \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \alpha_s [\sigma_t(A_{s0})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}$$

Therefore,  $\sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s0} \right) \leq \sum_{t=1}^l \prod_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s0}) \leq \prod_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(A_{s0})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}$

$$\leq \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \alpha_s [\sigma_t(A_{s0})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\} \quad (1)$$

Similarly,

$$\sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s1j} \right) \leq \sum_{t=1}^l \prod_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s1j})$$

$$\leq \prod_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(A_{s1j})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}$$

$$\leq \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \alpha_s [\sigma_t(A_{s1j})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}$$

Therefore,  $\sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s1j} \right) \leq \sum_{t=1}^l \prod_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s1j}) \leq \prod_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(A_{s1j})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}$

$$\leq \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \alpha_s [\sigma_t(A_{s1j})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\} \quad (2)$$

Similarly,

$$\sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s2k} \right) \leq \sum_{t=1}^l \prod_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s2k})$$

$$\leq \prod_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(A_{s2k})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}$$

$$\leq \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \alpha_s [\sigma_t(A_{s2k})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}$$

Therefore,  $\sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{s2k} \right) \leq \sum_{t=1}^l \prod_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s2k}) \leq \prod_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(A_{s2k})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}$

$$\leq \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \alpha_s [\sigma_t(A_{s2k})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\} \quad (3)$$

From (1), (2) and (3)

$$\sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_s \right) \leq \sum_{t=1}^l \prod_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_s) \leq \prod_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(A_s)]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}$$

$$\leq \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \alpha_s [\sigma_t(A_s)]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}$$

The proof is completed.

THEOREM 2

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \in H_{n \times n}$ , Where  $p > 1$ , and  $l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Then

$$\left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \left[ \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_s \right) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \leq \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \left[ \sum_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_s) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \leq \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^m \left[ \sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t(A_s) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p}$$

PROOF

Since  $A = A_0 + A_1j + A_2k$

$$\sum_{s=1}^m A_s = \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s0} + \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s1j} + \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s2k}$$

$$\sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_s \right) = \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s0} + \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s1j} + \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s2k} \right)$$

$$\leq \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s0} \right) + \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s1j} \right) + \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s2k} \right)$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^l \left[ \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_s \right) \right]^p \leq \sum_{t=1}^l \left[ \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s0} \right) + \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s1j} \right) + \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s2k} \right) \right]^p$$

Now,

$$\left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \left[ \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s0} \right) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \leq \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \left[ \sum_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s0}) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p}$$

$$\leq \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^m \left[ \sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t(A_{s0}) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \quad (\text{by theorem 2})$$

Therefore,

$$\left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \left[ \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s0} \right) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \leq \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \left[ \sum_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s0}) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \leq \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^m \left[ \sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t(A_{s0}) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \quad (1)$$

Similarly,

$$\left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \left[ \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s1j} \right) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \leq \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \left[ \sum_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s1j}) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \leq \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^m \left[ \sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t(A_{s1j}) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \quad (2)$$

and

$$\left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \left[ \sigma_t \left( \sum_{s=1}^m A_{s2k} \right) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \leq \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \left[ \sum_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s2k}) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \leq \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^m \left[ \sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t(A_{s2k}) \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \quad (3)$$

Now, By (1), (2) and (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_s)] &= \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_{s0}) + \sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_{s1j}) + \sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_{s2k})] \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_{s0}) + \sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_{s1j}) + \sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_{s2k}) \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^l \sum_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s0}) + \sum_{t=1}^l \sum_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s1j}) + \sum_{t=1}^l \sum_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_{s2k}) \\ \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_s)]^p \right\}^{1/p} &\leq \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \sum_{s=1}^m [\sigma_t(A_{s0})]^p \right\}^{1/p} + \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \sum_{s=1}^m [\sigma_t(A_{s1j})]^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\quad + \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \sum_{s=1}^m [\sigma_t(A_{s2k})]^p \right\}^{1/p} \text{ (by Theorem 2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_s))]^p \right\}^{1/p} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_s)]^p \right\}^{1/p} &\leq \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_{s0})]^p \right\}^{1/p} + \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_{s1j})]^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\quad + \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_{s2k})]^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_s)]^p \right\}^{1/p} \quad (5) \end{aligned}$$

From (4) and (5), we get

$$\left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(\sum_{s=1}^m A_s)]^p \right\}^{1/p} \leq \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l \sum_{s=1}^m \sigma_t(A_s) \right\}^{1/p} \leq \sum_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(A_s)]^p \right\}^{1/p}$$

The proof is completed.

### III. INEQUALITIES FOR TRACES

#### THEOREM 3

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m$  be non zero non negative definite quaternion hermitian matrices in  $H_{n \times n}$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m > 0$ .

- ✓ Suppose that  $\sum_{t=1}^m \alpha_t = 1$ . Then  $|tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_s^{\alpha_s})| \leq \prod_{s=1}^m (tr A_s)^{\alpha_s}$  (1) and equality occurs if and only if all  $A_s$  are scalar multiples of  $A_1$ .
- ✓ Suppose that  $\sum_{t=1}^m \alpha_t > 1$ . Then (1) holds and equality occurs if and only if all  $A_s$  are scalar multiples of  $A_1$  and  $r(A_1) = 1$ .

#### PROOF

- ✓ For  $C = (c_{ts}) \in H_{n \times n}$

$$t_{ra} C = \sum_{t=1}^n c_{tt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |t_{ra} C| &= \left| \sum_{t=1}^n c_{tt} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^n |c_{tt}| \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^n \sigma_t(C) \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\left| tr\left(\prod_{s=1}^m A_s^{\alpha_s}\right) \right| \leq \sum_{t=1}^n \sigma_t\left(\prod_{s=1}^m A_s^{\alpha_s}\right) \quad (2)$$

By Theorem (1),

$$\sum_{t=1}^l \sigma_t\left(\prod_{s=1}^m A_{s0}^{\alpha_s}\right) \leq \prod_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(A_{s0}^{\alpha_s})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}^{\alpha_s} \quad (3)$$

Since  $A_s$  is non negative definite,

$$\sigma_t(A_{s0}^{\alpha_s}) = \lambda_t(A_{s0}^{\alpha_s}) = \lambda_t(A_{s0})^{\alpha_s}, \text{ where } \lambda_t(A_{s0})$$

is the  $t^{th}$  largest eigenvalue of  $A_{s0}$ .

Thus,

$$\prod_{s=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^l [\sigma_t(A_{s0}^{\alpha_s})]^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}} \right\}^{\alpha_s} = \prod_{s=1}^m (tr A_{s0})^{\alpha_s} \quad (4)$$

From (2), (3), and (4) we obtain (1)

Let,  $s=1, 2, \dots, m$  and we write

$$A_{s0} = P_{s0} D_{s0} P_{s0}^* \quad (5)$$

Where  $P_{s0}$  is unitary and  $D_{s0} = (\delta_{ti} \lambda_i(A_{s0}))$  is diagonal. Thus

$$|tr(A_{10}^{\alpha_1} A_{20}^{\alpha_2} \dots A_{m0}^{\alpha_m})| = |tr(P_{m0}^* P_{10} D_{10}^{\alpha_1} P_{10} P_{20} D_{20}^{\alpha_2} P_{20} \dots P_{m-10} P_{m0} D_{m0}^{\alpha_m})| \quad (6)$$

By a complex version of Theorem 5 of kiers and Ten Berge (1989),

$$|tr(P_{m0}^* P_{10} D_{10}^{\alpha_1} P_{10} P_{20} D_{20}^{\alpha_2} P_{20} \dots P_{m-10} P_{m0} D_{m0}^{\alpha_m})| \leq tr(D_{10}^{\alpha_1} D_{20}^{\alpha_2} \dots D_{m0}^{\alpha_m}) \quad (7)$$

and equality occurs if and only if

$$P_{m0}^* P_{10} = \pm N_{m0} M_{10}^*$$

$$P_{s-10}^* P_{s0} = N_{s-10}^* M_s^*, \quad s = 2, 3, \dots, m \quad (8)$$

For some unitary matrices  $N_s, M_s$ , and  $L_s$  satisfying

$$N_s C = M_s C = L_s C \quad (9)$$

Where,

$$C = (tr, o)', L_{s0} D_{s0}^{\alpha_s} = D_{s0}^{\alpha_s} L_{s0}, r = \min_{1 \leq s \leq m} r(D_{s0}^{\alpha_s}) \quad (10)$$

Since the product of two diagonal matrices is itself diagonal.

Here,  $tr(A_1^{\alpha_1} A_2^{\alpha_2}) \leq (tr A_1)^{\alpha_1} (tr A_2)^{\alpha_2}$  gives

$$tr(D_{10}^{\alpha_1} D_{20}^{\alpha_2} \dots D_{m0}^{\alpha_m}) \leq \prod_{s=1}^m (tr D_{s0})^{\alpha_s} = \prod_{s=1}^m (tr A_{s0})^{\alpha_s} \quad (11)$$

and equality occurs if and only if for any  $l = 2, 3, \dots, m$

$$D_{10} = \alpha_{10} D_{10} \text{ for some } \alpha_{10} > 0 \quad (12)$$

So,  $r = r(D_{s0})$  for each  $S = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . write

$$N_{10} = \begin{bmatrix} N_{11}^0 & N_{12}^0 \\ N_{21}^0 & N_{22}^0 \end{bmatrix}, L_{10} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11}^0 & L_{12}^0 \\ L_{21}^0 & L_{22}^0 \end{bmatrix},$$

Where  $N_{11}^0$  and  $L_{11}^0$  are  $r \times r$  matrices by (9) and (10)

$$N_{11}^0 = L_{11}^0, \quad N_{21}^0 = L_{21}^0 \quad (13)$$

Since  $L_{10}$  commutes with  $D_{10}^{\alpha_1}$ , it commutes with

$$D_{10} = \begin{bmatrix} D^0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

Where D is non singular diagonal matrix. Thus

$$DL_{11}^0 = L_{11}^0 D^0, L_{12}^0 = 0, L_{21}^0 = 0 \quad (15)$$

By (15),

$$L_{10} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11}^0 & 0 \\ 0 & L_{22}^0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

Since  $L_{10}$  is unitary.

$$\begin{aligned} L_{11}^{0*} L_{11}^0 &= I_r = L_{11}^{0*} \\ L_{22}^{0*} L_{22}^0 &= I_{i-r} = L_{22}^{0*} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Since  $N_{10}$  is unitary  $N_{10} N_{10}^* = I_i$  and therefore

$$N_{11}^0 N_{11}^{0*} + N_{12}^0 N_{12}^{0*} = I_r \quad (18)$$

By (13), (17) and (18),  $N_{12}^0 N_{12}^{0*} = 0$ , where

$N_{12}^0 = 0$ , Thus

$$N_{10} = \begin{bmatrix} N_{11}^0 & 0 \\ 0 & N_{22}^0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11}^0 & 0 \\ 0 & N_{22}^0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (19)$$

By (13), (15), and (19)

$$N_{s0} D_{10} = D_{10} N_{s0}, \quad M_{s0} D_{10} = D_{10} M_{s0} \quad (20)$$

By (5), (12) and (8)

$$A_{s0} = \alpha_{s0} P_{s0} D_{10} P_{s0}^*$$

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$$= \alpha_{s0} P_{10} P_{10}^* P_{20} P_{20}^* \dots P_{s0-1} P_{s0-1}^* P_{s0} D_{10} P_{s0}^* P_{s0-1} P_{s0-1}^* \dots P_{20} P_{20}^* P_{10} P_{10}^*$$

$$= \alpha_{s0} P_{10} N_{10} M_{20}^* N_{20} M_{30}^* \dots N_{s0-1} M_{s0}^* D_{10} M_{s0} N_{s0-1}^* \dots M_{30} N_{20}^* M_{20} N_{10}^* P_{10}^*$$

so by (20),

$$A_{s0} = \alpha_{s0} P_{10} D_{10} N_{10} M_{20}^* N_{20} M_{30}^* \dots N_{s0-1} M_{s0}^* M_{s0} N_{s0-1}^* \dots M_{30} N_{20}^* M_{20} N_{10}^* P_{10}^*$$

Since the  $N_{s0}$  and  $M_{s0}$  are unitary,

$$A_{s0} = \alpha_{s0} P_{10} D_{10} P_{10}^* = \alpha_{s0} A_{10} \quad (21)$$

Similarly,

$$A_{s1} = \alpha_{s1} P_{11} D_{11} P_{11}^* = \alpha_{s1} A_{11} \quad (22)$$

and

$$A_{s2} = \alpha_{s2} P_{12} D_{12} P_{12}^* = \alpha_{s2} A_{12} \quad (23)$$

Thus equality occurs in (1) only if (21), (22) and (23) holds. It is easy to prove that (21), (22) and (23) implies that equality occurs in (1).

(b) Let  $\alpha = \sum_{s=1}^m \alpha_s$  then by (a)

$$|tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_s^{\alpha_s})| = |tr[\prod_{s=1}^m (A_s^{\alpha_s})^{\frac{\alpha_s}{\alpha}}]| \leq \prod_{s=1}^m (tr A_s^{\alpha_s})^{\frac{\alpha_s}{\alpha}}$$

and equality occurs if and only if the  $A_s^{\alpha_s}$  are scalar multiples of one another.

Note now that for any non zero non negative definite quaternion hermitian matrix A in  $H_{n \times n}$ .

$$tr A^\alpha \leq (tr A)^\alpha \quad (24)$$

and equality occurs if and only if A is of rank 1. So (1) holds, and equality occurs only if all  $A_s$  are scalar multiples of one another and are of rank 1.

The proof is completed.

#### THEOREM 4

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m$  be non zero non negative definite quaternion matrices in  $H_{n \times n}$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$  be positive real numbers.

(a) Suppose that,  $\sum_{s=1}^m \alpha_s = 1$ . Then

$$\left| tr \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_s^{\alpha_s} \right) \right| \leq \prod_{s=1}^m (tr A_s)^{\alpha_s} \leq \sum_{s=1}^m \alpha_s tr A_s \quad (1)$$

and equality in the right hand side occurs if and only if all  $tr A_s$  are equal; hence equality occurs in the left hand side and in the right hand side if and only if all  $A_s$  are equal.

(b) Suppose that  $\alpha = \sum_{s=1}^m \alpha_s > 1$ . Then

$$\left| tr \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_s^{\alpha_s} \right) \right| \leq \prod_{s=1}^m (tr A_s)^{\alpha_s} \leq \left( \sum_{s=1}^m \frac{\alpha_s}{\alpha} tr A_s \right)^\alpha \quad (2)$$

and equality in the right hand side occurs if and only if all  $tr A_s$  are equal; hence equality occurs in the left hand side and in the right hand side if and only if all  $A_s$  are equal and are rank of 1.

NOTE THAT IN (2)

- ✓ if each  $\alpha_s = 1$ , then the inequality in the right hand side is nothing but the matrix version of the geometric - arithmetic mean inequality.
- ✓ if  $\alpha < 1$ , then the inequality in the right hand side holds; but the inequality in the left hand side may not hold.

#### THEOREM 5

Let  $t = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , where  $A_{ts}, s = 1, 2, \dots, m$  are triple representation non zero non negative definite hermitian matrices in  $H_{n \times n}$ , and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$  be positive number such that

$\sum_{s=1}^m \alpha_s = 1$ . Then

$$\sum_{t=1}^p |tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts})| \leq \prod_{s=1}^m \left( \sum_{t=1}^p tr A_{ts}^{\alpha_s} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}}$$

PROOF

Now,

$$\prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts} = \prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_0} + \prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_1 j} + \prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_2 k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} tr \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts} \right) &= tr \left[ \prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_0} + \prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_1 j} + \prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_2 k} \right] \\ &\leq tr \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_0} \right) + tr \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_1 j} \right) + tr \left( \prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_2 k} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts})| &\leq |tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_0})| + |tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_1}j)| + |tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_2}k)| \\
 \sum_{t=1}^p |tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts})| &\leq \sum_{t=1}^p [tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_0}) + tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_1}j) + tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts_2}k)] \\
 &\leq \sum_{s=1}^m \{ \sum_{t=1}^p [tr A_{ts_0}] + \sum_{t=1}^p [tr A_{ts_1}]j + \sum_{t=1}^p [tr A_{ts_2}]k \} \\
 \sum_{t=1}^p |tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts})| &\leq \sum_{s=1}^m \{ (\sum_{t=1}^p tr A_{ts_0}^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}})^{\alpha_s} + (\sum_{t=1}^p tr A_{ts_1}^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}})^{\alpha_s} j + (\sum_{t=1}^p tr A_{ts_2}^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}})^{\alpha_s} k \} \\
 &\leq \sum_{s=1}^m (\sum_{t=1}^p tr A_{ts}^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}})^{\alpha_s}
 \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$\sum_{t=1}^p |tr(\prod_{s=1}^m A_{ts})| \leq \prod_{s=1}^m (\sum_{t=1}^p tr A_{ts}^{\frac{1}{\alpha_s}})^{\alpha_s}$$

The proof is completed.

### THEOREM 6

Let A be a non zero non negative definite quaternion hermitian matrices in  $H_{n \times n}$ .  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$  be positive real numbers and  $p = p_1$ .

✓ Suppose that  $\sum_{t=1}^m 1/p_t = 1$ .

Then for any non negative definite quaternion hermitian matrices  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m$  with each

$$tr A_s^{p_s} = 1, |tr(A_s)| \leq [tr(A_s^{p_s})]^{\frac{1}{p_s}} \quad (1)$$

and equality occurs if and only if each

$$A_s^{p_s} = A_s^p / tr A_s^p$$

✓ suppose that,

$$\sum_{t=1}^m 1/p_t > 1 \text{ and } r(A) = 1 \text{ the conclusion of (a) still hold.}$$

### PROOF

✓ Let A be non zero non negative definite quaternion hermitian matrices. Then  $A \in H_{n \times n}$ .

Now,

$$A = A_0 + A_1j + A_2k$$

$$A_s = A_{s0} + A_{s1}j + A_{s2}k$$

$$tr(A_s) = tr(A_{s0} + A_{s1}j + A_{s2}k) \leq tr(A_{s0}) + tr(A_{s1}j) + tr(A_{s2}k)$$

$$|tr(A_s)| \leq |tr(A_{s0})| + |tr(A_{s1}j)| + |tr(A_{s2}k)|$$

$$\leq tr(A_{s0}^{\frac{1}{p}}) + tr(A_{s1}^{\frac{1}{p}}j) + tr(A_{s2}^{\frac{1}{p}}k)$$

$$\leq [tr(A_s^p)]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$|tr(A_s)| \leq [tr(A_s^p)]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

Hence the part (a).

✓ Suppose  $|tr(A_s)| \leq [tr(A_s^p)]^{\frac{1}{p}}$  and equality occurs if and only if A is of rank 1. So (1) holds and equality occurs only if all  $A_s$  and are of rank 1. Therefore  $r(A) = 1$ . Hence the part (b).

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