

# New generalized inequalities using arbitrary operator means and their duals

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**ABSTRACT.** In this article, we present some operator inequalities via arbitrary operator means and unital positive linear maps. For instance, we show that if  $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$  are two positive invertible operators such that  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$  and  $\sigma$  is an arbitrary operator mean, then

$$\Phi^p(A\sigma B) \leq K^p(h)\Phi^p(B\sigma^\perp A),$$

where  $\sigma^\perp$  is dual  $\sigma$ ,  $p \geq 0$  and  $K(h) = \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$  is the classical Kantorovich constant. We also generalize the above inequality for two arbitrary means  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  which lie between  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma^\perp$ .

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper,  $\mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$  denote the  $C^*$ -algebra of all bounded linear operators on a complex Hilbert space  $(\mathbb{H}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ .  $I$  stands for the identity operator. A self-adjoint operator  $A \in \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$  is said to be positive if  $\langle Ax, x \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{H}$ , and in this case we write  $A \geq 0$ . For self-adjoint operators  $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$ , the order relation  $A \leq B$  means that  $B - A \geq 0$ . A linear map  $\Phi$  is positive if  $\Phi(A) \geq 0$  whenever  $A \geq 0$ . It is said to be unital provided that it preserves the identity operator, that is,  $\Phi(I) = I$ .

The axiomatic theory for pairs of positive operators has been developed by Kubo and Ando [10]. If  $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$  are two positive invertible operators, then the  $\nu$ -weighted arithmetic mean, geometric mean and harmonic mean of  $A$  and  $B$  are denoted by  $A\nabla_\nu B$ ,  $A\sharp_\nu B$   $A!_\nu B$ , respectively, and are defined as follows

$$A\nabla_\nu B = \nu A + (1 - \nu)B, \quad A\sharp_\nu B = A^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)^\nu A^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

and

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

When  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$ , we write  $A\nabla B$ ,  $A\sharp B$  and  $A!B$  for the arithmetic mean, geometric mean and harmonic mean, respectively. The  $\nu$ -weighted arithmetic-geometric (AM-GM) operator inequality, which is proved in [16] says that if  $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$  are two positive operators and  $0 \leq \nu \leq 1$ , then  $A\sharp_\nu B \leq A\nabla_\nu B$ . For a particular case, when  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$ , we obtain the AM-GM operator inequality

$$A\sharp B \leq \frac{A + B}{2}. \tag{1}$$

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For two positive operators  $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$ , the Löwner–Heinz inequality states that, if  $A \leq B$ , then

$$A^p \leq B^p, \quad (0 \leq p \leq 1). \quad (2)$$

In general (2) is not true for  $p > 1$ .

Lin [13, Theorem 2.1] showed a squaring of a reverse of (1), namely that the inequality

$$\Phi^2 \left( \frac{A+B}{2} \right) \leq \left( \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm} \right)^2 \Phi^2(A\sharp B) \quad (3)$$

as well as

$$\Phi^2 \left( \frac{A+B}{2} \right) \leq \left( \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm} \right)^2 (\Phi(A)\sharp\Phi(B))^2, \quad (4)$$

where  $\Phi$  is a positive unital linear map.

The Löwner–Heinz inequality and two inequalities (3) and (4) follow that for  $0 < p \leq 2$ ,

$$\Phi^p \left( \frac{A+B}{2} \right) \leq \left( \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm} \right)^p \Phi^p(A\sharp B) \quad (5)$$

and

$$\Phi^p \left( \frac{A+B}{2} \right) \leq \left( \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm} \right)^p (\Phi(A)\sharp\Phi(B))^p. \quad (6)$$

In [6], the authors showed that inequalities (5) and (6) for  $p \geq 2$  hold.

For more improvements and refinements on the above inequalities see [7, 14, 15] and references therein.

Let  $\sigma$  be an operator mean with the representing function  $f$ . The operator mean with the representing function  $\frac{t}{f(t)}$  is called the dual of  $\sigma$  and denoted by  $\sigma^\perp$ . For  $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$ ,

$$A\sigma^\perp B = (B^{-1}\sigma A^{-1})^{-1}.$$

It is trivial that for two invertible operators  $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$ ,  $A\nabla^\perp B = A!B$  and  $A!B \leq A\sharp B$ .

Let  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$ ,  $\Phi$  be a positive unital linear map and  $\sigma, \tau$  be two arbitrary means between the harmonic and arithmetic means. In [8], the authors obtained the following inequality:

$$\Phi^2(A\sigma B) \leq K^2(h)\Phi^2(A\tau B), \quad (7)$$

where  $K(h) = \frac{(h+1)^2}{4h}$  with  $h = \frac{M}{m}$  is the Kantorovich constant.

The authors in [5] generalized inequality (7) for the higher powers as follows:

$$\Phi^p(A\sigma B) \leq K^p(h)\Phi^p(A\tau B), \quad (8)$$

where  $p > 0$ .

Motivated by the above discussion, in this paper we first obtain the following inequality:

$$\Phi^2(A\sigma B) \leq K^2(h)\Phi^2(B\sigma^\perp A), \quad (9)$$

where  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$ ,  $\sigma$  is an arbitrary mean and  $\sigma^\perp$  is its dual and  $K(h) = \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$  is the Kantorovich constant. Then, we generalize inequality (9) for two arbitrary means  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  between  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma^\perp$ .

## 2. Main results

To obtain the main results we need to recall the following Lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** [3] (Choi's inequality) *Let  $A \in \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$  be positive and  $\Phi$  be a positive unital linear map. Then*

$$\Phi(A)^{-1} \leq \Phi(A^{-1}). \quad (10)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** [16] *Suppose that  $0 < m \leq A \leq M$ . Then*

$$A + MmA^{-1} \leq M + m.$$

**Lemma 2.3.** [4, 1, 2] *Let  $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$  be positive and  $\lambda > 0$ . Then*

- (i)  $\|AB\| \leq \frac{1}{4}\|A+B\|^2$ .
- (ii) If  $\lambda > 1$ , then  $\|A^\lambda + B^\lambda\| \leq \|(A+B)^\lambda\|$ .
- (iii)  $A \leq \lambda B$  if and only if  $\|A^{\frac{1}{2}}B^{-\frac{1}{2}}\| \leq \lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** [9] *Let  $X \in \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$ . Then  $\|X\| \leq t$  if and only if*

$$\begin{pmatrix} tI & X \\ X^* & tI \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$  such that  $0 < m < M$  and  $\sigma$  be an arbitrary mean. Then*

$$\Phi^2(A\sigma B) \leq K^2(h)\Phi^2(B\sigma^\perp A), \quad (11)$$

where  $\sigma^\perp$  is dual  $\sigma$  and  $K(h) = \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$  is the Kantorovich constant.

*Proof.* It follows from  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$  that  $(M-A)(m-A)A^{-1} \leq 0$  and  $(M-B)(m-B)B^{-1} \leq 0$ . Therefore

$$A + MmA^{-1} \leq M + m \quad \text{and} \quad B + MmB^{-1} \leq M + m.$$

Now, the subadditivity and monotonicity properties of the operator mean to conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} A\sigma B + Mm(A^{-1}\sigma B^{-1}) &\leq (A + MmA^{-1})\sigma(B + MmB^{-1}) \\ &\leq (M + m)\sigma(M + m) \\ &= M + m. \end{aligned}$$

Using the linearity and positivity of  $\Phi$  and the latter inequality, we get

$$\Phi(A\sigma B) + Mm\Phi(A^{-1}\sigma B^{-1}) \leq M + m. \quad (12)$$

Applying two inequalities (10) and (12), respectively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(A\sigma B) + Mm\Phi^{-1}(B\sigma^\perp A) &\leq \Phi(A\sigma B) + Mm\Phi(B\sigma^\perp A)^{-1} \\ &\leq \Phi(A\sigma B) + Mm\Phi(A^{-1}\sigma B^{-1}) \\ &\leq M + m. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.3(i) and the latter inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi(A\sigma B)Mm\Phi^{-1}(B\sigma^\perp A)\| &\leq \frac{1}{4} \|\Phi(A\sigma B) + Mm\Phi(B\sigma^\perp A)^{-1}\|^2 \\ &\leq \Phi(A\sigma B) + Mm\Phi(A^{-1}\sigma B^{-1}) \\ &\leq M + m. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the assertion as desired.  $\square$

**Remark 2.1.** In special case, when  $\sigma = \nabla$ , since  $\sigma^\perp = !$  and  $! \leq \sharp$ , inequality (11) becomes inequality (3).

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$  such that  $0 < m < M$ ,  $\sigma$  be an arbitrary mean and let  $p \geq 0$ . Then

$$\Phi^p(A\sigma B) \leq K^p(h)\Phi^p(B\sigma^\perp A), \quad (13)$$

where  $\sigma^\perp$  is dual  $\sigma$  and  $K(h) = \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$  is the Kantorovich constant.

*Proof.* If  $0 \leq p \leq 2$ , then  $0 \leq \frac{p}{2} \leq 1$ . Applying inequality (11) we obtain the desired result. If  $p > 2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \Phi^{\frac{p}{2}}(A\sigma B)M^{\frac{p}{2}}m^{\frac{p}{2}}\Phi^{-\frac{p}{2}}(B\sigma^\perp A) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left\| \Phi^{\frac{p}{2}}(A\sigma B) + M^{\frac{p}{2}}m^{\frac{p}{2}}\Phi^{-\frac{p}{2}}(B\sigma^\perp A) \right\|^2 \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.3 (i)}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left\| \Phi(A\sigma B) + Mm\Phi^{-1}(B\sigma^\perp A) \right\|^p \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.3 (ii)}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left\| \Phi(A\sigma B) + Mm\Phi((B\sigma^\perp A)^{-1}) \right\|^p \quad (\text{by (10)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left\| \Phi(A\sigma B) + Mm\Phi(A^{-1}\sigma^\perp B^{-1}) \right\|^p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} (M + m)^p \quad (\text{by inequality (12)}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.3(iii) we have

$$\Phi^p(A\sigma B) \leq K^p(h)\Phi^p(B\sigma^\perp A).$$

$\square$

**Remark 2.2.** Using the same reason as in Remark 2.1 says that inequality (13) is a generalization of inequality (5) which is presented in [6].

In the following theorem, we generalize inequality (7).

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$ ,  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  be two arbitrary means which lie between  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma^\perp$  and let  $p \geq 0$ . Then for every positive unital linear map  $\Phi$ ,

$$\Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B) \leq K^p(h)\Phi^p(B\sigma_1 A), \quad (14)$$

where  $\sigma^\perp$  is dual  $\sigma$  and  $K(h) = \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$  is the Kantorovich constant.

*Proof.* To prove (14), let  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma^\perp$  and  $\sigma_2 \leq \sigma$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(A\sigma_2 B) + Mm\Phi^{-1}(B\sigma_1 A) &\leq \Phi(A\sigma_2 B) + Mm\Phi(B\sigma_1 A)^{-1} \text{ (by (10))} \\ &\leq \Phi(A\sigma B) + Mm\Phi(B\sigma^\perp A)^{-1} \\ &= \Phi(A\sigma B) + Mm\Phi(A^{-1}\sigma B^{-1}) \\ &\leq M + m \text{ (by (12)).} \end{aligned}$$

Using the same ideas as used in the proof of Theorem 2.5 and Corollary 2.6, one can obtain the desired result.  $\square$

To find a better bound than the obtained bound in inequality (13), we need to state the following Lemma.

**Lemma 2.8.** [13] *Let  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$  and  $\sigma$  be an arbitrary mean. Then for every positive unital linear map  $\Phi$*

$$\|\Phi^2(A\sigma B) + M^2m^2\Phi^n((A\sigma B)^{-1})\| \leq M^2 + m^2.$$

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$ ,  $\sigma$  be an arbitrary mean and  $p \geq 4$ . Then*

$$\Phi^p(A\sigma B) \leq \left( \frac{K(h)(M^2 + m^2)}{2^{\frac{4}{p}}Mm} \right)^p \Phi^p(B\sigma^\perp A), \quad (15)$$

where  $\sigma^\perp$  is dual  $\sigma$  and  $K(h) = \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$  is the Kantorovich constant.

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.5 we have

$$\Phi^{-2}(B\sigma^\perp A) \leq K^2(h)\Phi^{-2}(A\sigma B). \quad (16)$$

A simple computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \Phi^{\frac{p}{2}}(A\sigma B)M^{\frac{p}{2}}m^{\frac{p}{2}}\Phi^{-\frac{p}{2}}(B\sigma^\perp A) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left\| K^{\frac{p}{4}}(h)\Phi^{\frac{p}{2}}(A\sigma B) + \left( \frac{M^2m^2}{K(h)} \right)^{\frac{p}{4}} \Phi^{-\frac{p}{2}}(B\sigma^\perp A) \right\|^2 \text{ ( by Lemmas 2.3(i) )} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left\| K\Phi^2(A\sigma B) + \frac{M^2m^2}{K(h)}\Phi^{-2}(B\sigma^\perp A) \right\|^{\frac{p}{2}} \text{ ( by Lemmas 2.3(ii) )} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left\| K(h)\Phi^2(A\sigma B) + M^2m^2K(h)\Phi^{-2}(A\sigma B) \right\|^{\frac{p}{2}} \text{ ( by (16) )} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} K^{\frac{p}{2}}(h) \left\| \Phi^2(A\sigma B) + M^2m^2\Phi^2(A\sigma B)^{-1} \right\|^{\frac{p}{2}} \text{ ( by (10) )} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} (K(h)(M^2 + m^2))^{\frac{p}{2}} \text{ ( by Lemma 2.8).} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\left\| \Phi^{\frac{p}{2}}(A\sigma B)\Phi^{-\frac{p}{2}}(B\sigma^\perp A) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{K(h)(M^2 + m^2)}{Mm} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}}.$$

The latter relation is equivalent to

$$\Phi^p(A\sigma B) \leq \left( \frac{K(h)(M^2 + m^2)}{2^{\frac{4}{p}}Mm} \right)^p \Phi^p(B\sigma^\perp A).$$

This proves the desired result.  $\square$

**Remark 2.3.** When  $p \geq 4$ , the derived result in Theorem 2.9 is tighter than inequality (13).

Moreover, we show that Theorem 2.9 holds for  $0 \leq p \leq 4$ .

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$ ,  $\sigma$  be an arbitrary mean and let  $0 \leq p \leq 4$ . Then

$$\Phi^p(A\sigma B) \leq \left( \frac{K(h)(M^2 + m^2)}{2Mm} \right)^p \Phi^p(B\sigma^\perp A),$$

where  $\sigma^\perp$  is dual  $\sigma$  and  $K(h) = \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.5 we have

$$\Phi^4(A\sigma B) \leq \left( \frac{K(h)(M^2 + m^2)}{2Mm} \right)^4 \Phi^4(B\sigma^\perp A).$$

If  $0 \leq p \leq 4$ , then  $0 \leq \frac{p}{4} \leq 1$ . With the aid of the latter inequality and inequality (2), we conclude the desired inequality.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$ ,  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  be two arbitrary means between  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma^\perp$ ,  $1 < \alpha \leq 2$  and  $p \geq 2\alpha$ . Then for every positive unital linear map  $\Phi$

$$\Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B) \leq \frac{(K^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(h)(M^\alpha + m^\alpha))^{\frac{2p}{\alpha}}}{16M^p m^p} \Phi^p(B\sigma_1 A) \quad (17)$$

where  $\sigma^\perp$  is dual  $\sigma$  and  $K(h) = \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$  is the Kantorovich constant.

*Proof.* At once from inequality (14) follows that for  $1 < \alpha \leq 2$

$$\Phi^{-\alpha}(B\sigma_1 A) \leq K^\alpha(h)\Phi^{-\alpha}(A\sigma_2 B). \quad (18)$$

Using the fact that  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$ , it deduces that  $0 < m \leq A\sigma_2 B \leq M$ . Now, the linearity property  $\Phi$  results that  $0 < m \leq \Phi(A\sigma_2 B) \leq M$ . Since  $1 < \alpha \leq 2$ , one can easily prove that

$$\Phi^\alpha(A\sigma_2 B) + M^\alpha m^\alpha \Phi^{-\alpha}(A\sigma_2 B) \leq M^\alpha + m^\alpha. \quad (19)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| M^{\frac{p}{2}} m^{\frac{p}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{p}{2}}(A\sigma_2 B) \Phi^{-\frac{p}{2}}(B\sigma_1 A) \right\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \left\| K^{-\frac{p}{4}}(h) M^{\frac{p}{2}} m^{\frac{p}{2}} \Phi^{-\frac{p}{2}}(B\sigma_1 A) + K^{\frac{p}{4}}(h) \Phi^{\frac{p}{2}}(A\sigma_2 B) \right\|^2 \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.3(i)}) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \left\| (K^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}(h) M^\alpha m^\alpha \Phi^{-\alpha}(B\sigma_1 A) + K^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(h) \Phi^\alpha(A\sigma_2 B))^{\frac{p}{\alpha}} \right\|^2 \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.3(ii)}) \\ & = \frac{1}{4} \left\| K^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}(h) M^\alpha m^\alpha \Phi^{-\alpha}(B\sigma_1 A) + K^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(h) \Phi^\alpha(A\sigma_2 B) \right\|^{\frac{p}{\alpha}} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \left\| K^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(h) M^\alpha m^\alpha \Phi^{-\alpha}(A\sigma_2 B) + K^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(h) \Phi^\alpha(A\sigma_2 B) \right\|^{\frac{p}{\alpha}} \quad (\text{by (18)}) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} K^{\frac{p}{2}}(h) (M^\alpha + m^\alpha)^{\frac{p}{\alpha}} \quad (\text{by (19)}), \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\left\| \Phi^{\frac{p}{2}}(A\sigma_2 B) \Phi^{-\frac{p}{2}}(B\sigma_1 A) \right\| \leq \frac{K^{\frac{p}{2}}(h) (M^\alpha + m^\alpha)^{\frac{p}{\alpha}}}{4M^{\frac{p}{2}} m^{\frac{p}{2}}},$$

or equivalently

$$\Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B) \leq \frac{(K^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(h)(M^\alpha + m^\alpha))^{\frac{2p}{\alpha}}}{16Mm} \Phi^p(B\sigma_1 A).$$

□

**Remark 2.4.** In special case, for  $\alpha = 2$ , inequality (17) becomes inequality (15).

**Remark 2.5.** By taking  $\sigma = \nabla$  in inequality (17), we get inequality (8).

**Theorem 2.12.** Let  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$  such that  $0 < m < M$  and  $\sigma$  be an arbitrary mean. Then for every positive unital linear map  $\Phi$  and two arbitrary means  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  which lie between  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma^\perp$  and  $p \geq 0$ , the following inequality holds

$$\Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B)\Phi^{-p}(B\sigma_1 A) + \Phi^{-p}(B\sigma_1 A)\Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B) \leq 2K^p(h)\Phi^p(B\sigma_1 A) \quad (20)$$

where  $\sigma^\perp$  is dual  $\sigma$  and  $K(h) = \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$  is the Kantorovich constant.

*Proof.* It follows from (14) that

$$\|\Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B)\Phi^{-p}(B\sigma_1 A)\| \leq K^p(h). \quad (21)$$

Applying Lemma 2.4 we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} K(h)^p I & \Phi^{-p}(B\sigma_1 A)\Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B) \\ \Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B)\Phi^{-p}(B\sigma_1 A) & K(h)^p I \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} K(h)^p I & \Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B)\Phi^{-p}(B\sigma_1 A) \\ \Phi^{-p}(B\sigma_1 A)\Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B) & K(h)^p I \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

Summing up two above inequalities, we obtain the following inequality

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2K(h)^p I & \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 & 2K(h)^p I \end{pmatrix} \geq 0,$$

where

$$\beta_1 = \Phi^{-p}(B\sigma_1 A)\Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B) + \Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B)\Phi^{-p}(B\sigma_1 A)$$

and

$$\beta_2 = \Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B)\Phi^{-p}(B\sigma_1 A) + \Phi^{-p}(B\sigma_1 A)\Phi^p(A\sigma_2 B).$$

Again using Lemma 2.4 we get the desired result. □

**Remark 2.6.** Put  $\sigma = \nabla$ , inequality (20) reduces to some results in [2]

### 3. A refined inequality for the arithmetic-geometric mean

Let  $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{H})$  be two invertible positive operators,  $0 \leq \nu \leq 1$  and  $-1 \leq q \leq 1$ . We use from the notation  $A\sharp_{q,\nu} B$  to define the power mean

$$A\sharp_{q,\nu} B = A^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( (1-\nu)I + \nu \left( A^{\frac{1}{2}} B A^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} A^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

For more information see [11]. The authors in [12] proved that if  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$  such that  $0 < m < M$  and  $0 < \nu \leq \mu < 1$ ,  $-1 \leq q \leq 1$ . Then for every positive unital linear map  $\Phi$  and  $p \geq 0$ , the following inequality holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi^p \left( A \nabla_\nu B + \frac{\nu}{\mu} M m (A^{-1} \nabla_\mu B^{-1} - A^{-1} \sharp_{q,\mu} B^{-1}) \right) \\ & \leq K^p(h) \Phi^p(A \sharp_{q,\nu} B), \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

where  $K(h) = \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$  is the Kantorovich constant.

Using the following theorem, we obtain a generalization from inequality (22).

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose that  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$  such that  $0 < m < M$  and  $0 < \nu \leq \mu < 1$ ,  $-1 \leq q \leq 1$  and  $1 < \alpha \leq 2$ . Then for every positive unital linear map  $\Phi$  and  $p \geq 0$ , the following inequality holds*

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi^p \left( A \nabla_\nu B + \frac{\nu}{\mu} M m (A^{-1} \nabla_\mu B^{-1} - A^{-1} \sharp_{q,\mu} B^{-1}) \right) \\ & \leq \frac{(K^{\frac{\alpha}{4}}(h)(M^\alpha + m^\alpha))^{\frac{2p}{\alpha}}}{16M^p m^p} \Phi^p(A \sharp_{q,\nu} B), \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where  $K(h) = \frac{(M+m)^2}{4Mm}$  is the Kantorovich constant.

*Proof.* For  $1 < \alpha \leq 2$ , by inequality (22), we have

$$\Phi^\alpha \left( A \nabla_\nu B + \frac{\nu}{\mu} M m (A^{-1} \nabla_\mu B^{-1} - A^{-1} \sharp_{q,\mu} B^{-1}) \right) \leq K^\alpha(h) \Phi^\alpha(A \sharp_{q,\nu} B) \quad (24)$$

The last inequality deduces using a process similar to inequality (19). This shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \Phi^{\frac{p}{2}} \left( A \nabla_\nu B + \frac{\nu}{\mu} M m (A^{-1} \nabla_\mu B^{-1} - A^{-1} \sharp_{q,\mu} B^{-1}) \right) \Phi^{-\frac{p}{2}}(A \sharp_{q,\nu} B) \right\| \\ & \leq \frac{K^{\frac{p}{2}}(h)(M^\alpha + m^\alpha)^{\frac{p}{\alpha}}}{4M^{\frac{p}{2}} m^{\frac{p}{2}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi^p \left( A \nabla_\nu B + \frac{\nu}{\mu} M m (A^{-1} \nabla_\mu B^{-1} - A^{-1} \sharp_{q,\mu} B^{-1}) \right) \\ & \leq \frac{(K^{\frac{\alpha}{4}}(h)(M^\alpha + m^\alpha))^{\frac{2p}{\alpha}}}{16M^p m^p} \Phi^p(A \sharp_{q,\nu} B). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 3.1.** Taking  $\alpha = 2$ , inequality (23) becomes inequality (22).

**Remark 3.2.** By putting  $\alpha = 2$ ,  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$  and taking  $q \rightarrow 0$ , inequality (23) collapse to the derived result in [2].

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