# IMPROVE INEQUALITIES OF ARITHMETIC－HARMONIC MEAN 

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#### Abstract

We study the refinement of arithmetic－harmonic mean inequalities．First，through the classical analysis method，the scalar inequalities are obtained，and then extended to the operator cases．Specifically，we have the following main results：for $0<\nu, \tau<1, a, b>0$ with $(b-a)(\tau-\nu)>$ 0 ，we have $\frac{a \nabla_{\nu} b-a!_{\nu} b}{a \nabla_{\tau} b-a!\tau b} \leq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}$ and $\frac{\left(a \nabla_{\nu} b\right)^{2}-\left(a!!^{2} b\right)^{2}}{\left(a \nabla_{\tau} b\right)^{2}-(a!\tau b)^{2}} \leq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}$ ，which are generalizations of the results of W．Liao et al．


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## 1 Introduction

Let $M_{n}$ denote the algebra of all $n \times n$ complex matrices，$M_{n}^{+}$be the set of all the positive semidefinite matrices in $M_{n}$ ．For two Hermitian matrices $A$ and $B, A \geq B$ means $A-B \in M_{n}^{+}, A>B$ means $A-B \in M_{n}^{++}$，where $M_{n}^{++}$is the set of all the strictly positive matrices in $M_{n} . I$ stands for the identity matrix．The Hilbert－Schmidt norm of $A=\left[a_{i j}\right] \in$ $M_{n}$ is defined by $\|A\|_{2}=\sqrt{\sum_{i, j=1}^{n}\left|a_{i j}\right|^{2}}$ ．It is well－known that the Hilbert－Schmidt norm is unitarily invariant in the sense that $\|U A V\|=\|A\|$ for all unitary matrices $U, V \in M_{n}$ ． What＇s more，we use the following notions

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A \nabla_{v} B=(1-v) A+v B \\
& A \not{ }_{v} B=A^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B A^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{v} A^{\frac{1}{2}}, \\
& A!_{v} B=\left((1-v) A^{-1}+v B^{-1}\right)^{-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

for $A, B \in M_{n}^{++}$and $0 \leq v \leq 1$ ．Usually we denote by $A \nabla B, A \sharp B$ and $A!B$ for brevity respectively when $v=\frac{1}{2}$ ．

[^0]In this paper, we set $a, b>0$. As we all know, the scalar harmonic-geometric-arithmetic mean inequalities

$$
\begin{equation*}
a!_{v} b \leq a \sharp_{v} b \leq a \nabla_{v} b \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

hold and the second inequality is called Young inequality. Similarly, we also have the related operator version

$$
\begin{equation*}
A!_{v} B \leq A \not \sharp_{v} B \leq A \nabla_{v} B \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

for two strictly positive operators $A$ and $B$.
The first refinements of Young inequality is the squared version proved in [1]

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(a^{v} b^{1-v}\right)^{2}+\min \{v, 1-v\}^{2}(a-b)^{2} \leq(v a+(1-v) b)^{2} \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Later, authors in [2] obtained the other interesting refinement

$$
\begin{equation*}
a^{v} b^{1-v}+\min \{v, 1-v\}(\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b})^{2} \leq v a+(1-v) b \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then many results about Young inequalities presented in recent years. wa can see [3], [4] and [5] for some related results. Also, in [3] authors proved that

$$
\begin{equation*}
A \nabla_{v} B \geq A!_{v} B+2 \min \{v, 1-v\}\left(A \nabla_{v} B-A!_{v} B\right) \tag{1.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $A, B \in M_{n}^{++}$and $0 \leq v \leq 1$.
Alzer [6] proved that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\frac{\nu}{\tau}\right)^{\lambda} \leq \frac{\left(a \nabla_{\nu} b\right)^{\lambda}-\left(a \not \sharp_{\nu} b\right)^{\lambda}}{\left(a \nabla_{\tau} b\right)^{\lambda}-\left(a \sharp_{\tau} b\right)^{\lambda}} \leq\left(\frac{1-\nu}{1-\tau}\right)^{\lambda} \tag{1.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $0<\nu \leq \tau<1$ and $\lambda \geq 1$, which is a different form of (1.5). By a similar technique, Liao [7] presented that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\frac{\nu}{\tau}\right)^{\lambda} \leq \frac{\left(a \nabla_{\nu} b\right)^{\lambda}-\left(a!_{\nu} b\right)^{\lambda}}{\left(a \nabla_{\tau} b\right)^{\lambda}-\left(a!_{\tau} b\right)^{\lambda}} \leq\left(\frac{1-\nu}{1-\tau}\right)^{\lambda} \tag{1.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $0<\nu \leq \tau<1$ and $\lambda \geq 1$. Sababheh [8] generalized (1.6) and (1.7) by convexity of function $f$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\frac{\nu}{\tau}\right)^{\lambda} \leq \frac{((1-\nu) f(0)+\nu f(1))^{\lambda}-f^{\lambda}(\nu)}{((1-\tau) f(0)+\tau f(1))^{\lambda}-f^{\lambda}(\tau)} \leq\left(\frac{1-\nu}{1-\tau}\right)^{\lambda} \tag{1.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $0<\nu \leq \tau<1$ and $\lambda \geq 1$. In the same paper [8], it is proved that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\frac{\nu}{\tau}\right)^{\lambda} \leq \frac{\left(a \not \sharp_{\nu} b\right)^{\lambda}-\left(a!_{\nu} b\right)^{\lambda}}{\left(a \not \sharp_{\tau} b\right)^{\lambda}-\left(a!_{\tau} b\right)^{\lambda}}, \tag{1.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $0<\nu \leq \tau<1$ and $\lambda \geq 1$.
Our main task of this paper is to improve (1.7) for scalar and matrix under some conditions. The article is organized in the following way: in Section 2, new refinements of harmonic-arithmetic mean are presented for scalars. In Section 3, similar inequalities for
operators are presented. And the Hilbert-Schmidt norm and determinant inequalities are presented in Sections 4 and 5, respectively.

## 2 Inequalities for Scalars

In this part, we first give an improved version of harmonic-arithmetic mean inequality for scalar. It is also the base of this paper.

Theorem 2.1 Let $\nu, \tau$ a and $b$ be real positive numbers with $0<\nu, \tau<1$, then we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{a \nabla_{\nu} b-a!_{\nu} b}{a \nabla_{\tau} b-a!_{\tau} b} \leq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \text { for }(b-a)(\tau-\nu)>0 \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{a \nabla_{\nu} b-a!_{\nu} b}{a \nabla_{\tau} b-a!_{\tau} b} \geq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \text { for }(b-a)(\tau-\nu)<0 \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof Put $f(v)=\frac{1-v+v x-\left(1-v+v x^{-1}\right)^{-1}}{v(1-v)}$, then we have $f^{\prime}(v)=\frac{1}{v^{2}(1-v)^{2}} h(x)$, where
$h(x)=v(1-v)\left[x-1+\left(1-v+v x^{-1}\right)^{-2}\left(\frac{1}{x}-1\right)\right]-(1-2 v)\left[1-v+v x-\left(1-v+v x^{-1}\right)^{-1}\right]$.
By a carefully and directly computation, we have $h^{\prime}(x)=\frac{v^{2}}{((1-v) x+v)^{3}} g(x)$, where $g(x)=$ $2(1-v)(1-x)-(1-v) x-v+((1-v) x+v)^{3}$, so we can get $g^{\prime}(x)=3(1-v)^{2}(x-1)((1-v) x+v+1)$ easily.

Now if $0<x \leq 1$, then $g^{\prime}(x) \leq 0$, which means $g(x) \geq g(1)=0$, and then $h^{\prime}(x) \geq 0 ;$ and if $1 \leq x<\infty$, then $g^{\prime}(x) \geq 0$, which means $g(x) \geq g(1)=0$, and then $h^{\prime}(x) \geq 0$.

That is to say that $h^{\prime}(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in(0, \infty)$. Hence when $0<x \leq 1$, we have $h(x) \leq h(1)=0$, and so $f^{\prime}(v) \leq 0$, which means that $f(v)$ is decreasing on $(0,1)$; and when $1 \leq x<\infty, h(x) \geq h(1)=0$, and so $f^{\prime}(v) \geq 0$, which means that $f(v)$ is increasing on $(0,1)$. Put $x=\frac{b}{a}$, we can get our desired results easily.

Remark 2.2 Let $0<\nu \leq \tau<1$, then we have the following inequalities from (2.1),

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{a \nabla_{\nu} b-a!_{\nu} b}{a \nabla_{\tau} b-a!_{\tau} b} \leq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \leq \frac{1-\nu}{1-\tau} \text { for }(b-a)>0 \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

On the other hand, when $0<\nu \leq \tau<1$ and $b-a<0$, we also have by (2.1),

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{a^{-1} \nabla_{\nu} b^{-1}-a^{-1}!_{\nu} b^{-1}}{a^{-1} \nabla_{\tau} b^{-1}-a^{-1}!_{\tau} b^{-1}} \leq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

which implies

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{\nu}{\tau} & \leq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \leq \frac{a \nabla_{\nu} b-a!_{\nu} b}{a \nabla_{\tau} b-a!_{\tau} b} \\
& \leq \frac{\left(a \nabla_{\nu} b\right)\left(a!_{\nu} b\right)}{\left(a \nabla_{\tau} b\right)\left(a!_{\tau} b\right)} \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \text { for }(b-a)<0 \tag{2.5}
\end{align*}
$$

by (2.2). Therefore, it is clear that (2.3) and (2.5) are sharper than (1.7) under some conditions for $\lambda=1$. Next, we give a quadratic refinement of Theorem 2.1, which is better than (1.7) when $\lambda=2$.

Theorem 2.3 Let $\nu, \tau, a$ and $b$ are real numbers with $0<\nu, \tau<1$, then we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\left(a \nabla_{\nu} b\right)^{2}-\left(a!_{\nu} b\right)^{2}}{\left(a \nabla_{\tau} b\right)^{2}-\left(a!_{\tau} b\right)^{2}} \leq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \text { for }(b-a)(\tau-\nu)>0 \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\left(a \nabla_{\nu} b\right)^{2}-\left(a!_{\nu} b\right)^{2}}{\left(a \nabla_{\tau} b\right)^{2}-\left(a!_{\tau} b\right)^{2}} \geq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \text { for }(b-a)(\tau-\nu)<0 \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof Put $f(v)=\frac{(1-v+v x)^{2}-\left(1-v+v x^{-1}\right)^{-2}}{v(1-v)}$, then we have $f^{\prime}(v)=\frac{1}{v^{2}(1-v)^{2}} h(x)$, where

$$
\begin{aligned}
h(x)= & 2 v(1-v)\left[(1-v+v x)(x-1)+\left(1-v+v x^{-1}\right)^{-3}\left(\frac{1}{x}-1\right)\right] \\
& -(1-2 v)\left[(1-v+v x)^{2}-\left(1-v+v x^{-1}\right)^{-2}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

by a direct computation, we have $h^{\prime}(x)=\frac{2 x v^{2}}{\left((1-v)^{x+v}\right)^{4}} g(v)$, where $g(v)=3(1-v)(1-x)-(1-$ $v) x-v+((1-v) x+v)^{4}$. By $g^{\prime}(v)=-4(1-x)^{2}(1-v)\left[((1-v) x+v)^{2}+1+(1-v) x+v\right] \leq 0$, so we have $g(v) \geq g(1)=0$, which means $h^{\prime}(x) \geq 0$. Now if $0<x \leq 1$, then $h(x) \leq h(1)=0$, and so $f^{\prime}(v) \leq 0$, which means that $f(v)$ is decreasing on $(0,1)$. On the other hand, if $1 \leq x<\infty$, then $h(x) \geq h(1)=0$, and so $f^{\prime}(v) \geq 0$, which means that $f(v)$ is increasing on $(0,1)$. Put $x=\frac{b}{a}$, we can get our desired results directly.

## 3 Inequalities for Operators

In this section, we give some refinements of harmonic-arithmetic mean for operators, which are based on inequalities (2.1) and (2.2).

Lemma 3.1 Let $X \in M_{n}$ be self-adjoint and let $f$ and $g$ be continuous real functions such that $f(t) \geq g(t)$ for all $t \in S p(X)$ (the spectrum of $X$ ). Then $f(X) \geq g(X)$.

For more details about this property, readers can refer to [9].
Theorem 3.2 Let $A, B \in M_{n}^{++}$and $0<\nu, \tau<1$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau(1-\tau)\left(A \nabla_{\nu} B-A!_{\nu} B\right) \leq \nu(1-\nu)\left(A \nabla_{\tau} B-A!_{\tau} B\right) \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $(B-A)(\tau-\nu) \geq 0$; and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau(1-\tau)\left(A \nabla_{\nu} B-A!_{\nu} B\right) \geq \nu(1-\nu)\left(A \nabla_{\tau} B-A!_{\tau} B\right) \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $(B-A)(\tau-\nu) \leq 0$.
Proof Let $a=1$ in (2.1), for $(b-1)(\tau-v) \geq 0$, then we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& \tau(1-\tau)\left[1-\nu+\nu b-\left(1-\nu+\nu b^{-1}\right)^{-1}\right] \\
\leq \quad & \nu(1-\nu)\left[1-\tau+\tau b-\left(1-\tau+\tau b^{-1}\right)^{-1}\right] \tag{3.3}
\end{align*}
$$

We may assume $0<\tau<v<1$ and $0<b \leq 1$. For $(B-A)(\tau-\nu) \geq 0$, we have $A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \leq I$. The operator $X=A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B A^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ has a positive spectrum. By Lemma 3.1 and (3.3), we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& \tau(1-\tau)\left[1-\nu+\nu X-\left(1-\nu+\nu X^{-1}\right)^{-1}\right] \\
\leq \quad & \nu(1-\nu)\left[1-\tau+\tau X-\left(1-\tau+\tau X^{-1}\right)^{-1}\right] \tag{3.4}
\end{align*}
$$

Multiplying (3.4) by $A^{\frac{1}{2}}$ on the both sides, we can get the desired inequality (3.1).
Using the same technique, we can get (3.2) by (2.2). Notice that the inequalities of Theorem 3.2 provide a refinement and a reverse of (1.2).

## 4 Inequalities for Hilbert-Schmidt Norm

In this section, we present inequalities of Theorem 2.2 for Hilbert-Schmidt norm.
Theorem 4.1 Let $X \in M_{n}$ and $B \in M_{n}^{++}$for $0<v, \tau<1$, then we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{\|(1-v) X+v X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-v) X^{-1}+v B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}}{v(1-v)} \\
\leq & \frac{\|(1-\tau) X+\tau X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-\tau) X^{-1}+\tau B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}}{\tau(1-\tau)} \tag{4.1}
\end{align*}
$$

for $(B-I)(\tau-v) \geq 0$; and

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{\|(1-v) X+\nu X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-v) X^{-1}+v B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}}{v(1-v)} \\
\geq & \frac{\|(1-\tau) X+\tau X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-\tau) X^{-1}+\tau B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}}{\tau(1-\tau)} \tag{4.2}
\end{align*}
$$

for $(B-I)(\tau-v) \leq 0$.
Proof Since $B$ is positive definite, it follows by spectral theorem that there exist unitary matrices $V \in M_{n}$ such that $B=V \Lambda V^{*}$, where $\Lambda=\operatorname{diag}\left(\nu_{1}, \nu_{2}, \cdots, \nu_{n}\right)$ and $\nu_{i}$ are eigenvalues of $B$, so $\nu_{l}>0, l=1,2, \cdots, n$. Let $Y=V^{*} X V=\left[y_{i l}\right]$, then

$$
(1-v) X+v X B=V[(1-v) Y+v Y \Lambda] V^{*}=V\left[\left(1-v+v \nu_{l}\right) y_{i l}\right] V^{*}
$$

and

$$
\left[(1-v) X^{-1}+v B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}=V\left[(1-v) Y^{-1}+v \Lambda^{-1} Y^{-1}\right]^{-1} V^{*}=V\left[\left(1-v+v \nu_{l}^{-1}\right)^{-1} y_{i l}\right] V^{*}
$$

Now, by (2.6) and the unitarily invariant of the Hilbert-Schmidt norm, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \|(1-v) X+v X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-v) X^{-1}+v B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2} \\
= & \sum_{i, l=1}^{n}\left(1-v+v \nu_{l}\right)^{2}\left|y_{i l}\right|^{2}-\sum_{i, l=1}^{n}\left(1-v+v \nu_{l}^{-1}\right)^{-2}\left|y_{i l}\right|^{2} \\
= & \sum_{i, l=1}^{n}\left[\left(1-v+v \nu_{l}\right)^{2}-\left((1-v)+v \nu_{l}^{-1}\right)^{-2}\right]\left|y_{i l}\right|^{2} \\
\leq & \frac{v(1-v)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \sum_{i, l=1}^{n}\left[\left((1-\tau)+\tau \nu_{l}\right)^{2}-\left((1-\tau)+\tau \nu_{l}^{-1}\right)^{-2}\right]\left|y_{i l}\right|^{2} \\
= & \frac{v(1-v)}{\tau(1-\tau)}\left[\sum_{i, l=1}^{n}\left((1-\tau)+\tau \nu_{l}\right)^{2}\left|y_{i l}\right|^{2}-\sum_{i, l=1}^{n}\left((1-\tau)+\tau \nu_{l}^{-1}\right)^{-2}\left|y_{i l}\right|^{2}\right] \\
= & \frac{v(1-v)}{\tau(1-\tau)}\left[\|(1-\tau) X+\tau X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-\tau) X^{-1}+\tau B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

Here we completed the proof of (4.1). Using the same method in (2.7), we can get (4.2) easily. So we omit it.

It is clear that Theorem 4.1 provids a refinement of Corollary 4.2 in [7].
Remark 4.2 Theorem 4.1 is not true in general when we exchange $I$ for $A$, where $A$ is a positive definite matrix. That is: let $X \in M_{n}$ and $A, B \in M_{n}^{++}$for $0<\nu, \tau<1$, then we can not have results as below

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{\|(1-\nu) A X+\nu X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-\nu) X^{-1} A^{-1}+\nu B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}}{\nu(1-\nu)} \\
\leq & \frac{\|(1-\tau) A X+\tau X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-\tau) X^{-1} A^{-1}+\tau B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}}{\tau(1-\tau)} \tag{4.3}
\end{align*}
$$

for $(B-A)(\tau-\nu) \geq 0$ and

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{\|(1-\nu) A X+\nu X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-\nu) X^{-1} A^{-1}+\nu B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}}{\nu(1-\nu)} \\
\geq & \frac{\|(1-\tau) A X+\tau X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-\tau) X^{-1} A^{-1}+\tau B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}}{\tau(1-\tau)} \tag{4.4}
\end{align*}
$$

for $(B-A)(\tau-\nu) \leq 0$.
Now we give the following example to state it.
Example 4.3 Let $B=\left(\begin{array}{cc}\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1\end{array}\right), A=\left(\begin{array}{cc}\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}\end{array}\right)$ and $X=\left(\begin{array}{cc}1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2\end{array}\right)$, then (4.3) and (4.4) are not true for $\nu=\frac{1}{2}$ and $\tau=\frac{2}{3}$.

Proof we can compute that

$$
\|(1-\nu) A X+\nu X B\|_{2}^{2}=\frac{53}{36}+\frac{23}{9} \nu+\frac{53}{36} \nu^{2}
$$

and

$$
\left\|\left((1-\nu) X^{-1} A^{-1}+\nu B^{-1} X^{-1}\right)^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}=\frac{1}{\left(6-6 \nu+2 \nu^{2}\right)^{2}}\left[53+9 \nu^{2}-40 \nu\right] .
$$

A careful calculation shows that

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{\|(1-\nu) A X+\nu X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-\nu) X^{-1} A^{-1}+\nu B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}}{\nu(1-\nu)} \\
= & \frac{1}{\left(6-6 \nu+2 \nu^{2}\right)^{2}}\left[-\frac{53}{9} \nu^{4}+\frac{173}{9} \nu^{3}-\frac{123}{9} \nu^{2}-\frac{231}{9} \nu+26\right] . \tag{4.5}
\end{align*}
$$

Let $\nu=\frac{1}{2}$ and $\tau=\frac{2}{3}$, then (4.5) implies

$$
\frac{\|(1-\nu) A X+\nu X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-\nu) X^{-1} A^{-1}+\nu B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}}{\nu(1-\nu)}=0.96 \cdots
$$

and

$$
\frac{\|(1-\tau) A X+\tau X B\|_{2}^{2}-\left\|\left[(1-\tau) X^{-1} A^{-1}+\tau B^{-1} X^{-1}\right]^{-1}\right\|_{2}^{2}}{\tau(1-\tau)}=0.88 \cdots
$$

which implies that (4.3) is not true clearly. Similarly, we can also prove that (4.4) is not true by exchanging $\nu$ and $\tau$.

## 5 Inequalities for determinant

In this section, we present inequalities of Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2 for determinant. Before it, we should recall some basic signs. The singular values of a matrix $A$ are defined by $s_{j}(A), j=1,2, \cdots, n$. And we denote the values of $\left\{s_{j}(A)\right\}$ as a non-increasing order. Besides, $\operatorname{det}(A)$ is the determinant of $A$. To obtain our results, we need a following lemma.

Lemma 5.1 [10] (Minkowski inequality) Let $a=\left[a_{i}\right], b=\left[b_{i}\right], i=1,2, \cdots, n$ such that $a_{i}, b_{i}$ are positive real numbers. Then

$$
\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} a_{i}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}+\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} b_{i}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n}\left(a_{i}+b_{i}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} .
$$

Equality hold if and only if $a=b$.
Theorem 5.2 Let $X \in M_{n}$ and $A, B \in M_{n}^{++}$for $0<v, \tau<1$, then we have for $(B-A)(\tau-v) \leq 0$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{det}\left(A!_{v} B\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}+\frac{v(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \operatorname{det}\left(A \nabla_{\tau} B-A!_{\tau} B\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \operatorname{det}\left(A \nabla_{v} B\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \tag{5.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof We may assume $0<v<\tau<1$, then $0<s_{j}\left(A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B A^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \leq 1$ for $(B-A)(\tau-v)$ $\leq 0$, so we have $A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \leq I$. By inequality (2.2) and we denote the positive definite matrix $T=A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B A^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, then we have

$$
\frac{\left((1-v)+v s_{j}(T)\right)-\left((1-v)+v s_{j}(T)^{-1}\right)^{-1}}{\left((1-\tau)+\tau s_{j}(T)\right)-\left((1-\tau)+\tau s_{j}(T)^{-1}\right)^{-1}} \geq \frac{v(1-v)}{\tau(1-\tau)}
$$

for $j=1,2, \cdots, n$. It is a fact that the determinant of a positive definite matrix is product of its singular values, by Lemma 5.1, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{det}\left(I \nabla_{v} T\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}=\operatorname{det}[(1-v) I+v T]^{\frac{1}{n}} \\
= & {\left[\prod_{i=1}^{n}\left(1-v+v s_{i}(T)\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{n}} } \\
\geq & {\left[\prod_{i=1}^{n}\left(1-v+v s_{i}(T)-\left(1-v+v s_{i}(T)^{-1}\right)^{-1}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{n}}+\left[\prod_{i=1}^{n}\left(1-v+v s_{i}(T)^{-1}\right)^{-1}\right]^{\frac{1}{n}} } \\
\geq & {\left[\prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{v(1-v)}{\tau(1-\tau)}\left(1-\tau+\tau s_{i}(T)-\left(1-\tau+\tau s_{i}(T)^{-1}\right)^{-1}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{n}} } \\
& +\left[\prod_{i=1}^{n}\left(1-v+v s_{i}(T)^{-1}\right)^{-1}\right]^{\frac{1}{n}} \\
= & \frac{v(1-v)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \operatorname{det}\left[\left(I \nabla_{\tau} T\right)-\left(I!_{\tau} T\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{n}}+\operatorname{det}\left(I!_{v} T\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Multiplying $\left(\operatorname{det} A^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ on the both sides of the inequalities above, we can get (5.1).
Theorem 5.3 Let $X \in M_{n}$ and $A, B \in M_{n}^{++}$for $0<\nu, \tau<1$, then we have for $(B-A)(\tau-\nu) \leq 0$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{det}\left(A!_{\nu} B\right)^{\frac{2}{n}}+\frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)} \operatorname{det}\left(A \nabla_{\tau} B-A!_{\tau} B\right)^{\frac{2}{n}} \leq \operatorname{det}\left(A \nabla_{\nu} B\right)^{\frac{2}{n}} \tag{5.2}
\end{equation*}
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Proof Using the same technique above to (2.4), we can easily get the proof of Theorem 5.3.

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## 算术－调和平均不等式的改进

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摘要：本文研究了算术－调和平均不等式的加细。首先利用经典分析的方法给出了关于标量情形的不等式，进而推广到算子的情形，得出了若 $0<\nu, \tau<1, ~ a, b>0$ 且使 $(b-a)(\tau-\nu)>0$ ，则有 $\frac{a \nabla_{\nu} b-a!_{\nu} b}{a \nabla_{\tau} b-a!_{\tau} b} \leq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}$ 及 $\frac{\left(a \nabla_{\nu} b\right)^{2}-\left(a!_{\nu} b\right)^{2}}{\left(a \nabla_{\tau} b\right)^{2}-\left(a!_{\tau} b\right)^{2}} \leq \frac{\nu(1-\nu)}{\tau(1-\tau)}$ ．推广了W．Liao等人的结果。

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