

## MATRIX POWER MEANS AND PÓLYA–SZEGÖ TYPE INEQUALITIES

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**Abstract.** It has been shown that if  $\mu$  is a compactly supported probability measure on  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$ , then for every unit vector  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , there exists a compactly supported probability measure (denoted by  $\langle \mu\eta, \eta \rangle$ ) on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  so that the inequality

$$\langle P_t(\mu)\eta, \eta \rangle \leq P_t(\langle \mu\eta, \eta \rangle) \quad (t \in (0, 1])$$

holds. In particular, we consider a reverse of the above inequality and present some Pólya–Szegő type inequalities for power means of probability measures on positive matrices.

### 1 Introduction and preliminaries

In what follows, assume that  $\mathbb{M}_n$  is the algebra of all  $n \times n$  matrices with complex entries and  $\mathbb{H}_n$  is the real subspace of all Hermitian matrices in  $\mathbb{M}_n$ . A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{H}_n$  is called positive semi-definite (positive definite) and denoted by  $A \geq 0$  ( $A > 0$ ) if all of its eigenvalues are non-negative (positive). We denote by  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$  the set of all positive definite matrices. The well-known Loewner partial order on  $\mathbb{H}_n$  is defined by

$$A \leq B \iff B - A \geq 0, \quad (A, B \in \mathbb{H}_n).$$

In particular, if  $\delta$  is a scalar, then we mean by  $A \leq \delta$  that  $A \leq \delta I$ , where  $I$  denotes the identity matrix.

Matrix means have raised in the matrix theory as non-commutative extensions of scalar-valued means. Some of the most familiar matrix means are  $A\nabla_t B = (1-t)A + tB$  (weighted arithmetic mean),  $A\sharp_t B = A^{1/2}(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})^t A^{1/2}$  (weighted geometric mean) and  $A!_t B = ((1-t)A^{-1} + tB^{-1})^{-1}$  (weighted harmonic mean), where  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $A, B$  are positive matrices, see e.g. [3].

Let  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_k)$  be a  $k$ -tuple of positive real numbers,  $t \in (0, 1]$  and let  $\omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k)$  be a weight vector. The weighted power mean of  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  is

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defined by  $P_t(\omega; a) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i a_i^t \right)^{\frac{1}{t}}$ . It turns out to be the unique positive solution of the equation  $x = \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i x^{1-t} a_i^t$ . When  $t \rightarrow 0$ , the power mean converges to the geometric mean of  $a_1, \dots, a_k$ .

The matrix arithmetic and harmonic means can be naturally extended to a  $k$ -tuple  $\mathbb{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_k)$  of positive matrices,

$$\nabla(\omega; \mathbb{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i A_i, \quad !(\omega; \mathbb{A}) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i A_i^{-1} \right)^{-1}.$$

Recently, there have been several works regarding extension of the matrix geometric mean to several variables. The notion of power means for positive matrices  $\mathbb{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_k)$  denoted by  $P_t(\omega; \mathbb{A})$  has been introduced in [7] as the unique positive invertible solution of the non-linear matrix equation

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i (X \#_t A_i) \quad (t \in (0, 1]) \quad (1.1)$$

For  $t \in [-1, 0)$ , put  $P_t(\omega; \mathbb{A}) := P_{-t}(\omega; \mathbb{A}^{-1})^{-1}$ , where  $\mathbb{A}^{-1} = (A_1^{-1}, \dots, A_k^{-1})$ .

The matrix power mean interpolates between the weighted harmonic and arithmetic means (see also [4]) and

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i A_i^{-1} \right)^{-1} \leq P_t(\omega; \mathbb{A}) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i A_i. \quad (1.2)$$

The notion of power mean for probability measures on  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$  has also been studied [5]: If  $\mu$  is a probability measure of compact support on  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ , then the equation

$$X = \int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} X \#_t Z d\mu(Z)$$

has a unique solution in  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$ . It defines the power mean as a map  $P_t$  from the set of all probability measures of compact support on  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$  into  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$ . In the case of  $t \in [-1, 0)$ , the power mean is defined by  $P_t(\mu) = P_{-t}(\nu)^{-1}$ , where  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) = \mu(\mathcal{E}^{-1})$  for every measurable set  $\mathcal{E}$ . The above integral is in the sense of vector-valued. If  $f$  is a continuous function from a topological space  $\mathcal{X}$  into a Banach space and  $\mu$  is a probability measure of compact support on the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\mathcal{X}$ , then

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}} f d\mu = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} f(a_i) \mu(B_{m,i})$$

in which  $\{B_{m,i}; i = 1, \dots, N_m\}$  is a partition of  $\text{supp}(\mu)$  and  $a_i$  is an arbitrary point in  $B_{m,i}$ .

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It is known that a matrix mean  $\sigma$  has a monotonicity property via any positive unital linear mapping  $\Phi$ , say  $\Phi(A\sigma B) \leq \Phi(A)\sigma\Phi(B)$ , see [3, 9, 10]. In particular,

$$\langle (A\sigma B)\eta, \eta \rangle \leq \langle A\eta, \eta \rangle \sigma \langle B\eta, \eta \rangle \tag{1.3}$$

for every  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , see [1, 2, 10].

In this paper, we present inequality (1.3) for power mean of probability measures. It provides some inequalities of type (1.3) and its reverses for matrix power means.

## 2 main results

Assume that  $t$  is a non-zero real number and  $\mu$  is a probability measure of compact support on the positive half line. Consider the equation

$$x = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} x^{1-t} z^t d\mu(z). \tag{2.1}$$

This equation has a unique solution, say

$$x = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} z^t d\mu(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \tag{2.2}$$

This unique solution, which we denote it by  $P_t(\mu)$ , can be regarded as a power mean and gives an extension of  $P_t(\omega; a)$ . If  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_k)$  is a  $k$ -tuple of positive real numbers,  $\omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k)$  is a weight vector and the measure  $\mu$  is defined on the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying that  $\mu(\{a_i\}) = \omega_i$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , then equation (2.1) turns to

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i x^{1-t} a_i^t$$

and

$$P_t(\mu) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i a_i^t \right)^{\frac{1}{t}} = P_t(\omega; a).$$

Suppose that  $\mu$  is a probability measure of compact support on  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{E}$  is a Borel subset of  $\mathbb{R}^+$  and put  $\bar{\mathcal{E}} = \{A \in \mathbb{M}_n^+; \langle A\eta, \eta \rangle \in \mathcal{E}\}$ . We define a measure denoted by  $\langle \mu\eta, \eta \rangle$  on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  by  $\langle \mu\eta, \eta \rangle(\mathcal{E}) = \mu(\bar{\mathcal{E}})$ . It is easy to see that  $\langle \mu\eta, \eta \rangle$  is a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . Now if  $f$  is a continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  and integrable with respect to  $\mu$ , then

$$\int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} f(\langle Z\eta, \eta \rangle) d\mu(Z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} f(z) d\langle \mu\eta, \eta \rangle(z). \tag{2.3}$$

We will use the following known result (see e.g., [3, 6])

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**Lemma 1** (Hölder–McCarthy inequality). *Let  $A \in \mathbb{M}_n$ . If  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is a unit vector, then*

- (i)  $\langle A\eta, \eta \rangle^r \leq \langle A^r \eta, \eta \rangle$  for all  $r > 1$ ;
- (ii)  $\langle A\eta, \eta \rangle^r \geq \langle A^r \eta, \eta \rangle$  for all  $0 < r < 1$ ;
- (iii) *If  $A$  is invertible, then  $\langle A\eta, \eta \rangle^r \leq \langle A^r \eta, \eta \rangle$  for all  $r < 0$ .*

The next theorem gives inequality (1.3) for power means.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\mu$  be a probability measure of compact support on  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$ . If  $\eta$  is a unit vector in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ , then*

$$\langle P_t(\mu)\eta, \eta \rangle \leq P_t(\langle \mu\eta, \eta \rangle). \quad (2.4)$$

If  $t \in [-1, 0)$ , then a reverse inequality holds.

*Proof.* Let  $t \in (0, 1]$  and let the function  $f$  be defined on  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$  by  $f(X) = \int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} X \#_t Z d\mu(Z)$ . Then

$$f(X) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} X \#_t Z_i \mu(B_{m,i}),$$

where  $\{B_{m,i}; i = 1, \dots, N_m\}$  is a Borel partition of  $\text{supp}(\mu)$  and  $Z_i$  is an arbitrary point in  $B_{m,i}$ , see [5]. If  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is a unit vector, then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f(X)\eta, \eta \rangle &= \left\langle \int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} X \#_t Z \mu(dZ)\eta, \eta \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} X \#_t Z_i \mu(B_{m,i})\eta, \eta \right\rangle \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \mu(B_{m,i}) \langle (X \#_t Z_i)\eta, \eta \rangle \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \mu(B_{m,i}) \langle (X^{-1/2} Z_i X^{-1/2})^t X^{1/2}\eta, X^{1/2}\eta \rangle \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \mu(B_{m,i}) \|X^{1/2}\eta\|^2 \langle (X^{-1/2} Z_i X^{-1/2})^t \frac{X^{1/2}\eta}{\|X^{1/2}\eta\|}, \frac{X^{1/2}\eta}{\|X^{1/2}\eta\|} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $t \in (0, 1]$ , using Lemma 1 we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f(X)\eta, \eta \rangle &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \mu(B_{m,i}) \|X^{1/2}\eta\|^{2(1-t)} \langle Z_i \eta, \eta \rangle^t \\ &= \langle X\eta, \eta \rangle^{1-t} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \mu(B_{m,i}) \langle Z_i \eta, \eta \rangle^t. \end{aligned}$$

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Set  $C = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \mu(B_{m,i}) \langle Z_i \eta, \eta \rangle^t$ , so that

$$\langle f(X)\eta, \eta \rangle \leq \langle X\eta, \eta \rangle^{1-t} C. \tag{2.5}$$

It follows from (2.5) that

$$\langle f^2(X)\eta, \eta \rangle \leq \langle f(X)\eta, \eta \rangle^{1-t} C \quad \text{and} \quad \langle f(X)\eta, \eta \rangle^{1-t} \leq \langle X\eta, \eta \rangle^{(1-t)^2} C^{1-t}. \tag{2.6}$$

Combining two inequalities in (2.6) we get

$$\langle f^2(X)\eta, \eta \rangle \leq \langle X\eta, \eta \rangle^{(1-t)^2} C^{1+(1-t)}. \tag{2.7}$$

By using an induction process, we reach

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f^\ell(X)\eta, \eta \rangle &\leq \langle X\eta, \eta \rangle^{(1-t)^\ell} C^{1+(1-t)+(1-t)^2+\dots+(1-t)^{\ell-1}} \\ &= \langle X\eta, \eta \rangle^{(1-t)^\ell} C^{\frac{1-(1-t)^\ell}{1-(1-t)}} \quad (\ell \in \mathbb{N}). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $\ell \rightarrow \infty$  and noting that  $f^\ell(X) \rightarrow P_t(\mu)$  we observe that  $\langle P_t(\mu)\eta, \eta \rangle \leq C^{1/t}$ . It follows from the definition of the vector-valued integrals that

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \mu(B_{m,i}) \langle Z_i \eta, \eta \rangle^t = \int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} \langle Z\eta, \eta \rangle^t d\mu(Z) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} z^t d\langle \mu\eta, \eta \rangle(z), \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from (2.3). Therefore,

$$C^{1/t} = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} z^t d\langle \mu\eta, \eta \rangle(z) \right)^{1/t} = P_t(\langle \mu\eta, \eta \rangle).$$

This gives (2.4).

Now assume that  $t \in [-1, 0)$  and  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) = \mu(\mathcal{E}^{-1})$  for every measurable set  $\mathcal{E}$ . Inequality (2.4) then implies that  $\langle P_{-t}(\nu)\eta, \eta \rangle \leq P_{-t}(\langle \nu\eta, \eta \rangle)$ . It follows from Lemma 1 that

$$P_t(\langle \mu\eta, \eta \rangle) = P_{-t}(\langle \nu\eta, \eta \rangle)^{-1} \leq \langle P_{-t}(\nu)\eta, \eta \rangle^{-1} \leq \langle P_{-t}(\nu)^{-1}\eta, \eta \rangle = \langle P_t(\mu)\eta, \eta \rangle.$$

This completes the proof. □

It is known that a reverse of (1) holds as follows:

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**Lemma 3.** [8] Let  $0 < r < 1$  and  $m, M$  be two positive real numbers. If  $A$  is a positive definite matrix with  $0 < m \leq A \leq M$ , then

$$\langle A^r \eta, \eta \rangle \geq \alpha(m, M, r) \langle A \eta, \eta \rangle^r, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $\alpha(m, M, r) = \frac{Mm^r - mM^r}{(1-r)(M-m)} \left( \frac{1-r}{r} \frac{M^r - m^r}{Mm^r - mM^r} \right)^r$ . If  $r \in [-1, 0)$ , then a reverse inequality holds in (2.8).

Utilizing Lemma 3 and an argument as in the proof of Theorem 2 we obtain the next result. We omit the proof.

**Proposition 4.** Let  $\mu$  be a probability measure of compact support on  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$  and  $\eta$  be a unit vector in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . If

$$mP_t(\mu) \leq Z \leq MP_t(\mu), \quad (Z \in \text{supp}(\mu)),$$

then

$$\langle P_t(\mu)\eta, \eta \rangle \geq \alpha(m, M, t) P_t(\langle \mu \eta, \eta \rangle)$$

for every  $t \in (0, 1]$ . If  $t \in [-1, 0)$ , then a reverse inequality holds.

Let  $\mathbb{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_k)$  be a  $k$ -tuple of positive definite matrices and let  $\omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k)$  be a weight vector. Consider the probability measure  $\mu$  on the set  $\{A_1, \dots, A_k\} \subseteq \mathbb{M}_n^+$  by  $\mu(\{A_i\}) = \omega_i$  for every  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . If  $X_t = P_t(\mu)$ , then

$$X_t = \int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} X_t \#_t Z d\mu(Z) = \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i X_t \#_t A_i = P_t(\omega; \mathbb{A}).$$

Therefore, we have the next corollary.

**Corollary 5.** Let  $\mathbb{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_k)$  be a  $k$ -tuple of positive definite matrices and let  $\omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k)$  be a weight vector. Then

$$\langle P_t(\omega; \mathbb{A})\eta, \eta \rangle \leq P_t(\omega; \langle A_1 \eta, \eta \rangle, \dots, \langle A_k \eta, \eta \rangle) \quad (t \in (0, 1]) \quad (2.9)$$

for every  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . If in addition  $m \leq A_i \leq M$  for two positive real numbers  $m, M$ , then

$$\langle P_t(\omega; \mathbb{A})\eta, \eta \rangle \geq \alpha(m, M, t) P_t(\omega; \langle A_1 \eta, \eta \rangle, \dots, \langle A_k \eta, \eta \rangle) \quad (t \in (0, 1]). \quad (2.10)$$

If  $t \in [-1, 0)$ , then inequalities (2.9) and (2.10) are reversed.

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As a simple example, let  $A, B > 0$  and  $\omega \in [0, 1]$ . Then

$$P_t(\omega; A, B) = A^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( (1 - \omega)I + \omega \left( A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)^t \right)^{\frac{1}{t}} A^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Consider

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Assume that  $t = -1/2$ ,  $\omega = 1/2$  and  $\eta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then

$$\langle P_t(\omega; A, B)\eta, \eta \rangle = \langle P_{-t}(\omega; A^{-1}, B^{-1})^{-1} \eta, \eta \rangle = 1$$

and

$$P_t(\omega; \langle A\eta, \eta \rangle, \langle B\eta, \eta \rangle) = 0.615.$$

**Remark 6.** If  $\mathbb{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_k)$  is a  $k$ -tuple of commuting positive matrices, then  $P_t(\omega; \mathbb{A}) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i A_i^t \right)^{\frac{1}{t}}$ . Corollary 5 implies that

$$\left\langle \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i A_i^t \right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \eta, \eta \right\rangle \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i \langle A_i \eta, \eta \rangle^t \right)^{\frac{1}{t}}.$$

**Theorem 7.** Let  $\mu$  be a probability measure of compact support on  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$  and  $\eta$  be a unit vector in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . If

$$m \leq Z \leq M \quad \text{for every } Z \in \text{supp}(\mu),$$

then

$$P_t(\langle \mu \eta, \eta \rangle) - \langle P_t(\mu) \eta, \eta \rangle \leq (\sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m})^2 \quad (t \in (0, 1]).$$

*Proof.* The power means  $P_t(\mu)$  satisfy [5] the inequality

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} Z^{-1} d\mu(Z) \right)^{-1} \leq P_t(\mu) \leq \int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} Z d\mu(Z), \tag{2.11}$$

where  $P_{-1}(\mu) = \left( \int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} Z^{-1} d\mu(Z) \right)^{-1}$  is the harmonic mean and  $P_1(\mu) = \int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} Z d\mu(Z)$  is the arithmetic mean for every compactly supported probability measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{M}_n^+$ .

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Assume that  $\{B_{m,i}; i = 1, \dots, N_m\}$  is a partition of  $\text{supp}(\mu)$  and  $Z_i$  is an arbitrary point in  $B_{m,i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N_m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} Z d\mu(Z) - P_t(\mu) &\leq \int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} Z d\mu(Z) - \left( \int_{\mathbb{M}_n^+} Z^{-1} d\mu(Z) \right)^{-1} && \text{(by (2.11))} \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} Z_i \mu(B_{m,i}) - \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} Z_i^{-1} \mu(B_{m,i}) \right)^{-1} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Define a unital positive linear mapping  $T : \mathbb{M}_{nN_m}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n^+$  by  $T(A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_{N_m}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \mu(B_{m,i}) A_i$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} Z_i \mu(B_{m,i}) - \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} Z_i^{-1} \mu(B_{m,i}) \right)^{-1} &= T(Z_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Z_{N_m}) - T(Z_1^{-1} \oplus \dots \oplus Z_{N_m}^{-1})^{-1} \\ &\leq (\sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m})^2, \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

since  $m \leq Z_i \leq M$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N_m$ . Therefore

$$\int_{\mathbb{M}_k^+} Z d\mu(Z) - P_t(\mu) \leq (\sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m})^2 \quad (2.13)$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} P_t(\langle \mu \eta, \eta \rangle) - \langle P_t(\mu) \eta, \eta \rangle &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} z d\langle \mu \eta, \eta \rangle(z) - \langle P_t(\mu) \eta, \eta \rangle \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{M}_k^+} \langle Z \eta, \eta \rangle d\mu(Z) - \langle P_t(\mu) \eta, \eta \rangle && \text{(by (2.3))} \\ &= \left\langle \int_{\mathbb{M}_k^+} Z d\mu(Z) \eta, \eta \right\rangle - \langle P_t(\mu) \eta, \eta \rangle \\ &\leq (\sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m})^2, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from (2.13).  $\square$

**Corollary 8.** Let  $\mathbb{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_k)$  be a  $k$ -tuple positive matrices and let  $\omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k)$  be a weight vector. If  $0 < m \leq A_i \leq M$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ) for some scalars  $0 < m \leq M$ , then

$$\langle A_1 \eta, \eta \rangle^{\omega_1} \cdots \langle A_k \eta, \eta \rangle^{\omega_k} - \langle P_t(\omega, \mathbb{A}) \eta, \eta \rangle \leq (\sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m})^2$$

for every  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

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*Proof.* It follows from the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality that

$$\langle A_1 \eta, \eta \rangle^{\omega_1} \cdots \langle A_k \eta, \eta \rangle^{\omega_k} \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i \langle A_i \eta, \eta \rangle = \left\langle \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i A_i \right) \eta, \eta \right\rangle.$$

The desired inequality therefore follows from (2.13).  $\square$

Let  $A, B \in \mathbb{M}_n$  be positive matrices with  $0 < m \leq A, B \leq M$  and  $\omega \in [0, 1]$ . It follows from Corollary 8 that

$$\langle A \eta, \eta \rangle^\omega \langle B \eta, \eta \rangle^{1-\omega} \leq \langle P_t(\omega, A, B) \eta, \eta \rangle + (\sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m})^2 \quad (2.14)$$

for every unit vector  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Assume that  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  are positive scalars such that  $m \leq a_i, b_i \leq M$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). Put  $\eta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $A = \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $B = \text{diag}(b_1, \dots, b_n)$ . Inequality (2.14) implies that

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^\omega \left( \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \right)^{1-\omega} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (\omega a_i^\omega + (1-\omega) b_i^\omega)^{\frac{1}{\omega}} + n(\sqrt{M} - \sqrt{m})^2,$$

which is a reverse Hölder type inequality.

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