

**SOME GENERALIZATIONS OF SCHWARZ INEQUALITY IN
INNER PRODUCT SPACES**

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ABSTRACT. Some two complex parameters generalizations of the celebrated Schwarz inequality in inner product spaces are given. Applications for n -tuples of complex numbers are provided.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space over the real or complex numbers field \mathbb{K} . The following inequality is well known in literature as the *Schwarz inequality*

$$(1.1) \quad \|x\|^2 \|y\|^2 \geq |\langle x, y \rangle|^2$$

for any $x, y \in H$. The equality case holds in (1.1) if and only if there exists a constant $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ such that $x = \lambda y$. This inequality can be written in an equivalent form as

$$(1.2) \quad \|x\| \|y\| \geq |\langle x, y \rangle|.$$

Assume that $P : H \rightarrow H$ is an orthogonal projection on H , namely, it satisfies the condition $P^2 = P = P^*$. We obviously have in the operator order of $B(H)$, the Banach algebra of all linear bounded operators on H , that $0 \leq P \leq 1_H$.

In the recent paper [8, Eq. (2.6)] we established among others that

$$(1.3) \quad \|x\| \|y\| \geq \langle Px, x \rangle^{1/2} \langle Py, y \rangle^{1/2} + |\langle x, y \rangle - \langle Px, y \rangle|$$

for any $x, y \in H$. Since by the triangle inequality we have

$$|\langle x, y \rangle - \langle Px, y \rangle| \geq |\langle x, y \rangle| - |\langle Px, y \rangle|$$

and by the Schwarz inequality for nonnegative selfadjoint operators we have

$$\langle Px, x \rangle^{1/2} \langle Py, y \rangle^{1/2} \geq |\langle Px, y \rangle|$$

for any $x, y \in H$, then we get from (1.3) the following refinement of (1.2)

$$(1.4) \quad \|x\| \|y\| - |\langle x, y \rangle| \geq \langle Px, x \rangle^{1/2} \langle Py, y \rangle^{1/2} - |\langle Px, y \rangle| \geq 0$$

for any $x, y \in H$.

In 1985 the author [2] (see also [3] or [6, p. 36]) established the following inequality related to Schwarz inequality

$$(1.5) \quad \left(\|x\|^2 \|z\|^2 - |\langle x, z \rangle|^2 \right) \left(\|y\|^2 \|z\|^2 - |\langle y, z \rangle|^2 \right) \geq \left| \langle x, y \rangle \|z\|^2 - \langle x, z \rangle \langle z, y \rangle \right|^2$$

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for any $x, y, z \in H$ and obtained, as a consequence, the following refinement of (1.2):

$$(1.6) \quad \|x\| \|y\| \geq |\langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| + |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| \geq |\langle x, y \rangle|$$

for any $x, y, e \in H$ with $\|e\| = 1$.

If we take the square root in (1.5) and use the triangle inequality, we get for $x, y, z \in H \setminus \{0\}$ that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\|x\|^2 \|z\|^2 - |\langle x, z \rangle|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\|y\|^2 \|z\|^2 - |\langle y, z \rangle|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ & \geq \left| \langle x, y \rangle \|z\|^2 - \langle x, z \rangle \langle z, y \rangle \right| \geq |\langle x, z \rangle \langle z, y \rangle| - |\langle x, y \rangle| \|z\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

which by division with $\|x\|^2 \|y\|^2 \|z\|^2 \neq 0$ produces

$$(1.7) \quad \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|}{\|x\| \|y\|} \geq \frac{|\langle x, z \rangle|}{\|x\| \|z\|} \frac{|\langle z, y \rangle|}{\|z\| \|y\|} - \sqrt{1 - \frac{|\langle x, z \rangle|^2}{\|x\|^2 \|z\|^2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{|\langle y, z \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2 \|z\|^2}}.$$

For other results connected with Schwarz inequality in inner product spaces see the monographs [5] and [6]. For various results related to Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwarz inequality for the n -tuples of numbers see the survey [7] and the monograph [4]. For recent results in connection to Schwarz inequality, see [1], [11] and [13]-[15].

In this paper we obtain some two complex parameters generalizations of the celebrated Schwarz inequality in inner product spaces. Applications for n -tuples of complex numbers are provided.

2. MAIN RESULTS

We can state the following two complex parameters generalization of Schwarz's inequality:

Theorem 1. *Let $x, y, e \in H$ with $\|e\| = 1$ and $\alpha, \beta \in C$. Then*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & |\langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle (1 - \alpha\bar{\beta})|^2 \\ & \leq \left[\|x\|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right] \left[\|y\|^2 + (|\beta|^2 - 1) |\langle e, y \rangle|^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We start with Schwarz inequality for the vectors $x - \gamma e$ and $y - \delta e$ with $\gamma, \delta \in C$, namely

$$(2.2) \quad |\langle x - \gamma e, y - \delta e \rangle|^2 \leq \|x - \gamma e\|^2 \|y - \delta e\|^2.$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - \gamma e\|^2 &= \|x\|^2 - 2 \operatorname{Re}(\bar{\gamma} \langle x, e \rangle) + |\gamma|^2 \\ &= \|x\|^2 - |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 + |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 - 2 \operatorname{Re}(\bar{\gamma} \langle x, e \rangle) + |\gamma|^2 \\ &= \|x\|^2 - |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 + |\gamma - \langle x, e \rangle|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and, similarly

$$\|y - \delta e\|^2 = \|y\|^2 - |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 + |\delta - \langle y, e \rangle|^2.$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle x - \gamma e, y - \delta e \rangle &= \langle x, y \rangle - \gamma \langle e, y \rangle - \bar{\delta} \langle x, e \rangle + \gamma \bar{\delta} \\
&= \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle + \gamma \bar{\delta} + \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle - \gamma \langle e, y \rangle - \bar{\delta} \langle x, e \rangle \\
&= \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle + (\gamma - \langle x, e \rangle) (\bar{\delta} - \langle e, y \rangle) \\
&= \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle + (\gamma - \langle x, e \rangle) \overline{(\delta - \langle y, e \rangle)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, if we take

$$\gamma = \langle x, e \rangle + \langle x, e \rangle \alpha$$

and

$$\delta = \langle y, e \rangle + \langle y, e \rangle \beta,$$

then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x - \gamma e\|^2 &= \|x\|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |\langle x, e \rangle|^2, \\
\|y - \delta e\|^2 &= \|y\|^2 + (|\beta|^2 - 1) |\langle y, e \rangle|^2
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle x - \gamma e, y - \delta e \rangle &= \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle + \langle x, e \rangle \overline{\alpha \langle y, e \rangle \beta} \\
&= \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle + \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle \alpha \bar{\beta} \\
&= \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle (1 - \alpha \bar{\beta})
\end{aligned}$$

and by (2.2) we get (2.1). \square

Remark 1. In particular, for $\beta = \alpha$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle (|\alpha|^2 - 1) \right|^2 \\
&\leq \left[\|x\|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right] \left[\|y\|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

and by taking $t = |\alpha|^2 - 1 \in [-1, \infty)$ then we get the simpler inequality of interest

$$(2.3) \quad |\langle x, y \rangle + t \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle|^2 \leq \left[\|x\|^2 + t |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right] \left[\|y\|^2 + t |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right],$$

for any $x, y, e \in H$ with $\|e\| = 1$ and $t \in [-1, \infty)$.

We observe that if $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha|, |\beta| \leq 1$, then by (2.1) we get the family of Schwarz inequalities

$$(2.4) \quad \left| \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle (1 - \alpha \bar{\beta}) \right| \leq \|x\| \|y\|,$$

where $x, y, e \in H$ with $\|e\| = 1$.

If we take in (2.4) $\alpha = \beta = 1$, then we get the classical Schwarz inequality, while for $\alpha = 1, \beta = -1$ we get

$$(2.5) \quad |\langle x, y \rangle - 2 \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|.$$

By the triangle inequality we have

$$(2.6) \quad 2 |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| - |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq |\langle x, y \rangle - 2 \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle|$$

and then by (2.5) and (2.6) we get the celebrated Buzano's inequality

$$(2.7) \quad |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| \leq \frac{1}{2} [|\langle x, y \rangle| + \|x\| \|y\|]$$

where $x, y, e \in H$ with $\|e\| = 1$.

We observe that if $|\alpha|, |\beta| \geq 1$ then by (2.1) we also get

$$(2.8) \quad |\langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle (1 - \alpha\bar{\beta})| \leq |\alpha| |\beta| \|x\| \|y\|$$

where $x, y, e \in H$ with $\|e\| = 1$.

Corollary 1. *With the assumptions of Theorem 1 we have*

$$(2.9) \quad |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| |1 - \alpha\bar{\beta}| \\ + \left[\|x\|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2} \left[\|y\|^2 + (|\beta|^2 - 1) |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

and

$$(2.10) \quad |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| |1 - \alpha\bar{\beta}| \leq |\langle x, y \rangle| \\ + \left[\|x\|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2} \left[\|y\|^2 + (|\beta|^2 - 1) |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2}.$$

Proof. By taking the square root in (2.1) we get

$$(2.11) \quad |\langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle (1 - \alpha\bar{\beta})| \\ \leq \left[\|x\|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2} \left[\|y\|^2 + (|\beta|^2 - 1) |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2}.$$

By the continuity of the modulus inequality we also have

$$(2.12) \quad \left| |\langle x, y \rangle| - |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| |1 - \alpha\bar{\beta}| \right| \leq |\langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle (1 - \alpha\bar{\beta})|.$$

Since, obviously

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| - |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| |1 - \alpha\bar{\beta}| \leq \left| |\langle x, y \rangle| - |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| |1 - \alpha\bar{\beta}| \right|,$$

then by (2.11) and (2.12) we get (2.9).

Also, since

$$|\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| |1 - \alpha\bar{\beta}| - |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \left| |\langle x, y \rangle| - |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| |1 - \alpha\bar{\beta}| \right|$$

then by (2.11) and (2.12) we get (2.10). \square

Remark 2. *In particular, if we take $\beta = \alpha$ above, we get*

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| \left| |\alpha|^2 - 1 \right| \\ + \left[\|x\|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2} \left[\|y\|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

and

$$|\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| \left| |\alpha|^2 - 1 \right| \leq |\langle x, y \rangle| \\ + \left[\|x\|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2} \left[\|y\|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

and by taking $t = |\alpha|^2 - 1 \in [-1, \infty)$ then we get the simpler inequalities of interest

$$(2.13) \quad |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| |t| + \left[\|x\|^2 + t |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2} \left[\|y\|^2 + t |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

and

$$(2.14) \quad |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| |t| \leq |\langle x, y \rangle| + \left[\|x\|^2 + t |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2} \left[\|y\|^2 + t |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2},$$

where $x, y, e \in H$ with $\|e\| = 1$ and $t \in [-1, \infty)$.

Corollary 2. *Let $x, y, e \in H$ with $\|e\| = 1$ and $\alpha, \beta \in C$ with $|\alpha| \leq 1$ and $|\beta| \leq 1$. Then we have*

$$(2.15) \quad \left| \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle \left[(1 - \alpha\bar{\beta}) \pm (1 - |\alpha|^2)^{1/2} (1 - |\beta|^2)^{1/2} \right] \right| \\ \leq |\langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle (1 - \alpha\bar{\beta})| \\ + |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| (1 - |\alpha|^2)^{1/2} (1 - |\beta|^2)^{1/2} \leq \|x\| \|y\|.$$

Proof. The first inequality follows by the triangle inequality for modulus.

We use the following elementary inequality

$$(a^2 - b^2)(c^2 - d^2) \leq (ac - bd)^2$$

for any real numbers a, b, c, d .

Therefore

$$\left[\|x\|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right] \left[\|y\|^2 + (|\beta|^2 - 1) |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right] \\ = \left[\|x\|^2 - (1 - |\alpha|^2) |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right] \left[\|y\|^2 - (1 - |\beta|^2) |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right] \\ \leq \left[\|x\| \|y\| - |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| (1 - |\alpha|^2)^{1/2} (1 - |\beta|^2)^{1/2} \right]^2.$$

Since by Schwarz's inequality and the fact that $|\alpha| \leq 1$ and $|\beta| \leq 1$, we have

$$\|x\| \geq |\langle x, e \rangle| \geq |\langle x, e \rangle| (1 - |\alpha|^2)^{1/2}$$

and

$$\|y\| \geq |\langle e, y \rangle| \geq (1 - |\beta|^2)^{1/2} |\langle e, y \rangle|$$

implying that

$$(2.16) \quad \left[\|x\|^2 - (1 - |\alpha|^2) |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2} \left[\|y\|^2 - (1 - |\beta|^2) |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ \leq \|x\| \|y\| - |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| (1 - |\alpha|^2)^{1/2} (1 - |\beta|^2)^{1/2}.$$

From (2.1) we also have

$$(2.17) \quad |\langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle (1 - \alpha\bar{\beta})| \\ \leq \left[\|x\|^2 - (1 - |\alpha|^2) |\langle x, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2} \left[\|y\|^2 - (1 - |\beta|^2) |\langle y, e \rangle|^2 \right]^{1/2}.$$

Now, by making use of (2.16) and (2.17) we deduce the second inequality in (2.15). \square

Remark 3. *If we take $\beta = \alpha$ above, then we get*

$$\left| \langle x, y \rangle - 2 \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle (1 - |\alpha|^2) \right| \\ \leq \left| \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle (1 - |\alpha|^2) \right| + |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| (1 - |\alpha|^2) \leq \|x\| \|y\|$$

and

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \left| \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle (1 - |\alpha|^2) \right| + |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| (1 - |\alpha|^2) \leq \|x\| \|y\|,$$

and by taking $s = 1 - |\alpha|^2 \in [0, 1]$ we get the following inequalities of interest

$$(2.18) \quad |\langle x, y \rangle - 2s \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| \leq |\langle x, y \rangle - s \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| + s |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$$

and

$$(2.19) \quad |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq |\langle x, y \rangle - s \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| + s |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|,$$

where $x, y, e \in H$ with $\|e\| = 1$ and $s \in [0, 1]$.

If we take $s = \frac{1}{2}$ in (2.18) and (2.19), then we get

$$(2.20) \quad |\langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| \leq \left| \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle \right| + \frac{1}{2} |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$$

and

$$(2.21) \quad |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \left| \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle \right| + \frac{1}{2} |\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|,$$

where $x, y, e \in H$ with $\|e\| = 1$.

If we take $s = 1$ in (2.19) then we recapture the inequality (1.6) from the introduction.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR n -TUPLES OF COMPLEX NUMBERS

Let $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$, $e = (e_1, \dots, e_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ with $\sum_{k=1}^n |e_k|^2 = 1$. Then by writing the above inequality (2.1) for the inner product $\langle x, y \rangle := \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k$ we get

$$(3.1) \quad \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k - (1 - \alpha \bar{\beta}) \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{e}_k \sum_{k=1}^n e_k \bar{y}_k \right|^2 \\ \leq \left[\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{e}_k \right|^2 \right] \left[\sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 + (|\beta|^2 - 1) \left| \sum_{k=1}^n e_k \bar{y}_k \right|^2 \right],$$

for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$.

If we take $e_m = 1$ for $m \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $e_k = 0$ for any $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $k \neq m$, then $\sum_{k=1}^n |e_k|^2 = 1$ and by (3.1) we get

$$(3.2) \quad \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k - (1 - \alpha \bar{\beta}) x_m \bar{y}_m \right|^2 \\ \leq \left[\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) |x_m|^2 \right] \left[\sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 + (|\beta|^2 - 1) |y_m|^2 \right],$$

for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$.

If we take $e_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ for $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, then $\sum_{k=1}^n |e_k|^2 = 1$ and by (3.1) we get

$$(3.3) \quad \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k - (1 - \alpha \bar{\beta}) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{y}_k \right|^2 \\ \leq \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 + (|\alpha|^2 - 1) \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right|^2 \right] \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 + (|\beta|^2 - 1) \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{y}_k \right|^2 \right],$$

for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$.

From (3.1) we have the family of Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwarz inequalities

$$(3.4) \quad \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k - (1 - \alpha \bar{\beta}) \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{e}_k \sum_{k=1}^n e_k \bar{y}_k \right|^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2,$$

for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha|, |\beta| \leq 1$.

From (3.4) we get

$$(3.5) \quad \max_{m \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k - (1 - \alpha \bar{\beta}) x_m \bar{y}_m \right|^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2,$$

and

$$(3.6) \quad \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k - (1 - \alpha \bar{\beta}) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{y}_k \right|^2 \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2,$$

for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha|, |\beta| \leq 1$.

If, for instance we take $\alpha = \beta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ in (3.4), then we get

$$(3.7) \quad \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{e}_k \sum_{k=1}^n e_k \bar{y}_k \right|^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2,$$

while for $\alpha = -\beta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, then we get

$$(3.8) \quad \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k - \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{e}_k \sum_{k=1}^n e_k \bar{y}_k \right|^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2,$$

for $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$, $e = (e_1, \dots, e_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ with $\sum_{k=1}^n |e_k|^2 = 1$.

From the inequality (2.19) we get the following refinement of Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwarz inequality

$$(3.9) \quad \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k \right| \leq \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k - s \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{e}_k \sum_{k=1}^n e_k \bar{y}_k \right| + s \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{e}_k \sum_{k=1}^n e_k \bar{y}_k \right| \\ \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

for any $s \in [0, 1]$, where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$, $e = (e_1, \dots, e_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ with $\sum_{k=1}^n |e_k|^2 = 1$.

This implies the following inequalities

$$(3.10) \quad \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k \right| \leq \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k - s x_m \bar{y}_m \right| + s |x_m \bar{y}_m| \\ \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

and

$$(3.11) \quad \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k \right| \leq \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \bar{y}_k - s \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{y}_k \right| + s \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{y}_k \right| \\ \leq \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

for any $s \in [0, 1]$, where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$.

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