# ON SOME GRÜSS TYPE INEQUALITY IN 2-INNER PRODUCT SPACES AND APPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we shall give a generalization of the Grüss type inequality and obtain some applications of the Grüss type inequality in terms of 2-inner product spaces.

### 1. Introduction

Let X be a linear space of dimension greater than 1 and  $(\cdot, \cdot|\cdot)$  be a realvalued function on  $X \times X \times X$  satisfying the following conditions:

 $\begin{array}{l} (2\mathrm{I}_1) \ (x,x|z) \geq 0, \\ (x,x|z) = 0 \ \text{if and only if } x \ \text{and } z \ \text{are linearly dependent}, \\ (2\mathrm{I}_2) \ (x,x|z) = (z,z|x), \\ (2\mathrm{I}_3) \ (x,y|z) = (y,x|z), \\ (2\mathrm{I}_4) \ (\alpha x,y|z) = \alpha(x,y|z) \ \text{for any real number } \alpha, \\ (2\mathrm{I}_5) \ (x+x',y|z) = (x,y|z) + (x',y|z). \\ (.,.|.) \ \text{is called a $2$-inner product and $(X,(\cdot,\cdot|\cdot))$ is called a $2$-inner product} \end{array}$ 

(.,.].) is called a *z*-inner product and  $(X, (\cdot, \cdot|\cdot))$  is called a *z*-inner product space (or a *2*-pre-Hilbert space) ([3]).

Some basic properties of the 2-inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)$  are as follows ([3], [4]):

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(1) For all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

$$|(x,y|z)| \le \sqrt{(x,x|z)}\sqrt{(y,y|z)}$$

(2) For all  $x, y \in X$ , (x, y|y) = 0.

(3) If  $(X, (\cdot, \cdot))$  is an inner product space, then the 2-inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot|\cdot)$  is defined on X by

$$(x,y|z) = \begin{vmatrix} (x|y) & (x|z) \\ (y|z) & (z|z) \end{vmatrix} = (x|y) ||z||^2 - (x|z)(y|z)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Under the same assumptions over X, the real-valued function  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  on  $X \times X$  satisfying the following conditions:

- $(2N_1) ||x, y|| = 0$  if and only if x and y are linearly dependent,
- $(2N_2) ||x,y|| = ||y,x||,$
- (2N<sub>3</sub>)  $\|\alpha x, y\| = |\alpha| \|x, y\|$  for all real number  $\alpha$ ,
- $(2N_4) ||x, y + z|| \le ||x, y|| + ||x, z||.$

 $\|\cdot,\cdot\|$  is called a 2-norm on X and  $(X,\|\cdot,\cdot\|)$  is called a *linear 2-normed* space ([7]).

Note that it is easy to show that the 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  is non-negative and, for all  $x, y \in X$  and real numbers  $\alpha$ ,  $\|x, y + \alpha x\| = \|x, y\|$ .

For any non-zero  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$  in X, let  $V(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$  denote the subspace of X generated by  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$ . Whenever the notation  $V(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$  is used, by it will understood  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$  to be linearly independent.

Note that, on any 2-inner product space  $(X, (\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)), ||x, y|| = \sqrt{(x, x | y)}$  defines a 2-norm for which we have

(1.1) 
$$(x,y|z) = \frac{1}{4}(||x+y,z||^2 - ||x-y,z||^2),$$

(1.2) 
$$||x+y,z||^2 + ||x-y,z||^2 = 2(||x,z||^2 + ||y,z||^2)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . On the other hand, if  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is a linear 2-normed space in which the condition (1.2) is satisfied for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , then we can define a 2-inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot|\cdot)$  on X by the condition (1.1). For a 2-inner product space  $(X, (\cdot, \cdot | \cdot))$ , Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality

(1.3) 
$$|(x,y|z)| \le (x,x|z)^{1/2} (y,y|z)^{1/2} = ||x,z|| ||y,z||,$$

a 2-dimensional analogue of Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality, holds.

For further details on 2-inner product spaces and linear 2-normed spaces, refer to the papers ([2]-[5], [9], [10]).

Y. J. Cho et al. ([1]), S. S. Dragomir et al. ([6]) studied the inequalities of 2-inner product spaces and obtained some related results.

In this paper, we shall give a generalization of the Grüss type inequality and obtain some applications of the Grüss type inequality in terms of 2-inner product spaces.

## 2. The Main Results

In 1935, G. Grüss proved the integral inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_b^a f(x)g(x)dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_b^a f(x)dx \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} \int_b^a g(x)dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} (M-m)(N-n) \end{aligned}$$

if f and g are two integrable functions on [a,b] satisfying the condition:

$$m \le f(x) \le M, \quad n \le g(x) \le N$$

for all  $x \in [a, b]([8])$ .

In this section, we shall give a generalization of the Grüss type inequality in terms of 2-inner product spaces.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $(X, (\cdot, \cdot | \cdot))$  be a 2-inner product space and  $x, y, z, e \in X$  with ||e, z|| = 1 and  $z \notin V(x, e, y)$ . If m, n, M, N are real numbers such that

(2.1) 
$$(Me - x, x - me|z) \ge 0, \quad (Ne - y, y - ne|z) \ge 0,$$

then we have the inequality

(2.2) 
$$|(x,y|z) - (x,e|z)(e,y|z)| \le \frac{1}{4}|M-m||N-n|.$$

*Proof.* Note that

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

By the Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality (1.3),

(2.3)  
$$|(x - (x, e|z)e, y - (e, y|z)e|z)|^{2} \leq ||x - (x, e|z)e, z||^{2}||y - (e, y|z)e, z||^{2} = (||x, z||^{2} - |(x, e|z)|^{2})(||y, z||^{2} - |(e, y|z)|^{2}).$$

On the other hand, we have

$$(2.4) \quad (M - (x, e|z))((x, e|z) - m) - (Me - x, x - me|z) = ||x, z||^2 - |(x, e|z)|^2$$

and

$$(2.5) \ (N - (e, y|z))((e, y|z) - n) - (Ne - y, y - ne|z) = ||y, z||^2 - |(e, y|z)|^2.$$

Since  $(Me - x, x - me|z) \ge 0, (Ne - y, y - ne|z) \ge 0$ , we have

(2.6) 
$$(M - (x, e|z))((x, e|z) - m) \ge ||x, z||^2 - |(x, e|z)|^2$$

and

(2.7) 
$$(N - (e, y|z))((e, y|z) - n) \ge ||y, z||^2 - |(e, y|z)|^2.$$

Also, by the inequality  $4ab \leq (a+b)^2$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

(2.8) 
$$(M - (x, e|z))((x, e|z) - m) \le \frac{1}{4}(M - m)^2$$

and, similarly,

(2.9) 
$$(N - (e, y|z))((e, y|z) - n) \le \frac{1}{4}(N - n)^2.$$

Thus, using  $(2.3) \sim (2.9)$ , we have the inequality

$$|(x,y|z) - (x,e|z)(e,y|z)|^2 \le \frac{1}{16}|M-m|^2|N-n|^2$$

and so we have the desired inequality (2.2). This completes the proof.

The mapping  $(\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)_{\overline{p}} : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$(\overline{x},\overline{y}|\overline{z})_{\overline{p}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} p_i p_j (x_i z_j - x_j z_i) (y_i z_j - y_j z_i),$$

where  $\overline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), \ \overline{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n), \ \overline{z} = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and  $\overline{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) > \overline{0}$ , that is,  $p_i > 0$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , is obviously a 2-inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  generating the 2-norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ 

$$\|\overline{x},\overline{y}\|_{\overline{p}} = \left[\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i,j=1}^{n} p_i p_j (x_i z_j - x_j z_i)^2\right]^{1/2}.$$

**Propsition 2.2.** Let  $(\mathbb{R}^n, (\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)_{\overline{p}})$  be a 2-inner product space and  $\overline{x}, \overline{y}, \overline{z}, \overline{e} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\|\overline{e}, \overline{z}\| = 1$  and  $\overline{z} \notin V(\overline{x}, \overline{y}, \overline{e})$ . If m, n, M, N are real numbers such that

 $(M\overline{e} - \overline{x}, \overline{x} - m\overline{e}|\overline{z})_{\overline{p}} \ge 0, \quad (N\overline{e} - \overline{y}, \overline{y} - n\overline{e}|\overline{z})_{\overline{p}} \ge 0,$ 

then we have the inequality

$$\left| \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} p_i p_j (x_i z_j - x_j z_i) (y_i z_j - y_j z_i) - \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} p_i p_j (x_i z_j - x_j z_i) (e_i z_j - e_j z_i) \right) \times \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} p_i p_j (e_i z_j - e_j z_i) (y_i z_j - y_j z_i) \right) \right|$$
  
$$\leq \frac{1}{4} |M - m| |N - n|.$$

Next, let  $(\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)$  be a 2-inner product and  $\{(\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)_i\}_{i \in N}$  be a sequence of 2-inner products satisfying the following condition:

$$\|x,z\|^2 > \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|x,z\|_i^2$$

for all x, z being linearly independent. Let  $p \in N$ . Define a mapping

$$(x, y|z)_p = (x, y|z) - \sum_{i=1}^p (x, y|z)_i,$$

for  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $z \notin V(x, y)$ . Then the mapping  $(\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)_p$  satisfies the properties:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (1) & (x, x | z)_p \geq 0, \\ (2) & (\alpha x + \beta x', y | z)_p = \alpha (x, y | z)_p + \beta (x' + y | z)_p, \\ (3) & (x, y | z)_p + (y, x | z)_p, \\ (4) & (x, x | z)_p = (z, z | x)_p \end{array}$ 

for every  $x, x', y, z \in X$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ .

By Theorem 2.1, we have the following:

**Proposition 2.3.** If there exist real numbers m, n, M, N are real numbers such that

$$(Me - x, x - me|z)_p \ge 0, \quad (Ne - y, y - ne|z)_p \ge 0,$$

then we have

$$|(x,y|z)_p - (x,e|z)_p(e,y|z)_p| \le \frac{1}{4}|M-m||N-n|.$$

### 3. Applications for Isotonic functionals

Let E be a nonempty set, F(E, R) be the real algebra of all real-valued functions defined on E and L be a subalgebra of F(E, R). A functional A is said to be *isotonic* if  $f \ge g$ , that is,  $f(t) \ge g(t)$  for every  $t \in E$ , implies  $A(f) \ge A(g)$  for all  $f, g \in L$ . A functional A is said to be *normalized* on L if  $\mathbf{1} \in L$ , that is,  $\mathbf{1}(t) = 1$  for all  $t \in E$  implies  $A(\mathbf{1}) = 1$ .

For some inequalities involving linear isotonic functionals is given in [8].

Suppose that  $fgh^2, fh^2, gh^2 \in L$  for all  $f, g \in L$ . For a isotonic linear functional  $A: L \to R$ , we define a functional  $(\cdot, \cdot|\cdot)_A: L \times L \times L \to R$  by

$$(f,g|h)_A = A(fgh^2)$$

for every  $f, g, h \in L$ . Then we have the following properties:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (1) & (f,f|h)_A = A(f^2h^2) \geq 0, \\ (2) & (\alpha f + \beta f',g|h)_A = \alpha(f,g|h)_A + \beta(f',g|h)_A, \\ (3) & (f,g|h)_A = (g,f|h)_A, \\ (4) & (f,f|h)_A = (h,h|f)_A. \end{array}$ 

for every  $f, f', g, h \in L$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let L be as above,  $fgh^2, fh^2, gh^2, f, g, e, h \in L$  with ||e,h|| = 1 and  $h \notin V(f,g,e)$ . If m, n, M, N are real numbers such that

$$(3.1) m \le f \le M, n \le g \le N$$

and  $A: L \to R$  is an isotonic linear functional, then we have the following inequality

$$|A(fgh^{2}) - A(fh^{2})A(gh^{2})| \le \frac{1}{4}(M - m)(N - n).$$

*Proof.* Choose e=1. Then since ||e,h|| = 1,  $(e,e|h)_A = 1$ ,  $A(e^2h^2) = A(h^2) = 1$  and we have

$$(Me - f, f - me|h)_A = A((M - f)(f - m)h^2) \ge 0$$

and

$$(Ne - g, g - ne|h)_A = A((N - g)(g - n)h^2) \ge 0.$$

Applying Theorem 2.1 for  $(\cdot, \cdot|\cdot)_A$ , we have

$$|(f,g|h)_A - (f,e|h)(e,g|h)_A| \le \frac{1}{4}(M-m)(N-n).$$

This completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $fg, f, g, e, h \in L$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{1} \in L$  and  $A : L \to R$  is a normalized isotonic linear functional. If m, n, M, N satisfy (3.1), then we have the following inequality

$$|A(fg) - A(f)A(g)| \le \frac{1}{4}(M-m)(N-n).$$

Let  $L^2_{[a,b]}$  be a real Hilbert space of square integrable mapping on [a,b], that is,  $\int_a^b |f^2| dm < \infty$  if  $f \in L^2_{[a,b]}$ . Define a mapping  $(\cdot, \cdot|\cdot) : L^2_{[a,b]} \times L^2_{[a,b]} \times L^2_{[a,b]} \to R$  by

$$(f,g|l) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} \int_{a}^{b} (f(x)l(y) - f(y)l(x))(g(x)l(y) - g(y)l(x))dm(x)dm(y).$$

Then  $(\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)$  is a 2-inner product on  $L^2_{[a,b]}$  generating the 2-norm

$$||f,l|| = \left(\frac{1}{2}\int_{a}^{b}\int_{a}^{b}(f(x)l(y) - f(y)l(x))^{2}dm(x)dm(y)\right)^{1/2}.$$

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $(L^2_{[a,b]}, (\cdot, \cdot|\cdot))$  be a 2-inner product space and  $f, g, e, h \in L^2_{[a,b]}$  with ||e, h|| = 1 and  $h \notin V(f, g, e)$ . There exist real numbers m, n, M, N such that

$$m \le f \le M, \quad n \le g \le N.$$

Then we have the inequality

$$\begin{split} \left| \int_{a}^{b} \int_{a}^{b} (f(x)h(y) - f(y)h(x))(g(x)h(y) - g(y)h(x))dm(x)dm(y) \right. \\ \left. - \left[ \int_{a}^{b} \int_{a}^{b} (f(x)h(y) - f(y)h(x))(h(y) - h(x))dm(x)dm(y) \right] \right. \\ \left. \times \left[ \int_{a}^{b} \int_{a}^{b} (h(y) - h(x))(g(x)h(y) - g(y)h(x))dm(x)dm(y) \right] \right. \\ \left. \le \frac{1}{4} |M - m| |N - n|. \end{split}$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.1, applied to

$$A(f,g|h) = A(fgh^2) = \int_a^b \int_a^b \det(f,h) \det(g,h) dm(x) dm(y),$$

where

$$\det(f,h) = \begin{vmatrix} f(x) & f(y) \\ h(x) & h(y) \end{vmatrix},$$

the result follows.

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