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**SOME BOAS-BELLMAN TYPE INEQUALITIES IN 2-INNER PRODUCT SPACES**

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ABSTRACT. Some inequalities in 2-inner product spaces generalizing Bessel's result that are similar to the Boas-Bellman inequality from inner product spaces, are given. Applications for determinantal integral inequalities are also provided.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $(H; (\cdot, \cdot))$  be an inner product space over the real or complex number field  $\mathbb{K}$ . If  $(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  are orthonormal vectors in the inner product space  $H$ , i.e.,  $(e_i, e_j) = \delta_{ij}$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  where  $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker delta, then the following inequality is well known in the literature as Bessel's inequality (see for example [9, p. 391]):

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |(x, e_i)|^2 \leq \|x\|^2$$

for any  $x \in H$ .

For other results related to Bessel's inequality, see [5] – [7] and Chapter XV in the book [9].

In 1941, R.P. Boas [2] and in 1944, independently, R. Bellman [1] proved the following generalization of Bessel's inequality (see also [9, p. 392]).

**Theorem 1.1.** *If  $x, y_1, \dots, y_n$  are elements of an inner product space  $(H; (\cdot, \cdot))$ , then the following inequality:*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i)|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 \left[ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|y_i\|^2 + \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]$$

holds.

It is the main aim of the present paper to point out the corresponding version of Boas-Bellman inequality in 2-inner product spaces. Some natural generalizations and related results are also pointed out. Applications for determinantal integral inequalities are provided.

For a comprehensive list of fundamental results on 2-inner product spaces and linear 2-normed spaces, see the recent books [3] and [8] where further references are given.

## 2. BESSEL'S INEQUALITY IN 2-INNER PRODUCT SPACES

The concepts of 2-inner products and 2-inner product spaces have been intensively studied by many authors in the last three decades. A systematic presentation of the recent results related to the theory of 2-inner product spaces as well as an extensive list of the related references can be found in the book [3]. Here we give the basic definitions and the elementary properties of 2-inner product spaces.

Let  $X$  be a linear space of dimension greater than 1 over the field  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$  of real numbers or the field  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$  of complex numbers. Suppose that  $(\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)$  is a  $\mathbb{K}$ -valued function defined on  $X \times X \times X$  satisfying the following conditions:

(2I<sub>1</sub>)  $(x, x | z) \geq 0$  and  $(x, x | z) = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $z$  are linearly dependent;

(2I<sub>2</sub>)  $(x, x | z) = (z, z | x)$ ,

(2I<sub>3</sub>)  $(y, x | z) = \overline{(x, y | z)}$ ,

(2I<sub>4</sub>)  $(\alpha x, y | z) = \alpha(x, y | z)$  for any scalar  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$ ,

(2I<sub>5</sub>)  $(x + x', y | z) = (x, y | z) + (x', y | z)$ .

$(\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)$  is called a *2-inner product* on  $X$  and  $(X, (\cdot, \cdot | \cdot))$  is called a *2-inner product space* (or *2-pre-Hilbert space*). Some basic properties of 2-inner products  $(\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)$  can be immediately obtained as follows [4]:

(1) If  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ , then (2I<sub>3</sub>) reduces to

$$(y, x | z) = (x, y | z).$$

(2) From (2I<sub>3</sub>) and (2I<sub>4</sub>), we have

$$(0, y | z) = 0, \quad (x, 0 | z) = 0$$

and

$$(2.1) \quad (x, \alpha y|z) = \bar{\alpha}(x, y|z).$$

(3) Using  $(2I_2) - (2I_5)$ , we have

$$(z, z|x \pm y) = (x \pm y, x \pm y|z) = (x, x|z) + (y, y|z) \pm 2 \operatorname{Re}(x, y|z)$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad \operatorname{Re}(x, y|z) = \frac{1}{4}[(z, z|x + y) - (z, z|x - y)].$$

In the real case, (2.2) reduces to

$$(2.3) \quad (x, y|z) = \frac{1}{4}[(z, z|x + y) - (z, z|x - y)]$$

and, using this formula, it is easy to see that, for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$(2.4) \quad (x, y|\alpha z) = \alpha^2(x, y|z).$$

In the complex case, using (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\operatorname{Im}(x, y|z) = \operatorname{Re}[-i(x, y|z)] = \frac{1}{4}[(z, z|x + iy) - (z, z|x - iy)],$$

which, in combination with (2.2), yields

$$(2.5) \quad (x, y|z) = \frac{1}{4}[(z, z|x + y) - (z, z|x - y)] + \frac{i}{4}[(z, z|x + iy) - (z, z|x - iy)].$$

Using the above formula and (2.1), we have, for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$(2.6) \quad (x, y|\alpha z) = |\alpha|^2(x, y|z).$$

However, for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , (2.6) reduces to (2.4). Also, from (2.6) it follows that

$$(x, y|0) = 0.$$

(4) For any three given vectors  $x, y, z \in X$ , consider the vector  $u = (y, y|z)x - (x, y|z)y$ . By  $(2I_1)$ , we know that  $(u, u|z) \geq 0$  with the equality if and only if  $u$  and  $z$  are linearly dependent. The inequality  $(u, u|z) \geq 0$  can be rewritten as

$$(2.7) \quad (y, y|z)[(x, x|z)(y, y|z) - |(x, y|z)|^2] \geq 0.$$

For  $x = z$ , (2.7) becomes

$$-(y, y|z)|(z, y|z)|^2 \geq 0,$$

which implies that

$$(2.8) \quad (z, y|z) = (y, z|z) = 0,$$

provided  $y$  and  $z$  are linearly independent. Obviously, when  $y$  and  $z$  are linearly dependent, (2.8) holds too. Thus (2.8) is true for any two vectors  $y, z \in X$ . Now, if  $y$  and  $z$  are linearly independent, then  $(y, y|z) > 0$  and, from (2.7), it follows that

$$(2.9) \quad |(x, y|z)|^2 \leq (x, x|z)(y, y|z).$$

Using (2.8), it is easy to check that (2.9) is trivially fulfilled when  $y$  and  $z$  are linearly dependent. Therefore, the inequality (2.9) holds for any three vectors  $x, y, z \in X$  and is strict unless the vectors  $u = (y, y|z)x - (x, y|z)y$  and  $z$  are linearly dependent. In fact, we have the equality in (2.9) if and only if the three vectors  $x, y$  and  $z$  are linearly dependent.

In any given 2-inner product space  $(X, (\cdot, \cdot | \cdot))$ , we can define a function  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $X \times X$  by

$$(2.10) \quad \|x|z\| = \sqrt{(x, x|z)}$$

for all  $x, z \in X$ .

It is easy to see that this function satisfies the following conditions:

- (2N<sub>1</sub>)  $\|x|z\| \geq 0$  and  $\|x|z\| = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $z$  are linearly dependent,
- (2N<sub>2</sub>)  $\|z|x\| = \|x|z\|$ ,
- (2N<sub>3</sub>)  $\|\alpha x|z\| = |\alpha| \|x|z\|$  for any scalar  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$ ,
- (2N<sub>4</sub>)  $\|x + x'|z\| \leq \|x|z\| + \|x'|z\|$ .

Any function  $\|\cdot|\cdot\|$  defined on  $X \times X$  and satisfying the conditions (2N<sub>1</sub>) – (2N<sub>4</sub>) is called a 2-norm on  $X$  and  $(X, \|\cdot|\cdot\|)$  is called a *linear 2-normed space* [8]. Whenever a 2-inner product space  $(X, (\cdot, \cdot))$  is given, we consider it as a linear 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot|\cdot\|)$  with the 2-norm defined by (2.10).

Let  $(X; (\cdot, \cdot))$  be a 2-inner product space over the real or complex number field  $\mathbb{K}$ . If  $(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  are linearly independent vectors in the 2-inner product space  $X$ , and, for a given  $z \in X$ ,  $(e_i, e_j|z) = \delta_{ij}$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  where  $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker delta (we say that the family  $(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  is  $z$ -orthonormal), then the following inequality is the corresponding Bessel's inequality (see for example [4]) for the  $z$ -orthonormal family  $(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  in the 2-inner product space  $(X; (\cdot, \cdot))$ :

$$(2.11) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, e_i|z)|^2 \leq \|x|z\|^2$$

for any  $x \in X$ . For more details about this inequality, see the recent paper [4] and the references therein.

### 3. SOME INEQUALITIES FOR 2-NORMS

We start with the following lemma which is also interesting in itself.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $z_1, \dots, z_n, z \in X$  and  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n \in \mathbb{K}$ . Then one has the inequality:*

$$(3.1) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i z_i |z \right\|^2 \leq \begin{cases} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\mu_i|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \|z_i|z\|^2; \\ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^{2\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|z_i|z\|^{2\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}}, \quad \text{where } \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1; \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|z_i|z\|^2, \end{cases}$$

$$+ \begin{cases} \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \{|\mu_i \mu_j|\} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j|z)|; \\ \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^\gamma \right)^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^{2\gamma} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j|z)|^\delta \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}}, \\ \quad \text{where } \gamma > 1, \frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\delta} = 1; \\ \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^4 \right] \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j|z)|. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* We observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.2) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i z_i |z| \right\|^2 &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i z_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j z_j |z| \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_i \overline{\mu_j} (z_i, z_j |z|) \\
 &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_i \overline{\mu_j} (z_i, z_j |z|) \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |\mu_i| |\overline{\mu_j}| |(z_i, z_j |z|)| \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \|z_i |z|\|^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |\mu_i| |\mu_j| |(z_i, z_j |z|)|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Hölder's inequality, we may write that

$$(3.3) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \|z_i |z|\|^2 \leq \begin{cases} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\mu_i|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \|z_i |z|\|^2; \\ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^{2\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|z_i |z|\|^{2\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}}, \text{ where } \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1; \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|z_i |z|\|^2. \end{cases}$$

By Hölder's inequality for double sums, we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.4) \quad \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |\mu_i| |\mu_j| |(z_i, z_j |z|)| &\leq \begin{cases} \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |\mu_i \mu_j| \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z|)|; \\ \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |\mu_i|^\gamma |\mu_j|^\gamma \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z|)|^\delta \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}}, \text{ where } \gamma > 1, \frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\delta} = 1; \\ \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |\mu_i| |\mu_j| \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z|)|, \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \{|\mu_i \mu_j|\} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z|)|; \\ \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^\gamma \right)^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^{2\gamma} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z|)|^\delta \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}}, \\ \text{where } \gamma > 1, \frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\delta} = 1; \\ \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \right] \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z|)|. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Utilizing (3.3) and (3.4) in (3.2), we may deduce the desired result (3.1).  $\square$

**Remark 3.2.** Inequality (3.1) contains in fact 9 different inequalities which may be obtained combining the first 3 ones with the last 3 ones.

A particular result of interest is embodied in the following inequality.

**Corollary 3.3.** *With the assumptions in Lemma 3.1, we have*

$$(3.5) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i z_i |z| \right\|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|z_i |z|\|^2 + \frac{\left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^4 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\ \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|z_i |z|\|^2 + \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}.$$

The first inequality follows by taking the third branch in the first curly bracket with the second branch in the second curly bracket for  $\gamma = \delta = 2$ .

The second inequality in (3.5) follows by the fact that

$$\left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^4 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2.$$

Applying the following Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwarz inequality

$$(3.6) \quad \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^2 \leq n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2, \quad a_i \in \mathbb{R}_+, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n,$$

we may write that

$$(3.7) \quad \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^\gamma \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^{2\gamma} \leq (n-1) \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^{2\gamma} \quad (n \geq 1)$$

and

$$(3.8) \quad \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \leq (n-1) \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \quad (n \geq 1).$$

Also, it is obvious that:

$$(3.9) \quad \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \{|\mu_i \mu_j|\} \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\mu_i|^2.$$

Consequently, we may state the following coarser upper bounds for  $\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i z_i |z| \right\|^2$  that may be useful in applications.

**Corollary 3.4.** *With the assumptions in Lemma 3.1, we have the inequalities:*

$$(3.10) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i z_i |z| \right\|^2 \leq \begin{cases} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\mu_i|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \|z_i |z|\|^2; \\ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^{2\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|z_i |z|\|^{2\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}}, \\ \text{where } \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1, \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|z_i |z|\|^2, \end{cases}$$

$$+ \begin{cases} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\mu_i|^2 \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z)|; \\ (n-1)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^{2\gamma} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |z(i, z_j |z)|^\delta \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}}, \\ \text{where } \gamma > 1, \frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\delta} = 1; \\ (n-1) \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z)|. \end{cases}$$

The proof is obvious by Lemma 3.1 on applying the inequalities (3.7) – (3.9).

**Remark 3.5.** The following inequalities which are incorporated in (3.10) are of special interest:

$$(3.11) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i z_i |z| \right\|^2 \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\mu_i|^2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \|z_i |z|\|^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z)| \right];$$

$$(3.12) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i z_i |z| \right\|^2 \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^{2p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|z_i |z|\|^{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + (n-1)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right],$$

where  $p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ; and

$$(3.13) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i z_i |z| \right\|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \left[ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|z_i |z|\|^2 + (n-1) \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(z_i, z_j |z)| \right].$$

#### 4. SOME INEQUALITIES FOR FOURIER COEFFICIENTS

The following results holds

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $x, y_1, \dots, y_n, z$  be vectors of a 2-inner product space  $(X; (\cdot, \cdot | \cdot))$  and  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{K}$  ( $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}$ ). Then one has the inequalities:

$$(4.1) \quad \left| \sum_{i=1}^n c_i (x, y_i | z) \right|^2 \leq \|x|z\|^2 \times \begin{cases} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |c_i|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i|z\|^2; \\ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i|^{2\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i|z\|^{2\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}}, \text{ where } \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1; \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i|^2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|y_i|z\|^2; \end{cases}$$

$$+ \|x|z\|^2 \times \begin{cases} \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \{ |c_i c_j| \} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j | z)|; \\ \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i|^\gamma \right)^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i|^{2\gamma} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j | z)|^\delta \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}}, \\ \text{where } \gamma > 1, \frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\delta} = 1; \\ \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i| \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i|^2 \right] \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j | z)|. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* We note that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i (x, y_i | z) = \left( x, \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{c}_i y_i | z \right).$$

Using Schwarz's inequality in 2-inner product spaces, we have

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n c_i (x, y_i | z) \right|^2 \leq \|x|z\|^2 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{c}_i y_i | z \right\|^2.$$

Now using Lemma 3.1 with  $\mu_i = \bar{c}_i$ ,  $z_i = y_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), we deduce the desired inequality (4.1).  $\square$

The following particular inequalities that may be obtained by the Corollaries 3.3, 3.4, and Remark 3.5, hold.

**Corollary 4.2.** *With the assumptions in Theorem 4.1, one has the inequalities:*

$$(4.2) \quad \left| \sum_{i=1}^n c_i (x, y_i | z) \right|^2 \leq \|x|z\|^2 \times \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i|^2 \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|y_i|z\|^2 + \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}; \\ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |c_i|^2 \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i|z\|^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)| \right\}; \\ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i|^{2p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i|z\|^{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + (n-1)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\}, \\ \text{where } p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1; \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i|^2 \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|y_i|z\|^2 + (n-1) \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)| \right\}. \end{cases}$$

## 5. SOME BOAS-BELLMAN TYPE INEQUALITIES IN 2-INNER PRODUCT SPACES

If one chooses  $c_i = \overline{(x, y_i|z)}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) in (4.1), then it is possible to obtain 9 different inequalities between the Fourier coefficients  $(x, y_i|z)$  and the 2-norms and 2-inner products of the vectors  $y_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). We restrict ourselves only to those inequalities that may be obtained from (4.2).

From the first inequality in (4.2) for  $c_i = \overline{(x, y_i|z)}$ , we get

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^2 \right)^2 \leq \|x|z\|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^2 \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|y_i|z\|^2 + \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\},$$

which is clearly equivalent to the following *Boas-Bellman type inequality* for 2-inner products:

$$(5.1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^2 \leq \|x|z\|^2 \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|y_i|z\|^2 + \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}.$$

From the second inequality in (4.2) for  $c_i = \overline{(x, y_i|z)}$ , we get

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^2 \right)^2 \leq \|x|z\|^2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |(x, y_i|z)|^2 \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i|z\|^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)| \right\}.$$

Taking the square root in this inequality, we obtain

$$(5.2) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^2 \leq \|x|z\| \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |(x, y_i|z)| \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i|z\|^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)| \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for any  $x, y_1, \dots, y_n, z$  vectors in the 2-inner product space  $(X; (\cdot, \cdot|z))$ .

If we assume that  $(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  is an orthonormal family in  $X$  with respect with the vector  $z$ , i.e.,  $(e_i, e_j|z) = \delta_{ij}$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , then by (5.1) we deduce Bessel's inequality (2.11),

while from (5.2) we have

$$(5.3) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, e_i|z)|^2 \leq \sqrt{n} \|x|z\| \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |(x, e_i|z)|, \quad x \in X.$$

From the third inequality in (4.2) for  $c_i = \overline{(x, y_i|z)}$ , we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^2 \right)^2 &\leq \|x|z\|^2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^{2p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\times \left\{ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i|z\|^{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + (n-1)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for  $p > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Taking the square root in this inequality, we get

$$(5.4) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^2 \leq \|x|z\| \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^{2p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2p}} \\ \times \left\{ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i|z\|^{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + (n-1)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for any  $x, y_1, \dots, y_n, z \in X$  and  $p > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

The above inequality (5.4) becomes, for an orthonormal family  $(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  with respect of the vector  $z$ ,

$$(5.5) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, e_i|z)|^2 \leq n^{\frac{1}{q}} \|x|z\| \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, e_i|z)|^{2p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2p}}, \quad x \in X.$$

Finally, the choice  $c_i = \overline{(x, y_i|z)}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) will produce in the last inequality in (4.2)

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^2 \right)^2 \leq \|x|z\|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^2 \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|y_i|z\|^2 + (n-1) \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)| \right\},$$

which gives the following inequality

$$(5.6) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^2 \leq \|x|z\|^2 \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|y_i|z\|^2 + (n-1) \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)| \right\}$$

for any  $x, y_1, \dots, y_n, z \in X$ .

It is obvious that (5.6) will give for  $z$ -orthonormal families, the Bessel inequality mentioned in (2.11) from the Introduction.

**Remark 5.1.** Observe that, both the Boas-Bellman type inequality for 2-inner products incorporated in (5.1) and the inequality (5.6) become in the particular case of  $z$ -orthonormal families, the regular Bessel's inequality. Consequently, a comparison of the upper bounds is necessary.

It suffices to consider the quantities

$$A_n := \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and

$$B_n := (n - 1) \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)|,$$

where  $n \geq 1$ , and  $y_1, \dots, y_n, z \in X$ .

If we choose  $n = 3$ , we have

$$A_3 = \sqrt{2} \left( (y_1, y_2|z)^2 + (y_2, y_3|z)^2 + (y_3, y_1|z)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and

$$B_3 = 2 \max \{ |(y_1, y_2|z)|, |(y_2, y_3|z)|, |(y_3, y_1|z)| \},$$

where  $y_1, y_2, y_3, z \in X$ .

If we consider  $a := |(y_1, y_2|z)| \geq 0$ ,  $b := |(y_2, y_3|z)| \geq 0$  and  $c := |(y_3, y_1|z)| \geq 0$ , then we have to compare

$$A_3 := \sqrt{2} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

with

$$B_3 = 2 \max \{ a, b, c \}.$$

If we assume that  $b = c = 1$ , then  $A_3 := \sqrt{2} (a^2 + 2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $B_3 = 2 \max \{ a, 1 \}$ . Finally, for  $a = 1$ , we get  $A_3 = \sqrt{6}$ ,  $B_3 = 2$  showing that  $A_3 > B_3$ , while for  $a = 2$  we have  $A_3 = \sqrt{12}$ ,  $B_3 = 4$  showing that  $B_3 > A_3$ .

In conclusion, we may state that the bounds

$$M_1 := \|x|z\|^2 \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|y_i|z\|^2 + \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}$$

and

$$M_2 := \|x|z\|^2 \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|y_i|z\|^2 + (n - 1) \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} |(y_i, y_j|z)| \right\}$$

for the Bessel's sum  $\sum_{i=1}^n |(x, y_i|z)|^2$  cannot be compared in general, meaning that sometimes one is better than the other.

## 6. APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINANTAL INTEGRAL INEQUALITIES

Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space consisting of a set  $\Omega$ , a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\Sigma$  of subsets of  $\Omega$  and a countably additive and positive measure  $\mu$  on  $\Sigma$  with values in  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

Denote by  $L^2_\rho(\Omega)$  the Hilbert space of all real-valued functions  $f$  defined on  $\Omega$  that are  $2 - \rho$ -integrable on  $\Omega$ , i.e.,  $\int_\Omega \rho(s) |f(s)|^2 d\mu(s) < \infty$ , where  $\rho : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a measurable function on  $\Omega$ .

We can introduce the following 2-inner product on  $L^2_\rho(\Omega)$  by the formula

$$(6.1) \quad (f, g|h)_\rho := \frac{1}{2} \int_\Omega \int_\Omega \rho(s) \rho(t) \begin{vmatrix} f(s) & f(t) \\ h(s) & h(t) \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} g(s) & g(t) \\ h(s) & h(t) \end{vmatrix} d\mu(s) d\mu(t),$$

where, by

$$\begin{vmatrix} f(s) & f(t) \\ h(s) & h(t) \end{vmatrix},$$

we denote the determinant of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} f(s) & f(t) \\ h(s) & h(t) \end{bmatrix},$$

generating the 2-norm on  $L^2_\rho(\Omega)$  expressed by

$$(6.2) \quad \|f|h\|_\rho := \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_\Omega \int_\Omega \rho(s) \rho(t) \begin{vmatrix} f(s) & f(t) \\ h(s) & h(t) \end{vmatrix}^2 d\mu(s) d\mu(t) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

A simple calculation with integrals reveals that

$$(6.3) \quad (f, g|h)_\rho = \begin{vmatrix} \int_\Omega \rho f g d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho f h d\mu \\ \int_\Omega \rho g h d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho h^2 d\mu \end{vmatrix}$$

and

$$(6.4) \quad \|f|h\|_\rho = \left| \begin{vmatrix} \int_\Omega \rho f^2 d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho f h d\mu \\ \int_\Omega \rho f h d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho h^2 d\mu \end{vmatrix} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where, for simplicity, instead of  $\int_\Omega \rho(s) f(s) g(s) d\mu(s)$ , we have written  $\int_\Omega \rho f g d\mu$ .

Using the representations (6.3), (6.4) and the inequalities for 2-inner products and 2-norms established in the previous sections, one may state some interesting determinantal integral inequalities, as follows.

**Proposition 6.1.** *Let  $f, g_1, \dots, g_n, h \in L^2_\rho(\Omega)$ , where  $\rho : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a measurable function on  $\Omega$ . Then we have the inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \begin{vmatrix} \int_\Omega \rho f g_i d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho f h d\mu \\ \int_\Omega \rho g_i h d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho h^2 d\mu \end{vmatrix} \right|^2 \\ & \leq \left| \begin{vmatrix} \int_\Omega \rho f^2 d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho f h d\mu \\ \int_\Omega \rho f h d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho h^2 d\mu \end{vmatrix} \right| \times \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left| \begin{vmatrix} \int_\Omega \rho g_i^2 d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho g_i h d\mu \\ \int_\Omega \rho g_i h d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho h^2 d\mu \end{vmatrix} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \\ & \left. + \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \left| \begin{vmatrix} \int_\Omega \rho g_j g_i d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho g_j h d\mu \\ \int_\Omega \rho g_i h d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho h^2 d\mu \end{vmatrix} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof follows by the inequality (5.1) applied for the 2-inner product and 2-norm defined in (6.1) and (6.2), and utilizing the identities (6.3) and (6.4).

If one uses the inequality (5.6), then the following result may also be stated.

**Proposition 6.2.** *Let  $f, g_1, \dots, g_n, h \in L^2_\rho(\Omega)$ , where  $\rho : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a measurable function on  $\Omega$ . Then we have the inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \begin{vmatrix} \int_\Omega \rho f g_i d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho f h d\mu \\ \int_\Omega \rho g_i h d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho h^2 d\mu \end{vmatrix} \right|^2 \\ & \leq \left| \begin{vmatrix} \int_\Omega \rho f^2 d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho f h d\mu \\ \int_\Omega \rho f h d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho h^2 d\mu \end{vmatrix} \right| \times \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left| \begin{vmatrix} \int_\Omega \rho g_i^2 d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho g_i h d\mu \\ \int_\Omega \rho g_i h d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho h^2 d\mu \end{vmatrix} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \\ & \left. + (n-1) \max_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \left| \begin{vmatrix} \int_\Omega \rho g_j g_i d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho g_j h d\mu \\ \int_\Omega \rho g_i h d\mu & \int_\Omega \rho h^2 d\mu \end{vmatrix} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

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