

**$p$ -SCHATTEN NORM INEQUALITIES FOR ČEBYŠEV'S  
FUNCTIONAL VIA A BIERNACKI, PIDEK AND  
RYLL-NARDZEWSKI RESULT**

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ABSTRACT. An operator  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  is said to belong to the *von Neumann-Schatten class*  $\mathcal{B}_p(H)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$  if the  *$p$ -Schatten norm* is finite

$$\|A\|_p := [\text{tr}(|A|^p)]^{1/p} < \infty.$$

For  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_n)$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = (B_1, \dots, B_n) \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  we define the functional

$$D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i B_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i B_i.$$

In this paper we show among others that, if  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_n) \in (B_p(H))^n$  and  $\mathbf{B} = (B_1, \dots, B_n) \in (B_q(H))^n$  for  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_1 &\leq D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p} := \left( 0, \|\Delta A_1\|_p, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \right)$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q} := \left( 0, \|\Delta B_1\|_q, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \right)$  and  $\Delta B_i := B_{i+1} - B_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ ) are the usual forward differences.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1935, G. Grüss [15] proved the following integral inequality which gives an approximation of the integral mean of the product in terms of the product of the integral means integrals as follows:

$$(1.1) \quad \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) g(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{1}{4} (\Phi - \varphi) (\Gamma - \gamma)$$

where  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are integrable on  $[a, b]$  and satisfying the assumption

$$\varphi \leq f(x) \leq \Phi, \quad \gamma \leq g(x) \leq \Gamma$$

for each  $x \in [a, b]$  where  $\varphi, \Phi, \gamma, \Gamma$  are given real constants.

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Moreover the constant  $\frac{1}{4}$  is sharp in the sense that it can not be replaced by a smaller one.

For a simple proof of (1.1) as well as for some other integral inequalities of Grüss' type see the Chapter X of the recent book [16] by Mitrinović, Pečarić and Fink.

Let  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$  be two  $n$ -tuples of real numbers. We consider the Čebyšev's functional

$$D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i.$$

In 1950, M. Biernacki, H. Pidek and C. Ryll-Nardzewski [3] established the following discrete version of Grüss' inequality, see also [16, Ch. X]:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$  be two  $n$ -tuples of real numbers such that  $r \leq a_i \leq R$  and  $s \leq b_i \leq S$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then one has the inequality:*

$$(1.2) \quad |D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})| \leq \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) (R - r)(S - s) \\ \leq \frac{1}{4} (R - r)(S - s),$$

when  $[x]$  is the integer part of  $x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

In 1981, A. Lupuş [16, Ch. X] proved some similar results for the first difference of  $\mathbf{a}$  as follows :

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  be two monotonic  $n$ -tuples in the same sense and  $\mathbf{p}$  a positive  $n$ -tuple. Then*

$$(1.3) \quad 0 \leq \min_{1 \leq i \leq n-1} |a_{i+1} - a_i| \min_{1 \leq i \leq n-1} |b_{i+1} - b_i| \left[ \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 p_i - \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n i p_i \right)^2 \right] \\ \leq \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \cdot \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i \\ \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n-1} |a_{i+1} - a_i| \max_{1 \leq i \leq n-1} |b_{i+1} - b_i| \left[ \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 p_i - \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n i p_i \right)^2 \right].$$

If there exists the numbers  $\bar{a}$ ,  $\bar{a}_1$ ,  $r$ ,  $r_1$ , ( $rr_1 > 0$ ) such that  $a_k = \bar{a} + kr$  and  $b_k = \bar{a}_1 + kr_1$ , then in (1.3) the equality holds.

In particular, if  $p_i = \frac{1}{n}$ , then by (1.3) we derive

$$(1.4) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1}{12} (n^2 - 1) \min_{1 \leq i \leq n-1} |a_{i+1} - a_i| \min_{1 \leq i \leq n-1} |b_{i+1} - b_i| \\ \leq D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \\ \leq \frac{1}{12} (n^2 - 1) \max_{1 \leq i \leq n-1} |a_{i+1} - a_i| \max_{1 \leq i \leq n-1} |b_{i+1} - b_i|,$$

for  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  two monotonic  $n$ -tuples in the same sense.

In order to extend these results for  $p$ -Schatten norms we need the following preparations.

Let  $(H; \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be a complex Hilbert space and  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  the Banach algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $H$ . If  $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$  an orthonormal basis of  $H$ , we say that  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  is of *trace class* if

$$(1.5) \quad \|A\|_1 := \sum_{i \in I} \langle |A| e_i, e_i \rangle < \infty.$$

The definition of  $\|A\|_1$  does not depend on the choice of the orthonormal basis  $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{B}_1(H)$  the set of trace class operators in  $\mathcal{B}(H)$ .

We define the *trace* of a trace class operator  $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$  to be

$$(1.6) \quad \text{tr}(A) := \sum_{i \in I} \langle A e_i, e_i \rangle,$$

where  $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$  an orthonormal basis of  $H$ . Note that this coincides with the usual definition of the trace if  $H$  is finite-dimensional. We observe that the series (1.6) converges absolutely and it is independent from the choice of basis.

The following result collects some properties of the trace:

**Theorem 3.** *We have:*

(i) *If  $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$  then  $A^* \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$  and*

$$(1.7) \quad \text{tr}(A^*) = \overline{\text{tr}(A)};$$

(ii) *If  $A \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$  and  $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ , then  $AT, TA \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$  and*

$$(1.8) \quad \text{tr}(AT) = \text{tr}(TA) \text{ and } |\text{tr}(AT)| \leq \|A\|_1 \|T\|;$$

(iii)  *$\text{tr}(\cdot)$  is a bounded linear functional on  $\mathcal{B}_1(H)$  with  $\|\text{tr}\| = 1$ ;*

(iv) *If  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}_2(H)$  then  $AB, BA \in \mathcal{B}_1(H)$  and  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$ ;*

(v)  *$\mathcal{B}_{fin}(H)$ , the space of operators of finite rank, is a dense subspace of  $\mathcal{B}_1(H)$ .*

An operator  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  is said to belong to the *von Neumann-Schatten class*  $\mathcal{B}_p(H)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$  if the  *$p$ -Schatten norm* is finite [20, p. 60-64]

$$\|A\|_p := [\text{tr}(|A|^p)]^{1/p} < \infty.$$

For  $1 < p < q < \infty$  we have that

$$(1.9) \quad \mathcal{B}_1(H) \subset \mathcal{B}_p(H) \subset \mathcal{B}_q(H) \subset \mathcal{B}(H)$$

and

$$(1.10) \quad \|A\|_1 \geq \|A\|_p \geq \|A\|_q \geq \|A\|.$$

For  $p \geq 1$  the functional  $\|\cdot\|_p$  is a *norm* on the  $*$ -ideal  $\mathcal{B}_p(H)$  and  $(\mathcal{B}_p(H), \|\cdot\|_p)$  is a Banach space.

Also, see for instance [20, p. 60-64],

$$(1.11) \quad \|A\|_p = \|A^*\|_p, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}_p(H)$$

$$(1.12) \quad \|AB\|_p \leq \|A\|_p \|B\|_p, \quad A, B \in \mathcal{B}_p(H)$$

and

$$(1.13) \quad \|AB\|_p \leq \|A\|_p \|B\|, \quad \|BA\|_p \leq \|B\| \|A\|_p, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}_p(H), \quad B \in \mathcal{B}(H).$$

This implies that

$$(1.14) \quad \|CAB\|_p \leq \|C\| \|A\|_p \|B\|, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}_p(H), \quad B, C \in \mathcal{B}(H).$$

In terms of  $p$ -Schatten norm we have the Hölder inequality for  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$

$$(1.15) \quad (|\operatorname{tr}(AB)| \leq) \|AB\|_1 \leq \|A\|_p \|B\|_q, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}_p(H), \quad B \in \mathcal{B}_q(H).$$

For the theory of trace functionals and their applications the reader is referred to [19] and [20].

For some classical trace inequalities see [7], [8], and [18], which are continuations of the work of Bellman [1].

## 2. 1-SCHATTEN NORM INEQUALITIES

For  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_n)$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = (B_1, \dots, B_n) \in B(H)$  we define the functional

$$D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i B_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i B_i.$$

We can state the following result for the 1-Schatten norm:

**Theorem 4.** *If  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_n) \in (B_p(H))^n$  and  $\mathbf{B} = (B_1, \dots, B_n) \in (B_q(H))^n$  for  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_1 &\leq D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p} := \left( 0, \|\Delta A_1\|_p, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \right)$  and  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q} := \left( 0, \|\Delta B_1\|_q, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \right)$ .

In particular, if  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in (B_2(H))^n$ , then

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_1 &\leq D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},2}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},2}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let us start with the following identity which can be proved by direct computation for  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_n) \in (B_p(H))^n$  and  $\mathbf{B} = (B_1, \dots, B_n) \in (B_q(H))^n$

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) &= \frac{1}{2n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n (A_j - A_i)(B_j - B_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (A_j - A_i)(B_j - B_i). \end{aligned}$$

As  $i < j$  we can write that  $A_j - A_i = \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta A_k$  and  $B_j - B_i = \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta B_k$ . Using the generalized triangle inequality and the property (1.15) we have successively from

(2.3) that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.4) \quad & \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \left\| \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta A_k \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta B_k \right\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left\| \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta A_k \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta B_k \right\|_1 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left\| \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta A_k \right\|_p \left\| \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta B_k \right\|_q \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left( \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \right) \\
 &= D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$0 \leq \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p$$

and

$$0 \leq \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q$$

for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

Utilising the inequality (1.2) for  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (0 \leq) D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q}) &\leq \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q
 \end{aligned}$$

and by (2.4) we get (2.1). □

We have for  $\mathbf{e} = (1, 2, \dots, n)$  that

$$D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{e}) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n i a_i - \frac{n+1}{2} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_n(\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{e}) &:= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 - \frac{n+1}{2} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n i \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - \frac{(n+1)^2}{4} = \frac{1}{12} (n^2 - 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

If we use the *pre-Grüss inequality*

$$|D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})|^2 \leq D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}) D_n(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}),$$

we get

$$(2.5) \quad |D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{e})|^2 \leq \frac{1}{12} (n^2 - 1) D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}).$$

If  $r \leq a_i \leq R$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , then by (1.2) we have

$$(2.6) \quad D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}) \leq \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) (R - r)^2 \leq \frac{1}{4} (R - r)^2.$$

By (2.5) and (2.6) we also have

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} |D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{e})|^2 &\leq \frac{1}{12} (n^2 - 1) D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{12} (n^2 - 1) \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) (R - r)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{48} (n^2 - 1) (R - r)^2, \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $r \leq a_i \leq R$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . This implies that

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} |D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{e})| &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} [D_n(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a})]^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2} (R - r) \\ &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} (R - r). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 5.** *If  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_n) \in (B_p(H))^n$  and  $\mathbf{B} = (B_1, \dots, B_n) \in (B_q(H))^n$  for  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then*

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_1 &\leq \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p D_n(\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, q}) \\ &\leq \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \\ &\quad \times [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, q}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, q})]^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2} \\ &\quad \times \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \\ &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, q} := \left( 0, \|\Delta B_1\|_q, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \right)$ .

In particular, if  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in (B_2(H))^n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.10) \quad \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_1 &\leq \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_2 D_n(\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, 2}) \\
 &\leq \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_2 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \\
 &\quad \times [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, 2}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, 2})]^{1/2} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2} \\
 &\quad \times \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_2 \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We have by (2.4) that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.11) \quad \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_1 &\leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (j-i) \max_{k \in \{i, \dots, j-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{n^2} \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (j-i) \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i, j=1}^n (j-i) \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i, j=1}^n (j-i) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \right) \\
 &= \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p D_n(\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, q}).
 \end{aligned}$$

By (2.8) we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.12) \quad (0 \leq) D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, q}, \mathbf{e}) &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, q}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, q})]^{1/2} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q.
 \end{aligned}$$

By making use of (2.11) and (2.12) we derive (2.9).  $\square$

**Theorem 6.** If  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_n) \in (B_p(H))^n$  and  $\mathbf{B} = (B_1, \dots, B_n) \in (B_q(H))^n$  for  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then for  $\alpha, \beta > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.13) \quad \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_1 &\leq [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}, p, \alpha}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/\alpha} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, q, \beta}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/\beta} \\
&\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \\
&\quad \times [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}, p, \alpha}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}, p, \alpha})]^{1/(2\alpha)} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, q, \beta}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, q, \beta})]^{1/(2\beta)} \\
&\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2} \\
&\quad \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \right)^{1/\beta} \\
&\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \right)^{1/\beta},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}, p, \alpha} := \left( 0, \|\Delta A_1\|_p^\alpha, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right)$$

and

$$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, q, \beta} := \left( 0, \|\Delta B_1\|_q^\beta, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \right).$$

*Proof.* We have by (2.4) that

$$(2.14) \quad \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q.$$

By Hölder's inequality for  $\alpha, \beta > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$  we have that

$$\sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \leq (j-i)^{1/\beta} \left( \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \leq (j-i)^{1/\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \right)^{1/\beta},$$

which gives, by multiplication, that

$$\sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q \leq (j-i) \left( \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \right)^{1/\beta}.$$

Then by (2.14) we get

$$(2.15) \quad \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (j-i) \left( \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \right)^{1/\beta}.$$



By using Hölder's weighted inequality for  $\alpha, \beta > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.16) \quad & \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (j-i) \left( \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \right)^{1/\beta} \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (j-i) \left[ \left( \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \right]^\alpha \right\}^{1/\alpha} \\
 & \quad \times \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (j-i) \left[ \left( \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \right)^{1/\beta} \right]^\beta \right\}^{1/\beta} \\
 & = \frac{1}{n^2} \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (j-i) \left( \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right) \right\}^{1/\alpha} \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (j-i) \left( \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \right) \right\}^{1/\beta} \\
 & = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n (j-i) \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right\}^{1/\alpha} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n (j-i) \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \right\}^{1/\beta} \\
 & = [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p,\alpha}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/\alpha} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q,\beta}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/\beta}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By making use of (2.14)-(2.16) we derive the first inequality in (2.13).

By (2.8) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.17) \quad D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p,\alpha}, \mathbf{e}) & \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p,\alpha}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p,\alpha})]^{1/2} \\
 & \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right]^{1/2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \\
 & \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.18) \quad D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q,\beta}, \mathbf{e}) & \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q,\beta}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q,\beta})]^{1/2} \\
 & \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right]^{1/2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \\
 & \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
& [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p,\alpha}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/\alpha} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q,\beta}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/\beta} \\
& \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p,\alpha}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p,\alpha})]^{1/(2\alpha)} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q,\beta}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q,\beta})]^{1/(2\beta)} \\
& \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2} \\
& \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \right)^{1/\beta} \\
& \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^\beta \right)^{1/\beta},
\end{aligned}$$

which proves the second part of (2.13).  $\square$

**Remark 1.** *If*

$$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},2,\alpha} := \left( 0, \|\Delta A_1\|_2^\alpha, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_2^\alpha \right)$$

and

$$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},2,\beta} := \left( 0, \|\Delta B_1\|_2^\beta, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_2^\beta \right),$$

then for  $\alpha, \beta > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.19) \quad \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_1 & \leq [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},2,\alpha}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/\alpha} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},2,\beta}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/\beta} \\
& \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \\
& \times [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},2,\alpha}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},2,\alpha})]^{1/(2\alpha)} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},2,\beta}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},2,\beta})]^{1/(2\beta)} \\
& \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2} \\
& \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_2^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_2^\beta \right)^{1/\beta} \\
& \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_2^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_2^\beta \right)^{1/\beta}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, if we take  $\alpha = p$  and  $\beta = q$  in (2.13), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.20) \quad \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_1 &\leq [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p,p}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/p} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q,q}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/q} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \\
 &\quad \times [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p,p}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p,p})]^{1/(2p)} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q,q}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},q,q})]^{1/(2q)} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2} \\
 &\quad \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^p \right)^{1/p} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^q \right)^{1/q} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^p \right)^{1/p} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_q^q \right)^{1/q}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By using the trace properties, we can state that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.21) \quad |\text{tr}(D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}))| &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2} \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \text{tr} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\Delta A_k|^p \right) \right]^{1/p} \left[ \text{tr} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\Delta B_k|^q \right) \right]^{1/q} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \text{tr} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\Delta A_k|^p \right) \right]^{1/p} \left[ \text{tr} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\Delta B_k|^q \right) \right]^{1/q},
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

In particular, for  $p = q = 2$  we get the trace inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.22) \quad |\text{tr}(D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}))| &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2} \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \text{tr} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\Delta A_k|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} \left[ \text{tr} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\Delta B_k|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \text{tr} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\Delta A_k|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} \left[ \text{tr} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\Delta B_k|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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We also have:

**Theorem 7.** If  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_n)$  and  $\mathbf{B} = (B_1, \dots, B_n) \in (B_p(H))^n$  for  $p \geq 1$ , then

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_p &\leq D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},p}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p} := \left( 0, \|\Delta A_1\|_p, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \right)$  and  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},p} := \left( 0, \|\Delta B_1\|_p, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p \right)$ .

*Proof.* As in the proof of Theorem 4 we have, by utilising property (1.12), that

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_p &= \frac{1}{n^2} \left\| \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta A_k \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta B_k \right\|_p \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left\| \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta A_k \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta B_k \right\|_p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left\| \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta A_k \right\|_p \left\| \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \Delta B_k \right\|_p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left( \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p \right) \\ &= D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A},p}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},p}). \end{aligned}$$

The rest follows as in the proof of Theorem 4 and we omit the details.  $\square$

By utilising a similar argument to the one in the proof of Theorem 5 we can state

**Theorem 8.** If  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_n)$  and  $\mathbf{B} = (B_1, \dots, B_n) \in (B_p(H))^n$  for  $p \geq 1$ , then

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_p &\leq \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p D_n(\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},p}) \\ &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},p}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B},p})]^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2} \\ &\quad \times \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p \\ &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}} \|\Delta A_k\|_p \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we have:

**Theorem 9.** *If  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_n)$  and  $\mathbf{B} = (B_1, \dots, B_n) \in (B_p(H))^n$  for  $p \geq 1$ , then for  $\alpha, \beta > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.4) \quad \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_p &\leq [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}, p, \alpha}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/\alpha} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, p, \beta}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/\beta} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \\
 &\quad \times [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}, p, \alpha}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}, p, \alpha})]^{1/(2\alpha)} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, p, \beta}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, p, \beta})]^{1/(2\beta)} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right]^{1/2} \\
 &\quad \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p^\beta \right)^{1/\beta} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p^\beta \right)^{1/\beta},
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}, p, \alpha} := \left( 0, \|\Delta A_1\|_p^\alpha, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^\alpha \right), \quad \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, p, \beta} := \left( 0, \|\Delta B_1\|_p^\beta, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p^\beta \right).$$

We observe that for  $\alpha = \beta = 2$  we derive the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.5) \quad \|D_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\|_p &\leq [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}, p, 2}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/2} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, p, 2}, \mathbf{e})]^{1/2} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \\
 &\quad \times [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}, p, 2}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}, p, 2})]^{1/4} [D_n(\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, p, 2}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{B}, p, 2})]^{1/4} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right]^{1/2} \\
 &\quad \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta A_k\|_p^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\Delta B_k\|_p^2 \right)^{1/2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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