

## POWER INEQUALITIES FOR THE NUMERICAL RADIUS OF A PRODUCT OF TWO OPERATORS IN HILBERT SPACES

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ABSTRACT. Some power inequalities for the numerical radius of a product of two operators in Hilbert spaces with applications for commutators and self-commutators are given.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $(H; \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be a complex Hilbert space. The *numerical range* of an operator  $T$  is the subset of the complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$  given by [11, p. 1]:

$$W(T) = \{ \langle Tx, x \rangle, x \in H, \|x\| = 1 \}.$$

The *numerical radius*  $w(T)$  of an operator  $T$  on  $H$  is given by [11, p. 8]:

$$w(T) = \sup \{ |\lambda|, \lambda \in W(T) \} = \sup \{ |\langle Tx, x \rangle|, \|x\| = 1 \}. \quad (1.1)$$

It is well known that  $w(\cdot)$  is a norm on the Banach algebra  $B(H)$  of all bounded linear operators  $T : H \rightarrow H$ . This norm is equivalent to the operator norm. In fact, the following more precise result holds [11, p. 9]:

$$w(T) \leq \|T\| \leq 2w(T), \quad (1.2)$$

for any  $T \in B(H)$

For other results on numerical radii, see [12], Chapter 11.

If  $A, B$  are two bounded linear operators on the Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ , then

$$w(AB) \leq 4w(A)w(B). \quad (1.3)$$

In the case that  $AB = BA$ , then

$$w(AB) \leq 2w(A)w(B). \quad (1.4)$$

The following results are also well known [11, p. 38]:

If  $A$  is a unitary operator that commutes with another operator  $B$ , then

$$w(AB) \leq w(B). \quad (1.5)$$

If  $A$  is an isometry and  $AB = BA$ , then (1.5) also holds true.

We say that  $A$  and  $B$  *double commute* if  $AB = BA$  and  $AB^* = B^*A$ . If the operators  $A$  and  $B$  double commute, then [11, p. 38]

$$w(AB) \leq w(B) \|A\|. \quad (1.6)$$

As a consequence of the above, we have [11, p. 39]:

Let  $A$  be a normal operator commuting with  $B$ , then

$$w(AB) \leq w(A)w(B). \quad (1.7)$$

For other results and historical comments on the above see [11, p. 39–41]. For recent inequalities involving the numerical radius, see [1]–[9], [13], [14]–[16] and [17].

## 2. INEQUALITIES FOR A PRODUCT OF TWO OPERATORS

**Theorem 1.** *For any  $A, B \in B(H)$  and  $r \geq 1$ , we have the inequality*

$$w^r(B^*A) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|(A^*A)^r + (B^*B)^r\|. \quad (2.1)$$

The constant  $\frac{1}{2}$  is best possible.

*Proof.* By the Schwarz inequality in the Hilbert space  $(H; \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle B^*Ax, x \rangle| &= |\langle Ax, Bx \rangle| \leq \|Ax\| \cdot \|Bx\| \\ &= \langle A^*Ax, x \rangle^{1/2} \cdot \langle B^*Bx, x \rangle^{1/2}, \quad x \in H. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Utilizing the arithmetic mean - geometric mean inequality and then the convexity of the function  $f(t) = t^r$ ,  $r \geq 1$ , we have successively,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A^*Ax, x \rangle^{1/2} \cdot \langle B^*Bx, x \rangle^{1/2} &\leq \frac{\langle A^*Ax, x \rangle + \langle B^*Bx, x \rangle}{2} \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\langle A^*Ax, x \rangle^r + \langle B^*Bx, x \rangle^r}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

for any  $x \in H$ .

It is known that if  $P$  is a positive operator then for any  $r \geq 1$  and  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$  we have the inequality (see for instance [15])

$$\langle Px, x \rangle^r \leq \langle P^r x, x \rangle. \quad (2.4)$$

Applying this property to the positive operator  $A^*A$  and  $B^*B$ , we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\langle A^*Ax, x \rangle^r + \langle B^*Bx, x \rangle^r}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} &\leq \left( \frac{\langle (A^*A)^r x, x \rangle + \langle (B^*B)^r x, x \rangle}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ &= \left( \frac{\langle [(A^*A)^r + (B^*B)^r] x, x \rangle}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

for any  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$ .

Now, on making use of the inequalities (2.2), (2.3) and (2.5), we get the inequality

$$|\langle (B^*A)^r x, x \rangle|^r \leq \frac{1}{2} \langle [(A^*A)^r + (B^*B)^r] x, x \rangle \quad (2.6)$$

for any  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$ .

Taking the supremum over  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$  in (2.6) and since the operator  $[(A^*A)^r + (B^*B)^r]$  is self-adjoint, we deduce the desired inequality (2.1).

For  $r = 1$  and  $B = A$ , we get in both sides of (2.1) the same quantity  $\|A\|^2$  which shows that the constant  $\frac{1}{2}$  is best possible in general in the inequality (2.1).  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** For any  $A \in B(H)$  and  $r \geq 1$  we have the inequalities

$$w^r(A) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|(A^*A)^r + I\| \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$w^r(A^2) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|(A^*A)^r + (AA^*)^r\|, \quad (2.8)$$

respectively.

A different approach is considered in the following result:

**Theorem 2.** For any  $A, B \in B(H)$  and any  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $r \geq 1$ , we have the inequality

$$w^{2r}(B^*A) \leq \left\| \alpha (A^*A)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} + (1 - \alpha) (B^*B)^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}} \right\|. \quad (2.9)$$

*Proof.* By Schwarz's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle (B^*A)x, x \rangle|^2 &\leq \langle (A^*A)x, x \rangle \cdot \langle (B^*B)x, x \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \left[ (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right]^\alpha x, x \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left[ (B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \right]^{1-\alpha} x, x \right\rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

for any  $x \in H$ .

It is well known that (see for instance [15]) if  $P$  is a positive operator and  $q \in (0, 1]$  then for any  $u \in H$ ,  $\|u\| = 1$ , we have

$$\langle P^q u, u \rangle \leq \langle P u, u \rangle^q. \quad (2.11)$$

Applying this property to the positive operators  $(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$  and  $(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$  ( $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\langle \left[ (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right]^\alpha x, x \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left[ (B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \right]^{1-\alpha} x, x \right\rangle \\ &\leq \left\langle (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \right\rangle^\alpha \cdot \left\langle (B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} x, x \right\rangle^{1-\alpha}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

for any  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$ .

Now, utilizing the weighted arithmetic mean - geometric mean inequality, i.e.,  $a^\alpha b^{1-\alpha} \leq \alpha a + (1-\alpha)b$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $a, b \geq 0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \right\rangle^\alpha \cdot \left\langle (B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} x, x \right\rangle^{1-\alpha} \\ & \leq \alpha \left\langle (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \right\rangle + (1-\alpha) \left\langle (B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} x, x \right\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

for any  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$ .

Moreover, by the elementary inequality following from the convexity of the function  $f(t) = t^r$ ,  $r \geq 1$ , namely

$$\alpha a + (1-\alpha)b \leq (\alpha a^r + (1-\alpha)b^r)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \quad \alpha \in (0, 1), \quad a, b \geq 0,$$

we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha \left\langle (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \right\rangle + (1-\alpha) \left\langle (B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} x, x \right\rangle \\ & \leq \left[ \alpha \left\langle (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x, x \right\rangle^r + (1-\alpha) \left\langle (B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} x, x \right\rangle^r \right]^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ & \leq \left[ \alpha \left\langle (A^*A)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} x, x \right\rangle + (1-\alpha) \left\langle (B^*B)^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}} x, x \right\rangle \right]^{\frac{1}{r}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

for any  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$ , where, for the last inequality we used the inequality (2.4) for the positive operators  $(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$  and  $(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$ .

Now, on making use of the inequalities (2.10), (2.12), (2.13) and (2.14), we get

$$\left| \langle (B^*A)x, x \rangle \right|^{2r} \leq \left\langle \left[ \alpha (A^*A)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) (B^*B)^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}} \right] x, x \right\rangle \quad (2.15)$$

for any  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$ . Taking the supremum over  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$  in (2.15) produces the desired inequality (2.9).  $\square$

**Remark 1.** The particular case  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  produces the inequality

$$w^{2r}(B^*A) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left\| (A^*A)^{2r} + (B^*B)^{2r} \right\|, \quad (2.16)$$

for  $r \geq 1$ . Notice that  $\frac{1}{2}$  is best possible in (2.16) since for  $r = 1$  and  $B = A$  we get in both sides of (2.16) the same quantity  $\|A\|^4$ .

**Corollary 2.** For any  $A \in B(H)$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $r \geq 1$ , we have the inequalities

$$w^{2r}(A) \leq \left\| \alpha (A^*A)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} + (1-\alpha)I \right\| \quad (2.17)$$

and

$$w^{2r}(A^2) \leq \left\| \alpha (A^*A)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) (AA^*)^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}} \right\|, \quad (2.18)$$

respectively.

Moreover, we have

$$\|A\|^{4r} \leq \left\| \alpha (A^*A)^{\frac{r}{\alpha}} + (1-\alpha) (A^*A)^{\frac{r}{1-\alpha}} \right\|. \quad (2.19)$$

### 3. INEQUALITIES FOR THE SUM OF TWO PRODUCTS

The following result may be stated:

**Theorem 3.** For any  $A, B, C, D \in B(H)$  and  $r, s \geq 1$  we have

$$\left\| \frac{B^*A + D^*C}{2} \right\|^2 \leq \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^r + (C^*C)^r}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left\| \frac{(B^*B)^s + (D^*D)^s}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{s}}. \quad (3.1)$$

*Proof.* By the Schwarz inequality in the Hilbert space  $(H; \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle (B^*A + D^*C)x, y \rangle|^2 \\ &= |\langle B^*Ax, y \rangle + \langle D^*Cx, y \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq [|\langle B^*Ax, y \rangle| + |\langle D^*Cx, y \rangle|]^2 \\ &\leq \left[ \langle A^*Ax, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \langle B^*By, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} + \langle C^*Cx, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \langle D^*Dy, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

for any  $x, y \in H$ .

Now, on utilizing the elementary inequality

$$(ab + cd)^2 \leq (a^2 + c^2)(b^2 + d^2), \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R},$$

we then conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \langle A^*Ax, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \langle B^*By, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} + \langle C^*Cx, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \langle D^*Dy, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2 \\ & \leq (\langle A^*Ax, x \rangle + \langle C^*Cx, x \rangle) \cdot (\langle B^*By, y \rangle + \langle D^*Dy, y \rangle), \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

for any  $x, y \in H$ .

Now, on making use of a similar argument to the one in the proof of Theorem 1, we have for  $r, s \geq 1$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\langle A^*Ax, x \rangle + \langle C^*Cx, x \rangle) \cdot (\langle B^*By, y \rangle + \langle D^*Dy, y \rangle) \\ & \leq 4 \left\langle \left[ \frac{(A^*A)^r + (C^*C)^r}{2} \right] x, x \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left\langle \left[ \frac{(B^*B)^s + (D^*D)^s}{2} \right] y, y \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{s}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

for any  $x, y \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1$ .

Consequently, by (3.2) – (3.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left\langle \left[ \frac{B^*A + D^*C}{2} \right] x, y \right\rangle \right|^2 \\ & \leq \left\langle \left[ \frac{(A^*A)^r + (C^*C)^r}{2} \right] x, x \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left\langle \left[ \frac{(B^*B)^s + (D^*D)^s}{2} \right] y, y \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{s}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

for any  $x, y \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1$ .

Taking the supremum over  $x, y \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1$  we deduce the desired inequality (3.1).  $\square$

**Remark 2.** If  $s = r$ , then the inequality (3.1) is equivalent with

$$\left\| \frac{B^*A + D^*C}{2} \right\|^{2r} \leq \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^r + (C^*C)^r}{2} \right\| \cdot \left\| \frac{(B^*B)^r + (D^*D)^r}{2} \right\|. \quad (3.6)$$

**Corollary 3.** For any  $A, C \in B(H)$  we have

$$\left\| \frac{A + C}{2} \right\|^{2r} \leq \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^r + (C^*C)^r}{2} \right\|, \quad (3.7)$$

where  $r \geq 1$ . Also, we have

$$\left\| \frac{A^2 + C^2}{2} \right\|^2 \leq \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^r + (C^*C)^r}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left\| \frac{(AA^*)^s + (CC^*)^s}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{s}} \quad (3.8)$$

for all  $r, s \geq 1$ , and in particular

$$\left\| \frac{A^2 + C^2}{2} \right\|^{2r} \leq \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^r + (C^*C)^r}{2} \right\| \cdot \left\| \frac{(AA^*)^r + (CC^*)^r}{2} \right\| \quad (3.9)$$

for  $r \geq 1$ .

The inequality (3.7) follows from (3.1) for  $B = D = I$ , while the inequality (3.8) is obtained from the same inequality (3.1) for  $B = A^*$  and  $D = C^*$ .

Another particular result of interest is the following one:

**Corollary 4.** For any  $A, B \in B(H)$  we have

$$\left\| \frac{B^*A + A^*B}{2} \right\|^2 \leq \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^r + (B^*B)^r}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^s + (B^*B)^s}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{s}} \quad (3.10)$$

for  $r, s \geq 1$  and, in particular,

$$\left\| \frac{B^*A + A^*B}{2} \right\|^r \leq \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^r + (B^*B)^r}{2} \right\| \quad (3.11)$$

for any  $r \geq 1$ .

The inequality (3.9) follows from (3.1) for  $D = A$  and  $C = B$ .

Another particular case that might be of interest is the following one.

**Corollary 5.** For any  $A, D \in B(H)$  we have

$$\left\| \frac{A + D}{2} \right\|^2 \leq \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^r + I}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left\| \frac{(DD^*)^s + I}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{s}}, \quad (3.12)$$

where  $r, s \geq 1$ . In particular

$$\|A\|^2 \leq \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^r + I}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \left\| \frac{(AA^*)^s + I}{2} \right\|^{\frac{1}{s}}. \quad (3.13)$$

Moreover, for any  $r \geq 1$  we have

$$\|A\|^{2r} \leq \left\| \frac{(A^*A)^r + I}{2} \right\| \cdot \left\| \frac{(AA^*)^r + I}{2} \right\|.$$

The proof is obvious by the inequality (3.1) on choosing  $B = I$ ,  $C = I$  and writing the inequality for  $D^*$  instead of  $D$ .

**Remark 3.** If  $T \in B(H)$  and  $T = A + iC$ , i.e.,  $A$  and  $C$  are its Cartesian decomposition, then we get from (3.7) that

$$\|T\|^{2r} \leq 2^{2r-1} \|A^{2r} + C^{2r}\|,$$

for any  $r \geq 1$ .

Also, since  $A = \operatorname{Re}(T) = \frac{T+T^*}{2}$  and  $C = \operatorname{Im}(T) = \frac{T-T^*}{2i}$ , then from (3.7) we get the following inequalities as well

$$\|\operatorname{Re}(T)\|^{2r} \leq \left\| \frac{(T^*T)^r + (TT^*)^r}{2} \right\|$$

and

$$\|\operatorname{Im}(T)\|^{2r} \leq \left\| \frac{(T^*T)^r + (TT^*)^r}{2} \right\|$$

for any  $r \geq 1$ .

In terms of the *Euclidean radius* of two operators  $w_e(\cdot, \cdot)$ , where, as in [1],

$$w_e(T, U) := \sup_{\|x\|=1} \left( |\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + |\langle Ux, x \rangle|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

we have the following result as well.

**Theorem 4.** For any  $A, B, C, D \in B(H)$  and  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , we have the inequality

$$w_e^2(B^*A, D^*C) \leq \|(A^*A)^p + (C^*C)^p\|^{1/p} \cdot \|(B^*B)^q + (D^*D)^q\|^{1/q}. \quad (3.14)$$

*Proof.* For any  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$  we have the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle B^*Ax, x \rangle|^2 + |\langle D^*Cx, x \rangle|^2 \\ & \leq \langle A^*Ax, x \rangle \cdot \langle B^*Bx, x \rangle + \langle C^*Cx, x \rangle \cdot \langle D^*Dx, x \rangle \\ & \leq (\langle A^*Ax, x \rangle^p + \langle C^*Cx, x \rangle^p)^{1/p} \cdot (\langle B^*Bx, x \rangle^q + \langle D^*Dx, x \rangle^q)^{1/q} \\ & \leq ((A^*A)^p x, x) + ((C^*C)^p x, x)^{1/p} \cdot ((B^*B)^q x, x) + ((D^*D)^q x, x)^{1/q} \\ & \leq [(A^*A)^p + (C^*C)^p] x, x)^{1/p} \cdot [(B^*B)^q + (D^*D)^q] x, x)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over  $x \in H$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$  and noticing that the operators  $(A^*A)^p + (C^*C)^p$  and  $(B^*B)^q + (D^*D)^q$  are self-adjoint, we deduce the desired inequality (3.14).  $\square$

The following particular case is of interest.

**Corollary 6.** *For any  $A, C \in B(H)$  and  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , we have*

$$w_e^2(A, C) \leq 2^{1/q} \|(A^*A)^p + (C^*C)^p\|^{1/p}.$$

The proof follows from (3.14) for  $B = D = I$ .

**Corollary 7.** *For any  $A, D \in B(H)$  and  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , we have*

$$w_e^2(A, D) \leq \|(A^*A)^p + I\|^{1/p} \cdot \|(D^*D)^q + I\|^{1/q}.$$

#### 4. NORM INEQUALITIES FOR THE COMMUTATOR

The commutator of two bounded linear operators  $T$  and  $U$  is the operator  $TU - UT$ . For the usual norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and for any two operators  $T$  and  $U$ , by using the triangle inequality and the submultiplicity of the norm, we can state the following inequality

$$\|TU - UT\| \leq 2\|U\|\|T\|. \quad (4.1)$$

In [10], the following result has been obtained as well

$$\|TU - UT\| \leq 2 \min\{\|T\|, \|U\|\} \min\{\|T - U\|, \|T + U\|\}. \quad (4.2)$$

By utilizing Theorem 3 we can state the following result for the numerical radius of the commutator.

**Proposition 1.** *For any  $T, U \in B(H)$  and  $r, s \geq 1$  we have*

$$\|TU - UT\|^2 \leq 2^{2-\frac{1}{r}-\frac{1}{s}} \|(T^*T)^r + (U^*U)^r\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \|(TT^*)^s + (UU^*)^s\|^{\frac{1}{s}}. \quad (4.3)$$

*Proof.* Follows by Theorem 3 on choosing  $B = T^*$ ,  $A = U$ ,  $D = -U^*$  and  $C = T$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.** In particular, for  $r = s$  we get from (4.3) that

$$\|TU - UT\|^{2r} \leq 2^{2r-2} \|(T^*T)^r + (U^*U)^r\| \cdot \|(TT^*)^r + (UU^*)^r\| \quad (4.4)$$

and for  $r = 1$  we get

$$\|TU - UT\|^2 \leq \|T^*T + U^*U\| \cdot \|TT^* + UU^*\|. \quad (4.5)$$

For a bounded linear operator  $T \in B(H)$ , the self-commutator is the operator  $T^*T - TT^*$ . Observe that the operator  $V := -i(T^*T - TT^*)$  is self-adjoint and  $w(V) = \|V\|$ , i.e.,

$$w(T^*T - TT^*) = \|T^*T - TT^*\|.$$

Now, utilizing (4.3) for  $U = T^*$  we can state the following corollary.



**Corollary 8.** For any  $T \in B(H)$  we have the inequality

$$\|T^*T - TT^*\|^2 \leq 2^{2-\frac{1}{r}-\frac{1}{s}} \|(T^*T)^r + (TT^*)^r\|^{\frac{1}{r}} \cdot \|(T^*T)^s + (TT^*)^s\|^{\frac{1}{s}}. \quad (4.6)$$

In particular, we have

$$\|T^*T - TT^*\|^r \leq 2^{r-1} \|(T^*T)^r + (TT^*)^r\|, \quad (4.7)$$

for any  $r \geq 1$ .

Moreover, for  $r = 1$  we have

$$\|T^*T - TT^*\| \leq \|T^*T + TT^*\|. \quad (4.8)$$

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