





$$\mathbf{F}^+ = \frac{1}{2N+1} \begin{bmatrix} F_0+F_1 & F_1+F_2 & F_2+F_3 & \dots & F_{N-3}+F_{N-2} & F_{N-2}+F_{N-1} & F_{N-1}+F_N & \sqrt{2}F_N \\ F_1+F_2 & F_0+F_3 & F_1+F_4 & \dots & F_{N-4}+F_{N-1} & F_{N-3}+F_N & F_{N-2}+F_N & \sqrt{2}F_{N-1} \\ F_2+F_3 & F_1+F_4 & F_0+F_5 & \dots & F_{N-5}+F_N & F_{N-4}+F_N & F_{N-3}+F_{N-1} & \sqrt{2}F_{N-2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ F_{N-3}+F_{N-2} & F_{N-4}+F_{N-1} & F_{N-5}+F_N & \dots & F_0+F_6 & F_1+F_5 & F_2+F_4 & \sqrt{2}F_3 \\ F_{N-2}+F_{N-1} & F_{N-3}+F_N & F_{N-4}+F_N & \dots & F_1+F_5 & F_0+F_4 & F_1+F_3 & \sqrt{2}F_2 \\ F_{N-1}+F_N & F_{N-2}+F_N & F_{N-3}+F_{N-1} & \dots & F_2+F_4 & F_1+F_3 & F_0+F_2 & \sqrt{2}F_1 \\ \sqrt{2}F_N & \sqrt{2}F_{N-1} & \sqrt{2}F_{N-2} & \dots & \sqrt{2}F_3 & \sqrt{2}F_2 & \sqrt{2}F_1 & F_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

and

$$\mathbf{F}^- = \frac{1}{2N+1} \begin{bmatrix} F_0-F_2 & F_1-F_3 & F_2-F_4 & \dots & F_{N-3}-F_{N-1} & F_{N-2}-F_N & F_{N-1}-F_N \\ F_1-F_3 & F_0-F_4 & F_1-F_5 & \dots & F_{N-4}-F_N & F_{N-3}-F_N & F_{N-2}-F_{N-1} \\ F_2-F_4 & F_1-F_5 & F_0-F_6 & \dots & F_{N-5}-F_N & F_{N-4}-F_{N-1} & F_{N-3}-F_{N-2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ F_{N-3}-F_{N-1} & F_{N-4}-F_N & F_{N-5}-F_N & \dots & F_0-F_5 & F_1-F_4 & F_2-F_3 \\ F_{N-2}-F_N & F_{N-3}-F_N & F_{N-4}-F_{N-1} & \dots & F_1-F_4 & F_0-F_3 & F_1-F_2 \\ F_{N-1}-F_N & F_{N-2}-F_{N-1} & F_{N-3}-F_{N-2} & \dots & F_2-F_3 & F_1-F_2 & F_0-F_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (19)$$

Since  $\mathbf{V}$  is orthogonal, (17) is also Hermitian and non-negative. Let us consider the case  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .  $F_h$  is practically zero when  $h$  is very large. Therefore, from (17), (18) and (19), the following inequalities will be obtained:

$$\begin{vmatrix} F_{(h_1-h_1)/2} \pm F_{(h_1+h_1)/2} & F_{(h_1-h_2)/2} \pm F_{(h_1+h_2)/2} & \dots & F_{(h_1-h_n)/2} \pm F_{(h_1+h_n)/2} \\ F_{(h_2-h_1)/2} \pm F_{(h_2+h_1)/2} & F_{(h_2-h_2)/2} \pm F_{(h_2+h_2)/2} & \dots & F_{(h_2-h_n)/2} \pm F_{(h_2+h_n)/2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ F_{(h_n-h_1)/2} \pm F_{(h_n+h_1)/2} & F_{(h_n-h_2)/2} \pm F_{(h_n+h_2)/2} & \dots & F_{(h_n-h_n)/2} \pm F_{(h_n+h_n)/2} \end{vmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots), \quad (20)$$

where  $(h_i \pm h_j)/2$  are all integers. Relation (20) is a general type of inequality for the structures possessing a centre of symmetry.

The determinants of the first degree of (20) give rise to the inequalities

$$(I) \quad F_0 \pm F_{h_1} \geq 0.$$

The determinants of the second degree,

$$\begin{vmatrix} F_0 \pm F_{h_1} & F_{(h_1-h_2)/2} \pm F_{(h_1+h_2)/2} \\ F_{(h_2-h_1)/2} \pm F_{(h_2+h_1)/2} & F_0 \pm F_{h_2} \end{vmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (21)$$

include all of the well known results of Harker & Kasper in the case of centrosymmetric structures. Putting  $h_2 = 0$ ,  $h_1 = 2h$  in (21), we can find the non-trivial inequality

$$(II) \quad F_0(F_0 + F_{2h}) \geq 2F_h^2.$$

For even  $h_1$  and even  $h_2$ , by putting  $h_1 = 2h$  and  $h_2 = 2h'$ , we obtain

$$(III) \quad (F_0 \pm F_{2h})(F_0 \pm F_{2h'}) \geq (F_{h-h'} \pm F_{h+h'})^2,$$

and for odd  $h_1$  and odd  $h_2$ , by putting  $(h_1 - h_2)/2 = h$  and  $(h_1 + h_2)/2 = h'$ , we obtain

$$(IV) \quad (F_0 \pm F_{h+h'})(F_0 \pm F_{h-h'}) \geq (F_{h \pm h'})^2.$$

The third-degree determinants of (20) include the only non-trivial one, found by de Wolf & Bouman (1954), with respect to the two indices  $h_1$  and  $h_2$ .

This is obtained for the case  $h_3 = 0$ ,  $h_1 = 2h$ ,  $h_2 = 2h'$  and for plus sign:

$$\begin{vmatrix} F_0 + F_{2h} & F_{h-h'} + F_{h+h'} & 2F_h \\ F_{h-h'} + F_{h+h'} & F_0 + F_{2h'} & 2F_{h'} \\ 2F_h & 2F_{h'} & 2F_0 \end{vmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (22)$$

or

$$(V) \quad [F_0(F_0 + F_{2h}) - 2F_h^2][F_0(F_0 + F_{2h'}) - 2F_{h'}^2] \\ \geq [F_0(F_{h-h'} + F_{h+h'}) - 2F_h F_{h'}]^2.$$

(I)-(V) are in accordance with the inequalities of Bouman (1956).

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