

# Volume differences of mixed complex projection bodies

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## Abstract

Recently, Abarodia and Bernig introduced the notion of mixed complex projection bodies and established a number of important geometric inequalities for them. In the present paper we prove several new isoperimetric type inequalities for volume differences of mixed complex projection bodies.

## 1 Introduction

Projection bodies in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  have and a long history and are widely studied. An extensive article that details this is by Bolker [9]. Bolker's article, prompted even more intensive investigations of projection bodies and also generalizations to the  $L_p$  Brunn-Minkowski theory (see, e.g., [6], [8], [11-13], [15], [17], [20-21], [27], [31], [33-34], [37], [39-41], [48] and [51]). New applications have appeared in combinatorics (see Stanley [49]), in stereology (see Betke-McMullen [8]), in stochastic geometry (see Schneider [42]), and even in the study of random determinants (see Vitale [50]). In 1988, a fascinating paper of Alexander [5] demonstrates a close relationship between the study of projection bodies and work on Hilbert's fourth problem. We also refer to Goodey and Weil [16], Martini [36] and Schneider and Weil [43] for related results.

Mixed projection bodies are related to projection bodies in the same way as mixed volumes are related to ordinary volume. The definition and elementary

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properties of mixed projection bodies can be found in [10]. The support functions of mixed projection bodies were studied by Chakerian [14]. Lutwak had systematically studied mixed projection bodies and their polars and obtained a number of elegant results (see, for example, [26-31]). Many recent important results have appeared in [3], [19], and [32].

Moreover, it is well-known that the projection operator is a Minkowski valuation. In fact, Ludwig [23] characterized the projection body map as the unique continuous Minkowski valuation which is contravariant with respect to non-degenerate linear transformations (see [1], [18], [25] and [47]). See the references [23-24] and [44-45] for more information on Minkowski valuations.

Let  $V$  be a real vector space of dimension  $n$ . Let  $\mathcal{K}(V)$  denote the space of non-empty compact convex bodies in  $V$ , endowed with the Hausdorff topology.

The projection body of  $K \in \mathcal{K}(V)$  is the convex body  $\Pi K \in \mathcal{K}(V^*)$  whose support function is defined by

$$h(\Pi K, u) = \frac{n}{2} V(K[n-1], J_u), u \in V.$$

Here  $V(K[n-1], J_u) = V(K, \dots, K, J_u)$  is the mixed volume of  $(n-1)$  copies of  $K$  and one copy of the segment  $J_u = [-u, u]$  joining  $-u$  and  $u$ . The support function of  $K \in \mathcal{K}(V)$  is the function  $h(K, \xi) : V^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$h(K, \xi) = \sup_{x \in K} \langle \xi, x \rangle,$$

where  $\langle \xi, x \rangle$  denotes the pairing of  $\xi \in V^*$  and  $x \in V$ .

In more intuitive terms, suppose that  $V$  is endowed with a Euclidean scalar product. Then we can identify  $V^*$  with  $V$  and the support function of  $\Pi K$  in the direction  $u \in S^{n-1}$  is the volume of the orthogonal projection of  $K$  onto the hyperplane  $u^\perp$ .

In [2], Abaridia and Bernig studied projection bodies in complex vector spaces: The real vector space  $V$  of real dimension  $n$  is replaced by a complex vector space  $W$  of complex dimension  $m$  and the group  $SL(V) = SL(n, \mathbb{R})$  is replaced by the group  $SL(W, \mathbb{C}) = SL(m, \mathbb{C})$ . Note that  $SL(m, \mathbb{C}) \subset SL(2m, \mathbb{R})$ , so that each element in  $SL(m, \mathbb{C})$  is volume preserving. A complex version of Ludwig's characterization theorem of the projection operator (see [23]) was established by Abaridia and Bernig.

**Theorem A** *Let  $W$  be a complex vector space of complex dimension  $m \geq 3$ . A map  $Z : \mathcal{K}(W) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(W^*)$  is a continuous translation invariant and  $SL(W, \mathbb{C})$ -contravariant Minkowski valuation if and only if there exists a convex body  $C \subset \mathbb{C}$  such that  $Z = \Pi_C$ , where  $\Pi_C K \in \mathcal{K}(W^*)$  is the convex body with support function*

$$h(\Pi_C K, w) = V(K[2m-1], C \cdot w), \quad \forall w \in W, \tag{1.1}$$

where  $C \cdot w := \{cw \mid c \in C\} \subset W$ , and  $C$  is unique up to translations.

The mixed complex projection bodies of  $K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1}$  were also defined by Abaridia and Bernig:

**Definition 1.1** *Let  $K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1} \in \mathcal{K}(W)$  and  $C \subset \mathbb{C}$ . The mixed complex projection body  $\Pi_C(K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1}) \in \mathcal{K}(W^*)$  is the convex body whose support function is given by*

$$h\left(\Pi_C(K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1}), w\right) = V(K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1}, C \cdot w), \quad \forall w \in W. \tag{1.2}$$

In this paper we also fix a Euclidean scalar product on  $W$ , and denote its unit ball by  $B$ . Let  $K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1} \in \mathcal{K}(W)$  and  $0 \leq i \leq 2m - 1$ . If  $K_1 = \dots = K_{2m-1-i} = K$ ,  $K_{2m-i} = \dots = K_{2m-1} = L$ ,  $K_{2m} = M$ , then the mixed volume  $V(K_1, \dots, K_{2m})$  will be written as  $V(K[2m - 1 - i], L[i], M)$ . In particular, when  $L = B$ ,  $W_i(K, M)$  denotes the mixed volume  $V(K[2m - 1], B[i], M)$ . Moreover  $W_i(K[2m - i], B[i])$  will be written as  $W_i(K)$  and is also called the  $i$ -th quermass-integral of  $K$ .

If  $K_i \in \mathcal{K}(W)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2m - 1$ , then the mixed complex projection body of  $K_i$  is denoted by  $\Pi_C(K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1})$ . If  $K_1 = \dots = K_{2m-1-i} = K$  and  $K_{2m-i} = \dots = K_{2m-1} = L$ , then  $\Pi(K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1})$  will be written as  $\Pi_C(K[2m - i], L)$ .

Abardia and Bernig [2] also showed geometric inequalities of Brunn-Minkowski, Aleksandrov-Fenchel and Minkowski type.

**Theorem B** (Brunn-Minkowski type inequality) *If  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}(W)$ , then*

$$V(\Pi_C(K + L))^{1/2m(2m-1)} \geq V(\Pi_C K)^{1/2m(2m-1)} + V(\Pi_C L)^{1/2m(2m-1)}. \quad (1.3)$$

*If  $K$  and  $L$  have non-empty interior and  $C$  is not a point, then equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic.*

**Theorem C** (Aleksandrov-Fenchel type inequality) *If  $K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1} \in \mathcal{K}(W)$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 2m - 1$  and  $2 \leq r \leq 2m - 2$ , then*

$$W_i(\Pi_C(K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1}))^r \geq \prod_{j=1}^r W_i(\Pi_C(K_j[r], K_{r+1}, \dots, K_{2m-1})). \quad (1.4)$$

**Theorem D** (Minkowski type inequality) *If  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}(W)$  and  $0 \leq i < 2m - 1$ , then*

$$W_i(\Pi_C(K[2m - 2], L))^{2m-1} \geq W_i(\Pi_C K)^{2m-2} W_i(\Pi_C L). \quad (1.5)$$

*If  $K$  and  $L$  have non-empty interior and  $C$  is not a point, then equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic.*

Indeed, Lutwak's seminal work on Brunn-Minkowski type inequalities for the classical projection bodies was generalized to the much more general class of Minkowski valuations intertwining rigid motions (see [4], [38] and [46]).

In 2004 Leng [22] defined the volume difference function of two compact domains  $D$  and  $K$ , where  $D \subseteq K$ . The following Minkowski and Brunn-Minkowski type inequalities for volume difference functions were also established by Leng [22].

**Theorem E** *If  $K, L, D$  and  $D'$  are compact domains,  $D \subseteq K, D' \subseteq L$ , and  $D'$  is a homothetic copy of  $D$ , then*

$$(V_1(K, L) - V_1(D, D'))^n \geq (V(K) - V(D))^{n-1} (V(L) - V(D')),$$

and

$$(V(K + L) - V(D + D'))^{1/n} \geq (V(K) - V(D))^{1/n} + (V(L) - V(D'))^{1/n}.$$

*In each case, equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic and  $(V(K), V(D)) = \mu(V(L), V(D'))$ , where  $\mu$  is a constant.*

Recently, Lv [35] introduced the *dual volume difference function* for star bodies and established the following dual Minkowski and Brunn-Minkowski type inequalities for them:

**Theorem F** *If  $K, L, D$  and  $D'$  are star bodies in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $D \subseteq K, D' \subseteq L$ , and  $L$  is a dilation of  $K$ , then*

$$(\tilde{V}_1(K, L) - (\tilde{V}_1(D, D'))^n) \geq (V(K) - V(D))^{n-1}(V(L) - V(D'))$$

*with equality if and only if  $D$  and  $D'$  are dilates and  $(K, D) = \mu(L, D')$ , where  $\mu$  is a constant, and*

$$(V(K \dot{+} L) - (V(D \dot{+} D'))^{1/n}) \geq (V(K) - V(D))^{1/n} + (V(L) - V(D'))^{1/n}$$

*with equality if and only if  $D$  and  $D'$  are dilates and  $(V(K), V(D)) = \mu(V(L), V(D'))$ , where  $\mu$  is a constant.*

Moreover, the Aleksandrov-Fenchel type inequalities for volume differences functions were established in [53]. Motivated by the work of Leng and Lv, in this paper we establish some new affine isoperimetric inequalities in complex vector space.

**Theorem 1.1** *Let  $K, L, D, D' \in \mathcal{K}(W)$ . If  $D'$  is a homothetic copy of  $D$ ,  $V(\Pi_C D) \leq V(\Pi_C K)$  and  $V(\Pi_C D') \leq V(\Pi_C L)$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ V(\Pi_C(K + L)) - V(\Pi_C(D + D')) \right]^{1/2m(2m-1)} \\ & \geq \left[ V(\Pi_C K) - V(\Pi_C D) \right]^{1/2m(2m-1)} + \left[ V(\Pi_C L) - V(\Pi_C D') \right]^{1/2m(2m-1)}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

*If  $K$  and  $L$  have non-empty interior and  $C$  is not a point, then equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic and  $(V(\Pi_C K), V(\Pi_C D)) = \mu(V(\Pi_C L), V(\Pi_C D'))$ , where  $\mu$  is a constant.*

If  $D$  and  $D'$  are singletons, then (1.6) becomes (1.3).

**Theorem 1.2** *Let  $K, L, D, D' \in \mathcal{K}(W)$ . If  $D'$  is a homothetic copy of  $D$ ,  $W_i(\Pi_C D) \leq W_i(\Pi_C K)$  and  $W_i(\Pi_C D') \leq W_i(\Pi_C L)$ , then for  $0 \leq i < 2m - 1$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ W_i(\Pi_C(K[2m - 2], L)) - W_i(\Pi_C(D[2m - 2], D')) \right]^{2m-1} \\ & \geq \left[ W_i(\Pi_C K) - W_i(\Pi_C D) \right]^{2m-2} \left[ W_i(\Pi_C L) - W_i(\Pi_C D') \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{1.7}$$

*If  $K$  and  $L$  have non-empty interior and  $C$  is not a point, then equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic and  $(W_i(\Pi_C K), W_i(\Pi_C D)) = \mu(W_i(\Pi_C L), W_i(\Pi_C D'))$ , where  $\mu$  is a constant.*

If  $D$  and  $D'$  are singletons, then (1.7) becomes (1.5).

**Theorem 1.3** *For  $i = 1, \dots, 2m - 1$ , let  $K_j, D_j \in \mathcal{K}(W)$ . If  $V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{K_j, \dots, K_j}_r, K_{r+1}, \dots, K_{2m-1})) \geq V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{D_j, \dots, D_j}_r, D_{r+1}, \dots, D_{2m-1}))$ , and*

$D_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, r$ ) are homothetic copies of each other, then for  $0 \leq i \leq 2m - 1$  and  $2 \leq r \leq 2m - 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ V(\Pi_C(K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1})) - V(\Pi_C(D_1, \dots, D_{2m-1})) \right]^r \\ & \geq \prod_{j=1}^r \left[ V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{K_j, \dots, K_j}_r, K_{r+1}, \dots, K_{2m-1})) - V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{D_j, \dots, D_j}_r, D_{r+1}, \dots, D_{2m-1})) \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

If  $D_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, r$ ) are singletons, then (1.8) becomes (1.4).

## 2 Auxiliary Results

The following results will be required to prove our theorems.

**Lemma 2.1** ([7, p.38]) *Let*

$$\phi(x) = (x_1^p - x_2^p - \dots - x_n^p)^{1/p}, \quad p > 1,$$

and suppose that

(a)  $x_i \geq 0$ ,

(b)  $x_1 \geq (x_2^p + x_3^p + \dots + x_n^p)^{1/p}$ .

Then for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have

$$\phi(x + y) \geq \phi(x) + \phi(y), \tag{2.1}$$

with equality if and only if  $x = \mu y$  where  $\mu$  is a constant.

**Lemma 2.2** ([52]) *Let  $a, b, c, d > 0, 0 < \alpha < 1, 0 < \beta < 1$  and  $\alpha + \beta = 1$ . If  $a > b$  and  $c > d$ , then*

$$a^\alpha c^\beta - b^\alpha d^\beta \geq (a - b)^\alpha (c - d)^\beta, \tag{2.2}$$

with equality if and only if  $a/b = c/d$ .

**Lemma 2.3** ([7, p.26]) *If  $x_i > 0, y_i > 0$ , then*

$$\left( \prod_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i) \right)^{1/n} \geq \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{1/n} + \left( \prod_{i=1}^n y_i \right)^{1/n}, \tag{2.3}$$

with equality if and only if  $c_1/b_1 = c_2/b_2 = \dots = c_n/b_n$ .

## 3 Inequalities for mixed complex projection bodies

### 3.1 Brunn-Minkowski-type inequality

In the following we establish the Brunn-Minkowski-type inequality, Theorem 1.1, for complex projection bodies.

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $K, L, D, D' \in \mathcal{K}(W)$ . If  $D'$  is a homothetic copy of  $D$ ,  $V(\Pi_C D) \leq V(\Pi_C K)$  and  $V(\Pi_C D') \leq V(\Pi_C L)$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ V(\Pi_C(K + L)) - V(\Pi_C(D + D')) \right]^{1/2m(2m-1)} \\ & \geq \left[ V(\Pi_C K) - V(\Pi_C D) \right]^{1/2m(2m-1)} + \left[ V(\Pi_C L) - V(\Pi_C D') \right]^{1/2m(2m-1)}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

*If  $K$  and  $L$  have non-empty interior and  $C$  is not a point, then equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic and  $(V(\Pi_C K), V(\Pi_C D)) = \mu(V(\Pi_C L), V(\Pi_C D'))$ , where  $\mu$  is a constant.*

*Proof.* If  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}(W)$ , then, by Theorem B,

$$V(\Pi_C(K + L))^{1/2m(2m-1)} \geq V(\Pi_C K)^{1/2m(2m-1)} + V(\Pi_C L)^{1/2m(2m-1)}. \tag{3.2}$$

If  $K$  and  $L$  have non-empty interior and  $C$  is not a point, then equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic.

Notice that  $D'$  is a homothetic copy of  $D$ , thus

$$V(\Pi_C(D + D'))^{1/2m(2m-1)} = V(\Pi_C D)^{1/2m(2m-1)} + V(\Pi_C D')^{1/2m(2m-1)}. \tag{3.3}$$

From (3.2) and (3.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & V(\Pi_C(K + L)) - V(\Pi_C(D + D')) \geq \\ & \quad \left[ V(\Pi_C K)^{1/2m(2m-1)} + V(\Pi_C L)^{1/2m(2m-1)} \right]^{2m(2m-1)} \\ & \quad - \left[ V(\Pi_C D)^{1/2m(2m-1)} + V(\Pi_C D')^{1/2m(2m-1)} \right]^{2m(2m-1)}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

If  $K$  and  $L$  have non-empty interior and  $C$  is not a point, then equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic.

From (3.4) and Lemma 3.2, we now obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ V(\Pi_C(K + L)) - V(\Pi_C(D + D')) \right]^{1/2m(2m-1)} \\ & \geq \left\{ \left[ V(\Pi_C K)^{1/2m(2m-1)} + V(\Pi_C L)^{1/2m(2m-1)} \right]^{2m(2m-1)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \left[ V(\Pi_C D)^{1/2m(2m-1)} + V(\Pi_C D')^{1/2m(2m-1)} \right]^{2m(2m-1)} \right\}^{1/2m(2m-1)} \\ & \geq \left[ V(\Pi_C K) - V(\Pi_C D) \right]^{1/2m(2m-1)} + \left[ V(\Pi_C L) - V(\Pi_C D') \right]^{1/2m(2m-1)} \end{aligned}$$

In view of the equality conditions of inequalities (3.4) and (2.1), it follows that if  $K$  and  $L$  have non-empty interior and  $C$  is not a point, then equality in (3.1) holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic and  $(V(\Pi_C K), V(\Pi_C D)) = \mu(V(\Pi_C L), V(\Pi_C D'))$ , where  $\mu$  is a constant.

### 3.2 Minkowski-type inequality

In the following we establish the Minkowski-type inequality, Theorem 1.2, for mixed complex projection bodies.

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $K, L, D, D' \in \mathcal{K}(W)$ . If  $D'$  is a homothetic copy of  $D$ ,  $W_i(\Pi_C D) \leq W_i(\Pi_C K)$  and  $W_i(\Pi_C D') \leq W_i(\Pi_C L)$ , then for  $0 \leq i < 2m - 1$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ W_i(\Pi_C(K[2m - 2], L)) - W_i(\Pi_C(D[2m - 2], D')) \right]^{2m-1} \\ & \geq \left[ W_i(\Pi_C K) - W_i(\Pi_C D) \right]^{2m-2} \left[ W_i(\Pi_C L) - W_i(\Pi_C D') \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

*If  $K$  and  $L$  have non-empty interior and  $C$  is not a point, then equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic and  $(W_i(\Pi_C K), W_i(\Pi_C D)) = \mu(W_i(\Pi_C L), W_i(\Pi_C D'))$ , where  $\mu$  is a constant.*

*Proof.* If  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}(W)$ , then, by Theorem D,

$$W_i(\Pi_C(K[2m - 2], L))^{2m-1} \geq W_i(\Pi_C K)^{2m-2} W_i(\Pi_C L). \tag{3.6}$$

If  $K$  and  $L$  have non-empty interior and  $C$  is not a point, then equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic.

Since  $D'$  is a homothetic copy of  $D$ , we have

$$W_i(\Pi_C(D[2m - 2], D'))^{2m-1} = W_i(\Pi_C D)^{2m-2} W_i(\Pi_C D'), \tag{3.7}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} & W_i(\Pi_C(K[2m - 2], L)) - W_i(\Pi_C(D[2m - 2], D')) \\ & \geq W_i(\Pi_C K)^{(2m-2)/(2m-1)} W_i(\Pi_C L)^{1/(2m-1)} \\ & \quad - W_i(\Pi_C D)^{(2m-2)/(2m-1)} W_i(\Pi_C D')^{1/(2m-1)}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

If  $K$  and  $L$  have non-empty interior and  $C$  is not a point, then equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic.

Since  $\frac{2m-2}{2m-1} + \frac{1}{2m-1} = 1$ , it follows from Lemma 2.2, that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ W_i(\Pi_C(K[2m - 2], L)) - W_i(\Pi_C(D[2m - 2], D')) \right]^{2m-1} \\ & \geq \left[ W_i(\Pi_C K)^{(2m-2)/(2m-1)} W_i(\Pi_C L)^{1/(2m-1)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - W_i(\Pi_C D)^{(2m-2)/(2m-1)} W_i(\Pi_C D')^{1/(2m-1)} \right]^{2m-1} \\ & \geq [W_i(\Pi_C K) - W_i(\Pi_C D)]^{2m-2} [W_i(\Pi_C L) - W_i(\Pi_C D')]. \end{aligned}$$

From the equality conditions of inequalities (3.8) and (2.2), it follows that if  $K$  and  $L$  have non-empty interior and  $C$  is not a point, then equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic and  $(W_i(\Pi_C K), W_i(\Pi_C D)) = \mu(W_i(\Pi_C L), W_i(\Pi_C D'))$ , where  $\mu$  is a constant.

### 3.3 Aleksandrov-Fenchel-type inequality

**Theorem 3.3** For  $i = 1, \dots, 2m - 1$ , let  $K_i, D_i \in \mathcal{K}(W)$ . If  $V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{K_j, \dots, K_j}_r, K_{r+1}, \dots, K_{2m-1})) \geq V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{D_j, \dots, D_j}_r, D_{r+1}, \dots, D_{2m-1}))$ , and  $D_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, r$ ) are homothetic copies of each other, then for  $0 \leq i \leq 2m - 1$  and  $2 \leq r \leq 2m - 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ V(\Pi_C(K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1})) - V(\Pi_C(D_1, \dots, D_{2m-1})) \right]^r \\ & \geq \prod_{j=1}^r \left[ V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{K_j, \dots, K_j}_r, K_{r+1}, \dots, K_{2m-1})) - V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{D_j, \dots, D_j}_r, D_{r+1}, \dots, D_{2m-1})) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

*Proof.* For  $0 \leq i \leq 2m - 1$  and  $2 \leq r \leq 2m - 2$ , we have by Theorem C

$$W_i(\Pi_C(K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1}))^r \geq \prod_{j=1}^r W_i(\Pi_C(K_j, \dots, K_j, K_{r+1}, \dots, K_{2m-1})). \quad (3.10)$$

Since  $D_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, r$ ) are homothetic copies of each other, we have

$$W_i(\Pi_C(D_1, \dots, D_{2m-1}))^r = \prod_{j=1}^r W_i(\Pi_C(D_j, \dots, D_j, D_{r+1}, \dots, D_{2m-1})). \quad (3.11)$$

From (3.10) and (3.11), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & V(\Pi_C(K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1})) - V(\Pi_C(D_1, \dots, D_{2m-1})) \\ & \geq \left( \prod_{j=1}^r V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{K_j, \dots, K_j}_r, K_{r+1}, \dots, K_{2m-1})) \right)^{1/r} \\ & \quad - \left( \prod_{j=1}^r V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{D_j, \dots, D_j}_r, D_{r+1}, \dots, D_{2m-1})) \right)^{1/r}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Thus using Lemma 2.3, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ V(\Pi_C(K_1, \dots, K_{2m-1})) - V(\Pi_C(D_1, \dots, D_{2m-1})) \right]^r \\ & \geq \left[ \left( \prod_{j=1}^r V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{K_j, \dots, K_j}_r, K_{r+1}, \dots, K_{2m-1})) \right)^{1/r} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \left( \prod_{j=1}^r V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{D_j, \dots, D_j}_r, D_{r+1}, \dots, D_{2m-1})) \right)^{1/r} \right]^r \\ & \geq \prod_{j=1}^r \left[ V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{K_j, \dots, K_j}_r, K_{r+1}, \dots, K_{2m-1})) - V(\Pi_C(\underbrace{D_j, \dots, D_j}_r, D_{r+1}, \dots, D_{2m-1})) \right]. \end{aligned}$$



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