Differentiability of operator functions in Schatten norms

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Particular case : when $m_{ij} = f^{[1]}(i,j) = \dfrac{f(i) - f(j)}{i - j}$ where f is a Lipschitz function, then

$$\| T_M : \mathcal{S}^p \to \mathcal{S}^p \| \leq C_p \|f\|_{Lip} \quad \text{(Potapov \& Sukochev, 2011)}$$

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Let $\mathcal{B}_{n-1}(S^2 \times \cdots \times S^2 \to S^2)$ be the space of bounded $(n-1)$-linear maps from the product of $(n-1)$ copies of $S^2(\mathcal{H})$ into $S^2(\mathcal{H})$.

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Theorem (C. C., C. Le Merdy, F. Sukochev, 2017)

$\Gamma^{A_1,A_2,\ldots,A_n}$ *extends to a* w^**-continuous isometry*

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$$\left[\Gamma^{A_1,\ldots,A_n}(\phi)\right](X_1,\ldots,X_{n-1}) = \sum_{k_1,\ldots,k_n=1}^{N} \varphi(\lambda_{k_1}^1,\ldots,\lambda_{k_n}^n)\ P_{k_1}^1 X_1 P_{k_2}^2 \cdots P_{k_{n-1}}^{n-1} X_{n-1} P_{k_n}^n$$

Boundedness of Multiple operator integrals

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If $n\geq 2$ and f is n-times differentiable on $\mathbb{R}$, the divided difference of the nth order $f^{[n]}:\mathbb{R}^{n+1}\to\mathbb{C}$ is defined recursively by

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If $f^{(n)}$ is bounded then $f^{[n]}$ is a bounded Borel function on $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$.

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Let $1 < p < \infty$, let $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1$ and let $f \in C^n(\mathbb{R})$ be such that $f', \ldots, f^{(n)}$ are bounded. Further assume either that $f^{(n)} \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$ or that $f^{(n+1)}$ exists and is bounded.
Then f is n-times continuously Fréchet-differentiable at every $A = A^*$.

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Remark : If A is bounded, we can assume that f is only n-times differentiable on $\mathbb{R}$ with $f^{(n)}$ locally bounded. In this case, the derivatives of φ are also locally bounded.

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Same assumptions on f. Let $1 < p < \infty$, K be a selfadjoint operator in $\mathcal{H}$ with $K \in \mathcal{S}^{np}(\mathcal{H})$. Denote

$$R_{n,p,A,K,f} = f(A+K) - f(A) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{dt^k}\Big(f(A+tK)\Big)\Big|_{t=0}.$$

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The functions $t \mapsto f(A + tK) - f(A)$ and $t \mapsto f(\nu(t)) - f(\nu(0))$ have the same derivative in 0. But

$$f(\nu(t)) - f(\nu(0)) = e^{-itY} f(A + tZ)e^{itY} - f(A),$$

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