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## Some inequalities for Heinz operator mean

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we obtain some new inequalities for Heinz operator mean.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper  $A, B$  are positive invertible operators on a complex Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ . We use the following notations for operators and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$

$$A\nabla_{\nu}B := (1 - \nu)A + \nu B,$$

the *weighted operator arithmetic mean*, and

$$A\sharp_{\nu}B := A^{1/2} \left( A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2} \right)^{\nu} A^{1/2},$$

the *weighted operator geometric mean*. When  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$  we write  $A\nabla B$  and  $A\sharp B$  for brevity, respectively.

Define the *Heinz operator mean* by

$$H_{\nu}(A, B) := \frac{1}{2} (A\sharp_{\nu}B + A\sharp_{1-\nu}B).$$

The following interpolatory inequality is obvious

$$(1) \quad A\sharp B \leq H_{\nu}(A, B) \leq A\nabla B$$

for any  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

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

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

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

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We recall that *Specht's ratio* is defined by [11]

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

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  $(1, \infty)$ .

The following inequality provides a refinement and a multiplicative reverse for Young's inequality:

$$(4) \quad S\left(\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^r\right) a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \leq (1-\nu)a + \nu b \leq S\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) a^{1-\nu} b^\nu,$$

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

The second inequality in (4) is due to Tominaga [12] while the first one is due to Furuichi [4].

The operator version is as follows [4], [12]: For two positive operators  $A, B$  and positive real numbers  $m, m', M, M'$  satisfying either of the following conditions:

- (i)  $0 < mI \leq A \leq m'I < M'I \leq B \leq MI$ ,
- (ii)  $0 < mI \leq B \leq m'I < M'I \leq A \leq MI$

we have

$$(5) \quad S\left((h')^r\right) A \sharp_\nu B \leq A \nabla_\nu B \leq S(h) A \sharp_\nu B,$$

where  $h := \frac{M}{m}$ ,  $h' := \frac{M'}{m'}$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

We observe that, if we write the inequality (5) for  $1-\nu$  and add the obtained inequalities, then we get by division with 2 that

$$S\left((h')^r\right) H_\nu(A, B) \leq A \nabla B \leq S(h) H_\nu(A, B)$$

that is equivalent to

$$(6) \quad S^{-1}(h) A \nabla B \leq H_\nu(A, B) \leq S^{-1}\left((h')^r\right) A \nabla B,$$

where  $h := \frac{M}{m}$ ,  $h' := \frac{M'}{m'}$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

We consider the *Kantorovich's constant* defined by

$$(7) \quad K(h) := \frac{(h+1)^2}{4h}, \quad h > 0.$$

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:

$$(8) \quad K^r\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) a^{1-\nu} b^\nu \leq (1-\nu)a + \nu b \leq K^R\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) a^{1-\nu} b^\nu,$$

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

The first inequality in (8) was obtained by Zou et al. in [13] while the second by Liao et al. [10].

The operator version is as follows [13], [10]: For two positive operators  $A$ ,  $B$  and positive real numbers  $m, m', M, M'$  satisfying either of the conditions (i) or (ii) above, we have

$$(9) \quad K^r (h') A\sharp_{\nu} B \leq A\nabla_{\nu} B \leq K^R (h) A\sharp_{\nu} B,$$

where  $h := \frac{M}{m}$ ,  $h' := \frac{M'}{m'}$ ,  $\nu \in [0, 1]$   $r = \min \{1 - \nu, \nu\}$  and  $R = \max \{1 - \nu, \nu\}$ .

We observe that, if we write the inequality (9) for  $1 - \nu$  and add the obtained inequalities, then we get by division with 2 that

$$K^r (h') H_{\nu} (A, B) \leq A\nabla B \leq K^R (h) H_{\nu} (A, B)$$

that is equivalent to

$$(10) \quad K^{-R} (h) A\nabla B \leq H_{\nu} (A, B) \leq K^{-r} (h') A\nabla B,$$

where  $h := \frac{M}{m}$ ,  $h' := \frac{M'}{m'}$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

The inequalities (10) have been obtained in [10] where other bounds in terms of the *weighted operator harmonic mean*

$$A!_{\nu} B := [(1 - \nu) A^{-1} + \nu B^{-1}]^{-1}$$

were also given.

Motivated by the above results, we establish in this paper some new inequalities for the Heinz mean. Related inequalities are also provided.

## 2. UPPER AND LOWER BOUNDS FOR HEINZ MEAN

We start with the following result that provides a generalization for the inequalities (5) and (9):

**Theorem 1.** *Assume that  $A, B$  are positive invertible operators and the constants  $M > m > 0$  are such that*

$$(11) \quad mA \leq B \leq MA$$

*in the operator order. Let  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r = \min \{1 - \nu, \nu\}$  and  $R = \max \{1 - \nu, \nu\}$ . Then we have the inequalities*

$$(12) \quad \varphi_r (m, M) A\sharp_{\nu} B \leq A\nabla_{\nu} B \leq \Phi (m, M) A\sharp_{\nu} B,$$

where

$$(13) \quad \Phi (m, M) := \begin{cases} S (m) & \text{if } M < 1, \\ \max \{S (m), S (M)\} & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ S (M) & \text{if } 1 < m, \end{cases} ,$$

$$\varphi_r(m, M) := \begin{cases} S(M^r) & \text{if } M < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ S(m^r) & \text{if } 1 < m, \end{cases}$$

and

$$(14) \quad \psi_r(m, M) A \sharp_{\nu} B \leq A \nabla_{\nu} B \leq \Psi_R(m, M) A \sharp_{\nu} B,$$

where

$$(15) \quad \Psi_R(m, M) := \begin{cases} K^R(m) & \text{if } M < 1, \\ \max \{K^R(m), K^R(M)\} & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ K^R(M) & \text{if } 1 < m, \end{cases} ,$$

$$\psi_r(m, M) := \begin{cases} K^r(M) & \text{if } M < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ K^r(m) & \text{if } 1 < m. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* From the inequality (4) we have

$$(16) \quad x^{\nu} \min_{x \in [m, M]} S(x^r) \leq S(x^r) x^{\nu} \leq (1 - \nu) + \nu x \leq S(x) x^{\nu} \leq x^{\nu} \max_{x \in [m, M]} S(x)$$

where  $x \in [m, M]$ ,  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r = \min \{1 - \nu, \nu\}$ .

Since, by the properties of Specht's ratio  $S$ , we have

$$\max_{x \in [m, M]} S(x) = \begin{cases} S(m) & \text{if } M < 1, \\ \max \{S(m), S(M)\} & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ S(M) & \text{if } 1 < m, \end{cases} = \Phi(m, M)$$

and

$$\min_{x \in [m, M]} S(x^r) = \begin{cases} S(M^r) & \text{if } M < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ S(m^r) & \text{if } 1 < m, \end{cases} = \varphi_r(m, M),$$

then by (16) we have

$$(17) \quad x^{\nu} \varphi_r(m, M) \leq (1 - \nu) + \nu x \leq x^{\nu} \Phi(m, M)$$

for any  $x \in [m, M]$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

Using the functional calculus for the operator  $X$  with  $mI \leq X \leq MI$  we have from (17) that

$$(18) \quad X^\nu \varphi_r(m, M) \leq (1 - \nu)I + \nu X \leq X^\nu \Phi(m, M)$$

for any  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

If the condition (11) holds true, then by multiplying in both sides with  $A^{-1/2}$  we get  $mI \leq A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2} \leq MI$  and by taking  $X = A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}$  in (18) we get

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^\nu \varphi_r(m, M) &\leq (1 - \nu)I + \nu A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2} \\ &\leq \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^\nu \Phi(m, M). \end{aligned}$$

Now, if we multiply (19) in both sides with  $A^{1/2}$  we get the desired result (12).

The second part follows in a similar way by utilizing the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} x^\nu \min_{x \in [m, M]} K^r(x) \leq K^r(x) x^\nu &\leq (1 - \nu) + \nu x \\ &\leq K^R(x) x^\nu \leq x^\nu \max_{x \in [m, M]} K^R(x), \end{aligned}$$

which follows from (8). The details are omitted.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** If (i)  $0 < mI \leq A \leq m'I < M'I \leq B \leq MI$ ,  $h = \frac{M}{m}$  and  $h' = \frac{M'}{m'}$  then we have

$$A \leq \frac{M'}{m'}A = h'A \leq B \leq hA = \frac{M}{m}A,$$

and by (12) we get

$$(20) \quad S\left((h')^r\right) A\sharp_\nu B \leq A\nabla_\nu B \leq S(h) A\sharp_\nu B.$$

If (ii)  $0 < mI \leq B \leq m'I < M'I \leq A \leq MI$ , then we have

$$\frac{1}{h}A \leq B \leq \frac{1}{h'}A \leq A$$

and by (12) we get

$$S\left(\left(\frac{1}{h'}\right)^r\right) A\sharp_\nu B \leq A\nabla_\nu B \leq S\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) A\sharp_\nu B,$$

which is equivalent to (20).

If we use the inequality (14) for the operators  $A$  and  $B$  that satisfy either of the conditions (i) or (ii), then we recapture (9).

**Remark 2.** From (12) we get for  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$  that

$$(21) \quad \begin{cases} S(M^r) A \sharp B & \text{if } M < 1, \\ A \sharp B & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ S(m^r) A \sharp B & \text{if } 1 < m, \end{cases} \leq A \nabla B$$

$$\leq \begin{cases} S(m) A \sharp B & \text{if } M < 1, \\ \max \{S(m), S(M)\} A \sharp B & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ S(M) A \sharp B & \text{if } 1 < m. \end{cases}$$

The following result contains two upper and lower bounds for the Heinz operator mean in terms of the operator arithmetic mean  $A \nabla B$  :

**Corollary 1.** *With the assumptions of Theorem 1 we have the following upper and lower bounds for the Heinz operator mean*

$$(22) \quad \Phi^{-1}(m, M) A \nabla B \leq H_\nu(A, B) \leq \varphi_r^{-1}(m, M) A \nabla B$$

and

$$(23) \quad \Psi_R^{-1}(m, M) A \nabla B \leq H_\nu(A, B) \leq \psi_r^{-1}(m, M) A \nabla B.$$

**Remark 3.** If the operators  $A$  and  $B$  satisfy either of the conditions (i) or (ii) from Remark 1, then we have the inequality

$$(24) \quad S^{-1}(h) A \nabla B \leq H_\nu(A, B) \leq S^{-1}((h')^r) A \nabla B$$

and

$$(25) \quad K^{-R}(h) A \nabla B \leq H_\nu(A, B) \leq K^{-r}(h') A \nabla B.$$

The following result provides an upper and lower bound for the Heinz mean in terms of the operator geometric mean  $A \sharp B$  :

**Theorem 2.** *With the assumptions of Theorem 1 we have*

$$(26) \quad \omega(m, M) A \sharp B \leq H_\nu(A, B) \leq \Omega(m, M) A \sharp B,$$

where

$$(27) \quad \Omega(m, M) := \begin{cases} S(m^{|2\nu-1|}) & \text{if } M < 1, \\ \max \{S(m^{|2\nu-1|}), S(M^{|2\nu-1|})\} & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ S(M^{|2\nu-1|}) & \text{if } 1 < m, \end{cases}$$

and

$$(28) \quad \omega(m, M) := \begin{cases} S\left(M^{|\nu-\frac{1}{2}|}\right) & \text{if } M < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ S\left(m^{|\nu-\frac{1}{2}|}\right) & \text{if } 1 < m, \end{cases}$$

where  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* From the inequality (4) we have for  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$

$$(29) \quad S\left(\sqrt{\frac{c}{d}}\right) \sqrt{cd} \leq \frac{c+d}{2} \leq S\left(\frac{c}{d}\right) \sqrt{cd},$$

for any  $c, d > 0$ .

If we take in (29)  $c = a^{1-\nu}b^\nu$  and  $d = a^\nu b^{1-\nu}$  then we get

$$(30) \quad S\left(\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}-\nu}\right) \sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a^{1-\nu}b^\nu + a^\nu b^{1-\nu}}{2} \leq S\left(\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{1-2\nu}\right) \sqrt{ab},$$

for any  $a, b > 0$  for any  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

This is an inequality of interest in itself.

If we take in (30)  $a = x$  and  $b = 1$ , then we get

$$(31) \quad S\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}-\nu}\right) \sqrt{x} \leq \frac{x^{1-\nu} + x^\nu}{2} \leq S\left(x^{1-2\nu}\right) \sqrt{x},$$

for any  $x > 0$ .

Now, if  $x \in [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$  then by (31) we have

$$(32) \quad \sqrt{x} \min_{x \in [m, M]} S\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}-\nu}\right) \leq \frac{x^{1-\nu} + x^\nu}{2} \leq \sqrt{x} \max_{x \in [m, M]} S\left(x^{1-2\nu}\right),$$

for any  $x \in [m, M]$ .

If  $\nu \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , then

$$\max_{x \in [m, M]} S\left(x^{1-2\nu}\right) = \begin{cases} S\left(m^{1-2\nu}\right) & \text{if } M < 1, \\ \max\{S\left(m^{1-2\nu}\right), S\left(M^{1-2\nu}\right)\} & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ S\left(M^{1-2\nu}\right) & \text{if } 1 < m, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\min_{x \in [m, M]} S\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}-\nu}\right) = \begin{cases} S\left(M^{\frac{1-2\nu}{2}}\right) & \text{if } M < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ S\left(m^{\frac{1-2\nu}{2}}\right) & \text{if } 1 < m. \end{cases}$$



If  $\nu \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x \in [m, M]} S(x^{1-2\nu}) &= \max_{x \in [m, M]} S(x^{2\nu-1}) \\ &= \begin{cases} S(m^{2\nu-1}) & \text{if } M < 1, \\ \max\{S(m^{2\nu-1}), S(M^{2\nu-1})\} & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ S(M^{2\nu-1}) & \text{if } 1 < m, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\min_{x \in [m, M]} S(x^{\frac{1}{2}-\nu}) = \min_{x \in [m, M]} S(x^{\nu-\frac{1}{2}}) = \begin{cases} S(M^{\frac{2\nu-1}{2}}) & \text{if } M < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } m \leq 1 \leq M, \\ S(m^{\frac{2\nu-1}{2}}) & \text{if } 1 < m. \end{cases}$$

Then by (32) we have

$$(33) \quad \omega(m, M) \sqrt{x} \leq \frac{x^{1-\nu} + x^\nu}{2} \leq \Omega(m, M) \sqrt{x},$$

for any  $x \in [m, M]$ .

If  $X$  is an operator with  $mI \leq X \leq MI$ , then by (33) we have

$$(34) \quad \omega(m, M) X^{1/2} \leq \frac{X^{1-\nu} + X^\nu}{2} \leq \Omega(m, M) X^{1/2}.$$

If the condition (11) holds true, then by multiplying in both sides with  $A^{-1/2}$  we get  $mI \leq A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2} \leq MI$  and by taking  $X = A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}$  in (34) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (35) \quad & \omega(m, M) \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{1-\nu} + \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^\nu \right] \\ & \leq \Omega(m, M) \left(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2}\right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, if we multiply (35) in both sides with  $A^{1/2}$  we get the desired result (26).  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** For two positive operators  $A, B$  and positive real numbers  $m, m', M, M'$  satisfying either of the following conditions:

(i)  $0 < mI \leq A \leq m'I < M'I \leq B \leq MI$ ,

(ii)  $0 < mI \leq B \leq m'I < M'I \leq A \leq MI$ ,

we have for  $h = \frac{M}{m}$  and  $h' = \frac{M'}{m'}$  that

$$(36) \quad S\left(\left(h'\right)^{\left|\nu-\frac{1}{2}\right|}\right) A \sharp B \leq H_\nu(A, B) \leq S\left(h^{\left|2\nu-1\right|}\right) A \sharp B,$$

where  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

### 3. RELATED RESULTS

We call *Heron means*, the means defined by

$$F_\alpha(a, b) := (1 - \alpha) \sqrt{ab} + \alpha \frac{a + b}{2},$$

where  $a, b > 0$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

In [1], Bhatia obtained the following interesting inequality between the Heinz and Heron means

$$(37) \quad H_\nu(a, b) \leq F_{(2\nu-1)^2}(a, b)$$

where  $a, b > 0$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

This inequality can be written as

$$(38) \quad (0 \leq) H_\nu(a, b) - \sqrt{ab} \leq (2\nu - 1)^2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2} - \sqrt{ab} \right),$$

where  $a, b > 0$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

Making use of a similar argument to the one in the proof of Theorem 1 we can state the following result as well:

**Theorem 3.** *Assume that  $A, B$  are positive invertible operators and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ . Then*

$$(39) \quad (0 \leq) H_\nu(A, B) - A\sharp B \leq (2\nu - 1)^2 (A\nabla B - A\sharp B).$$

Moreover, if there exists the constants  $M > m > 0$  such that the condition (11) is true, then we have the simpler upper bound

$$(40) \quad (0 \leq) H_\nu(A, B) - A\sharp B \leq \frac{1}{2} (2\nu - 1)^2 \left( \sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m} \right)^2.$$

Kittaneh and Manasrah [5], [6] provided a refinement and an additive reverse for Young inequality as follows:

$$(41) \quad r \left( \sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b} \right)^2 \leq (1 - \nu)a + \nu b - a^{1-\nu}b^\nu \leq R \left( \sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b} \right)^2$$

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

If we replace in (41)  $\nu$  with  $1 - \nu$ , add the obtained inequalities and divide by 2, then we get

$$(42) \quad r \left( \sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b} \right)^2 \leq \frac{a + b}{2} - H_\nu(a, b) \leq R \left( \sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b} \right)^2,$$

where  $a, b > 0$ ,  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

We also have by (42) that, see [7] and [8]:

**Theorem 4.** *Assume that  $A, B$  are positive invertible operators and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ . Then*

$$(43) \quad 2r (A\nabla B - A\sharp B) \leq H_\nu(A, B) - A\sharp B \leq 2R (A\nabla B - A\sharp B).$$

Since  $(2\nu - 1)^2 \leq 2 \max\{1 - \nu, \nu\}$  for any  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ , it follows that the inequality (39) is better than the right side of (43).

In [2], by using the equality

$$(44) \quad \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{2ab}{a+b} - 2\sqrt{ab} = \frac{(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^4}{2(a+b)} \geq 0$$

for  $a, b > 0$ , the authors obtained the interesting inequality

$$(45) \quad \frac{1}{2} [A(a, b) + H(a, b)] \geq G(a, b),$$

where  $A(a, b)$  is the arithmetic mean,  $H(a, b)$  is the harmonic mean and  $G(a, b)$  is the geometric mean of positive numbers  $a, b$ .

Now, if we replace  $a$  by  $a^{1-\nu}b^\nu$  and  $b$  by  $a^\nu b^{1-\nu}$  in (45) then we get the following result for Heinz means

$$(46) \quad \frac{1}{2} [H_\nu(a, b) + H_\nu^{-1}(a^{-1}, b^{-1})] \geq G(a, b)$$

for any for  $a, b > 0$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ .

Since

$$\frac{1}{2 \max\{a, b\}} \leq \frac{1}{a+b} \leq \frac{1}{2 \min\{a, b\}},$$

then by (44) we have

$$(47) \quad \frac{1}{4} \frac{(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^4}{\max\{a, b\}} \leq \frac{1}{2} [A(a, b) + H(a, b)] - G(a, b) \leq \frac{1}{4} \frac{(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^4}{\min\{a, b\}},$$

for any for  $a, b > 0$ .

Since  $(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^2 = 2[A(a, b) - G(a, b)]$ ,

$$\frac{(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^2}{\max\{a, b\}} = \frac{(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^2}{(\max\{\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}\})^2} = \left(1 - \frac{\min\{\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}\}}{\max\{\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}\}}\right)^2$$

and

$$\frac{(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^2}{\min\{a, b\}} = \left(\frac{\max\{\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}\}}{\min\{\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}\}} - 1\right)^2,$$

then the inequality (47) can be written as

$$(48) \quad \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\min\{\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}\}}{\max\{\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}\}}\right)^2 [A(a, b) - G(a, b)] \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} [A(a, b) + H(a, b)] - G(a, b)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\max \{ \sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b} \}}{\min \{ \sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b} \}} - 1 \right)^2 [A(a, b) - G(a, b)],$$

for any for  $a, b > 0$ .

If  $a, b \in [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$ , then by (48) we get

(49)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{m}{M}} \right)^2 [A(a, b) - G(a, b)] &\leq \frac{1}{2} [A(a, b) + H(a, b)] - G(a, b) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{\frac{M}{m}} - 1 \right)^2 [A(a, b) - G(a, b)]. \end{aligned}$$

Similar results may be stated for the corresponding operator means, however the details are not presented here.

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