

Bounds and operator monotonicity of a generalized Petz-Hasegawa function

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1. Introduction

In what follows, a capital letter means a bounded linear operator on a complex Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . An operator A is positive semidefinite if and only if $\langle Ax, x \rangle \geq 0$ for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$, and we write $A \geq 0$. If an operator A is positive semidefinite and invertible, A is called positive definite. In this case, we write $A > 0$. For self-adjoint operators A and B , $B \leq A$ is defined by $0 \leq A - B$. A real-valued function f defined on an interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ is called an operator monotone function if

$$B \leq A \text{ implies } f(B) \leq f(A)$$

for all self-adjoint operators A and B whose spectra are contained in I . Typical examples of operator monotone functions are $f(x) = x^\lambda$ and $f(x) = (1 - \lambda + \lambda x^q)^{\frac{1}{q}}$ on $x > 0$ for $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ and $q \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\}$.

It was proven in Petz-Hasegawa [10] that the function $f_p(x)$ of $x > 0$ is operator monotone for $-1 \leq p \leq 2$, where

$$f_p(x) = p(1-p) \frac{(x-1)^2}{(x^p-1)(x^{1-p}-1)} \quad (p \neq 0, 1),$$

$f_0(x) = \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} f_p(x) = \frac{x-1}{\log x}$ and $f_1(x) = \lim_{p \rightarrow 1} f_p(x) = \frac{x-1}{\log x}$ (see also [1, 4]). In this report, we shall consider the function

$$f_{\mathbf{p}}(x) = x^\gamma \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1}$$

for $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ as a generalization of the Petz-Hasegawa function $f_p(x)$. In Section 2, we shall give upper and lower bounds of $f_{\mathbf{p}}(x)$. In Section 3, we shall introduce a new approach to showing operator monotonicity of functions such as $f_{\mathbf{p}}(x)$. This report is based on [5].

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2. Upper and lower bounds of $f_p(x)$

In what follows, we consider $p \frac{x-1}{x^p-1}$ for $p=0$ as $\frac{x-1}{\log x}$, the limit as $p \rightarrow 0$.

Theorem 1. *Let $n \geq 2$ be a natural number, and let $p_i \in [0, 1]$ for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ such that $\sum_{i=0}^n p_i = n$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} (1-p_0)x^\gamma \frac{x-1}{x^{1-p_0}-1} &\leq f_p(x) = x^\gamma \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} \\ &\leq x^\gamma \left(\mu \frac{x-1}{x^\mu-1} \right)^n \leq x^\gamma \left(\frac{x^\mu+1}{2} \right)^{\frac{p_0}{\mu}} \leq x^\gamma \left(\frac{x+1}{2} \right)^{p_0} \end{aligned}$$

holds for $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x > 0$, where $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$ and $\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$.

To give a proof of Theorem 1, we shall use the following theorem.

Theorem A ([11]). *Let $p, q \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\}$. Then*

$$F_{p,q}(x) = \left[\int_0^1 (1-\lambda + \lambda x^p)^{\frac{q}{p}} d\lambda \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} = \left(\frac{p}{p+q} \frac{x^{p+q}-1}{x^p-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

is a positive operator monotone function on $x > 0$, and increasing on $p, q \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\}$.

In [11], Theorem A is shown by using a technique of complex analysis. But it can be shown by the following facts easily: (i) $(1-\lambda + \lambda x^p)^{1/p}$ is operator monotone on $x > 0$ for $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ and $p \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\}$, and increasing on $p \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\}$, and (ii) for operator monotone functions $f_i(x)$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$), $(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i f_i(x)^q)^{\frac{1}{q}}$ is operator monotone for $q \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\}$ and $w_i > 0$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$, and increasing on $q \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\}$.

Proof of Theorem 1. If $p_i = 0$ for some i , then $p_j = 1$ for all $j \neq i$ by the condition $\sum_{i=0}^n p_i = n$. $p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} = 1$ when $p_i = 1$, so that we have only to consider the case $p_i \in (0, 1)$. It is enough to show that

$$\begin{aligned} (1-p_0) \frac{x-1}{x^{1-p_0}-1} &\leq \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} \\ &\leq \left(\mu \frac{x-1}{x^\mu-1} \right)^n \leq \left(\frac{x^\mu+1}{2} \right)^{\frac{p_0}{\mu}} \leq \left(\frac{x+1}{2} \right)^{p_0} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

holds for $x > 0$.

Firstly, we shall show the first inequality in (1).

$$\begin{aligned}
(1-p_0) \frac{x-1}{x^{1-p_0}-1} &= \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^i (1-p_k) x^{\sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (1-p_j)} - 1}{\sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (1-p_j) x^{\sum_{k=0}^i (1-p_k)} - 1} \\
&= \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\sum_{k=0}^i (1-p_k) x^{\sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (1-p_j)} - 1}{\sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (1-p_j) x^{\sum_{k=0}^i (1-p_k)} - 1} \right)^{\frac{1-p_{i+1}}{1-p_{i+1}}} \\
&= \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} F_{\sum_{k=0}^i (1-p_k), 1-p_{i+1}}(x)^{1-p_{i+1}} \\
&\leq \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} F_{p_{i+1}, 1-p_{i+1}}(x)^{1-p_{i+1}} = \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1},
\end{aligned}$$

where the inequality follows from Theorem A and the following fact: $\sum_{k=0}^n (1-p_k) = 1$ and $p_i \in (0, 1)$ for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ imply

$$\sum_{k=0}^i (1-p_k) = 1 - (1-p_{i+1}) - \dots - (1-p_n) \leq p_{i+1}.$$

Secondly, we shall prove the second inequality in (1). To prove it, we show that for each $x > 0$,

$$g(t) = \log \left(t \frac{x-1}{x^t-1} \right) \text{ is a concave function on } (0, 1). \quad (2)$$

For $0 < t_1 < t_2 < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
t_1 \frac{x-1}{x^{t_1}-1} \cdot t_2 \frac{x-1}{x^{t_2}-1} &= \frac{t_1}{\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}} \frac{x^{\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}} - 1}{x^{t_1}-1} \cdot \frac{t_1+t_2}{2} \frac{x-1}{x^{\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}}-1} \cdot t_2 \frac{x-1}{x^{t_2}-1} \\
&= F_{t_1, \frac{t_2-t_1}{2}}(x)^{\frac{t_2-t_1}{2}} F_{\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}, 1-\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}}(x)^{1-\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}} F_{t_2, 1-t_2}(x)^{1-t_2} \\
&\leq F_{\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}, \frac{t_2-t_1}{2}}(x)^{\frac{t_2-t_1}{2}} F_{\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}, 1-\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}}(x)^{1-\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}} F_{t_2, 1-t_2}(x)^{1-t_2} \\
&= \frac{\frac{t_1+t_2}{2} \frac{x^{t_2}-1}{x^{\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}}-1}}{t_2} \cdot \frac{t_1+t_2}{2} \frac{x-1}{x^{\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}}-1} \cdot t_2 \frac{x-1}{x^{t_2}-1} \\
&= \left(\frac{t_1+t_2}{2} \frac{x-1}{x^{\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}}-1} \right)^2
\end{aligned}$$

holds by Theorem A. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \{g(t_1) + g(t_2)\} &= \frac{1}{2} \log \left(t_1 \frac{x-1}{x^{t_1}-1} \cdot t_2 \frac{x-1}{x^{t_2}-1} \right) \\
&\leq \log \left(\frac{t_1+t_2}{2} \frac{x-1}{x^{\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}}-1} \right) = g \left(\frac{t_1+t_2}{2} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

that is, $g(t)$ is a concave function on $(0, 1)$ since $g(t)$ is continuous. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \log \left(\prod_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} \right) &= \frac{1}{n} \{g(p_1) + g(p_2) + \cdots + g(p_n)\} \\ &\leq g \left(\frac{p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_n}{n} \right) = g(\mu) = \log \left(\mu \frac{x-1}{x^\mu-1} \right), \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\prod_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} \leq \left(\mu \frac{x-1}{x^\mu-1} \right)^n.$$

Thirdly, we shall show the third inequality in (1). Since

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1 - \frac{p_0}{n} \geq 1 - \frac{p_0}{2} > \frac{1}{2},$$

that is, $1 - \mu < \mu$, and

$$(1 - \mu)n = n - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = p_0.$$

Theorem A ensures that

$$\left(\mu \frac{x-1}{x^\mu-1} \right)^n = F_{\mu, 1-\mu}(x)^{(1-\mu)n} \leq F_{\mu, \mu}(x)^{(1-\mu)n} = \left(\frac{x^\mu + 1}{2} \right)^{\frac{2n}{\mu}}.$$

The last inequality in (1) follows from the fact that $F_{q,q}(x) = \left(\frac{x^q+1}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$ is monotone increasing on $q \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\}$ by Theorem A. \square

We remark that we prove (2) by using Theorem A here, while it can be shown by differential calculations.

Corollary 2. *Let $n \geq 2$ be a natural number, and let $p_i \in [0, 1]$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = n - 1$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} x^\gamma \frac{x-1}{\log x} &\leq f_{\mathbf{p}}(x) = x^\gamma \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} \\ &\leq x^\gamma \left(\mu \frac{x-1}{x^\mu-1} \right)^n \leq x^\gamma \left(\frac{x^\mu + 1}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{\mu}} \leq x^\gamma \frac{x+1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

holds for $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x > 0$, where $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$ and $\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$.

Proof. By taking the limit $p_0 \rightarrow 1$ in Theorem 1, we have the desired inequality since $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^\alpha - 1}{\alpha} = \log x$ holds for all $x > 0$. \square

We also obtain another upper bound of $f_{\mathbf{p}}(x)$.

Theorem 3. Let $n \geq 2$ be a natural number, and let $p_i \in [0, 1]$ for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ such that $\sum_{i=0}^n p_i = n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{p}}(x) &= x^\gamma \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} \leq x^\gamma \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} \right) \frac{1}{2-p_n} \frac{x^{2-p_n}-1}{x-1} \\ &\leq x^\gamma \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2-p_i} \frac{x^{2-p_i}-1}{x-1} \leq x^\gamma \left(\frac{x+1}{2} \right)^{p_0} \end{aligned}$$

holds for $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x > 0$, where $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$.

Proof. It is enough to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} &\leq \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} \right) \frac{1}{2-p_n} \frac{x^{2-p_n}-1}{x-1} \\ &\leq \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2-p_i} \frac{x^{2-p_i}-1}{x-1} \leq \left(\frac{x+1}{2} \right)^{p_0} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

holds for $x > 0$. The first inequality can be shown as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} &= \prod_{i=1}^n F_{p_i, 1-p_i}(x)^{1-p_i} \\ &\leq \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} F_{p_i, 1-p_i}(x)^{1-p_i} \right) F_{1, 1-p_n}(x)^{1-p_n} \quad \text{by Theorem A} \\ &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} \right) \frac{1}{2-p_n} \frac{x^{2-p_n}-1}{x-1}. \end{aligned}$$

The second and third inequalities in (3) are obtained by Theorem A as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1} \right) \frac{1}{2-p_n} \frac{x^{2-p_n}-1}{x-1} &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} F_{p_i, 1-p_i}(x)^{1-p_i} \right) F_{1, 1-p_n}(x)^{1-p_n} \\ &\leq \prod_{i=1}^n F_{1, 1-p_i}(x)^{1-p_i} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2-p_i} \frac{x^{2-p_i}-1}{x-1} \\ &\leq \prod_{i=1}^n F_{1, 1}(x)^{1-p_i} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x+1}{2} \right)^{1-p_i} = \left(\frac{x+1}{2} \right)^{p_0}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality holds by $\sum_{i=1}^n (1-p_i) = p_0$. \square

Especially, we have upper and lower bounds of the Petz-Hasegawa function by Corollary 2 and Theorem 3 as follows. We note that the function $\frac{p}{p+1} \frac{x^{p+1}-1}{x^p-1}$ has been considered in [2, 3].

Corollary 4. Let $p \in [0, 1]$.

(i) The inequality

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(x) = f_1(x) = \frac{x-1}{\log x} &\leq f_p(x) = p(1-p) \frac{(x-1)^2}{(x^p-1)(x^{1-p}-1)} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{\sqrt{x}+1}{2} \right)^2 \leq \frac{x+1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

holds for $x > 0$.

(ii) The inequality

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(x) = f_1(x) = \frac{x-1}{\log x} &\leq f_p(x) = p(1-p) \frac{(x-1)^2}{(x^p-1)(x^{1-p}-1)} \\ &\leq \frac{p}{p+1} \frac{x^{p+1}-1}{x^p-1} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(p+1)(2-p)} \frac{(x^{p+1}-1)(x^{2-p}-1)}{(x-1)^2} \leq \frac{x+1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

holds for $x > 0$.

Proof. (i) and the first inequality in (ii) are obtained by putting $n = 2$, $\gamma = 0$, $p_1 = p$ and $p_2 = 1 - p$ in Corollary 2. The other inequalities in (ii) are obtained by putting $n = 2$, $\gamma = 0$, $p_0 = 1$, $p_1 = p$ and $p_2 = 1 - p$ in Theorem 3. \square

3. Operator monotonicity of $f_p(x)$

First of all, we shall give an elementary proof of the following known result.

Theorem B ([6]). For $-2 \leq p \leq 2$,

$$s_p(x) = \left(p \frac{x-1}{x^p-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-p}}$$

is an operator monotone function on $x > 0$, where $s_0(x)$ and $s_1(x)$ are defined by the limit as $s_0(x) = \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} s_p(x) = \frac{x-1}{\log x}$ and $s_1(x) = \lim_{p \rightarrow 1} s_p(x) = \frac{1}{e} x^{\frac{x}{x-1}}$.

In [6], Theorem B has been proven by using a technique of complex analysis. Here we give an alternative proof by using only Theorem A and the following well-known fact:

Lemma C (e.g. [7]). Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be operator monotone functions. Then the following functions are also operator monotone:

(i) $f(x)^\alpha g(x)^\beta$ for $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ such that $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$,

(ii) $f(x^{-1})^{-1}$.

Another proof of Theorem B. (i) The case $0 \leq p \leq 1$. $s_p(x)$ is operator monotone for $0 < p < 1$ by Theorem A since $s_p(x) = F_{p,1-p}(x)$. As for the case $p = 0, 1$, $s_p(x)$ is still operator monotone by taking its limit $p \rightarrow +0$ and $p \rightarrow 1 - 0$ (see [11]).

(ii) In the case $1 < p \leq 2$, $s_p(x)$ is operator monotone by Theorem A since

$$s_p(x) = \left(\frac{1}{p} \frac{x^p - 1}{x - 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} = F_{1,p-1}(x).$$

(iii) In the case $-1 \leq p < 0$,

$$s_p(x) = \left(-|p| \frac{x - 1}{x^{-|p|} - 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{1+|p|}} = \left(x^{|p|} |p| \frac{x - 1}{x^{|p|} - 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{1+|p|}} = x^{\frac{|p|}{1+|p|}} s_{|p|}(x)^{\frac{1-|p|}{1+|p|}}$$

is operator monotone by (i) and Lemma C since $\frac{|p|}{1+|p|}, \frac{1-|p|}{1+|p|} \in [0, 1]$.

(iv) In the case $-2 \leq p \leq -1$,

$$s_p(x) = \left(-|p| \frac{x - 1}{x^{-|p|} - 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{1+|p|}} = \left(x^{|p|} |p| \frac{x^{-1} - 1}{x^{-|p|} - 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{1+|p|}} = x^{\frac{1}{1+|p|}} \{s_{|p|}(x^{-1})^{-1}\}^{\frac{|p|-1}{1+|p|}}$$

is operator monotone by (ii) and Lemma C since $\frac{1}{1+|p|}, \frac{|p|-1}{1+|p|} \in [0, 1]$. \square

By the same way, we can obtain operator monotonicity of $f_p(x)$.

Theorem 5. Let $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n) = (a_1, \dots, a_l, b_1, \dots, b_m, c_1, \dots, c_u, d_1, \dots, d_v)$ ($n = l + m + u + v$) and $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} -2 \leq d_1 \leq \dots \leq d_v < -1 \leq c_1 \leq \dots \leq c_u < 0 \leq b_1 \leq \dots \leq b_m < 1 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_l \leq 2, \\ 0 \leq \gamma + (l + v) - \sum_{i=1}^l a_i - \sum_{i=1}^u c_i \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq \gamma + (m + u) - \sum_{i=1}^m b_i - \sum_{i=1}^v d_i \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then $f_{\mathbf{p}}(x) = x^\gamma \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{x-1}{x^{p_i}-1}$ is operator monotone on $x > 0$.

We notice that the fact shown in Theorem 5 is included in the results in Kawasaki-Nagisa [8] and Nagisa-Wada [9].

Proof. Since

$$\begin{aligned} a_i \frac{x-1}{x^{a_i}-1} &= x^{1-a_i} \left\{ a_i \frac{x^{-1}-1}{(x^{-1})^{a_i}-1} \right\}^{\frac{-1}{1-a_i} \cdot \{-(1-a_i)\}} = x^{1-a_i} \{s_{a_i}(x^{-1})^{-1}\}^{a_i-1}, \\ b_i \frac{x-1}{x^{b_i}-1} &= s_{b_i}(x)^{1-b_i}, \\ c_i \frac{x-1}{x^{c_i}-1} &= x^{-c_i} \left\{ (-c_i) \frac{x-1}{x^{-c_i}-1} \right\}^{\frac{1}{1+c_i} \cdot (1+c_i)} = x^{-c_i} s_{-c_i}(x)^{1+c_i} \text{ and} \\ d_i \frac{x-1}{x^{d_i}-1} &= x \left\{ (-d_i) \frac{x^{-1}-1}{(x^{-1})^{-d_i}-1} \right\}^{\frac{-1}{1+d_i} \cdot \{-(1+d_i)\}} = x \{s_{-d_i}(x^{-1})^{-1}\}^{-(1+d_i)} \end{aligned}$$

hold for each i , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{p}}(x) &= x^\gamma \prod_{i=1}^l a_i \frac{x-1}{x^{a_i}-1} \prod_{i=1}^m b_i \frac{x-1}{x^{b_i}-1} \prod_{i=1}^u c_i \frac{x-1}{x^{c_i}-1} \prod_{i=1}^v d_i \frac{x-1}{x^{d_i}-1} \\ &= x^w \prod_{i=1}^l \{s_{a_i}(x^{-1})^{-1}\}^{a_i-1} \prod_{i=1}^m s_{b_i}(x)^{1-b_i} \prod_{i=1}^u s_{-c_i}(x)^{1+c_i} \prod_{i=1}^v \{s_{-d_i}(x^{-1})^{-1}\}^{-(1+d_i)}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } w = \gamma + \sum_{i=1}^l (1 - a_i) + \sum_{i=1}^u (-c_i) + \sum_{i=1}^v 1 = \gamma + (l + v) - \sum_{i=1}^l a_i - \sum_{i=1}^u c_i.$$

By the assumption, $w, a_i - 1, 1 - b_i, 1 + c_i, -(1 + d_i) \in [0, 1]$ for every i and

$$w + \sum_{i=1}^l (a_i - 1) + \sum_{i=1}^m (1 - b_i) + \sum_{i=1}^u (1 + c_i) - \sum_{i=1}^v (1 + d_i) = \gamma + (m + u) - \sum_{i=1}^m b_i - \sum_{i=1}^v d_i \in [0, 1].$$

Hence $f_{\mathbf{p}}(x)$ is operator monotone by Theorem B and Lemma C. \square

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