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## INEQUALITIES FOR J-CONTRACTIONS INVOLVING THE $\alpha$ -POWER MEAN

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ABSTRACT. A selfadjoint involutive matrix J endows  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with an indefinite inner product  $[\cdot,\cdot]$  given by  $[x,y]:=\langle Jx,y\rangle,\, x,y\in\mathbb{C}^n.$  We present some inequalities of indefinite type involving the  $\alpha$ -power mean and the chaotic order. These results are in the vein of those obtained by E. Kamei [6,7].

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#### 1. Introduction

For a selfadjoint involution matrix J, that is,  $J=J^*$  and  $J^2=I$ , we consider  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with the indefinite Krein space structure endowed by the indefinite inner product  $[x,y]:=y^*Jx$ ,  $x,y\in\mathbb{C}^n$ . Let  $M_n$  denote the algebra of  $n\times n$  complex matrices. The J-adjoint matrix  $A^\#$  of  $A\in M_n$  is defined by

$$[A x, y] = [x, A^{\#} y], \quad x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n,$$

or equivalently,  $A^\# = JA^*J$ . A matrix  $A \in M_n$  is said to be J-selfadjoint if  $A^\# = A$ , that is, if JA is selfadjoint. For a pair of J-selfadjoint matrices A, B, the J-order relation  $A \geq^J B$  means that  $[Ax, x] \geq [Bx, x], x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , where this order relation means that the selfadjoint matrix JA - JB is positive semidefinite. If A, B have positive eigenvalues,  $Log(A) \geq^J Log(B)$  is called the J-chaotic order, where Log(t) denotes the principal branch of the logarithm function. The J- chaotic order is weaker than the usual J-order relation  $A \geq^J B$  [11, Corollary 2].

A matrix  $A \in M_n$  is called a J-contraction if  $I \ge^J A^\# A$ . If A is J-selfadjoint and  $I \ge^J A$ , then all the eigenvalues of A are real. Furthermore, if A is a J-contraction, by a theorem of Potapov-Ginzburg [2, Chapter 2, Section 4], all the eigenvalues of the product  $A^\# A$  are nonnegative.

Sano [11, Corollary 2] obtained the indefinite version of the Löwner-Heinz inequality of indefinite type, namely for A, B J-selfadjoint matrices with nonnegative eigenvalues such that  $I \geq^J A \geq^J B$ , then  $I \geq^J A^\alpha \geq^J B^\alpha$ , for any  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ . The Löwner-Heinz inequality has

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a famous extension which is the Furuta inequality. An indefinite version of this inequality was established by Sano [10, Theorem 3.4] and Bebiano *et al.* [3, Theorem 2.1] in the following form: Let A, B be J-selfadjoint matrices with nonnegative eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J A \geq^J B$  (or  $A \geq^J B \geq^J \mu I$ ) for some  $\mu > 0$ . For each  $r \geq 0$ ,

$$(1.1) \qquad \left(A^{\frac{r}{2}}A^{p}A^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \ge^{J} \left(A^{\frac{r}{2}}B^{p}A^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

and

$$(1.2) \qquad \left(B^{\frac{r}{2}}A^{p}B^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq^{J} \left(B^{\frac{r}{2}}B^{p}B^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

hold for all  $p \ge 0$  and  $q \ge 1$  with  $(1+r)q \ge p+r$ .

### 2. Inequalities for $\alpha$ -Power Mean

For J-selfadjoint matrices A, B with positive eigenvalues,  $A \ge^J B$  and  $0 \le \alpha \le 1$ , the  $\alpha$ -power mean of A and B is defined by

$$A\sharp_{\alpha}B = A^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\alpha} A^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Since  $I \geq^J A^{-\frac{1}{2}}BA^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  (or  $I \leq^J A^{-\frac{1}{2}}BA^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ ) the J-selfadjoint power  $\left(A^{-\frac{1}{2}}BA^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{\alpha}$  is well defined.

The essential part of the Furuta inequality of indefinite type can be reformulated in terms of  $\alpha$ -power means as follows. If A,B are J-selfadjoint matrices with nonnegative eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J A \geq^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ , then for all  $p \geq 1$  and  $r \geq 0$ 

$$(2.1) A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{n+r}} B^p \leq^J A$$

and

$$(2.2) B^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} A^p \ge^J B.$$

The indefinite version of Kamei's satellite theorem for the Furuta inequality [7] was established in [4] as follows: If A, B are J-selfadjoint matrices with nonnegative eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J A \geq^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ , then

(2.3) 
$$A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} B^p \le^J B \le^J A \le^J B^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} A^p$$

for all  $p \ge 1$  and  $r \ge 0$ .

**Remark 1.** Note that by (2.3) and using the fact that  $X^\#AX \ge^J X^\#BX$  for all  $X \in M_n$  if and only if  $A \ge^J B$ , we have  $A^{1+r} \ge^J \left(A^{\frac{r}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}$  and  $\left(B^{\frac{r}{2}}A^pB^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \ge^J B^{1+r}$ . Applying the Löwner-Heinz inequality of indefinite type, with  $\alpha = \frac{1}{1+r}$ , we obtain

$$A \ge^J \left( A^{\frac{r}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{r}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p+r}}$$
 and  $\left( B^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p B^{\frac{r}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p+r}} \ge^J B$ 

for all p > 1 and r > 0.

In [4], the following extension of Kamei's satellite theorem of the Furuta inequality was shown.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let A, B be J-selfadjoint matrices with nonnegative eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ . Then

$$A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}B^{p}\leq^{J}B^{t}\quad \textit{and}\quad A^{t}\leq^{J}B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}A^{p},$$

for r > 0 and 0 < t < p.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let A, B be J-selfadjoint matrices with nonnegative eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J A >^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ . Then

$$(2.4) A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} B^{p} \leq^{J} \left( A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}} B^{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \leq^{J} B \leq^{J} A \leq^{J} \left( B^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}} A^{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \leq^{J} B^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} A^{p},$$

$$for \ r \geq 0 \ and \ 1 \leq t \leq p.$$

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, we may consider  $\mu=1$ , otherwise we can replace A and B by  $\frac{1}{\mu}A$  and  $\frac{1}{\mu}B$ . Let  $1 \le t \le p$ . Applying the Löwner Heinz inequality of indefinite type in Lemma 2.1 with  $\alpha=\frac{1}{t}$ , we get

$$\left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}B^{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \leq^{J} B \leq^{J} A \leq^{J} \left(B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}A^{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{t}}$$

Let  $A_1 = A$  and  $B_1 = \left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}B^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t}}$ . Note that

$$(2.5) A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} B^p = A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{t+r}} \left( A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}} B^p \right) = A_1^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{t+r}} B_1^t.$$

Since  $\mu I \geq^J A_1 \geq^J B_1$ , applying Lemma 2.1 to  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ , with t=1 and p=t, we obtain

$$A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} B^p \le^J B_1 = \left( A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}} B^p \right)^{\frac{1}{t}}.$$

The remaining inequality in (2.4) can be obtained in an analogous way using the second inequality in Lemma 2.1, with t = 1 and p = t.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let A, B be J-selfadjoint matrices with nonnegative eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ . Then

$$\left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t_1+r}{p+r}}B^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t_1}} \leq^J \left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t_2+r}{p+r}}B^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t_2}} \quad and \quad \left(B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t_1+r}{p+r}}A^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t_1}} \geq^J \left(B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t_2+r}{p+r}}A^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t_2}}$$

for  $r \ge 0$  and  $1 \le t_2 \le t_1 \le p$ .

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, we may consider  $\mu=1$ , otherwise we can replace A and B by  $\frac{1}{\mu}A$  and  $\frac{1}{\mu}B$ . Let  $A_1=A$  and  $B_1=\left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t_2+r}{p+r}}B^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t_2}}$ . By Lemma 2.1 and the Löwner Heinz inequality of indefinite type with  $\alpha=\frac{1}{t_2}$ , we have  $B_1\leq^J B\leq^J A_1\leq^J I$ . Applying Lemma 2.1 to  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ , with  $p=t_2$ , we obtain

$$(2.6) A_1^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t_1+r}{t_2+r}} B_1^{t_2} \le^J B_1^{t_1} = \left( A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t_2+r}{t_2+r}} B^p \right)^{\frac{t_1}{t_2}}.$$

On the other hand,

$$(2.7) A_1^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t_1+r}{p+r}} B^p = A_1^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t_1+r}{t_2+r}} \left[ \left( A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t_2+r}{p+r}} B^p \right)^{\frac{1}{t_2}} \right]^{t_2} = A_1^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t_1+r}{t_2+r}} B_1^{t_2}.$$

By (2.6) and (2.7),

$$A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t_1+r}{n+r}} B^p \le^J \left( A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t_2+r}{n+r}} B^p \right)^{\frac{t_1}{t_2}}.$$

Using the Löwner-Heinz inequality of indefinite type with  $\alpha = \frac{1}{t_1}$ , we have

$$\left(A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t_1+r}{p+r}} B^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t_1}} \le^J \left(A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t_2+r}{p+r}} B^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t_2}}.$$

The remaining inequality can be obtained analogously.

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**Theorem 2.4.** Let A, B be J-selfadjoint matrices with nonnegative eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J A >^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ . Then

$$A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}B^{p} \leq^{J} \left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}B^{p}\right)^{t} \leq^{J} B^{t} \leq^{J} A^{t} \leq^{J} \left(B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}A^{p}\right)^{t} \leq^{J} B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}A^{p}$$
 for  $0 \leq t \leq 1 \leq p$  and  $r \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* By the indefinite version of Kamei's satellite theorem for the Furuta inequality and since  $0 \le t \le 1$ , we can apply the Löwner-Heinz inequality of indefinite type with  $\alpha = t$ , to get

$$\left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}B^{p}\right)^{t} \leq^{J} B^{t} \leq^{J} A^{t} \leq^{J} \left(B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}A^{p}\right)^{t}.$$

Note that

$$A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}} B^p = (A^t)^{-\frac{r}{t}} \sharp_{\frac{t+r}{1+r}} \left[ \left( A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} B^p \right)^t \right]^{\frac{1}{t}}.$$

Since  $\mu I \geq^J A^t$ , for all t > 0 [10] and  $A^t \geq^J \left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}B^p\right)^t$ , applying the indefinite version of Kamei's satellite theorem for the Furuta inequality with A and B replaced by  $A^t$  and  $\left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}B^p\right)^t$ , respectively, and with r replaced by r/t and p replaced by 1/t, we have

$$A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}B^{p} \leq^{J} \left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}B^{p}\right)^{t}.$$

The remaining inequality can be obtained analogously.

## 3. Inequalities Involving the J-Chaotic Order

The following theorem is the indefinite version of the *Chaotic Furuta inequality*, a result previously stated in the context of Hilbert spaces by Fujii, Furuta and Kamei [5].

**Theorem 3.1.** Let A, B be J-selfadjoint matrices with positive eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J A$ ,  $\mu I \geq^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ . Then the following statements are mutually equivalent:

- (i)  $Log(A) \ge^J Log(B)$ ;
- (ii)  $\left(A^{\frac{r}{2}}B^{p}A^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{r}{p+r}} \leq^{J} A^{r}$ , for all  $p \geq 0$  and  $r \geq 0$ ;
- (iii)  $\left(B^{\frac{r}{2}}A^pB^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{r}{p+r}} \geq^J B^r$ , for all  $p \geq 0$  and  $r \geq 0$ .

Under the chaotic order  $\text{Log}(A) \geq^J \text{Log}(B)$ , we can obtain the satellite theorem of the Furuta inequality. To prove this result, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.2** ([10]). If A, B are J-selfadjoint matrices with positive eigenvalues and  $A \ge^J B$ , then  $B^{-1} >^J A^{-1}$ .

**Lemma 3.3** ([10]). Let A, B be J-selfadjoint matrices with positive eigenvalues and  $I \ge^J A$ ,  $I \ge^J B$ . Then

$$(ABA)^{\lambda} = AB^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( B^{\frac{1}{2}} A^2 B^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\lambda - 1} B^{\frac{1}{2}} A, \qquad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Theorem 3.4** (Satellite theorem of the chaotic Furuta inequality). Let A, B be J-selfadjoint matrices with positive eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J A$ ,  $\mu I \geq^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ . If  $\text{Log}(A) \geq^J \text{Log}(B)$  then

$$A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}B^p \leq^J B \quad and \quad B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}A^p \geq^J A$$

for all p > 1 and r > 0.

*Proof.* Let Log  $(A) > ^J \text{Log }(B)$ . Interchanging the roles of r and p in Theorem 3.1 from the equivalence between (i) and (iii), we obtain

(3.1) 
$$\left( B^{\frac{p}{2}} A^r B^{\frac{p}{2}} \right)^{\frac{p}{p+r}} \ge^J B^p,$$

for all  $p \ge 0$  and  $r \ge 0$ . From Lemma 3.3, we get

$$A^{-\frac{r}{2}} \left( A^{\frac{r}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{r}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} A^{-\frac{r}{2}} = B^{\frac{p}{2}} \left[ \left( B^{\frac{p}{2}} A^r B^{\frac{p}{2}} \right)^{-\frac{p}{p+r}} \right]^{\frac{p-1}{p}} B^{\frac{p}{2}}.$$

Hence, applying Lemma 3.2 to (3.1), noting that  $0 \le (p-1)/p \le 1$  and using the Löwner-Heinz inequality of indefinite type, we have

$$A^{-\frac{r}{2}} \left( A^{\frac{r}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{r}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} A^{-\frac{r}{2}} \le^J B^{\frac{p}{2}} B^{1-p} B^{\frac{p}{2}} = B.$$

The result now follows easily. The remaining inequality can be analogously obtained. 

As a generalization of Theorem 3.4, we can obtain the next characterization of the chaotic order.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let A, B be J-selfadjoint matrices with positive eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J A$ ,  $\mu I >^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $\text{Log}(A) \geq^J \text{Log}(B)$ ; (ii)  $A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t+r}{2}} B^p \leq^J B^t$ , for  $r \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq t \leq p$ ;
- (iii)  $B^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t+r}{n+r}}^{r+r} A^p \ge^J A^t$ , for  $r \ge 0$  and  $0 \le t \le p$ ;
- (iv)  $A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{-t+r}{p+r}}^{r+r} B^p \leq^J A^{-t}$ , for  $r \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq t \leq r$ ;
- (v)  $B^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{-t+r}{2}}^{p+r} A^p \ge^J B^{-t}$ , for  $r \ge 0$  and  $0 \le \delta \le r$ .

*Proof.* We first prove the equivalence between (i) and (iv). By Theorem 3.1, Log(A) > JLog(B) is equivalent to  $\left(A^{\frac{r}{2}}B^{p}A^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{r}{p+r}} \leq^{J} A^{r}$ , for all  $p \geq 0$  and  $r \geq 0$ . Henceforth, since  $0 \le t \le r$  applying the Löwner-Heinz inequality of indefinite type, we easily obtain

$$\left(A^{\frac{r}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{-t+r}{p+r}} = \left[\left(A^{\frac{r}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{r}{p+r}}\right]^{\frac{-t+r}{r}} \leq^J A^{r-t}.$$

Analogously, using the equivalence between (i) and (iii) in Theorem 3.1, we easily obtain that (i) is equivalent to (v).

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (v) Suppose that (ii) holds. By Lemma 3.3 and using the fact that  $X^{\#}AX \geq^J X^{\#}BX$ for all  $X \in M_n$  if and only if  $A \ge^J B$ , we have

$$\begin{array}{ll} A^{\frac{r}{2}}B^{t}A^{\frac{r}{2}} & \geq^{J} & \left(A^{\frac{r}{2}}B^{p}A^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{t+r}{p+r}} \\ & = & A^{\frac{r}{2}}B^{\frac{p}{2}}\left(B^{\frac{p}{2}}A^{r}B^{\frac{p}{2}}\right)^{\frac{t-p}{p+r}}B^{\frac{p}{2}}A^{\frac{r}{2}}. \end{array}$$

It easily follows by Lemma 3.2, that

$$B^{p-t} \leq^J \left( B^{\frac{p}{2}} A^r B^{\frac{p}{2}} \right)^{\frac{-t+p}{p+r}},$$

for r > 0 and 0 < t < p. Replacing p by r, we obtain (v). In an analogous way, we can prove that  $(v) \Leftrightarrow (iii)$ .

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**Remark 2.** Consider two J-selfadjoint matrices A, B with positive eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J A$ ,  $\mu I \geq^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ . Let  $1 \leq t \leq p$ . Applying the Löwner Heinz inequality of indefinite type in Theorem 3.5 (ii) with  $\alpha = \frac{1}{t}$ , we obtain that  $\text{Log}(A) \geq^J \text{Log}(B)$  if and only if

$$\left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}B^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \le^J B.$$

Consider  $A_1 = A$  and  $B_1 = \left(A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}} B^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t}}$ . Following analogous steps to the proof of Theorem 2.2 we have

$$A^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} B^p = A_1^{-r} \sharp_{\frac{1+r}{t+r}} B_1^t.$$

Since  $B_1 \leq^J B \leq^J \mu I$  and  $A_1 \leq^J \mu I$ , applying Theorem 3.5 (ii) to  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ , with t=1 and p=t, we obtain  $\text{Log}(A_1) \geq^J \text{Log}(B_1)$  if and only if

$$A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{n+r}}B^{p} \leq^{J} \left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{n+r}}B^{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{t}}.$$

Note that  $\text{Log}(A_1) \geq^J \text{Log}(B_1)$  is equivalent to  $\text{Log}(A) \geq^J \text{Log}(B)$ , when  $r \longrightarrow 0^+$ . In this way we can easily obtain Corollary 3.6, Corollary 3.8 and Corollary 3.8 from Theorem 3.5:

**Corollary 3.6.** Let A, B be J-selfadjoint matrices with positive eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J A$ ,  $\mu I \geq^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ . Then  $\text{Log}(A) \geq^J \text{Log}(B)$  if and only if

$$A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}B^{p} \leq^{J} \left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}B^{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \leq^{J} B \quad and \quad A \leq^{J} \left(B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}A^{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \leq^{J} B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}A^{p},$$
 for  $r > 0$  and  $1 < t < p$ .

**Corollary 3.7.** Let A, B be J-selfadjoint matrices with positive eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J A$ ,  $\mu I \geq^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ . Then  $\text{Log}(A) \geq^J \text{Log}(B)$  if and only if

$$\left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t_1+r}{p+r}}B^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t_1}} \leq^J \left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t_2+r}{p+r}}B^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t_2}} \quad and \quad \left(B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t_1+r}{p+r}}A^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t_1}} \geq^J \left(B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t_2+r}{p+r}}A^p\right)^{\frac{1}{t_2}}$$
for  $r \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq t_2 \leq t_1 \leq p$ .

**Corollary 3.8.** Let A, B be J-selfadjoint matrices with positive eigenvalues and  $\mu I \geq^J A$ ,  $\mu I \geq^J B$  for some  $\mu > 0$ . Then  $\text{Log}(A) \geq^J \text{Log}(B)$  if and only if

$$A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}B^{p}\leq^{J}\left(A^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}B^{p}\right)^{t}\leq^{J}B^{t}\quad and\quad A^{t}\leq^{J}\left(B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}A^{p}\right)^{t}\leq^{J}B^{-r}\sharp_{\frac{t+r}{p+r}}A^{p},$$
 for  $r\geq0$  and  $0\leq t\leq1\leq p$ .

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