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**Abstract**

In this paper, on tricomplex representation methods of a matrix trace inequality is introduced. A matrix trace inequality for positive semi definite Hermitian matrices A and B,  $0 \leq \text{tr}(A*B)^n \leq (\text{tr}A)^n * (\text{tr}B)^n$  is established, where n is an integer. The above inequality improves the result given by Yang (J Math. Anal. Appl. 250 (2000), 372-374).

**Key words:** Product of quaternion matrix, positive semi definite, positive definite, Hermitian matrix.

**1. Introduction**

Recently, there has been substantial interest in matrix trace inequalities for positive semi definite Hermitian matrices of the same order. See, for example<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>. Our main purpose in this paper is to prove the following results.

**2. Definitions :**

*Definition 2.1: Positive Semi definite.*

A matrix A is said to positive semi definite if there exists  $x \neq 0$  such that  $Ax \geq 0$ .

*Definition 2.3: Positive definite.*

A matrix A is positive definite there exists  $x \neq 0$  such that  $Ax > 0$ .

*Note:*

A Positive definite matrix is semi positive definite, but the converse need not true.

**3. Lemmas and Theorem :**

*Lemma 3.1 :* If A and B are positive semi definite Hermitian matrices of the same order, then

$$0 \leq \text{tr}(A*B) \leq (\text{tr}A) * (\text{tr}B) \quad (1)$$

*Proof :* For any quaternion matrix  $A \in H^{m \times n}$ , A can be uniquely represented as

$$A = A_0 + A_1j + A_2k, \quad B = B_0 + B_1j + B_2k \quad \text{and} \quad A*B = A_0B_0 + A_1B_1j + A_2B_2k$$

$$\text{here, } \text{tr}(A*B) = \text{tr}(A_0B_0 + A_1B_1j + A_2B_2k)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \text{tr}(A_0B_0) + \text{tr}(A_1B_1j) + \text{tr}(A_2B_2k) \\
&\leq \text{tr}(A_0)\text{tr}(B_0) + \text{tr}(A_1)\text{tr}(B_1j) + \text{tr}(A_2)\text{tr}(B_2k) \text{ [since } \text{tr}(AB) \leq \text{tr}(A)\text{tr}(B)] \\
&= (\text{tr}A)(\text{tr}B)
\end{aligned}$$

Since A and B are positive semi definite Hermitian matrices.

So,  $\text{tr}(A*B) \geq 0$

Thus  $0 \leq \text{tr}(A*B) \leq (\text{tr}A) * (\text{tr}B)$

The Proof is complete.

**Lemma 3.2 :** If A and B are positive semi definite Hermitian matrices of the same order, then for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $(A*B)^n * B$  and  $(B*A)^n * B$  are positive semi definite Hermitian Matrices.<sup>4</sup>

*Proof:* Let A and B be Hermitian matrices of the same order. If A is positive semi definite Hermitian matrices then  $(A*B)^{2n} * A = (A*B)^n * A * (B*A)^n$  is clearly positive semi definite Hermitian Matrices. If B is positive semi definite Hermitian matrices.

Then,  $(A*B)^{2n+1} * A = (A*B)^n * A * B * A * (B*A)^n$  is clearly positive semi definite Hermitian matrices. Therefore, if both A and B are positive semi definite Hermitian matrices  $(A*B)^k * A$  is positive semi definite Hermitian matrix,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

The proof is complete.

**Theorem 3.3 :** Let A and B be positive semi definite Hermitian matrices of the same order; then for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$0 \leq \text{tr}(A*B)^{2n} \leq (\text{tr}A)^{2n} * (\text{tr}B^2)^n \quad (2)$$

$$0 \leq \text{tr}(A*B)^{2n+1} \leq (\text{tr}A) * (\text{tr}B) * (\text{tr}A^2)^n * (\text{tr}B^2)^n \quad (3)$$

*Proof :* From Lemma 3.1 and 3.2, and the equality  $\text{tr}(A*B) = \text{tr}(B*A)$  for any square matrices A, B of the same order, we obtain

$$\text{tr}(A*B)^{2n} = \text{tr}(A * (B*A)^{2n-1} * B) < (\text{tr}A) * (\text{tr}(B*A)^{2n-1} * B) \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{tr}((B*A)^{2n-1} * B) &= \text{tr}(B * (A*B)^{2(n-1)} * A * B) \\
&= \text{tr}((A*B)^{2(n-1)} * A * B^2) \\
&\leq \text{tr}((B*A)^{2(n-1)} * A) * \text{tr}B^2 \\
&= \text{tr}(A * (B*A)^{2(n-1)} * B * A) * \text{tr}B^2 \\
&= \text{tr}((B*A)^{2(n-1)-1} * B * A^2) * \text{tr}B^2 \leq \text{tr}((B*A)^{2(n-1)-1} * B) * \text{tr}A^2 * \text{tr}B^2
\end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

By (4) and (5) we obtain

$$\text{tr}((B*A)^{2n-1} * B) \leq \text{tr}((B*A)^{2(n-1)-1} * B) * \text{tr}A^2 * \text{tr}B^2$$

which means

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{tr}((B*A)^{2n-1} * B) &\leq \text{tr}(B * A * B) * (\text{tr}A^2)^{n-1} * (\text{tr}B^2)^{n-1} \\
&= \text{tr}(A * B^2) * (\text{tr}A^2)^{n-1} * (\text{tr}B^2)^{n-1} \\
&\leq \text{tr}A * (\text{tr}A^2)^{n-1} * (\text{tr}B^2)^n
\end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

From (4) and (6) we obtain (2).

Similarly,

$$\text{tr}(A*B)^{2n+1} = \text{tr}(A * (B*A)^{2n} * B) \leq \text{tr}A * \text{tr}((B*A)^{2n} * B) \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{tr}((B*A)^{2n} * B) &= \text{tr}(B * (A*B)^{2n-1} * A * B) \\
&= \text{tr}((A*B)^{2n-1} * A * B^2) \leq \text{tr}((A*B)^{2n-1} * A) * \text{tr}B^2 = \text{tr}(A * (A*B)^{2(n-1)} * B * A) * \text{tr}B^2 \\
&= \text{tr}((B*A)^{2(n-1)} * B * A^2) * \text{tr}B^2 \leq \text{tr}((B*A)^{2(n-1)} * B) * \text{tr}A^2 * \text{tr}B^2
\end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

By (7) and (8) we obtain

$$\text{Tr}((B*A)^{2n} * B) \leq \text{tr}A^2 * \text{tr}B^2 * \text{tr}((B*A)^{2(n-1)} * B),$$

which means

$$\text{tr}((B \circ A)^{2n} \circ B) \leq (\text{tr} A^2)^n \circ (\text{tr} B^2)^n \circ \text{tr} B \quad (9)$$

from (7) and (9) we obtain (3).

The proof is complete.

*Corollary 3.4:*

If A and B are defined in theorem 3.3, then

$$0 \leq \text{tr}(A \circ B)^n \leq (\text{tr} A)^n \circ (\text{tr} B)^n \quad (10)$$

*Remark :* By Lemma 3.1,  $0 \leq \text{tr} A^2 \leq (\text{tr} A)^2$ ,  $0 \leq \text{tr} B^2 \leq (\text{tr} B)^2$ , this together with (2) and (3), we obtain (10)

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