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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, $0 \leq \text{tr}(A*B) \leq (\text{tr}A)^n * (\text{tr}B)^n$ is established, where n is an integer. The above inequality improves the result given by Yang (J Math. Anal. Appl. 250 (2000), 372-374).

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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^{1,2,3,4,5,6}. 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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \text{tr}(A_0B_0) + \text{tr}(A_1B_{1j}) + \text{tr}(A_2B_{2k}) \\
&\leq \text{tr}(A_0)\text{tr}(B_0) + \text{tr}(A_1)\text{tr}(B_{1j}) + \text{tr}(A_2)\text{tr}(B_{2k}) \text{ [since } \text{tr}(AB) \leq \text{tr}(A)\text{tr}(B)\text{]} \\
&= (\text{tr}A) * (\text{tr}B)
\end{aligned}$$

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.⁴

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 $n = 1, 2, \dots$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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