

## DRAGOMIR'S, BUZANO'S AND KERUPA'S INEQUALITIES IN HILBERT $C^*$ -MODULES

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**Abstract.** In this paper we prove a type of Dragomir's, Buzano's and Kurepa's inequalities in Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules. Some applications for discrete and integral inequalities improving the Cauchy-Schwartz result are given.

### 1. Introduction

In ([1]), M.L. Buzano obtained the following extension of the Cauchy-Schwartz's inequality in a real or complex Hilbert space  $(H, (.,.))$

$$(1.1) \quad |(a, x)(x, b)| \leq \frac{1}{2} [||a|| ||b|| + |(a, b)|] ||x||^2,$$

for any  $a, b, x \in H$ . It is clear that for  $a = b$ , the above inequality becomes the standard Cauchy-Schwartz's inequality

$$(1.2) \quad |(a, x)|^2 \leq ||a||^2 ||x||^2 : \forall a, x \in H,$$

with equality if and only if there exists a scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$  ( $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$ ) such that  $x = \lambda a$ .

It might be useful to observe that, out of (1.1) one may get the following discrete inequality

$$(1.3) \quad \left| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \bar{x}_i \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \bar{b}_i \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i |a_i|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n p_i |b_i|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \bar{b}_i \right| \right] \sum_{i=1}^n p_i |x_i|^2,$$

where  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $a_i, b_i, x_i \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

If one takes in (??)  $b_i = \bar{a}_i$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , then one obtains

$$(1.4) \quad \left| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \bar{x}_i \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i x_i \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n p_i |a_i|^2 + \left| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^2 \right| \right] \sum_{i=1}^n p_i |x_i|^2,$$

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for any  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $a_i, x_i \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

Note that, if  $x_i, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  are real numbers, then out of (1.4), we may deduce the Buijn's inequality ([2])

$$(1.5) \quad \left| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i z_i \right|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n p_i |z_i|^2 + \left| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i z_i^2 \right| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i^2 \right],$$

where  $z_i \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . In this way, Buzano's inequality (1.1) may be regarded as a generalization of the Buijn's inequality.

In ([4]) S.S, Dragomir established the following refinement of Busano's inequality

$$(1.6) \quad \left| \frac{(a, x)(x, b)}{\|x\|^2} - \frac{(a, b)}{\alpha} \right| \leq \frac{\|b\|}{|\alpha| \|x\|} [|\alpha - 1|^2 |(a, x)|^2 + \|x\|^2 \|a\|^2 - |(a, x)|^2]$$

where  $a, b, x \in H$ ,  $x \neq 0$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K} - \{0\}$ .

The case of equality holds in (1.6) if and only if there exists a scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$  such that

$$(1.7) \quad \alpha \frac{\langle a, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} x = a + \lambda b.$$

The goal of this paper is to show some related as well as a extension of Buzano's and Dragomir's inequality (1.1) and (1.6) to Hilbert  $C^*$ -module. We can obtain various particular inequalities in Hilbert  $C^*$ -module. In section 3, we are given a extension of Kurepa's and Dragomir's inequality to Hilbert  $C^*$ -module, the corresponding applications for discrete and integral inequalities are also provided.

## 2. Preliminaries in Hilbert $C^*$ -modules

In this section we briefly recall the definitions and examples of Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules. For information about Hilbert  $C^*$ -module, we refer to ([5,6,7,9,11]). Our references for  $C^*$ -algebras are ([3,13]).

Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra (not necessarily unitary) and  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex linear space.

**Definition 2.1.** A pre-Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module is a right  $\mathbb{A}$ -module  $\mathcal{H}$  equipped with a sesquilinear map  $(.,.) : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathbb{A}$  satisfying

- (i)  $(x, x) \geq 0$ ;  $(x, x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$  for all  $x$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,
- (ii)  $(x, \alpha y + \beta z) = \alpha(x, y) + \beta(x, z)$  for all  $x, y, z$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,
- (iii)  $(x, y) = (y, x)^*$  for all  $x, y$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,
- (iv)  $(x, y.a) = (x, y)a$  for all  $x, y$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $a$  in  $\mathbb{A}$ .

The map  $(.,.)$  is called an  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product of  $\mathcal{H}$ , and for  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , we define  $\|x\| = \|(x, x)\|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a pre-Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module, then*

- (i)  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm on  $\mathcal{H}$ ,
- (ii)  $\|x.a\| \leq \|x\| \|a\|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{A}$ ,
- (iii)  $(x, y)(y, x) \leq \|y\|^2 (x, x)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ ,
- (iv)  $\|(x, y)\| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ .

It is clear that (iii) and (iv) are a generalization of Cauchy-Schwartz's inequality to a pre-Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module. The equality holds in (iv) if there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  so that  $y = \lambda x$ .

**Definition 2.2.** The completion of a pre-Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module with respect to the norm induced by the  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product is called a Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module.

**Example 2.1.** 1. Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra.  $\mathbb{A}$  is Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module if an  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product is defined as  $(x, y) = x^*y$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{A}$ . Any closed right ideal of  $\mathbb{A}$  is sub- $\mathbb{A}$ -module under the above  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product.

2. Let  $\{\mathcal{H}_i : i \in I\}$  be a finite family of Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -modules. Then  $\oplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{H}_i$  is a Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module with its  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product is defined as

$$((x_i), (y_i)) = \sum_{i \in I} (x_i, y_i).$$

When  $\{\mathcal{H}_i : i \in I\}$  is an infinite family of Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -modules we define

$$\oplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{H}_i = \{(x_i)_{i \in I} : \sum_i (x_i, x_i) \text{ converges in norm in } \mathbb{A}\}.$$

Thus  $\oplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{H}_i$  is a Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module with its  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product is defined as

$$((x_i), (y_i)) = \sum_{i \in I} (x_i, y_i).$$

3. Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and  $n$  be a integer  $\geq 1$ , then  $\mathbb{A}^n \cong \oplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{A}$  is a Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module with its  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product is defined as

$$(a, b) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^* b_i \text{ for all } a = (a_1, \dots, a_n), b = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{A}^n.$$

4. Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra. Denote by  $l^2(\mathbb{A})$  the linear space of all sequences  $z = (z_n)_{n \geq 1}$  of elements  $\mathbb{A}$  so that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \|z_n\|^2 < +\infty.$$

Then  $l^2(\mathbb{A})$  is a Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module with its  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product is defined as

$$(z, z') = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} z_n^* z'_n \text{ for all } z = (z_n)_{n \geq 1}, z' = (z'_n)_{n \geq 1} \in l^2(\mathbb{A}).$$

5. Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a unitary  $C^*$ -algebra with unit  $e$ , and  $(\rho_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of positives reals numbers so that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n = 1.$$

Denote by  $l_\rho^2(\mathbb{A})$  the linear space of all sequences  $z = (z_n)_{n \geq 1}$  of elements  $\mathbb{A}$  so that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n \|z_n\|^2 < +\infty.$$

Then  $l_\rho^2(\mathbb{A})$  is a Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module with its  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product is defined as

$$(z, z') = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n z_n^* z'_n \quad \text{for all } z = (z_n)_{n \geq 1}, z' = (z'_n)_{n \geq 1} \in l_\rho^2(\mathbb{A}).$$

6. Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a unitary commutative  $C^*$ -algebra with unit  $e$ ,  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a positive measure space and  $\varphi$  be a  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued function  $S \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$  so that  $\varphi(t)$  is hermitian positive in  $\mathbb{A}$  for which  $t \in S$ , and

$$\int_S \|\varphi(t)\|^2 d\mu(t) < +\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \int_S \varphi(t) d\mu(t) = e.$$

Denote by  $\mathbb{L}_\varphi^2(S, \Sigma, \mu, \mathbb{A})$  the linear space of all  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued functions  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$  such that

$$\int_S \|\varphi(t)\| \|f(t)\|^2 d\mu(t) < +\infty.$$

Then  $\mathbb{L}_\varphi^2(S, \Sigma, \mu, \mathbb{A})$  is a Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module with its  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product is defined as

$$(f, g)_\varphi = \int_S \varphi(t) f(t)^* g(t) d\mu(t) \quad \text{for all } f, g \in \mathbb{L}_\varphi^2(S, \Sigma, \mu, \mathbb{A}).$$

### 3. Buzano's and Dragomir's inequality in Hilbert $C^*$ -modules

We let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a unitary  $C^*$ -algebra with unit  $e$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over  $\mathbb{A}$ . The following results may be stated. It is a generalization of Dragomir's result (1.6).

**Theorem 3.1.** *For all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{H}$  so that  $(x, x)$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{A}$  and for each invertible  $a \in \mathbb{A}$ , one has the inequality*

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & \| (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - a^{-1}(y, z) \| \\ & \leq \frac{\|z\|}{\|a\|} \| (a - e)(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)(a^* - e) + (y, y) - (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) \|^\frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

The case of equality holds in (??) if there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$(3.2) \quad x.(x, x)^{-1}(y, x)a^* = y + \lambda z.a^*.$$

*Proof.* Using Cauchy-Schwartz's inequality (Proposition 2(iii)), we have that

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & (x.(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) - y.(a^{-1})^*, z)(z, x.(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) - y.(a^{-1})^*) \\ & \leq \|z\|^2(x.(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) - y.(a^{-1})^*, x.(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) - y.(a^{-1})^*), \end{aligned}$$

and since

$$\begin{aligned} & (x.(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) - y.(a^{-1})^*, x.(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) - y.(a^{-1})^*) \\ & = (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) - (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)(a^{-1})^* - a^{-1}(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) \\ & \quad + a^{-1}(y, y)(a^{-1})^* \\ & = a^{-1}[a(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)a^* - a(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) - (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)a^* + (y, y)](a^{-1})^* \\ & = a^{-1}[(a - e)(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)(a^* - e) + (y, y) - (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)](a^{-1})^*, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & (x.(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) - y.(a^{-1})^*, z)(z, x.(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) - y.(a^{-1})^*) \\ & = [(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - a^{-1}(y, z)][(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - a^{-1}(y, z)]^*. \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.3) we get that

$$\begin{aligned} & [(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - a^{-1}(y, z)][(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - a^{-1}(y, z)]^* \\ & \leq \|z\|^2 a^{-1}[(a - e)(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)(a^* - e) + (y, y) - (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)](a^{-1})^*. \end{aligned}$$

Passing to the norm in  $\mathbb{A}$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - a^{-1}(y, z)\|^2 \\ & \leq \frac{\|z\|^2}{\|a\|^2} \|(a - e)(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)(a^* - e) + (y, y) - (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)\|. \end{aligned}$$

This proves (3.1).

The case of equality holds in (3.3) if there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  so that  $x.(x, x)^{-1}(x, y) - y.(a^{-1})^* = \lambda z$ . Or equivalently

$$x.(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)a^* = y + \lambda z.a^*.$$

□

If  $\mathbb{A}$  is a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 3.1.** *For all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{H}$  so that  $(x, x)$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{A}$  and for each invertible  $a \in \mathbb{A}$ , one has the inequality*

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{(y, x)(x, z)}{(x, x)} - \frac{(y, z)}{a} \right\| \\ & \leq \frac{\|z\|}{\|a\| \|x\|} \|(a - e)(a^* - e)(y, x)(x, y) + (x, x)(y, y) - (y, x)(x, y)\|^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\frac{1}{a} = a^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $a$  in  $\mathbb{A}$ . The case of equality holds in (3.4) if there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$(3.5) \quad x.a \frac{(y, x)}{(x, x)} = y + \lambda z.$$

The following result also holds.

**Proposition 3.1.** *For all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $(x, x)$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{A}$  and for each invertible  $a \in \mathbb{A}$ , one has the double inequality*

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|a^{-1}(y, z)\| - \frac{\|z\|}{\|a\|} \|(a - e)(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)(a^* - e) + (y, y) - \\ & \quad (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z)\| \leq \\ & \|a^{-1}(y, z)\| + \frac{\|z\|}{\|a\|} \|(a - e)(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)(a^* - e) + (y, y) - \\ & \quad (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)\|^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Using the continuity of  $C^*$ -norm in  $\mathbb{A}$ , we get that

$$\| \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z)\| - \|a^{-1}(y, z)\| \| \leq \| (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - a^{-1}(y, z) \|.$$

Using (3.1) we deduce the double inequality (3.6).  $\square$

The following result is generalization of Buzano's inequality (1.1) to Hilbert  $C^*$ -module.

**Corollary 3.2.** *For all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{H}$  so that  $(x, x)$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{A}$ , we have the inequality*

$$(3.7) \quad \| (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) \| \leq \frac{1}{2} [\|y\| \|z\| + \|(y, z)\|].$$

*Proof.* In (3.6) we put  $a = 2e$ , then we get

$$\| (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) \| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|y\| \|z\| + \frac{1}{2} \|(y, z)\|,$$

this proves (3.7).  $\square$

It is obvious that, out of (3.1) and (3.4), we can obtain various particular inequalities. A class of these which is

**Corollary 3.3.** *For all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{H}$  so that  $(x, x)$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{A}$  and for each  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\eta| = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\eta) \neq -1$ , we have the following inequality*

$$(3.8) \quad \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - \frac{1}{1 + \eta}(y, z)\| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{1 + \operatorname{Re}(\eta)}} \|y\| \|z\|.$$

*In particular for  $\eta = 1$ , we have*

$$(3.9) \quad \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - \frac{1}{2}(y, z)\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|y\| \|z\|.$$

*Proof.* In Theorem 1, on choosing  $a = (1 + \eta)e$ , we get that

$$\|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - \frac{1}{1 + \eta}(y, z)\| \leq \frac{1}{|1 + \eta|} \|z\| \|(y, y)\|^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

then

$$\|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - \frac{1}{1 + \eta}(y, z)\| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{1 + \operatorname{Re}(\eta)}} \|y\| \|z\|.$$

Finally, if  $\eta = 1$  we have the inequality (3.9).  $\square$

If  $\mathbb{A}$  is a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra, we have the following result

**Corollary 3.4.** *For all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{H}$  so that  $(x, x)$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{A}$  and for all unitary element  $b \in \mathbb{A}$  so that  $\operatorname{Re}(b) \neq -e$ , we have the following inequality*

$$(3.10) \quad \left\| \frac{(y, x)(x, z)}{(x, x)} - \frac{(y, z)}{e + b} \right\| \leq \frac{\|y\| \|z\|}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{\|e + \operatorname{Re}(b)\|}}.$$

*In particular, for  $b = e$ , we have the inequality*

$$(3.11) \quad \left\| \frac{(y, x)(x, z)}{(x, x)} - \frac{(y, z)}{2} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|y\| \|z\|.$$

*Proof.* Using Corollary 1, on choosing  $a = e + b$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{(y, x)(x, z)}{(x, x)} - \frac{(y, z)}{e + b} \right\| \leq \frac{\|z\|}{\|e + b\| \|x\|} \times \|bb^*(y, x)(x, y) + (x, x)(y, y) - (y, x)(x, y)\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \iff & \left\| \frac{(y, x)(x, z)}{(x, x)} - \frac{(y, z)}{e + b} \right\| \leq \frac{\|z\|}{\|e + b\| \|x\|} \|(x, x)(y, y)\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \iff & \left\| \frac{(y, x)(x, z)}{(x, x)} - \frac{(y, z)}{e + b} \right\| \leq \frac{\|z\| \|y\|}{\|e + b\|}. \end{aligned}$$

The inequality (3.10) result by using the fact that

$$\|e + b\|^2 = \|(e + b)(e + b^*)\| = \|2e + 2\operatorname{Re}(b)\| = 2\|e + \operatorname{Re}(b)\|.$$

Finally, if  $b = e$  we have the inequality (3.11).  $\square$

**Remark 3.1.** Using the continuity of  $C^*$ -norm in  $\mathbb{A}$ , we get from (??) that

$$(3.12) \quad \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z)\| \leq \frac{\|z\|\|y\| + \|(y, z)\|}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{|1 + \operatorname{Re}(\eta)|}},$$

for each  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $|\eta| = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\eta) \neq -1$ .

Let  $n$  be a integer  $\geq 1$ ,  $(\rho_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  be a finite family of positives reals numbers and  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{A}^n \cong \oplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{A}$  the Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module with the  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product

$$(a, b) = \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i a_i^* b_i \quad \text{for all } a = (a_1, \dots, a_n), b = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{A}^n.$$

It might be useful to observe that, out of (3.7), we obtain the following discrete inequality

$$(3.13) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i a_i^* x_i \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i x_i^* x_i \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i x_i^* b_i \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i \|a_i\|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i \|b_i\|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i a_i b_i^* \right\| \right],$$

where  $a_i, b_i, x_i \in \mathbb{A}$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i x_i^* x_i$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{A}$ .

If one takes in (3.13)  $b_i = a_i^*$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , then we obtain

$$(3.14) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i a_i x_i \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i x_i^* x_i \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i x_i^* a_i \right\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i \|a_i\|^2.$$

Note that, if  $x_i$  is hermitian for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  then, out of (3.13), we may deduce the following generalization of Bruijn's inequality (1.5) (see [2]).

$$(3.15) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i a_i x_i \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i x_i^2 \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i x_i a_i \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i \|a_i\|^2 \right) + \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i a_i^2 \right\| \right].$$

We closed this section by noting the following result.

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over a unitary  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathbb{A}$ . For all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $(x, x)$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{A}$ , we have the following double inequality*

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{aligned} \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z)\| &\leq \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - \frac{1}{2}(y, z)\| + \frac{1}{2}\|(y, z)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[\|y\|\|z\| + \|(y, z)\|]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Using (3.9) we get for all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{H}$  that

$$\|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - \frac{1}{2}(y, z)\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\|y\|\|z\|,$$



the continuity of  $C^*$ -norm in  $\mathbb{A}$  implies that

$$\left| \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z)\| - \frac{1}{2}\|(y, z)\| \right| \leq \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - \frac{1}{2}(y, z)\|,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z)\| &\leq \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - \frac{1}{2}(x, x)(y, z)\| + \frac{1}{2}\|(y, z)\| \leq \\ &\frac{1}{2} [\|y\| \|z\| + \|(y, z)\|]. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 3.2.** In (3.4) on choosing  $a = e$ , we get that

$$(3.17) \quad \|(y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, z) - (y, z)\| \leq \|z\| \|(y, y) - (y, x)(x, x)^{-1}(x, y)\|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $(x, x)$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{A}$ .

#### 4. Kurepa's and Dragomir's inequality in Hilbert $C^*$ -module

In 1960, N.G. Bruijn ([2]), obtained the following refinement of the Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwartz inequality

$$(4.1) \quad \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i z_i \right|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^2 + \left| \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \right|^2 \right]$$

provided that  $a_i$  are real numbers while  $z_i$  are complex for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

In an effort to extend this result to Hilbert space, S. Kurepa ([9]) obtained the following results

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $(H; (\cdot, \cdot))$  be a real Hilbert space and  $(H_{\mathbb{C}}; (\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathbb{C}})$  its complexification. Then for any  $a \in H$  and  $z \in H_{\mathbb{C}}$ , one has the following refinement of Cauchy-Schwartz's inequality*

$$(4.2) \quad |(a, z)_{\mathbb{C}}|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|a\|^2 [\|z\|_{\mathbb{C}}^2 + \|(z, \bar{z})\|] \leq \|a\|^2 \|z\|_{\mathbb{C}}^2,$$

where  $\bar{z}$  denote the conjugate of  $z \in H_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

As consequences of these results, S. Kerupa noted the following integral, respectively, discrete inequality.

**Corollary 4.1.** *Let  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a positive measure space and let  $a, z \in L_2(S, \Sigma, \mu)$ , the Hilbert space of complex-valued 2- $\mu$ -integrable functions defined on  $S$ . If  $a$  is a real function and  $z$  is a complex function, then*

$$(4.3) \quad \left| \int_S a(t)z(t)d\mu(t) \right|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_S a^2(t)d\mu(t) \left( \int_S |z(t)|^2 d\mu(t) + \left| \int_S z^2(t)d\mu(t) \right| \right).$$

**Corollary 4.2.** *If  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are real numbers,  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  are complex numbers and  $A = (\alpha_{i,j})$  is a positive definite real matrix of order  $n \times n$ , then*

$$(4.4) \quad \left| \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_{i,j} a_i z_j \right|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_{i,j} a_i a_j \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_{i,j} z_i \bar{z}_j + \left| \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_{i,j} z_i \bar{z}_j \right| \right).$$

In [4] S.S. Dragomir proved the following refinement of Kurepa's results

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $(H; (\cdot, \cdot))$  be a real Hilbert space and  $(H_{\mathbb{C}}; (\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathbb{C}})$  its complexification. Then for any  $v \in H$  and  $\omega \in H_{\mathbb{C}}$ , one has the following inequality*

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} |(\omega, v)_{\mathbb{C}}|^2 &\leq |(\omega, v)_{\mathbb{C}}|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |(\omega, \bar{\omega})_{\mathbb{C}}| |v|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |(\omega, \bar{\omega})_{\mathbb{C}}| |v|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} |v|^2 (|\omega|_{\mathbb{C}}^2 + |(\omega, \bar{\omega})_{\mathbb{C}}|). \end{aligned}$$

In an effort to extend the Dragomir's and Kurepa's results to Hilbert  $C^*$ -module, I considered the following setting

Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a real unitary  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}$  its complexification, it is clear that  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}$  be a unitary  $C^*$ -algebra. A element  $a \in \mathbb{A}$  is sided positive if its positive in  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a real unitary  $C^*$ -algebra, a real pre-Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module is a real vector space  $\mathcal{H}$  which is an algebraic right  $\mathbb{A}$ -module equipped with a bilinear map  $(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathbb{A}$  satisfying

- (i)  $(x, x) \geq 0$ ;  $(x, x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$  for all  $x$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- (ii)  $(x, \alpha y + \beta z) = \alpha(x, y) + \beta(x, z)$  for all  $x, y, z$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,
- (iii)  $(x, y) = (y, x)^*$  for all  $x, y$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,
- (iv)  $(x, y.a) = (x, y)a$  for all  $x, y$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $a$  in  $\mathbb{A}$ .

The map  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  is called an  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product of  $\mathcal{H}$ , and for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , we define a norm in  $\mathcal{H}$  by  $\|x\| = \|(x, x)\|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . The completion of a real pre-Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module with respect to the norm induced by the  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product is called a real Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a real Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}$ -module with the  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  and the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . The complexification  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathcal{H} \oplus i\mathcal{H}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  endowed with the following operations

$$\begin{aligned} (x + iy) + (x' + iy') &\doteq (x + x') + i(y + y') : x, x', y, y' \in \mathcal{H} \\ (\alpha + i\beta).(x + iy) &\doteq (\alpha x - \beta y) + i(\beta x + \alpha y) : x, y \in \mathcal{H}; \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C} \\ (x + iy).(a + ib) &\doteq (x.a - y.b) + i(x.b + y.a) : x, y \in \mathcal{H}; a, b \in \mathbb{A} \end{aligned}$$

is complex vector space and right  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}$ -module. On  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$  one can consider the  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}$ -valued inner product defined by

$$(z, z')_{\mathbb{C}} \doteq (x, x') + (y, y') + i[(y, x') - (x, y')]$$

where  $z = x + iy$  and  $z' = x' + iy' \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$ , then  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$  is Hilbert  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}$ -module. We define the conjugate of a vector  $z = x + iy \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$  by  $\bar{z} = x - iy$ .

The next results is a generalization of Dragomir's results (Theorem 3) to Hilbert  $C^*$ -module

**Theorem 4.3.** *For each  $v \in \mathcal{H}$  so that  $(v, v)$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{A}$  and for each  $w \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$ , one has the double inequality*

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \|(w, v)_{\mathbb{C}}(v, v)^{-1}(v, w)_{\mathbb{C}}^*\| &\leq \\ \|(w, v)_{\mathbb{C}}(v, v)^{-1}(w, v)_{\mathbb{C}} - \frac{1}{2}(w, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}}\| + \frac{1}{2}\|(w, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}}\| &\leq \frac{1}{2}[\|w\|^2 + \|(w, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}}\|] \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By applying the corollary 12, for  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$  and  $x = v$ ,  $y = w$  and  $z = \bar{w}$ , then we have

$$(4.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \|(w, v)_{\mathbb{C}}(v, v)^{-1}(v, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}}\| &\leq \\ \|(w, v)_{\mathbb{C}}(v, v)^{-1}(v, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}} - \frac{1}{2}(w, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}}\| + \frac{1}{2}\|(w, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}}\| &\leq \frac{1}{2}[\|w\|\|\bar{w}\| + \|(w, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}}\|]. \end{aligned}$$

If we assume that  $w = x + iy \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$  then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (w, v)_{\mathbb{C}} &= (x + iy, v)_{\mathbb{C}} = (x, v) + i(y, v) = (v, x) + i(v, y) \\ (v, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}} &= (v, x - iy)_{\mathbb{C}} = (v, x) + i(v, y) = (w, v)_{\mathbb{C}} = (v, w)_{\mathbb{C}}^* \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (w, w)_{\mathbb{C}} &= (x, x) + (y, y) \\ (\bar{w}, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}} &= (x, x) + (y, y) \end{aligned}$$

then  $\|w\|_{\mathbb{C}} = \|\bar{w}\|_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Therefore, by (4.7), we deduce the desired results (4.6).  $\square$

If  $\mathbb{A}$  is a real unitary commutative  $C^*$ -algebra, we have the following result.

**Theorem 4.4.** *For each  $v \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $w \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$ , one has the double inequality*

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \|(w, v)_{\mathbb{C}}\|^2 &\leq \|(w, v)_{\mathbb{C}}^2 - \frac{1}{2}(v, v)(w, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}}\| + \frac{1}{2}\|(w, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}}\|\|v\|^2 \leq \\ &\frac{1}{2}\|v\|^2[\|w\|^2 + \|(w, \bar{w})_{\mathbb{C}}\|] \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By similar argument.  $\square$

As a consequence of this inequality, we obtain the following two inequalities.

Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a unitary commutative  $C^*$ -algebra with unit  $e$ , and  $(\rho_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of positives reals numbers so that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n = 1.$$

If  $\mathcal{H} = l_p^2(\mathbb{A})$ , then we have the following discrete inequality

**Corollary 4.3.** *If  $a = (a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a sequence of hermitian elements of  $\mathbb{A}$  so that  $a \in l_\rho^2(\mathbb{A})$ , then for any  $z = (z_n)_{n \geq 1} \in l_\rho^2(\mathbb{A})$ , one has the double inequality*

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n a_n z_n \right\|^2 &\leq \left\| \left( \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n a_n z_n \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n a_n^2 \right) \left( \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n (z_n^*)^2 \right) \right\| \\ + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n a_n^2 \right\| \left\| \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n z_n^2 \right\| &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n a_n^2 \right\| \left\| \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n z_n z_n^* \right\| + \left\| \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \rho_n z_n^2 \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a positive measure space and  $\varphi$  be a  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued function  $S \longrightarrow \mathbb{A}$  so that  $\varphi(t)$  is hermitian and positive in  $\mathbb{A}$  for which  $t \in S$ , and

$$\int_S \|\varphi(t)\|^2 d\mu(t) < +\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \int_S \varphi(t) d\mu(t) = e.$$

Similarly, if  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{L}_\varphi^2(S, \Sigma, \mu, \mathbb{A})$  the linear space of all  $\mathbb{A}$ -valued functions  $f : S \longrightarrow \mathbb{A}$  such as

$$\int_S \|\varphi(t)\| \|f(t)\|^2 d\mu(t) < +\infty$$

then, we have the following integral inequality

**Corollary 4.4.** *For  $a \in \mathbb{A}_\varphi^2(S, \Sigma, \mu, \mathbb{A})$  such that  $a(t)$  is hermitian in  $\mathbb{A}$  for which  $t \in S$ , and any  $f \in \mathbb{L}_\varphi^2(S, \Sigma, \mu, \mathbb{A})$ , we have the inequality*

$$(4.10) \quad \begin{aligned} &\left\| \int_S \varphi(t) a(t) f(t) d\mu(t) \right\|^2 \\ &\leq \left\| \left( \int_S \varphi(t) a(t) f(t)^* d\mu(t) \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_S \varphi(t) a^2(t) d\mu(t) \right) \left( \int_S \varphi(t) (f(t)^*)^2 d\mu(t) \right) \right\| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \int_S \varphi(t) a^2(t) d\mu(t) \right\| \left\| \int_S \varphi(t) f^2(t) d\mu(t) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left\| \int_S \varphi(t) a^2(t) d\mu(t) \right\| \left\| \int_S \varphi(t) f(t) f(t)^* d\mu(t) \right\| + \left\| \int_S \varphi(t) f^2(t) d\mu(t) \right\| \end{aligned}$$

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