



Buzano Inequality in Inner Product C^* -modules via the Operator Geometric Mean

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Abstract. In this paper, by means of the operator geometric mean, we show a Buzano type inequality in an inner product C^* -module, which is an extension of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality in an inner product C^* -module.

1. Introduction

The theory of Hilbert C^* -modules over non-commutative C^* -algebras firstly appeared in Paschke [15] and Rieffel [16], and it has contributed greatly to the developments of operator algebras. Recently, many researchers have studied geometric properties of Hilbert C^* -modules from a viewpoint of the operator theory. For examples, Moslehian et al considered in [14] Busano's type inequality in the context of Hilbert C^* -modules. Also, Roukbi considered in [18] norm type inequalities of the Buzano inequality and its generalization in an inner product C^* -module. We showed in [7] the new Cauchy-Schwarz inequality in an inner product C^* -module by means of the operator geometric mean. From the viewpoint, we show a Hilbert C^* -module version of the Buzano inequality which is an extension of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality in an inner product C^* -module.

We briefly review the Buzano inequality and its generalization in a Hilbert space. Let H be a Hilbert space with the inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. Buzano [3] showed an extension of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$\frac{|\langle a, x \rangle \langle x, b \rangle|}{\langle x, x \rangle} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\langle a, a \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle b, b \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} + |\langle a, b \rangle| \right) \quad (1)$$

for all $a, b, x \in H$, also see [8]. In the case of $a = b$, the inequality (1) becomes the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality $|\langle a, x \rangle| \leq \langle a, a \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}$ for all $a, x \in H$. For a real inner product space, Richard [17] obtained the following stronger inequality:

$$\left| \frac{\langle a, x \rangle \langle x, b \rangle}{\langle x, x \rangle} - \frac{1}{2} \langle a, b \rangle \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \langle a, a \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (2)$$

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for all $a, b, x \in H$. Dragomir [4] showed the following refinement of the Richard inequality (2):

$$\left| \frac{\langle a, x \rangle \langle x, b \rangle}{\langle x, x \rangle} - \frac{\langle a, b \rangle}{\alpha} \right| \leq \frac{\langle b, b \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}}{|\alpha| \langle x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left(|\alpha - 1|^2 |\langle a, x \rangle|^2 + \langle x, x \rangle \langle a, a \rangle - |\langle a, x \rangle|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{3}$$

for all $a, b, x \in H$ with $x \neq 0$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$. In fact, if we put $\alpha = 2$ in (3), then we have the Richard inequality (2). Moreover, in [5], he showed that if e_1, \dots, e_n is a finite orthonormal system and $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $|\alpha_i - 1| = 1$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, then

$$\left| \langle x, y \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \langle x, e_i \rangle \langle e_i, y \rangle \right| \leq \langle x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}. \tag{4}$$

Roukbi [18] considered norm type inequalities of the Dragomir inequality (3) and the Buzano one (1) in an inner product C^* -module. Also, Moslehian et al [14] considered Busano’s type inequality in the context of Hilbert C^* -modules.

In this paper, by means of the operator geometric mean, we show inner product C^* -module versions of the Dragomir inequality (3) and the Richard inequality (2). As a result, we have a Buzano type inequality, which are an extension of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality in an inner product C^* -module.

2. Preliminaries

Let \mathcal{A} be a unital C^* -algebra with the unit element e . An element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ is called positive if it is selfadjoint and its spectrum is contained in $[0, \infty)$. For $a \in \mathcal{A}$, we denote the absolute value of a by $|a| = (a^*a)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. For positive elements $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$, the operator geometric mean of a and b is defined by

$$a \# b = a^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(a^{-\frac{1}{2}} b a^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for invertible a , also see [9, 11]. In the case of non-invertible, since $a \# b$ satisfies the upper semicontinuity, we define $a \# b = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} (a + \epsilon e) \# (b + \epsilon e)$ in the strong operator topology. Hence $a \# b$ belongs to the double commutant \mathcal{A}'' of \mathcal{A} in general. If \mathcal{A} is monotone complete in the sense that every bounded increasing net in the self-adjoint part has a supremum with respect to the usual partial order, then we have $a \# b \in \mathcal{A}$, see [10]. The operator geometric mean has the symmetric property: $a \# b = b \# a$. In the case that a and b commute, we have $a \# b = \sqrt{ab}$.

A complex linear space \mathcal{X} is said to be an inner product \mathcal{A} -module (or a pre-Hilbert \mathcal{A} -module) if \mathcal{X} is a right \mathcal{A} -module together with a C^* -valued map $(x, y) \mapsto \langle x, y \rangle : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ such that

- (i) $\langle x, \alpha y + \beta z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle + \beta \langle x, z \rangle \quad (x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C})$,
- (ii) $\langle x, ya \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle a \quad (x, y \in \mathcal{X}, a \in \mathcal{A})$,
- (iii) $\langle y, x \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle^* \quad (x, y \in \mathcal{X})$,
- (iv) $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0 \quad (x \in \mathcal{X})$ and if $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$, then $x = 0$.

We always assume that the linear structures of \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{X} are compatible. Notice that (ii) and (iii) imply $\langle xa, y \rangle = a^* \langle x, y \rangle$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}, a \in \mathcal{A}$. If \mathcal{X} satisfies all conditions for an inner-product \mathcal{A} -module except for the second part of (iv), then we call \mathcal{X} a semi-inner product \mathcal{A} -module.

In [7], from a viewpoint of operator theory, we presented the following Cauchy-Schwarz inequality in the framework of a semi-inner product C^* -module over a unital C^* -algebra: If $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ such that the inner product $\langle x, y \rangle$ has a polar decomposition $\langle x, y \rangle = u|\langle x, y \rangle|$ with a partial isometry $u \in \mathcal{A}$, then

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq u^* \langle x, x \rangle u \# \langle y, y \rangle. \tag{5}$$

Under the assumption that \mathcal{X} is an inner product \mathcal{A} -module and y is nonsingular, the equality in (5) holds if and only if $xu = yb$ for some $b \in \mathcal{A}$, also see [2, 6].

An element x of an inner product C^* -module \mathcal{X} is called nonsingular if the element $\langle x, x \rangle \in \mathcal{A}$ is invertible. The set $\{e_i\} \subset \mathcal{X}$ is called orthonormal if $\langle e_i, e_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}e$. For more details on Hilbert C^* -modules; see [13].

3. Main Result

First of all, we show an inner product C^* -module version of Dragomir’s result (3).

Theorem 3.1. *Let \mathcal{X} be an inner product C^* -module over a unital C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} . If $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$ such that x is nonsingular and $a \in \mathcal{A}$ and the inner product $\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - ya \rangle$ has a polar decomposition $\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - ya \rangle = u |\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - ya \rangle|$ with a partial isometry $u \in \mathcal{A}$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \langle z, y \rangle a| \\ & \leq u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \left((a - e)^* \langle y, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle (a - e) + a^* \langle y, y \rangle a - a^* \langle y, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle a \right). \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Under the assumption that $x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - ya$ is nonsingular, the equality in (6) holds if and only if $x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle b = zu + yab$ for some $b \in \mathcal{A}$.

Proof. By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality (5), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \langle z, y \rangle a| = |\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - ya \rangle| \\ & \leq u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \langle x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - ya, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - ya \rangle \\ & = u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \left((a - e)^* \langle y, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle (a - e) + a^* \langle y, y \rangle a - a^* \langle y, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle a \right). \end{aligned}$$

The equality condition in (6) follows from those of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality (5). \square

In particular, if we put $a = \frac{1}{2}e$ in Theorem 3.1, then we have an inner product C^* -module version of the Richard inequality (2):

Theorem 3.2. *If $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$ such that x is nonsingular and the inner product $\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2}y \rangle$ has a polar decomposition $\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2}y \rangle = u |\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2}y \rangle|$ with a partial isometry $u \in \mathcal{A}$, then*

$$|\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle z, y \rangle| \leq \frac{1}{2} (u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \langle y, y \rangle). \tag{7}$$

Under the assumption that $x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2}y$ is nonsingular, the equality in (7) holds if and only if $x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle b = zu + \frac{1}{2}yb$ for some $b \in \mathcal{A}$.

Remark 1. Theorem 3.2 is an extension of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality (5). In fact, if we put $x = y \langle y, y \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ in Theorem 3.2, then we have the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality (5).

In the case that $a = e$ and $a = 0$ in Theorem 3.1 respectively, we have the following corollary, which is related to the Buzano inequality (1).

Corollary 3.3. *Let $x, y, x \in \mathcal{X}$ be as in Theorem 3.1. Then*

1. $|\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \langle z, y \rangle| \leq u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# (\langle y, y \rangle - \langle y, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle)$.
2. $|\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle| \leq u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \langle y, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle$.

The following theorem is an inner product C^* -module version of Dragomir’s result (4):

Theorem 3.4. *Let \mathcal{X} be an inner product C^* -module over a unital C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} . If $e_1, \dots, e_n \in \mathcal{X}$ is an orthonormal system, and $y, z \in \mathcal{X}$ and the inner product $\langle z, \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \langle e_i, y \rangle - y \rangle$ has a polar decomposition $\langle z, \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \langle e_i, y \rangle - y \rangle = u |\langle z, \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \langle e_i, y \rangle - y \rangle|$ with a partial isometry $u \in \mathcal{A}$, then*

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n \langle z, e_i \rangle \langle e_i, y \rangle - \langle z, y \rangle \right| \leq u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \left(\langle y, y \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle y, e_i \rangle \langle e_i, y \rangle \right). \tag{8}$$

Under the assumption that $\sum_{i=1}^n e_i \langle e_i, y \rangle - y$ is nonsingular, the equality holds in (8) if and only if there exists $b \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n e_i \langle e_i, y \rangle b = zu + yb$.

Proof. By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality (5), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \langle z, e_i \rangle \langle e_i, y \rangle - \langle z, y \rangle \right| &= \left| \left\langle z, \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \langle e_i, y \rangle - y \right\rangle \right| \leq u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \langle e_i, y \rangle - y, \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \langle e_i, y \rangle - y \right\rangle \\ &= u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \left(\langle y, y \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle y, e_i \rangle \langle e_i, y \rangle \right) \text{ by the orthonormality of } \{e_i\}. \end{aligned}$$

□

It is generally impossible to get the triangle inequality $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$ in C^* -algebra. However, Akemann, Anderson and Pedersen [1] showed the following result:

Theorem A. For each a and b in a unital C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} and $\varepsilon > 0$ there are unitaries v and w in \mathcal{A} such that

$$|a + b| \leq v|a|v^* + w|b|w^* + \varepsilon e.$$

Remark 1. If \mathcal{A} is a von Neumann algebra on a separable Hilbert space, then they moreover showed that for any $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ there are isometries $v, w \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $|x + y| \leq v|x|v^* + w|y|w^*$.

By Theorem 3.2 and Theorem A, we have the following inner product C^* -module version of the Buzano inequality (1):

Theorem 3.5. Let \mathcal{X} be an inner product C^* -module over a unital C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} . For $\varepsilon > 0$ and each $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$ such that x is nonsingular and the inner product

$\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2}y \rangle$ has a polar decomposition $\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2}y \rangle = u \left| \langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2}y \rangle \right|$ with a partial isometry $u \in \mathcal{A}$, then there exist unitaries v_1, w_1, v_2 and w_2 in \mathcal{A} such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}w_2| \langle z, y \rangle |w_2^* - \frac{1}{2}v_2(u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \langle y, y \rangle)v_2^* - \varepsilon e \\ \leq | \langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle | \leq \frac{1}{2}v_1(u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \langle y, y \rangle)v_1^* + \frac{1}{2}w_1| \langle z, y \rangle |w_1^* + \varepsilon e. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Proof. By Theorem 3.2, we have

$$| \langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle z, y \rangle | \leq \frac{1}{2}(u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \langle y, y \rangle).$$

By Theorem A, there are unitaries v_1 and w_1 in \mathcal{A} such that

$$| \langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle | \leq v_1| \langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle z, y \rangle |v_1^* + \frac{1}{2}w_1| \langle z, y \rangle |w_1^* + \varepsilon e.$$

Therefore, we have the second part of the desired inequality (9). For the first part, it follows from Theorem A that there are unitaries \tilde{v} and \tilde{w} in \mathcal{A} such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}| \langle z, y \rangle | \leq \tilde{v} \left| \frac{1}{2} \langle z, y \rangle - \langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle \right| \tilde{v}^* + \tilde{w} | \langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle | \tilde{w}^* + \varepsilon e \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \tilde{v} (u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \langle y, y \rangle) \tilde{v}^* + \tilde{w} | \langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle | \tilde{w}^* + \varepsilon e. \end{aligned}$$

If we put $w_2 = \tilde{w}^*$ and $v_2 = \tilde{w}^* \tilde{v}$, then we have the desired inequality

$$\frac{1}{2}w_2| \langle z, y \rangle |w_2^* - \frac{1}{2}v_2(u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \langle y, y \rangle)v_2^* - \varepsilon e \leq | \langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle |.$$

□

Remark 2. Theorem 3.5 is an extension of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality (5) in an inner product C^* -module:

As a matter of fact, if we put $x = y \langle y, y \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ in Theorem 3.2, then we can take $u = w = e$ and $\varepsilon = 0$ and hence we have the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality (5).

4. Applications

In this section, as an application, we consider an inequality related to the Selberg inequality in an inner product C^* -module.

Let $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ be an orthonormal set in \mathcal{X} . Then the Bessel inequality says that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\langle y_i, x \rangle|^2 \leq \langle x, x \rangle \tag{10}$$

holds for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. In [12], we showed the Selberg inequality in an inner product C^* -module, which is a simultaneous extension of the Bessel and the Cauchy-Schwarz inequalities: If x, y_1, \dots, y_n are nonzero vectors in \mathcal{X} such that y_1, \dots, y_n are nonsingular, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \langle x, y_i \rangle \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |\langle y_j, y_i \rangle| \right)^{-1} \langle y_i, x \rangle \leq \langle x, x \rangle. \tag{11}$$

By virtue of Theorem 3.5, we show a simultaneous extension of the Selberg inequality (11) and the Buzano inequality (9):

Theorem 4.1. *let \mathcal{X} be an inner product C^* -module over a unital C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} and $x, y, z, w_1, \dots, w_n \in \mathcal{X}$ be nonzero vectors such that x, w_1, \dots, w_n are nonsingular. Put $c_i = \sum_{j=1}^n |\langle w_j, w_i \rangle|$ and $h = y - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i c_i^{-1} \langle w_i, y \rangle$. Suppose that the inner product $\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2}h \rangle$ has a polar decomposition $\langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2}h \rangle = u \left| \langle z, x \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2}h \rangle \right|$ with a partial isometry $u \in \mathcal{A}$. If $\langle x, w_i \rangle = 0$ and $\langle z, w_i \rangle = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, then for $\varepsilon > 0$ there are unitaries v and w such that*

$$|\langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle| \leq \frac{1}{2} v^* \left[u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \left(\langle y, y \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle y, w_i \rangle c_i^{-1} \langle w_i, y \rangle \right) \right] v + \frac{1}{2} w^* |\langle z, y \rangle| w + \varepsilon e.$$

Proof. Since $\langle z, y \rangle = \langle z, h \rangle$ and $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, h \rangle$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle z, y \rangle| &= |\langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, h \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle z, h \rangle| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \langle h, h \rangle) \quad \text{by Theorem 3.2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \left(\langle y, y \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle y, w_i \rangle c_i^{-1} \langle w_i, y \rangle \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

and the last inequality follows from [12, Theorem 3.1]. By Theorem A, there are unitaries v and w in \mathcal{A} such that

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle| &\leq v |\langle z, x \rangle \langle x, x \rangle^{-1} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle z, y \rangle| v^* + \frac{1}{2} w |\langle z, y \rangle| w^* + \varepsilon e \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} v \left[u^* \langle z, z \rangle u \# \left(\langle y, y \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle y, w_i \rangle c_i^{-1} \langle w_i, y \rangle \right) \right] v^* + \frac{1}{2} w |\langle z, y \rangle| w^* + \varepsilon e \end{aligned}$$

as desired. \square

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