



Some Inequalities on Semi-Positive Definite Matrices

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Abstract: *The paper mainly introduces some inequalities of semi-positive definite matrices under partial order relations.*

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1. INTRODUCTION

Theorem 1 If $A \geq B \geq 0, AB = BA, f(x)$ is a monotonically increasing function on $(0, +\infty)$, then $f(A) \geq f(B)$.

Proof Because A, B are semi-positive matrices, and A, B can be exchanged, so there is an orthogonal matrix Q for

$$A = Q' \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \text{O} & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} Q, \quad B = Q' \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & & & \\ & u_2 & & \\ & & \text{O} & \\ & & & u_n \end{pmatrix} Q, \quad \text{and } \lambda_i \geq u_i, \forall i \in [1, n].$$

$$f(A) = Q' \begin{pmatrix} f(\lambda_1) & & & \\ & f(\lambda_2) & & \\ & & \text{O} & \\ & & & f(\lambda_n) \end{pmatrix} Q, \quad f(B) = Q' \begin{pmatrix} f(u_1) & & & \\ & f(u_2) & & \\ & & \text{O} & \\ & & & f(u_n) \end{pmatrix} Q, \quad f(x) \text{ is}$$

a monotonically increasing function on $(0, +\infty)$, so we have $f(\lambda_i) \geq f(u_i), \forall i \in [1, n]$. so

$$f(A) \geq f(B).$$

With this proposition, we can get the following results:

Proposition 2 We assume $0 < A_k < I, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and $A_i A_j = A_j A_i$, then $I - \sum_k A_k < (I + \sum_k A_k)^{-1}$.

Proof We know that $A_k = Q' \begin{pmatrix} a_1^k & & & \\ & a_2^k & & \\ & & \text{O} & \\ & & & a_n^k \end{pmatrix} Q$ by $A_i A_j = A_j A_i, Q$ is an orthogonal matrix, and

$0 < a_i^k < 1$, then

$$I - \sum_k A_k = Q' \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \sum_i a_i^k & & & \\ & 1 - \sum_i a_i^k & & \\ & & \text{O} & \\ & & & 1 - \sum_i a_i^k \end{pmatrix} Q,$$

$$(I + \sum_k A_k)^{-1} = \mathcal{Q}' \left(\begin{array}{cccc} \frac{1}{1 + \sum_i a_1^i} & & & \\ & \frac{1}{1 + \sum_i a_2^i} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \frac{1}{1 + \sum_i a_n^i} \end{array} \right) \mathcal{Q}, \text{ we get } 1 - \sum_i a_k^i < \frac{1}{1 + \sum_i a_k^i} \text{ by}$$

Weierstrass inequality, so this proposition can be proved.

Corollary 3 We assume that $0 < A_k < I, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and $A_i A_j = A_j A_i$.

$$\text{Then } tr(I - \sum_k A_k) < tr(I + \sum_k A_k)^{-1}$$

Corollary 4 We suppose that $0 < A_k < I, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and $A_i A_j = A_j A_i$.

$$\text{Then } \det(I - \sum_k A_k) < \det(I + \sum_k A_k)^{-1}$$

Proposition 5 We suppose $A_1 \leq A_2 \leq \dots \leq A_n$ and $A_i A_j = A_j A_i$,

then $\sum_k (I + A_k)(I + A_{k+1})^{-1} \leq nI + (I + A_1)^{-2} (\sum_k A_k - A_1)^2$, if and only $A_k = A_1$, the equation holds.

Corollary 6 We consider $A_1 \leq A_2 \leq \dots \leq A_n$,

$$\text{and } A_i A_j = A_j A_i, \text{ then } tr \sum_k (I + A_k)(I + A_{k+1})^{-1} \leq n + tr[(I + A_1)^{-2} (\sum_k A_k - A_1)^2]$$

Corollary 7 We assume $A_1 \leq A_2 \leq \dots \leq A_n$ and $A_i A_j = A_j A_i$,

$$\text{then } \det[\sum_k (I + A_k)(I + A_{k+1})^{-1}] \leq \det[nI + (I + A_1)^{-2} (\sum_k A_k - A_1)^2]$$

Proposition 8 We suppose that $0 \leq aI \leq A_1 \leq A_2, A_1 A_2 = A_2 A_1$.

$$\text{Then } A_2^{\frac{1}{n}} - A_1^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq (A_2 - aI)^{\frac{1}{n}} - (A_1 - aI)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq (A_2 - A_1)^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

Proposition 9 We suppose $A \geq B \geq 0, AB = BA$, then $(A^p - B^p) \leq p(A - B)(A^{p-1} + B^{p-1})$, when $1 \leq p < \infty$

Proposition 10 A, B are real symmetric positive definite matrices, $A \geq B$ and $AB = BA$, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we say

$$(A - B)^{2n+1} \leq 2^{2n} (A^{2n+1} - B^{2n+1})$$

Proposition 11 $c > 0$ and A, B are real symmetric positive definite matrices,

then $tr(A+B)^2 \leq tr[(1+c)A^2 + (1+\frac{1}{c})B^2]$.

Proposition 12 $1 \leq p < \infty, 0 < t < 1$, A, B are real symmetric positive definite matrices, and $AB = BA$, then $(A+B)^p \leq t^{1-p}A^p + (1-t)^{1-p}B^p$.

Proposition 13 We suppose $t_k \geq 0, \sum_{k=1}^n t_k = 1, A_1, \dots, A_n$ are real symmetric positive definite matrices, and $A_i A_j = A_j A_i$, when $1 \leq p < \infty$

$(\sum_{k=1}^n t_k A_k)^p \leq (\sum_{k=1}^n t_k A_k^p)$ is established, when $0 < p < 1$, we get $(\sum_{k=1}^n t_k A_k)^p \geq (\sum_{k=1}^n t_k A_k^p)$.

Corollary 14 We assume that $t_k \geq 0, \sum_{k=1}^n t_k = 1, A_1, \dots, A_n$ are real symmetric positive definite matrices, and $A_i A_j = A_j A_i$, when $1 \leq p < \infty$, we have

$$tr(\sum_{k=1}^n t_k A_k)^p \leq tr(\sum_{k=1}^n t_k A_k^p), \text{ when } 0 < p < 1, \text{ we get } tr(\sum_{k=1}^n t_k A_k)^p \geq tr(\sum_{k=1}^n t_k A_k^p).$$

Corollary 15 We suppose $t_k \geq 0, \sum_{k=1}^n t_k = 1, A_1, \dots, A_n$ are real symmetric positive definite matrices, and $A_i A_j = A_j A_i$, when $1 \leq p < \infty$, we have

$$\det(\sum_{k=1}^n t_k A_k)^p \leq \det(\sum_{k=1}^n t_k A_k^p), \text{ when } 0 < p < 1, (\sum_{k=1}^n t_k A_k)^p \geq (\sum_{k=1}^n t_k A_k^p).$$

Proposition 16 A_1, \dots, A_n are real symmetric positive definite matrices, and $A_i A_j = A_j A_i$, when $p \geq 1$, we get that

$$\sum_k A_k^p \leq (\sum_k A_k)^p \leq n^{p-1} \sum_k A_k^p.$$

Proposition 17 $0 \leq A \leq I, p > 1$, then (1) $\frac{1}{2^{p-1}}I \leq A^p + (I-A)^p \leq I$, (2) $A^p(I-A)^p \leq \frac{1}{4}I$.

Proof When $0 < x < 1$, we choose a function $f(x) = x^p + (1-x)^p$, it is not difficult to get $f(x) \geq \frac{1}{2^{p-1}}$, and $f(0) = f(1) = 1$, so $f(x) \leq 1$.

By the same way, we can prove $\frac{1}{2^{p-1}}I \leq A^p + (I-A)^p \leq I$.

Similarly, we get $A^p(I-A)^p \leq \frac{1}{4}I$.

Proposition 18 $A > 0$, when $a > 1$, we have $(I+A)^a > I + aA - \frac{1}{2}a(1-a)[A(I+A)^{-1}]^2$.

Proof We notice that when $x > 0$ and $a > 1$, $(I+x)^a > I + ax - \frac{1}{2}a(1-a)(\frac{x}{1+x})^2$ is established. Then we can prove this Proposition.

Corollary 19 $A > 0, n$ is a positive integer, then

$$(1) \operatorname{tr}(I + A)^n > n + \operatorname{tr}\left[nA - \frac{1}{2}n(1-n)[A(I + A)^{-1}]^2\right]$$

$$(2) \det(I + A)^n > \det\left[I + nA - \frac{1}{2}n(1-n)[A(I + A)^{-1}]^2\right]$$

Proposition 20 $0 < a < 1, A + I \geq 0$, then $(I + A)^a \geq I + aA[I + (1-a)A]^{-1}$.

Proof when $0 < a < 1, x \geq -1$, we have $(1+x)^a \geq 1 + \frac{ax}{1+(1-a)x}$, so this proposition can be proved.

Note when $a > 1$ and $-I \leq A \leq \frac{1}{a-1}I$, $(I + A)^a \leq I + aA[I + (1-a)A]^{-1}$.

Proposition 21 $A + I \geq 0$, when $0 < a < 1$, $(I + A)^a \leq I + aA$, when $a < 0$ or $a > 1$,

$$(I + A)^a \geq I + aA$$

Corollary 22 $A + I \geq 0$, when $0 < a < 1$, $\operatorname{tr}(I + A)^a \leq n + a\operatorname{tr}A$, when $a < 0$ or $a > 1$,
 $\operatorname{tr}(I + A)^a \geq n + a\operatorname{tr}A$

Corollary 23 $A + I \geq 0$, when $0 < a < 1$, $\det(I + A)^a \leq \det(I + aA)$, when $a < 0$ or $a > 1$, we have
 $\det(I + A)^a \geq \det(I + aA)$

Corollary 24 $A \geq 0$, when $a < 0$ or $a > 1$, $\det(I + A)^a \geq \det(I + aA) \geq 1 + a^n \det A$.

Proposition 25 $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_n \geq 0$ and $A_i A_j = A_j A_i, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$ are real symmetric matrices, if $\operatorname{tr} \sum_{i=1}^k A_i \leq \operatorname{tr} \sum_{i=1}^k B_i, 1 \leq k \leq n$, then $\operatorname{tr} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i^2 \leq \operatorname{tr} \sum_{i=1}^n B_i^2$.

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