

# Generalizations of $p$ Numerical Radii Inequalities for Operators

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**Abstract:** Let  $T = [T_{kj}]_{k,j=1}^n$  be an operator matrix, where  $T_{kj}$  is a Schatten  $p$ -class operator. Then

$$w_p(T) \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_p^p(T_{jj}) + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ , and

$$w_p(T) \leq n^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_p^p(T_{jj}) + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for  $2 \leq p \leq \infty$ . These inequalities generalize a recent  $p$ -numerical radius inequalities. The first inequality refines another recent  $p$ -numerical radius inequality.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $B(\mathbb{H})$  denote the  $C^*$ -algebra of all bounded linear operators on a complex separable Hilbert space  $\mathbb{H}$  and  $k(\mathbb{H})$  denote the class of compact operators in  $B(\mathbb{H})$ . For  $A \in B(\mathbb{H})$ , let  $w(A)$  and  $\|A\|$  denote the numerical radius and the usual operator norm respectively, where

$$w(A) = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\langle Ax, x \rangle|$$

and

$$\|A\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|.$$

For  $A \in B(\mathbb{H})$ , the Schatten  $p$ -norm of  $A$  is given by:

$$\|A\|_p = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n s_j^p(A) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = (tr|A|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

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where  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Note that  $\|A\|_\infty = \|A\|$  is the usual operator norm of  $A$ .

The operator  $A$  belongs to the trace class  $B_1(\mathbb{H})$  if  $\|A\|_1 = \text{tr}|A|$  is finite, it belongs to the Hilbert Schmidt class  $B_2(\mathbb{H})$  if  $\|A\|_2 = (\text{tr}|A|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is finite. In general  $A \in B(\mathbb{H})$  belongs to the Schatten  $p$ -class  $B_p(\mathbb{H})$  for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  if  $\|A\|_p = (\text{tr}|A|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$  is finite.

The singular value of the operator  $A \in B(H)$  is the eigenvalue of the absolute value of  $A$ ,  $|A| = (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , where  $A^*$  is the conjugate transpose of  $A$ . The singular values of  $A$  are ordered descendingly as  $s_1(A) \geq s_2(A) \geq \dots$ . For more details and generalizations for singular value inequality, we advise the reader to read [4–11].

Note that

$$\|A\|_p = \| |A| \|_p. \quad (1)$$

$$\|A\|_p^2 = \|AA^*\|_{p/2}. \quad (2)$$

For more details about Schatten  $p$ -norms, we refer to [12].

The Cartesian decomposition of an operator  $A \in B(H)$  is given by  $A = \text{Re}(A) + i\text{Im}(A)$ , where  $\text{Re}(A) = \frac{A+A^*}{2}$  and  $\text{Im}(A) = \frac{A-A^*}{2i}$ .  $\text{Re}(A)$  and  $\text{Im}(A)$  are Hermitian matrices. The operator  $A$  is called accretive if  $\text{Re}(A)$  is positive semidefinite operator and  $A$  is called dissipative if  $\text{Im}(A)$  is positive semidefinite operator.

It is shown that, [18], the numerical radius of  $A \in B(\mathbb{H})$  can be written as

$$w(A) = \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \|\text{Re}(e^{i\theta}A)\|. \quad (3)$$

Some remarkable numerical radius inequalities, are given see e.g.[3] and [17].

The authors in [1] define for  $A \in B(\mathbb{H})$ , a more general setting for numerical radius, if  $A \in B(\mathbb{H})$  and  $N(\cdot)$  is a norm, the generalized numerical radius of  $A$  is defined as

$$w_N(A) = \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} N(\text{Re}(e^{i\theta}A)). \quad (4)$$

If  $N$  is the trace norm, then we get  $w_1(A)$ . If  $N$  is the Hilbert Schmidt norm then we get  $w_2(A)$  and more general if  $N$  is the Schatten  $p$ -norm, then we get  $w_p(A)$ . Note that if  $N(\cdot)$  is the usual operator norm then the relation (4) reduces to relation (3.)

The authors in [2], proved that if  $T = [T_{kj}]_{k,j=1}^n$ , where  $T_{kj} \in B_2(\mathbb{H})$ , then

$$w_2(T) \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_2^2(T_{jj}) + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_2^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (5)$$

The authors in [15], proved that for  $T \in B_p(\mathbb{H})$

$$w_p^p(T) \leq \|\text{Re}(T)\|_p^p + \|\text{Im}(T)\|_p^p \text{ for } 1 \leq p \leq 2 \quad (6)$$

and

$$w_p^p(T) \leq 2^{\frac{p}{2}-1} (\|\text{Re}(T)\|_p^p + \|\text{Im}(T)\|_p^p) \text{ for } 2 \leq p < \infty. \quad (7)$$

Recently, the authors in [16], proved that if  $T = [T_{kj}]_{k,j=1}^n$ , where  $T_{kj} \in B_p(\mathbb{H})$ , then

$$w_p(T) \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \|\text{Re}(T_{jj})\|_p^p + \|\text{Im}(T_{jj})\|_p^p + 2^{2-p} \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \text{ for } 1 \leq p \leq 2 \quad (8)$$

and

$$w_p(T) \leq (\sqrt{2}n)^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \|\text{Re}(T_{jj})\|_p^p + \|\text{Im}(T_{jj})\|_p^p + 2^{2-p} \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \text{ for } 2 \leq p < \infty. \quad (9)$$

In this paper, we give a generalization of inequality (5), a refinement of inequality (8) and a new numerical radius inequalities for sums, products and direct sums of operators via unitarily invariant norms and Schatten  $p$ -norms.

## 2 Numerical radius inequality for Schatten $p$ -norms

In this section, we give a generalization of inequality (5) and a new  $p$ -numerical radius inequalities. To prove our results in this paper, we need the following lemmas. The first lemma is given by Kittaneh in [13], the second lemma is well-known. The first theorem in this paper is ready to present.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $T = [T_{kj}]_{k,j=1}^n$  be an operator matrix, where  $T_{kj} \in B_p(\mathbb{H})$  for  $k, j = 1, \dots, n$ . Then

$$\sum_{k,j=1}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \leq \|T\|_p^p \leq n^{p-2} \sum_{k,j=1}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \quad (10)$$

for  $2 \leq p \leq \infty$ , and

$$n^{p-2} \sum_{k,j=1}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \leq \|T\|_p^p \leq \sum_{k,j=1}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \quad (11)$$

for  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let  $a, b \geq 0$ . Then

$$a^p + b^p \leq (a + b)^p \leq 2^{p-1}(a^p + b^p), \text{ for } p \geq 1, \quad (12)$$

and

$$2^{p-1}(a^p + b^p) \leq (a + b)^p \leq a^p + b^p, \text{ for } 0 \leq p \leq 1. \quad (13)$$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $T = [T_{kj}]_{k,j=1}^3$  be an operator matrix, where  $T_{kj} \in B_p(\mathbb{H})$  for  $k, j = 1, 2, \dots, 3$ . Then

$$w_p(T) \leq 3^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 w_p^p(T_{jj}) + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^3 \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \text{ for } 2 \leq p \leq \infty \quad (14)$$

and

$$w_p(T) \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 w_p^p(T_{jj}) + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^3 \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \text{ for } 1 \leq p \leq 2. \quad (15)$$

*Proof.* Throughout this proof, let  $A = \frac{e^{i\theta}T_{12} + e^{-i\theta}T_{21}^*}{2}$ ,  $B = \frac{e^{i\theta}T_{13} + e^{-i\theta}T_{31}^*}{2}$  and  $C = \frac{e^{i\theta}T_{23} + e^{-i\theta}T_{32}^*}{2}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} 2\|A\|_p^p &= 2 \left\| \frac{e^{i\theta}T_{12} + e^{-i\theta}T_{21}^*}{2} \right\|_p^p = 2^{1-p} \|e^{i\theta}T_{12} + e^{-i\theta}T_{21}^*\|_p^p \\ &\leq 2^{1-p} (\|e^{i\theta}T_{12}\|_p + \|e^{-i\theta}T_{21}^*\|_p)^p \text{ (by the triangle inequality)} \\ &= 2^{1-p} (\|T_{12}\|_p + \|T_{21}^*\|_p)^p \\ &= 2^{1-p} (\|T_{12}\|_p + \|T_{21}\|_p)^p \\ &\leq 2^{1-p} 2^{p-1} (\|T_{12}\|_p^p + \|T_{21}\|_p^p) \text{ (by inequality (12))} \\ &= (\|T_{12}\|_p^p + \|T_{21}\|_p^p). \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

In the same procedure, we can easily show that

$$2\|B\|_p^p \leq \|T_{13}\|_p^p + \|T_{31}\|_p^p \quad (17)$$

and

$$2\|C\|_p^p \leq \|T_{23}\|_p^p + \|T_{32}\|_p^p. \quad (18)$$

Now, we prove inequality (14):

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_p(T) &= \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \|Re(e^{i\theta}T)\|_p \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \left( \left\| e^{i\theta} \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} & T_{23} \\ T_{31} & T_{32} & T_{33} \end{bmatrix} + e^{-i\theta} \begin{bmatrix} T_{11}^* & T_{21}^* & T_{31}^* \\ T_{12}^* & T_{22}^* & T_{32}^* \\ T_{13}^* & T_{23}^* & T_{33}^* \end{bmatrix} \right\|_p \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \left( \left\| \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\theta}T_{11} + e^{-i\theta}T_{11}^* & e^{i\theta}T_{12} + e^{-i\theta}T_{21}^* & e^{i\theta}T_{13} + e^{-i\theta}T_{31}^* \\ e^{i\theta}T_{21} + e^{-i\theta}T_{12}^* & e^{i\theta}T_{22} + e^{-i\theta}T_{22}^* & e^{i\theta}T_{23} + e^{-i\theta}T_{32}^* \\ e^{i\theta}T_{31} + e^{-i\theta}T_{13}^* & e^{i\theta}T_{32} + e^{-i\theta}T_{23}^* & e^{i\theta}T_{33} + e^{-i\theta}T_{33}^* \end{bmatrix} \right\|_p \right) \\
 &= \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \left( \left\| \begin{bmatrix} Re(e^{i\theta}T_{11}) & A & B \\ A^* & Re(e^{i\theta}T_{22}) & C \\ B^* & C^* & Re(e^{i\theta}T_{33}) \end{bmatrix} \right\|_p \right) \\
 &\leq 0.8 \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} 3^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 \|Re(e^{i\theta}T_{jj})\|_p^p + \|A\|_p^p + \|B\|_p^p + \|C\|_p^p + \|A^*\|_p^p + \|B^*\|_p^p + \|C^*\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\quad (by inequality (10)) \\
 &= 0.8 \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} 3^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 \|Re(e^{i\theta}T_{jj})\|_p^p + 2\|A\|_p^p + 2\|B\|_p^p + 2\|C\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\leq 0.8 \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} 3^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 \|Re(e^{i\theta}T_{jj})\|_p^p + (\|T_{12}\|_p^p + \|T_{21}\|_p^p) + (\|T_{13}\|_p^p + \|T_{31}\|_p^p) + (\|T_{23}\|_p^p + \|T_{32}\|_p^p) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\quad (by inequalities (16), (17) and (18)) \\
 &= \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} 3^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 \|Re(e^{i\theta}T_{jj})\|_p^p + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^3 \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &= 3^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left( \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{j=1}^3 \|Re(e^{i\theta}T_{jj})\|_p^p + \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^3 \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &= 3^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 w_p^p(T_{jj}) + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^3 \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Replacing the same steps in proving inequality (14) and by using inequalities (11), we can give inequality (15).

Using the same technique for  $T = [T_{kj}]_{k,j=1}^n$ , used in the proof of inequality (14), we can give the following generalization of inequalities (14) and (15).

**Theorem 2.** Let  $T = [T_{kj}]_{k,j=1}^n$  be an operator matrix, where  $T_{kj} \in B_p(\mathbb{H})$  for  $k, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then

$$w_p(T) \leq n^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_p^p(T_{jj}) + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{for } 2 \leq p \leq \infty, \quad (19)$$

and

$$w_p(T) \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_p^p(T_{jj}) + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq p \leq 2. \quad (20)$$

In particular if  $p = 2$  in inequality (19), then we retain inequality (5).

*Remark.* Inequality (20) is sharper than inequality (8). To show this:

$$\begin{aligned} w_p(T) &\leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_p^p(T_{jj}) + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ w_p(T) &\leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \|Re(T_{jj})\|_p^p + \|Im(T_{jj})\|_p^p + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (\text{by inequality 6}) \\ w_p(T) &\leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \|Re(T_{jj})\|_p^p + \|Im(T_{jj})\|_p^p + 2^{2-p} \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (\text{since } 2^{2-p} \geq 1) \\ w_p(T) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \|Re(T_{jj})\|_p^p + \|Im(T_{jj})\|_p^p + 2^{2-p} \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (\text{by inequality (13)}). \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 1.** If  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n \in B_p(\mathbb{H})$ , then

$$w_p(T_1 \oplus T_2 \oplus \dots \oplus T_n) \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_p^p(T_j) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad (21)$$

for  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ , and

$$w_p(T_1 \oplus T_2 \oplus \dots \oplus T_n) \leq n^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_p^p(T_j) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \quad (22)$$

for  $2 \leq p \leq \infty$ .

The authors in [19] proved that if  $T = [T_{kj}]_{k,j=1}^n$  accretive dissipative matrix, then

$$\sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \leq (n-1)2^{p-2} \sum_{j=1}^n \|T_{jj}\|_p^p, \quad \text{for } p \geq 2, \quad (23)$$

$$\sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \|T_{kj}\|_p^p \leq (n-1)2^{2-p} \sum_{j=1}^n \|T_{jj}\|_p^p, \quad \text{for } 0 < p \leq 2, \quad (24)$$

and

$$\|T\|_2^2 \leq n \sum_{j=1}^n \|T_{jj}\|_2^2. \quad (25)$$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $T = [T_{kj}]_{k,j=1}^n$  be a accretive-dissipative matrix, where  $T_{kj} \in B_p(\mathbb{H})$  for  $k, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then

$$w_p(T) \leq n^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_p^p(T_{jj}) + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n (n-1)2^{p-2} \|T_{jj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{for } 2 \leq p \leq \infty, \quad (26)$$

and

$$w_p(T) \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_p^p(T_{jj}) + \sum_{\substack{k,j=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n (n-1)2^{2-p} \|T_{jj}\|_p^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq p \leq 2. \quad (27)$$

*Proof.* We reach inequality (26) by using inequalities (19) and (23). Similarly, we give inequality (27) by using inequalities (20) and (24).

**Theorem 4.** Let  $T = [T_{kj}]_{k,j=1}^n$  be an operator matrix, where  $T_{kj} \in B_p(\mathbb{H})$  for  $k, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $e^{i\theta}T$  is accretive. Then

$$w_2(T) \leq \sqrt{n} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n (w_2^2(T_{jj})) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (28)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} w_2(T) &= \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \|Re(e^{i\theta}T)\|_2 \\ &= \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \left( \left\| \begin{bmatrix} Re(e^{i\theta}T_{11}) & \dots & \frac{e^{i\theta}T_{1n} + e^{-i\theta}T_{n1}^*}{2} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{e^{i\theta}T_{n1} + e^{-i\theta}T_{1n}^*}{2} & \dots & Re(e^{i\theta}T_{nn}) \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \right) \\ &\leq \sqrt{n} \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \|Re(e^{i\theta}T_{jj})\|_2^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ (by inequality (25))} \\ &\leq \sqrt{n} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_2^2(T_{jj}) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Remark.* Inequality (28) is sharper than, in some cases, inequality (5). To show this, we consider the following example.

*Example 1.* Let  $T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the right hand side of inequality (28) is  $4\sqrt{2}$  while the right hand side of inequality (5) is  $\sqrt{66}$ .

### 3 Generalized numerical radius inequalities for operators

In this section, we give a new numerical radius inequalities via unitarily invariant norms and Schatten  $p$ -norms inequalities for sums, products and direct sums of operators. To prove the next theorems, we need the following lemmas. The first lemma is proved in [14] and the second lemma is proved in [8].

**Lemma 3.** Let  $K, L \in B(H)$  and  $N(\cdot)$  be any unitarily invariant norm. Then

$$2N(KL^*) \leq N(K^*K + L^*L). \quad (29)$$

**Lemma 4.** If  $K, L \in B(H)$ , then

$$2s_j(KL^* + LK^*) \leq s_j^2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} K & L \\ L & K \end{bmatrix} \right), \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (30)$$

In particular for any unitarily invariant norm

$$2N(KL^* + LK^*) \leq N^2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} K & L \\ L & K \end{bmatrix} \right). \quad (31)$$

**Lemma 5.** If  $A, B, X$  and  $Y \in B(H)$  such that  $X$  and  $Y$  are positive semidefinite and  $N(\cdot)$  is any unitarily invariant norm, then

$$2N(AX^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^* + BY^{\frac{1}{2}}X^{\frac{1}{2}}A^*) \leq N^2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} AX^{\frac{1}{2}} & BY^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ BY^{\frac{1}{2}} & AX^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \right). \quad (32)$$

*Proof.* Let  $K = \begin{bmatrix} AX^{\frac{1}{2}} & BY^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $L^* = \begin{bmatrix} Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^* & 0 \\ X^{\frac{1}{2}}A^* & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in inequality (29), we give

$$\begin{aligned} 2N \left( \begin{bmatrix} AX^{\frac{1}{2}} & BY^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^* & 0 \\ X^{\frac{1}{2}}A^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) &\leq N \left( \begin{bmatrix} X^{\frac{1}{2}}A^* & 0 \\ Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} AX^{\frac{1}{2}} & BY^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^* & 0 \\ X^{\frac{1}{2}}A^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} BY^{\frac{1}{2}} & AX^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= N \left( \begin{bmatrix} X^{\frac{1}{2}}A^*AX^{\frac{1}{2}} + Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^*BY^{\frac{1}{2}} & X^{\frac{1}{2}}A^*BY^{\frac{1}{2}} + Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^*AX^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ X^{\frac{1}{2}}A^*BY^{\frac{1}{2}} + Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^*AX^{\frac{1}{2}} & X^{\frac{1}{2}}A^*AX^{\frac{1}{2}} + Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^*BY^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= N \left( \begin{bmatrix} X^{\frac{1}{2}}A^* & Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^* \\ Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^* & X^{\frac{1}{2}}A^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} AX^{\frac{1}{2}} & BY^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ BY^{\frac{1}{2}} & AX^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= N \left( \left| \begin{bmatrix} AX^{\frac{1}{2}} & BY^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ BY^{\frac{1}{2}} & AX^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \right|^2 \right) \\ &\leq N^2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} AX^{\frac{1}{2}} & BY^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ BY^{\frac{1}{2}} & AX^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

We present a generalized numerical radius inequality for products of operators. Several special cases are given.

**Theorem 5.** If  $A, B, X$  and  $Y \in B(H)$  such that  $X$  and  $Y$  are positive semidefinite and  $N(\cdot)$  be any unitarily invariant norm, then

$$w_N(AX^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^*) \leq \frac{1}{4}N^2((|AX^{\frac{1}{2}}| + |BY^{\frac{1}{2}}|) \oplus (|AX^{\frac{1}{2}}| + |BY^{\frac{1}{2}}|)). \quad (33)$$

In particular, letting  $N(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_p$  in inequality (33), we give

$$w_p(AX^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^*) \leq 4^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \| |AX^{\frac{1}{2}}| + |BY^{\frac{1}{2}}| \|_p^2. \quad (34)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} w_N(AX^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^*) &= \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} N(\operatorname{Re}(e^{i\theta}AX^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^*)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} N(e^{i\theta}AX^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^{\frac{1}{2}}B^* + e^{-i\theta}BY^{\frac{1}{2}}X^{\frac{1}{2}}A^*) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4}N^2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\theta}AX^{\frac{1}{2}} & BY^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ BY^{\frac{1}{2}} & e^{i\theta}AX^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}N^2 \left( \left| \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\theta}AX^{\frac{1}{2}} & BY^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ BY^{\frac{1}{2}} & e^{i\theta}AX^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \right| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4}N^2 \left( \left| \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\theta}AX^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\theta}AX^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \right| + \left| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & BY^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ BY^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right| \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}N^2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} |AX^{\frac{1}{2}}| & 0 \\ 0 & |AX^{\frac{1}{2}}| \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} |BY^{\frac{1}{2}}| & 0 \\ 0 & |BY^{\frac{1}{2}}| \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &\quad (\text{by triangle inequality}). \\ &= \frac{1}{4}N^2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} |AX^{\frac{1}{2}}| + |BY^{\frac{1}{2}}| & 0 \\ 0 & |AX^{\frac{1}{2}}| + |BY^{\frac{1}{2}}| \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}N^2((|AX^{\frac{1}{2}}| + |BY^{\frac{1}{2}}|) \oplus (|AX^{\frac{1}{2}}| + |BY^{\frac{1}{2}}|)). \end{aligned}$$

*Remark.*

1. Letting  $Y = X$  in inequality (33), we give

$$w_N(AXB^*) \leq \frac{1}{4}N^2((|AX^{\frac{1}{2}}| + |BX^{\frac{1}{2}}|) \oplus (|AX^{\frac{1}{2}}| + |BX^{\frac{1}{2}}|)). \quad (35)$$

In particular, letting  $N(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_p$ , we give

$$w_p(AXB^*) \leq 4^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \| |AX^{\frac{1}{2}}| + |BX^{\frac{1}{2}}| \|_p^2. \quad (36)$$

2. Letting  $X = I$  in inequality (35), we give

$$w_N(AB^*) \leq \frac{1}{4}N^2((|A| + |B|) \oplus (|A| + |B|)). \quad (37)$$

In particular, letting  $N(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_p$ , we give

$$w_p(AB^*) \leq 4^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \| |A| + |B| \|_p^2. \quad (38)$$

3. Letting  $B^* = A$  in inequality (37), we give

$$w_N(A^2) \leq \frac{1}{4}N^2((|A| + |A^*|) \oplus (|A| + |A^*|)). \quad (39)$$

In particular, letting  $N(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_p$ , we give

$$w_p(A^2) \leq 4^{\frac{1}{p}} \| |A| \|_p^2. \quad (40)$$

4. Letting  $A = B = I$  in inequality (35), we give

$$w_N(X) \leq N^2(|X^{\frac{1}{2}}| \oplus |X^{\frac{1}{2}}|). \quad (41)$$

In particular, letting  $N(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_p$ , we give

$$w_p(X) \leq 4^{\frac{1}{p}} \| |X^{\frac{1}{2}}| \|_p^2 = 4^{\frac{1}{p}} \|X\|_{\frac{p}{2}}^2. \quad (42)$$

**Theorem 6.** If  $A, B \in B(H)$ , then

$$w_p \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ B^* & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2 \right) = w_p \left( \begin{bmatrix} AB^* & 0 \\ 0 & B^*A \end{bmatrix} \right) \leq 4^{\frac{1}{p}-1} (\| |A^*| + |B^*| \|_p^p + \| |A| + |B| \|_p^p)^{\frac{2}{p}}. \quad (43)$$

*Proof.* Let  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ B^* & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $Y^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ B^* & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in inequality (38), then we give

$$\begin{aligned} w_p \left( \begin{bmatrix} AB^* & 0 \\ 0 & B^*A \end{bmatrix} \right) &\leq 4^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ B^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ B^* & 0 \end{bmatrix}^* \right\|_p^2 \\ &\leq 4^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ B^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ A^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_p^2 \\ &\leq 4^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} |B^*| & 0 \\ 0 & |A| \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} |A^*| & 0 \\ 0 & |B| \end{bmatrix} \right\|_p^2 \\ &\leq 4^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \left( \left\| \begin{bmatrix} |B^*| + |A^*| & 0 \\ 0 & |A| + |B| \end{bmatrix} \right\|_p \right)^2 \\ &\leq 4^{\frac{1}{p}-1} (\| |A^*| + |B^*| \|_p^p + \| |A| + |B| \|_p^p)^{\frac{2}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

We prove a generalized numerical radius inequality for product of three operators. To reach our aim, we need the following lemma.



**Lemma 6.** If  $A, X$  and  $Y \in B(H)$  such that  $A$  is positive semidefinite and  $N(\cdot)$  is any unitarily invariant norm, then

$$N(YAX + X^*AY^*) \leq \|Y\| \|X\| N(A \oplus A) + \frac{1}{2} N(A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}}). \quad (44)$$

*Proof.* Let  $K = \begin{bmatrix} YA^{\frac{1}{2}} & X^*A^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $L^* = \begin{bmatrix} A^{\frac{1}{2}}X & 0 \\ A^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^* & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in inequality (29), we give

$$\begin{aligned} 2N(YAX + X^*AY^*) &= 2N\left(\begin{bmatrix} YA^{\frac{1}{2}} & X^*A^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A^{\frac{1}{2}}X & 0 \\ A^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^* & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &\leq N\left(\begin{bmatrix} A^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^* & 0 \\ A^{\frac{1}{2}}X & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} YA^{\frac{1}{2}} & X^*A^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} A^{\frac{1}{2}}X & 0 \\ A^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X^*A^{\frac{1}{2}} & YA^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= N\left(\begin{bmatrix} A^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^*YA^{\frac{1}{2}} + A^{\frac{1}{2}}XX^*A^{\frac{1}{2}} & A^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^*X^*A^{\frac{1}{2}} + A^{\frac{1}{2}}XYA^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ A^{\frac{1}{2}}XYA^{\frac{1}{2}} + A^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^*X^*A^{\frac{1}{2}} & A^{\frac{1}{2}}XX^*A^{\frac{1}{2}} + A^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^*YA^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= N\left(\begin{bmatrix} A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*Y + XX^*)A^{\frac{1}{2}} & A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}} & A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*Y + XX^*)A^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &\leq N\left(\begin{bmatrix} A^{\frac{1}{2}}(|Y|^2 + |X|^2)A^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & A^{\frac{1}{2}}(|Y|^2 + |X|^2)A^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &\quad + N\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &\quad \text{(by triangle inequality)} \\ &\leq N\left(\begin{bmatrix} A^{\frac{1}{2}}(\|Y\|^2 + \|X\|^2)A^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & A^{\frac{1}{2}}(\|Y\|^2 + \|X\|^2)A^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &\quad + N\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &\leq (\|Y\|^2 + \|X\|^2)N\left(\begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &\quad + N\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &\leq (\|Y\|^2 + \|X\|^2)N(A \oplus A) + N(A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}}). \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

Replacing  $X$  by  $\sqrt{t}X$  and  $Y$  by  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}Y$  in inequality (45) and taking the minimum over all  $t > 0$ , we give inequality (44).

**Theorem 7.** If  $A, X$  and  $Y \in B(H)$  such that  $A$  is positive semidefinite and  $N(\cdot)$  is any unitarily invariant norm, then

$$w_N(YAX) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|Y\| \|X\| N(A \oplus A) + \frac{1}{4} N((A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}}) \oplus (A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}})). \quad (46)$$

In particular, letting  $N(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_p$ , we give

$$w_p(YAX) \leq 2^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \|Y\| \|X\| \|A\|_p + 2^{\frac{1}{p}-2} \|A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}}\|_p. \quad (47)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_N(YAX) &= \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} N(Re(e^{i\theta} YAX)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} N(e^{i\theta} YAX + e^{-i\theta} X^*AY^*) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|Y\| \|X\| N(A \oplus A) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{4} N((A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}}) \oplus (A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}})) \\
 &\quad (\text{By using inequality (44)}).
 \end{aligned}$$

*Remark.*

1. Letting  $X = Y = I$  in inequality (46), we give

$$w_N(A) \leq N(A \oplus A). \quad (48)$$

In particular, let  $N(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|$  (the usual operator norm), we give the well known inequality

$$w(A) \leq \|A\|. \quad (49)$$

2. Letting  $A = I$  in inequality (46), we give

$$w_N(YX) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|Y\| \|X\| N(I \oplus I) + \frac{1}{4} N((Y^*X^* + XY) \oplus (Y^*X^* + XY)) \quad (50)$$

In particular, let  $N(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_p$ , we give

$$w_p(YX) \leq 2^{\frac{1}{p}-1} (n^{\frac{1}{p}} \|Y\| \|X\| + \|Re(XY)\|_p). \quad (51)$$

3. Letting  $Y = I$  and  $X = XY$  in inequality (46), we give

$$w_N(AXY) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|XY\| N(A \oplus A) + \frac{1}{4} N(A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}}) \quad (52)$$

In particular, let  $N(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_p$ , we give

$$w_p(AXY) \leq 2^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \|XY\| \|A\|_p + 2^{\frac{1}{p}-2} \|A^{\frac{1}{2}}(Y^*X^* + XY)A^{\frac{1}{2}}\|_p. \quad (53)$$

4. Letting  $A = I$  and  $X = XY$  in inequality (46), we give

$$w_N(XY) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|XY\| N(I \oplus I) + \frac{1}{4} N((Y^*X^* + XY) \oplus (Y^*X^* + XY)) \quad (54)$$

In particular, let  $N(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_p$ , we give

$$w_p(XY) \leq 2^{\frac{1}{p}-1} n^{\frac{1}{p}} \|XY\| + 2^{\frac{1}{p}-2} \|XY + Y^*X^*\|_p. \quad (55)$$

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