



## Inequalities Related to Schatten Norm

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we investigate the known operator inequalities for the  $p$ -Schatten norm and obtain some refinements of these inequalities when parameters taking values in different regions. Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_n \in B_p(H)$  such that  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n A_i^* B_j = 0$ . Then  $p \geq 2$ ,  $p \leq \lambda$  and  $\mu \geq 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{1/p-\mu/4} n^{3/p-\mu/4-1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i\|_p^{4/\mu} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|B_i\|_p^{4/\mu} \right)^{\mu/4} \\ & \leq n^{2/p-1/2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n |B_i|^2 \right\|_{p/2}^{1/2} \\ & \leq n^{2/p-2/\lambda} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|A_i \pm B_j\|_p^\lambda \right)^{1/\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $0 < p \leq 2$ ,  $p \geq \lambda > 0$  and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ , the inequalities are reversed. Moreover, we get some applications of our results.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $B(H)$  be the  $C^*$ -algebra of all bounded linear operators acting on a complex separable Hilbert space  $H$ .  $|A| = (X^*X)^{1/2}$  denotes the absolute value of an operator  $A \in B(H)$ . If  $A \in B(H)$  is compact, let  $\{s_j(A)\}_{j=1}^\infty$  be the sequence of decreasingly ordered singular values of  $A$ . For  $0 < p < \infty$ , let  $\|A\|_p = (\operatorname{tr}|A|^p)^{1/p} = (\sum_{j=1}^\infty s_j^p(A))^{1/p}$ , where  $\operatorname{tr}$  is the usual trace function. This defines the Schatten  $p$ -norm (quasi-norm, resp.) for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  ( $0 < p < 1$ , resp.) on the set

$$B_p(H) = \{X \in B(H) : \|X\|_p < \infty\},$$

which is called the  $p$ -Schatten class of  $B(H)$  (see [5]). The Schatten  $p$ -norms are unitarily invariant and when  $p = 1$ ,  $\|A\|_1 = \operatorname{tr}|A|$  is called the trace norm of  $A$ .

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There are some classical Clarkson’s inequalities for the Schatten  $p$ -norms of operators in  $B_p(H)$  (See [3]). If  $A, B \in B_p(H)$ , then

$$2^{p-1}(\|A\|_p^p + \|B\|_p^p) \leq \|A - B\|_p^p + \|A + B\|_p^p \leq 2(\|A\|_p^p + \|B\|_p^p) \tag{1.1}$$

for  $0 < p \leq 2$  and

$$2(\|A\|_p^p + \|B\|_p^p) \leq \|A - B\|_p^p + \|A + B\|_p^p \leq 2^{p-1}(\|A\|_p^p + \|B\|_p^p) \tag{1.2}$$

for  $2 \leq p < \infty$ . For  $p = 2$ , by (1.1) and (1.2), we have

$$\|A - B\|_2^2 + \|A + B\|_2^2 = 2(\|A\|_2^2 + \|B\|_2^2),$$

which is called parallelogram law. When  $p \neq 2$ , the equality  $2(\|A\|_p^p + \|B\|_p^p) = \|A - B\|_p^p + \|A + B\|_p^p$  holds if and only if  $A^*B = AB^* = 0$ , or equivalently  $R(A)$  and  $R(B)$  are orthogonal. (See [3]).

Hirzallah, Kittaneh and Moslehian etc. have obtained some generalizations of (1.1) and (1.2) to  $n$ -tuples of operators and many different conclusions by using various methods such as complex interpolation method, concavity and convexity of certain functions, etc. (See [1, 6 – 10]).

Recently, some refinements of some  $p$ -Schatten inequalities have been given by Conde and Moslehian in [4].

**Theorem 1.1** ([4]). Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_n \in B_p(H)$  such that  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n A_i^* B_j = 0$ , then for  $0 < p \leq 2$ ,  $p \leq \lambda$  and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{1/2-1/\mu} n^{1-1/\mu} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i\|_p^\mu + \sum_{i=1}^n \|B_i\|_p^\mu \right)^{1/\mu} &\leq n^{1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i\|_p^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|B_i\|_p^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq n^{2(1/p-1/\lambda)} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|A_i \pm B_j\|_p^\lambda \right)^{1/\lambda}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

For  $2 \leq p$ ,  $0 < \lambda \leq p$  and  $2 \leq \mu$ , the inequalities are reversed.

**Theorem 1.2** ([4]). Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_n \in B_p(H)$  such that  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n A_i^* B_j = 0$ , then for  $0 < p \leq 2$ ,  $p \leq \lambda$  and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ ,

$$n \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|A_i \pm B_j\|_p^\mu \right)^{1/\mu} \leq n^{1/2+1/p-1/\lambda} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \| |A_i|^2 + |B_i|^2 \|_p^{1/2} \right)^\lambda \right)^{1/\lambda}. \tag{1.4}$$

For  $2 \leq p$ ,  $0 < \lambda \leq p$  and  $2 \leq \mu$ , the inequality is reversed.

In this paper, motivated by the above conclusions, we consider some refinements of  $p$ -Schatten norm inequalities when  $p, \lambda$  and  $\mu$  taking values in different regions.

## 2. Main results

In this section we consider the  $p$ -Schatten norm inequalities of (1.3) and (1.4) when parameters taking values in different regions. We start our works with the following lemmas that we will use along the paper.

**Fact 1.**  $M_s(\bar{x}) \leq M_{s'}(\bar{x})$  for  $0 < s \leq s'$ , where  $M_s(\bar{x}) = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^s \right)^{1/s}$ ,  $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is an  $n$ -tuples of non-negative numbers.

**Fact 2.**  $\|T\|_p^2 = \||T|^2\|_{p/2}$  for any  $T \in B_p(H)$  with  $p > 0$ .

**Lemma 2.1** ([4]). Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_n \in B(H)$  such that  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n A_i^* B_j = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j=1}^n |A_i \pm B_j|^2 &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n |A_i|^2 + |B_j|^2 \pm \sum_{i,j=1}^n A_i^* B_j + B_j^* A_i \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n |A_i|^2 + |B_j|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

**Lemma 2.2** ([2-3]). If  $A_1, \dots, A_n \in B_p(H)$  for some  $p > 0$ , and  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are positive, then for  $0 < p \leq 1$ ,

$$n^{p-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i\|_p^p \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i\|_p\right)^p \leq \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \right\|_p^p \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i\|_p^p \quad (2.2)$$

and for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  the inequalities are reversed.

They are refinements of Lemma 2.1 in [7]. A commutative version of the previous lemma for scalars is the following:

Let  $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be an  $n$ -tuples of non-negative numbers, then

$$n^{p-1} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^p \leq \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \quad (2.3)$$

for  $0 < p \leq 1$  and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^p \leq n^{p-1} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \quad (2.4)$$

for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_n \in B_p(H)$  such that  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n A_i^* B_j = 0$ . Then for  $p \geq 2$ ,  $p \leq \lambda$  and  $\mu \geq 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{1/p-\mu/4} n^{3/p-\mu/4-1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i\|_p^{4/\mu} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|B_i\|_p^{4/\mu} \right)^{\mu/4} &\leq n^{2/p-1/2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n |B_i|^2 \right\|_{p/2}^{1/2} \\ &\leq n^{2(1/p-1/\lambda)} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|A_i \pm B_j\|_p^\lambda \right)^{1/\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $0 < p \leq 2$ ,  $p \geq \lambda > 0$  and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ , the inequalities are reversed.

**Proof.** Let  $p \geq 2$ ,  $p \leq \lambda$ ,  $\mu \geq 2$ . It follows from  $M_p(\bar{x}) \leq M_\lambda(\bar{x})$  that

$$\begin{aligned} n^{2(1/p-1/\lambda)} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|A_i \pm B_j\|_p^\lambda \right)^{1/\lambda} &= n^{2/p} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|A_i \pm B_j\|_p^\lambda \right)^{1/\lambda} \\ &\geq \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|A_i \pm B_j\|_p^p \right)^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the well-known fact that  $\|T\|_p^2 = \| |T|^2 \|_{p/2}$  for any  $T \in B_p(H)$  with  $p > 0$  and Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|A_i \pm B_j\|_p^p \right)^{1/p} &= \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|A_i \pm B_j\|_{p/2}^{p/2} \right)^{1/p} \\ &\geq \left[ (n^2)^{1-p/2} \left\| \sum_{i,j=1}^n |A_i \pm B_j|^2 \right\|_{p/2}^{p/2} \right]^{1/p} \\ &= n^{2/p-1} \left\| \sum_{i,j=1}^n |A_i|^2 + |B_j|^2 \right\|_{p/2}^{1/2} \\ &= n^{2/p-1/2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n |B_i|^2 \right\|_{p/2}^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 2.2, (2.3) and the concavity of the function  $f(x) = x^\alpha$  on  $[0, +\infty)$  for  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & n^{2/p-1/2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n |B_i|^2 \right\|_{p/2}^{1/2} \\ &= n^{2/p-1/2} \left( \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n |B_i|^2 \right\|_{p/2}^{2/\mu} \right)^{\mu/4} \\ &\geq n^{2/p-1/2} \left\{ \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \| |A_i|^2 \|_{p/2}^{p/2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \| |B_i|^2 \|_{p/2}^{p/2} \right)^{2/p} \right]^{2/\mu} \right\}^{\mu/4} && \text{by Lemma 2.2} \\ &\geq n^{2/p-1/2} \left\{ (2n)^{2/p-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \| |A_i|^2 \|_{p/2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \| |B_i|^2 \|_{p/2} \right)^{2/\mu} \right\}^{\mu/4} && \text{by (2.3)} \\ &= n^{2/p-1/2} (2n)^{1/p-1/2} (2n)^{2/\mu} \left[ \frac{1}{2n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \| |A_i|^2 \|_{p/2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \| |B_i|^2 \|_{p/2} \right) \right]^{2/\mu} \right\}^{\mu/4} \\ &\geq n^{2/p-1/2} (2n)^{1/p-1/2} (2n)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{2n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \| |A_i|^2 \|_{p/2}^{2/\mu} + \sum_{i=1}^n \| |B_i|^2 \|_{p/2}^{2/\mu} \right) \right]^{\mu/4} \\ &= n^{2/p-1/2} (2n)^{1/p-1/2} (2n)^{1/2} (2n)^{-\mu/4} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \| |A_i|^2 \|_{p/2}^{4/\mu} + \sum_{i=1}^n \| |B_i|^2 \|_{p/2}^{4/\mu} \right)^{\mu/4} \\ &= 2^{1/p-\mu/4} n^{3/p-\mu/4-1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \| |A_i|^2 \|_{p/2}^{4/\mu} + \sum_{i=1}^n \| |B_i|^2 \|_{p/2}^{4/\mu} \right)^{\mu/4}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $0 < p \leq 2$ ,  $p \geq \lambda$  and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ . We can prove the inequalities by the same ways.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_n \in B_p(H)$  such that  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n A_i^* B_j = 0$ . Then for  $p \geq 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{1/p-p/4} n^{3/p-p/4-1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \| |A_i|^2 \|_p^{4/p} + \sum_{i=1}^n \| |B_i|^2 \|_p^{4/p} \right)^{p/4} &\leq n^{2/p-1/2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n |B_i|^2 \right\|_{p/2}^{1/2} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n \| |A_i \pm B_j|^2 \|_p \right)^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $0 < p \leq 2$ , the inequalities are reversed.

**Proof.** Motivated by Theorem 2.3, let  $\lambda = \mu = p$ .

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n \in B_p(H)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n A_i = 0$ . Then for  $p \geq 2$

$$2^{1/p} n^{3/p-p/4-1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \| |A_i|^2 \|_p^{4/p} \right)^{p/4} \leq 2^{1/2} n^{2/p-1/2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i|^2 \right\|_{p/2}^{1/2} \leq \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n \| |A_i \pm A_j|^2 \|_p \right)^{1/p}.$$

For  $0 < p \leq 2$ , the inequalities are reversed.

**Proof.**  $\sum_{i=1}^n A_i = 0$  implies that  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n A_i^* A_j = 0$ . The statement is a consequence of Corollary 2.4.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_n \in B_p(H)$  such that  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n A_i^* B_j = 0$ . Then for  $p \geq 2$ ,  $p \leq \lambda$  and  $\mu \geq 2$ ,

$$n(1/n^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n \| |A_i \pm B_j|^2 \|_p)^\mu \geq n^{1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \| (|A_i|^2 + |B_i|^2)^{1/2} \|_p^\lambda \right)^{1/\lambda}.$$

For  $0 < p \leq 2$ ,  $p \geq \lambda > 0$  and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ , the inequality is reversed.

**Proof.** We suppose that  $p \geq 2$ ,  $p \leq \lambda$  and  $\mu \geq 2$ . Then by Lemma 2.2 and the convexity of the function  $f(x) = x^\alpha$  on  $[0, +\infty)$  for  $\alpha \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n(1/n^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|A_i \pm B_j\|_p^\mu)^{1/\mu} &= n(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \| |A_i \pm B_j|^2 \|_{p/2}^{\mu/2})^{1/\mu} \\
 &\geq n[(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \| |A_i \pm B_j|^2 \|_{p/2}^{\mu/2})^{1/\mu}]^{1/\mu} \\
 &= (\sum_{i,j=1}^n \| |A_i \pm B_j|^2 \|_{p/2})^{1/2} \\
 &\geq \| \sum_{i,j=1}^n |A_i \pm B_j|^2 \|_{p/2}^{1/2} \quad \text{by Lemma 2.2} \\
 &= \| \sum_{i,j=1}^n |A_i|^2 + |B_j|^2 \|_{p/2}^{1/2} \\
 &= n^{1/2} \| \sum_{i=1}^n (|A_i|^2 + |B_i|^2) \|_{p/2}^{1/2} \\
 &\geq n^{1/2} (\sum_{i=1}^n \| |A_i|^2 + |B_i|^2 \|_{p/2}^{p/2})^{1/p} \quad \text{by Lemma 2.2} \\
 &= n^{1/2} [ \sum_{i=1}^n (\| (|A_i|^2 + |B_i|^2)^{1/2} \|_p^\lambda)^{p/\lambda} ]^{1/p} \\
 &\geq n^{1/2} [ (\sum_{i=1}^n \| (|A_i|^2 + |B_i|^2)^{1/2} \|_p^\lambda)^{p/\lambda} ]^{1/p} \quad \text{by (2.4)} \\
 &= n^{1/2} (\sum_{i=1}^n \| (|A_i|^2 + |B_i|^2)^{1/2} \|_p^\lambda)^{1/\lambda}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $0 < p \leq 2$ ,  $p \geq \lambda > 0$  and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ . We can prove the inequality by the same ways.

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