# On Summing Operators on JB\*-triples

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#### Abstract

In this paper we introduce 2-JB\*-triple-summing operators on real and complex JB\*-triples. These operators generalize 2-C\*-summing operators on C\*-algebras. We also obtain a Pietsch's factorization theorem in the setting of 2-JB\*-triple-summing operators on JB\*triples.

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## 1 Introduction.

Let X, Y be Banach spaces,  $0 , and <math>T : X \to Y$  a bounded linear operator. We say that T is p-summing if there is a constant  $C \ge 0$  such that for any finite sequence  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  of X we have

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} \|T(x_k)\|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le C \sup\left\{\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} |f(x_k)|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} : f \in X^*, \ \|f\| \le 1\right\}.$$

In 1978, G. Pisier [20] introduced the following extension of the *p*-summing operators in the setting of C<sup>\*</sup>-algebras. Let T be a bounded linear operator from a C<sup>\*</sup>-algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  to a Banach space Y, and 0 . We say that <math>T

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is p-C\*-summing if there exists a positive constant C such that for any finite sequence  $(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$  of hermitian elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  we have

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|T(a_i)\|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le C \, \left\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} |a_i|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\|,\tag{1}$$

where, for x in  $\mathcal{A}$ , the "modulus" is defined by  $|x|^2 := \frac{1}{2}(xx^* + x^*x)$ . The smallest constant C for which (1) holds is denoted  $C_p(T)$ . It is well known that every p-summing operator from a C\*-algebra to a Banach space is p-C\*-summing but the converse is false in general (compare [20, Remark 1.2]).

In [20] G. Pisier proved a Pietsch's factorization theorem for p-C\*-summing operators. Indeed, if  $T : \mathcal{A} \to Y$  is a p-C\*-summing operator from a C\*-algebra to a complex Banach space then there is a norm-one positive linear functional  $\varphi$  in  $\mathcal{A}^*$  such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C_p(T) \ (\varphi(|x|^p))^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for every hermitian element x in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Complex JB\*-triples were introduced by W. Kaup in the study of Bounded Symmetric Domains in complex Banach spaces ([15], [14]). The class of complex JB\*-triples includes all C\*-algebras and all JB\*-algebras.

The aim of this paper is the study of summing operators on real and complex JB\*-triples. In Section 2 we introduce the natural definition of p-JB\*-summing operators in the setting of JB\*-algebras. We obtain a Pietsch's factorization theorem for p-JB\*-summing operators. Section 3 deals with the definition and study of 2-JB\*-triple-summing operators in the setting of complex JB\*-triples. Operators which generalize 2-C\*-summing and 2-JB\*summing operators on C\*-algebras and JB\*-algebras, respectively. For the most general class of 2-JB\*-triple-summing operators, we obtain a Pietsch's factorization theorem in the setting of JB\*-triples (Theorems 3.5 and 3.6). It is worth mentioning that in the proof of this result, the so-called "Little Grothendieck's inequality" for JB\*-triples [18] play a very important role. In the last section we establish analogous results in the setting of real JB\*triples. We also discuss the relations between 2-summing and 2-JB\*-triplesumming operators.

Let X be a Banach space. Through the paper we denote by  $B_X, S_X$ , and  $X^*$  the closed unit ball, the unit sphere, and the dual space, respectively, of X.  $I_X$  will denote the identity operator on X,  $J_X$  the natural embedding

of X in its bidual  $X^{**}$ , and if Y is another Banach space, then BL(X, Y) stands for the Banach space of all bounded linear operators from X to Y. We usually write BL(X) instead of BL(X, X).

## 2 Summing Operators on JB\*-algebras

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a JB\*-algebra. Given  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ , the modulus |x| is defined by  $|x|^2 := x \circ x^*$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Given a norm-one positive linear functional  $\psi \in \mathcal{A}^*$ , the mapping  $(x, y) \mapsto (x/y)_{\psi} := \psi(x \circ y^*)$  is a positive sesquilinear form on  $\mathcal{A}$ . If we denote  $N_{\psi} := \{x \in \mathcal{A} : \psi(x \circ x^*) = 0\}$ , then the quotient  $\mathcal{A}/N_{\psi}$  can be completed to a Hilbert space, which is denoted by  $H_{\psi}$ . The natural quotient map of  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $H_{\psi}$  is denoted by  $J_{\psi}$ . Inspired by the definition of *p*-C\*-summing operators, we introduced the following concept of *p*-JB\*-summing operator in the setting of JB\*-algebras.

**Definition 2.1.** Let 0 . A bounded linear operator <math>T from a  $JB^*$ algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  to a Banach space Y is said to be p- $JB^*$ -summing if there exists a positive constant C such that for any finite sequence  $(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$  of hermitian elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  we have

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|T(a_i)\|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le C \, \left\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} |a_i|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\|.$$
(2)

The smallest constant C for which (2) holds is denoted  $C_p(T)$ .

**Remark 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a C\*-algebra. Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is a JB\*-algebra with respect  $x \circ y := \frac{1}{2}(xy + yx)$ . In this case, it is easy to see that a bounded linear operator from  $\mathcal{A}$  to a Banach space is p-C\*-summing if and only if it is p-JB\*-summing.

The next result is an extension of Pietsch's factorization theorem ([9]) in the JB\*-algebra setting which is a verbatim extension of Pisier's analogous result for C\*-algebras [20, Proposition 1.1].

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a JB\*-algebra, Y a Banach space, and  $T : \mathcal{A} \to Y$  a p-JB\*-summing operator. Then there exists a norm-one positive linear functional  $\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C_p(T) \ (\varphi(|x|^p))^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for every hermitian element x in A.

*Proof.* Let K denote the set of all positive linear functionals on  $\mathcal{A}$  with norm less or equal to 1. Then K is a convex  $\sigma(\mathcal{A}^*, \mathcal{A})$ -compact subset of  $\mathcal{A}^*$  and

$$\|a\| = \sup_{f \in K} |f(a)| \tag{3}$$

for every hermitian element  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  [12].

Let us denote by  $\mathcal{C}$  the set of all continuous functions on K of the form

$$F_{\{a_1,\dots,a_n\}}(f) := C_p(T)^p f(\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^p) - \sum_{i=1}^n ||Ta_i||^p,$$

where  $(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$  is a finite collection of hermitian elements in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a convex cone in C(K). Moreover, since T is p-JB\*-summing, (3) assures that  $\mathcal{C}$  is disjoint from the open cone  $\mathcal{O} := \{\Phi \in C(K) : \max \Phi < 0\}$ . By the Hahn-Banach theorem there exists a positive measure  $\lambda$  on K such that

$$\int_{K} F_{\{a_1,\dots,a_n\}}(k)\lambda(dk) \ge 0$$

for every finite collection of hermitian elements  $(a_1, \ldots, a_n) \in \mathcal{A}$ . We can suppose that  $\lambda$  is a probability measure on K. Finally taking  $\varphi(x) := \int_K k(x)\lambda(dk)$   $(x \in \mathcal{A})$ , we finish the proof.

**Remark 2.4.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$ , Y, and T be as in Proposition 2.3 above with p = 2. If  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ , then x = a + ib with  $a^* = a$ ,  $b^* = b$ , and hence  $|x|^2 = a^2 + b^2$ . Therefore

$$||T(x)|| \le \sqrt{2}C_2(T)(\varphi(|x|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The next result is a weak<sup>\*</sup> version of Pietsch factorization theorem for JB<sup>\*</sup>-algebras (Proposition 2.3) and a extension of [21, Lemma 4.1] in the JBW<sup>\*</sup>-algebra setting. We recall that a JBW<sup>\*</sup>-algebra is a JB<sup>\*</sup>-algebra which is also a dual Banach space [12].

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a JBW\*-algebra, Y a Banach space, and T:  $\mathcal{A} \to Y^*$  a p-JB\*-summing operator which is also weak\*- continuous. Then there exists a norm-one positive linear functional  $\varphi$  in  $\mathcal{A}_*$  such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C_p(T) \ (\varphi(|x|^p))^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for every hermitian element x in A.

*Proof.* By [12, 4.4.17] there exists a central projection  $e \in \mathcal{A}^{**}$  such that

$$L_e: \mathcal{A} \to e \circ \mathcal{A}^{**}$$
$$L_e(x) := e \circ x$$

is an isomorphism and  $\mathcal{A}_* = L_e^*(\mathcal{A}^*)$ . By Proposition 2.3, there exists a norm-one positive linear functional  $\psi \in \mathcal{A}^*$  such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C_p(T) (\psi(|x|^p))^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for every hermitian element x in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Now we take  $\varphi := L_e^*(\psi) \in \mathcal{A}_*, f \in S_Y$ and compute

$$< f, T(x) > = < T^*(f), x > = < L_e T^*(f), x > \le ||T^{**}(e \circ x)||$$

$$\leq C_p(T) \ (\psi(|e \circ x|^p))^{\frac{1}{p}} = C_p(T) \ (\psi(e \circ |x|^p))^{\frac{1}{p}} = C_p(T) \ (\varphi(|x|^p))^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Finally taking supremum over  $f \in S_Y$  we finish the proof.

## 3 Summing Operators on JB\*-triples

We recall that a (complex) JB\*-triple is a complex Banach space  $\mathcal{E}$  with a continuous triple product  $\{.,.,.\}$  :  $\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{E}$  which is bilinear and symmetric in the outer variables and conjugate linear in the middle variable, and satisfies:

- 1. (Jordan Identity)  $L(a,b)\{x,y,z\} = \{L(a,b)x,y,z\} \{x, L(b,a)y,z\} + \{x,y,L(a,b)z\}$  for all a,b,c,x,y,z in  $\mathcal{E}$ , where  $L(a,b)x := \{a,b,x\}$ ;
- 2. The map L(a, a) from  $\mathcal{E}$  to  $\mathcal{E}$  is an hermitian operator with non negative spectrum for all a in  $\mathcal{E}$ ;
- 3.  $||\{a, a, a\}|| = ||a||^3$  for all a in  $\mathcal{E}$ .

We recall that a bounded linear operator on a complex Banach space is said to be *hermitian* if  $\|\exp(i\lambda T)\| = 1$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

It is worth mentioning that every C\*-algebra is a (complex) JB\*-triple with respect to  $\{a, b, c\} = \frac{1}{2}(ab^*c + cb^*a)$  and also every JB\*-algebra with respect to  $\{a, b, c\} = (a \circ b^*) \circ c + (c \circ b^*) \circ a - (a \circ c) \circ b^*$ . We refer to [23], [24] and [8] for recent surveys on the theory of JB\*-triples. A JBW\*-triple is a JB\*-triple which is a dual Banach space. If  $\mathcal{E}$  is a JB\*-triple then  $\mathcal{E}^{**}$ is a JBW\*-triple [11]. It is well known that every JBW\*-triple has a unique predual and the triple product is separately weak\*-continuous [3].

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a JB\*-triple and  $\varphi$  a norm-one functional in  $\mathcal{E}^*$ . By [1, Proposition 1.2] the map  $(x, y) \mapsto \varphi \{x, y, z\}$  is a positive sequilinear form on  $\mathcal{E}$ , where z is any norm-one element of  $\mathcal{E}^{**}$  verifying  $\varphi(z) = 1$  (If  $\mathcal{E}$  is a JBW\*-triple and  $\varphi \in S_{\mathcal{E}_*}$ , then z can be chosen in  $S_{\mathcal{E}}$ ).

If we define  $N_{\varphi} := \{x \in \mathcal{E} : ||x||_{\varphi} = 0\}$ , the completion  $H_{\varphi}$  of  $\mathcal{E}/N_{\varphi}$  is a Hilbert space with respect to the norm  $\|.\|_{\varphi}$ . Throughout the paper the natural quotient map of  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $H_{\varphi}$  will be denoted by  $J_{\varphi}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{W}$  be a JBW\*-triple. The *strong*\* topology of  $\mathcal{W}$ , denoted by  $S^*(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{W}_*)$ , is the topology on  $\mathcal{W}$  generated by the family  $\{\|.\|_{\varphi} : \varphi \in S_{\mathcal{W}_*}\}$ .

The following definition is the natural extension of the 2-summing operators in the setting of JB\*-triples.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a  $JB^*$ -triple and Y a Banach space. An operator  $T : \mathcal{E} \to Y$  is said to be 2- $JB^*$ -triple-summing if there exists a positive constant C such that for every finite sequence  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  of elements in  $\mathcal{E}$  we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|T(x_i)\|^2 \le C \, \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i, x_i) \right\|.$$
(4)

The smallest constant C for which (4) holds is denoted  $C_2(T)$ .

Let X be a Banach space, and u a norm-one element in X. The set of states of X relative to u, D(X, u), is defined as the non empty, convex, and weak\*-compact subset of  $X^*$  given by

$$D(X, u) := \{ \Phi \in B_{X^*} : \Phi(u) = 1 \}.$$

For  $x \in X$ , the numerical range of x relative to u, V(X, u, x), is given by  $V(X, u, x) := \{\Phi(x) : \Phi \in D(X, u)\}$ . The numerical radius of x relative to u, v(X, u, x), is given by

$$v(X, u, x) := \max\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in V(X, u, x)\}.$$

It is well known that a bounded linear operator T on a complex Banach space X is hermitian if and only if  $V(BL(X), I_X, T) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  (compare [5, Corollary 10.13]). If T is a bounded linear operator on X, then we have  $V(BL(X), I_X, T) = \overline{co} W(T)$  where

$$W(T) = \{ x^*(T(x)) : (x, x^*) \in \Gamma \},\$$

and  $\Gamma \subseteq \{(x, x^*) : x \in S_X, x^* \in S_{X^*}, x^*(x) = 1\}$  verifies that its projection onto the first coordinate is norm dense in  $S_X$  [4, Theorem 9.3]. Moreover, the numerical radius of T can be calculated as follows

$$v(BL(X), I_X, T) = \sup\{|x^*(T(x))| : (x, x^*) \in \Gamma\}.$$

In particular if  $X = Y^*$ , then by the Bishop-Phelps-Bollobás theorem, it follows that

$$v(BL(X), I_X, T) = \sup\{|x^*(T(x))| : x \in S_X, x^* \in S_Y, x^*(x) = 1\}.$$

**Remark 3.2.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a JB\*-algebra with unit 1, Y a Banach space, and  $T : \mathcal{A} \to Y$  a 2-JB\*-triple-summing operator (regarded  $\mathcal{A}$  as a JB\*-triple). We have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|T(x_i)\|^2 \le C_2(T) \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i, x_i) \right\|$$
(5)

for every finite sequence  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  of elements in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Since  $S := \sum_{i=1}^n L(x_i, x_i)$  is an hermitian operator on  $\mathcal{A}$ , Sinclair's theorem [5, Theorem 11.17] assures that

$$||S|| = \sup\{|\Phi(S(z))| : z \in S_{\mathcal{A}}, \Phi \in S_{\mathcal{A}^*}, \Phi(z) = 1\}.$$

It is worth mentioning that  $\Phi(S(z)) \geq 0$  for such  $\Phi$  and z. Let  $z \in S_A$ and  $\Phi \in S_{\mathcal{A}^*}$  with  $\Phi(z) = 1$ . Let us define  $\Psi(x) := \Phi(x \circ z)$ , then we have  $\Psi \in S_{\mathcal{A}^*}, \Psi(1) = \Phi(z) = 1$ , and

$$\Psi(L(x,x)(1)) = \Phi(L(x,x)(1) \circ z)$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2}\Phi(\{x,x,z\} + \{x^*,x^*,z\}) = \frac{1}{2}(||x||_{\Phi} + ||x^*||_{\Phi})$   
 $\ge \frac{1}{2}||x||_{\Phi} = \frac{1}{2}\Phi(L(x,x)(z))$ 

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Therefore  $\Phi(S(z)) \leq 2\Psi(S(1))$  and hence

 $||S|| \le 2 \sup\{\Psi(S(z)) : \Psi \in S_{\mathcal{A}^*}, \Phi(1) = 1\}$ 

$$= 2 \sup \{\Psi(\sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i|^2) : \Psi \in S_{\mathcal{A}^*}, \Phi(1) = 1\} = 2 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i|^2 \right\|$$

It follows from (5) that T is 2-JB\*-summing. This shows that every 2-JB\*triple-summing operator from a unital JB\*-algebra to a Banach space is 2-JB\*-summing. Conversely, the inequality

$$\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i|^2\right\| = \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i, x_i)(1)\right\| \le \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i, x_i)\right\|,$$

shows that every 2-JB\*-summing operator from a unital JB\*-algebra is also 2-JB\*-triple-summing.

In 1987 T. Barton and Y. Friedman [1, Corollary 3.1] established a Ringrose-type inequality for JB\*-triples. However the Barton-Friedman proof of this inequality is based in [1, Theorem 1.3], result which has a gap (see [17] and [18]). Now we can follow the same ideas to prove this Ringrosetype inequality, but replacing [1, Theorem 1.3] by [18, Theorem 3]. Given a JB\*-triple  $\mathcal{E}$  and norm-one elements  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{E}^*$  we denote by  $\|.\|_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$  the prehilbert seminorm on  $\mathcal{E}$  given by  $\|x\|_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}^2 := \|x\|_{\varphi_1}^2 + \|x\|_{\varphi_2}^2$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be  $JB^*$ -triples,  $T : \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{F}$  a bounded linear operator, and  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  in  $\mathcal{E}$ . Then

$$\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(T(x_i), T(x_i))\right\| \le 2\|T\|^2 \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i, x_i)\right\|.$$

*Proof.* Let us denote  $S := \sum_{i=1}^{n} L(T(x_i), T(x_i))$ . Then S is an hermitian operator on  $\mathcal{F}$ . By Sinclair's theorem [5, Theorem 11.17]

$$||S|| = \sup\{|\psi(S(z))| : z \in S_{\mathcal{F}}, \psi \in S_{\mathcal{F}^*}, \psi(z) = 1\}.$$

Note that  $\psi(S(Z)) > 0$  for every such  $\psi$  and z. Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and choose  $\psi$  and z such that

$$||S|| \le \psi(S(z)) + \varepsilon.$$

The mapping  $J_{\psi}T : \mathcal{E} \to H_{\psi}$  is a bounded linear operator. Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . By [18, Theorem 3], there are norm-one functionals  $\varphi_{1,m}, \varphi_{2,m} \in \mathcal{E}^*$  such that

$$||J_{\psi}T(x)|| \le (\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{m})||T|| (||x||_{\varphi_{1,m}}^2 + \frac{1}{m}||x||_{\varphi_{2,m}}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
, i. e.

$$\psi\left\{T(x), T(x), z\right\} \le (\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{m})^2 \|T\|^2 \left(\varphi_{1,m}\left\{x, x, e_{1,m}\right\} + \frac{1}{m}\varphi_{2,m}\left\{x, x, e_{2,m}\right\}\right)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{E}$ , where  $e_{1,m}, e_{2,m} \in S_{\mathcal{E}^{**}}$  verify  $\varphi_{i,m}(e_{i,m}) = 1$  for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Therefore

$$||S|| - \varepsilon \le \psi(S(z)) \le (\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{m})^2 ||T||^2 (\varphi_{1,m}(\sum_{i=1}^n L(x_i, x_i)e_{1,m}) +$$

$$\frac{1}{m}\varphi_{2,m}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n}L(x_{i},x_{i})e_{2,m}\right)\right) \leq (\sqrt{2}+\frac{1}{m})^{2}(1+\frac{1}{m})\|T\|^{2} \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n}L(x_{i},x_{i})\right\|.$$

Finally, letting  $\varepsilon \to 0, m \to \infty$ , we get

$$\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(T(x_i), T(x_i))\right\| \le 2\|T\|^2 \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i, x_i)\right\|.$$

From the above proposition, we immediately obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be  $JB^*$ -triples, Y a Banach space,  $T : \mathcal{F} \to Y$ a 2-JB\*-triple-summing operator, and  $R : \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{F}$  a bounded linear operator. Then  $TR : \mathcal{E} \to Y$  is a 2-JB\*-triple-summing operator.

Now we deal with the following characterization of 2-JB\*-triple-summing operators from a JBW\*-triple to a complex Banach space which generalizes Pietsch's factorization theorem for C\*-algebras [21, Theorem 3.2].

**Theorem 3.5.** Let T be a weak\*-continuous linear operator from a  $JBW^*$ -triple W with values in a Banach space  $Y^*$ . The following assertions are equivalent.

- 1. T is 2-JB\*-triple-summing.
- 2. There are norm-one functionals  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  in  $\mathcal{W}_*$  and a positive constant C(T) such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C(T) ||x||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{W}$ .

Proof.  $1 \Rightarrow 2.-$  By [6, Proposition 2] there is a (unital) JBW\*-algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ and a contractive projection  $P : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{W}$ . Actually, by [23, Theorem D.20], P can be supposed weak\*-continuous. Since, by Corollary 3.4 and Remark 3.2, it follows that  $T P : \mathcal{A} \to Y^*$  is a 2-JB\*-summing operator, which is also weak\*-continuous, we conclude, by Theorem 2.5, that there exists a norm-one positive functional  $\psi \in \mathcal{A}_*$  such that

$$||TP(\alpha)|| \le \sqrt{2 C_2(T)} (\psi(\alpha \circ \alpha^*))^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for all  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ .

It is worth mentioning that, by the same arguments given in the proof of [22, Corollary 1], the natural quotient map  $J_{\psi}$  is weak\*-continuous. Therefore, we can apply [18, Theorem 3] to the restriction  $J_{\psi}|_{\mathcal{W}} : \mathcal{W} \to H_{\psi}$  to get norm-one functionals  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{W}_*$  such that

$$\psi(x \circ x^*) \le 4 \|x\|_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}^2,$$

and hence

$$||T(x)|| \le 2\sqrt{2C_2(T)} ||x||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{W}$ .

 $2 \Rightarrow 1.-$  Let  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  be a finite sequence of elements of  $\mathcal{W}$ , and  $e_1, e_2 \in S_{\mathcal{W}}$  such that  $\varphi_i(e_i) = 1$  for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Then we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} ||T(x_i)||^2 \le C(T)^2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} ||x_i||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}^2$$
$$= C(T)^2 \left(\varphi_1(\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i, x_i)(e_1)) + \varphi_2(\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i, x_i)(e_2))\right)$$
$$\le 2C(T)^2 \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i, x_i)\right\|.$$

Inequality which shows that T is 2-JB\*-triple-summing.

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a complex JB\*-triple and  $\Phi \in D(BL(\mathcal{E}), I_{\mathcal{E}})$ . Since for every  $x \in \mathcal{E}$ , the operator L(x, x) is hermitian and has non-negative spectrum, it follows from [5, Lemma 38.3] that the mapping  $(x, y) \to \Phi(L(x, y))$  from  $\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$  becomes a positive sesquilinear form on  $\mathcal{E}$ . Then we define the prehilbert seminorm  $\||.\||_{\Phi}$  on  $\mathcal{E}$  by  $\||x\||_{\Phi}^2 := \Phi(L(x, x))$ .

Our next result is the natural extension of Pietsch's factorization theorem in the setting of JB\*-triples. **Theorem 3.6.** Let T be a bounded operator from a  $JB^*$ -triple  $\mathcal{E}$  with values in a Banach space Y. The following assertions are equivalent.

- 1. T is 2-JB\*-triple-summing.
- 2. There is a state  $\Psi \in D(BL(\mathcal{E}), I_{\mathcal{E}})$  and a positive constant C(T) such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C(T) |||x|||_{\Psi}$$

for every  $x \in \mathcal{E}$ .

3. There are norm-one functionals  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  in  $\mathcal{E}^*$  and a positive constant C(T)' such that

$$|T(x)|| \le C(T)' ||x||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{E}$ .

*Proof.*  $1 \Rightarrow 2.-$  Let K denote the set of states of  $BL(\mathcal{E})$  relative to  $I_{\mathcal{E}}$ . Then K is a non empty, convex, and weak\*-compact subset of  $BL(\mathcal{E})^*$ . Moreover, by Sinclair's theorem [5, Theorem 11.17],

$$||T|| = \sup_{\Phi \in K} |\Phi(T)| \tag{6}$$

for every hermitian operator T on X.

Let us denote by  $\mathcal{C}$  the set of all continuous functions on K of the form

$$F_{\{x_1,\dots,x_n\}}(\Phi) := C_2(T)\Phi(\sum_{i=1}^n L(x_i,x_i)) - \sum_{i=1}^n \|T(x_i)\|^2$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \subset \mathcal{E}$ . Since for every  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \subset \mathcal{E}$ , the map  $\sum_{i=1}^n L(x_i, x_i)$  is an hermitian operator on  $\mathcal{E}$  and T is 2-JB\*-triplesumming, (6) assures that  $\mathcal{C}$  is disjoint from the open cone  $\mathcal{O} := \{\varphi \in C(K) : \max \varphi < 0\}$ . Therefore, by the Hahn-Banach theorem there is a probability measure  $\mu$  on K such that

$$\int_{K} F_{\{x_1,\dots,x_n\}}(k) \ \mu(dk) \ge 0$$

for every finite collection of elements  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \in \mathcal{E}$ . Finally taking  $\Psi(T) := \int_K T(k) \ \mu(dk)$  we obtain 2.

 $2 \Rightarrow 3.-$  Let  $\Psi$  the state given in 2. The map  $\||.\||_{\Psi}$  is a pre-Hilbert seminorm on  $\mathcal{E}$ . Denoting  $N := \{x \in \mathcal{E} : \||x\||_{\Psi} = 0\}$ , then the quotient  $\mathcal{E}/N$  can be completed to a Hilbert space H. Let us denote by Q the natural quotient map from  $\mathcal{E}$  to H. By [18, Corollary 1] (see also [19, Corollary 1.11]) there are norm-one functionals  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{E}^*$  such that the inequality

$$||Q(x)|| = |||x|||_{\Psi} \le 2||x||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$$

holds for every  $x \in \mathcal{E}$ . Then it follows that

$$||T(x)|| \le 2C(T) ||x||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$$

for every  $x \in \mathcal{E}$ .

The implication  $3 \Rightarrow 1$ .— follows as  $(2 \Rightarrow 1)$  in Theorem 3.5.

Let  $T : \mathcal{E} \to Y$  be a 2-JB\*-triple-summing operator from a JB\*-triple to a Banach space. By Theorem 3.6 above, there are norm-one functionals  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  in  $\mathcal{E}^*$  and a positive constant C(T)' such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C(T)' ||x||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2} \tag{7}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{E}$ . Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}^{**}$ . Since by [2, Theorem 3.2], the strong\*-topology of  $\mathcal{E}^{**}$  is compatible with the duality, it follows that there is a net  $(x_{\lambda}) \subseteq \mathcal{E}$ converging to  $\alpha$  in the strong\*-topology and hence also in the weak\*-topology of  $\mathcal{E}^{**}$ . Since the seminorm  $\|.\|_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$  is strong\*-continuous, by (7) and the weak\*-lower semicontinuity of the norm we have

$$||T^{**}(\alpha)|| \le C(T)' ||\alpha||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}.$$

Therefore, by Theorem 3.6 we conclude that  $T^{**}$  is 2-JB\*-triple-summing. We have thus proved the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.7.** Let  $T : \mathcal{E} \to Y$  be a 2-JB\*-triple-summing operator from a JB\*-triple to a Banach space. Then there are norm-one functionals  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  in  $\mathcal{E}^*$  and a positive constant C(T)' such that

$$||T^{**}(\alpha)|| \le C(T)' ||\alpha||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$$

for all  $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}^{**}$ . In particular  $T^{**}$  is 2-JB\*-triple-summing.

**Remark 3.8.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $JB^*$ -algebra. By [12, Proposition 3.5.4]  $\mathcal{A}$  has an increasing approximate identity of hermitian elements, i. e., there is a net  $(u_{\lambda})_{\Lambda} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  where  $\Lambda$  is a directed set,  $u_{\lambda}^* = u_{\lambda}$ ,  $||u_{\lambda}|| \leq 1$ , and  $||u_{\lambda} \circ x - x|| \to 0$  for every  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then

$$||L(x,x)(u_{\lambda}) - |x|^{2}|| = |||x|^{2} \circ u_{\lambda} + (u_{\lambda} \circ x^{*}) \circ x - (u_{\lambda} \circ x) \circ x^{*} - |x|^{2}|| \to 0$$

and hence

$$\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i|^2\| = \lim_{\lambda} \|\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i, x_i)(u_{\lambda})\| \le \|\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i, x_i)\|$$

for every finite sequence  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathcal{A}$ . It follows that every 2-JB<sup>\*</sup>summing operator from  $\mathcal{A}$  to a Banach space is 2-JB<sup>\*</sup>-triple-summing (regarded  $\mathcal{A}$  as a JB<sup>\*</sup>-triple). Conversely if  $T : \mathcal{A} \to Y$  is a 2-JB<sup>\*</sup>-triplesumming operator then, by Lemma 3.7,  $T^{**} : \mathcal{A}^{**} \to Y^{**}$  is a 2-JB<sup>\*</sup>-triplesumming operator. Since  $\mathcal{A}^{**}$  is a unital JBW<sup>\*</sup>-algebra, it follows, by Remark 3.2, that  $T^{**}$  (and hence T) is a 2-JB<sup>\*</sup>-summing operator.

### 4 Summing Operators on real JB\*-triples

Real JB\*-triples were defined by J. M. Isidro, W. Kaup, and A. Rodríguez [13], as norm-closed real subtriples of complex JB\*-triples. In [13], it is shown that given a real JB<sup>\*</sup>-triple E, then there exists a unique complex JB<sup>\*</sup>-triple structure on its complexification  $\widehat{E} = E \oplus iE$  and a unique conjugation (conjugate-linear isometry of period 2)  $\tau$  on E such that  $E = E^{\tau} := \{z \in E : z \in E : z \in E \}$  $\tau(z) = z$ . All JB-algebras, all real C\*-algebras and obviously all complex JB\*-triples are examples of real JB\*-triples. By a real JBW\*-triple we mean a real JB<sup>\*</sup>-triple whose underlying Banach space is a dual Banach space. As in the complex case, the triple product of every real JBW\*-triple is separately weak\*-continuous [16], and the bidual  $\mathcal{E}^{**}$  of a real JB\*-triple  $\mathcal{E}$  is a real JBW<sup>\*</sup>-triple whose triple product extends the one of  $\mathcal{E}$  [13]. Noticing that every real JBW\*-triple is a real form of a complex JBW\*-triple [13], it follows easily that, if W is a real JBW\*-triple and if  $\varphi$  is a norm-one element in  $W_*$ , then, for  $z \in W$  such that  $\varphi(z) = ||z|| = 1$ , the mapping  $x \mapsto (\varphi\{x, x, z\})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is a prehilbert seminorm on W (not depending on z). Such a seminorm will be denoted by  $\|.\|_{\varphi}$ . The strong\* topology on W, denoted by  $S^*(W, W_*)$ , is the topology on W generated by the family  $\{\|.\|_{\varphi} : \varphi \in S_{W_*}\}.$ 

As in the complex case, we say that a linear operator T from a real JB\*-triple E to a real Banach space Y is 2-JB\*-triple-summing if there exists a positive constant C such that for every finite sequence  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  of elements in E we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|T(x_i)\|^2 \le C \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i, x_i) \right\|.$$
(8)

The smallest constant C for which (8) holds is again denoted  $C_2(T)$ .

Let  $T: E \to F$  be a bounded linear operator between real JB\*-triples and let  $M > \sqrt{2}$ . Let us consider  $\widehat{T}: \widehat{E} \to \widehat{F}$  the natural complex linear extension of T. By Proposition 3.3

$$\left\|\sum_{k=1}^{n} L(\widehat{T}(z_k), \widehat{T}(z_k))\right\| \le 2M^2 \|\widehat{T}\|^2 \left\|\sum_{k=1}^{n} L(z_k, z_k)\right\|$$

for every finite sequence  $(z_1, \ldots, z_n) \subseteq \widehat{E}$ . In particular, the inequality

$$\left\|\sum_{k=1}^{n} L(T(x_k), T(x_k))\right\| \le 8M^2 \|T\|^2 \left\|\sum_{k=1}^{n} L(x_k, x_k)\right\|$$

holds for every finite sequence  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \subseteq E$ . We deduce, as in the complex case, the following result.

**Corollary 4.1.** Let E and F be real  $JB^*$ -triples, Y a real Banach space,  $T: F \to Y$  a 2- $JB^*$ -triple-summing operator, and  $R: E \to F$  a bounded linear operator. Then  $TR: E \to Y$  is a 2- $JB^*$ -triple-summing operator.

**Remark 4.2.** Let E be a real  $JB^*$ -triple, Y a real Banach space, and T:  $E \to Y$  a 2-JB\*-triple-summing operator. We denote by  $\tilde{Y}$  the complex Banach space  $Y \oplus iY$  equipped with the norm

$$\|x+iy\|_c := \sup\{\|\alpha x - \beta y\| : \alpha + i\beta \in \mathbb{C} \text{ with } |\alpha + i\beta| = 1\}.$$

Then T can be extended to a complex linear operator  $\widehat{T} : \widehat{E} \to \widetilde{Y}$ . We claim that  $\widehat{T}$  is 2-JB\*-triple-summing. Indeed, given  $(x_1 + iy_1, \ldots, x_n + iy_n) \subseteq \widehat{E}$  we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \|\widehat{T}(x_{k} + iy_{k})\|^{2} \leq 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n} \|T(x_{k})\|^{2} + \|T(y_{k})\|^{2}$$

$$\leq C_{2}(T) \left\| 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n} L(x_{k}, x_{k}) + L(y_{k}, y_{k}) \right\|$$
(9)

Now, since  $S := \sum_{k=1}^{n} L(x_k, x_k) + L(y_k, y_k)$  is an hermitian operator on  $\widehat{E}$  it follows, by Sinclair's theorem, that

$$\begin{split} \|2S\| &= \sup\{2\Phi(S(z)) : \Phi \in S_{\widehat{E}^*}, z \in S_{\widehat{E}}, \Phi(z) = 1\}\\ &= \sup\{2\sum_{k=1}^n \|x_k\|_{\Phi}^2 + \|y_k\|_{\Phi}^2 : \Phi \in S_{\widehat{E}^*}, z \in S_{\widehat{E}}, \Phi(z) = 1\}\\ &= \sup\{\sum_{k=1}^n \|x_k + iy_k\|_{\Phi}^2 + \|\tau(x_k + iy_k)\|_{\Phi}^2 : \Phi \in S_{\widehat{E}^*}, z \in S_{\widehat{E}}, \Phi(z) = 1\}\\ &\leq \Big\|\sum_{k=1}^n L(x_k + iy_k, x_k + iy_k)\Big\| + \Big\|\sum_{k=1}^n L(\tau(x_k + iy_k), \tau(x_k + iy_k))\Big\|\\ &= 2\Big\|\sum_{k=1}^n L(x_k + iy_k, x_k + iy_k)\Big\|. \end{split}$$

Therefore, we conclude by (9) that  $\widehat{T}$  is 2-JB\*-triple-summing and  $C_2(\widehat{T}) \leq 2C_2(T)$ .

Let *E* be a real JB\*-triple. Following [19], we known that given  $\Phi \in D(BL(E), I_E)$  then the mapping  $(x, y) \to \Phi(L(x, y))$  from  $E \times E$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is a positive symmetric bilinear form on *E*, and hence  $|||x|||_{\Phi}^2 := \Phi(L(x, x))$  defines a prehilbert seminorm on *E*.

With the help of the previous remark, we can now obtain the following Pietsch's factorization theorem in the setting of real JB\*-triples.

**Theorem 4.3.** Let T be a linear operator from a real  $JB^*$ -triple E with values in a real Banach space Y. The following assertions are equivalent.

- 1. T is 2-JB\*-triple-summing.
- 2. There is a state  $\Psi \in D(BL(E), I_E)$  and a positive constant C(T) such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C(T) |||x|||_{\Psi}$$

for every  $x \in E$ .

3. There are norm-one functionals  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  in  $E^*$  and a positive constant C(T)' such that

 $||T(x)|| \le C(T)' ||x||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$ 

for all  $x \in E$ .

*Proof.*  $1 \Rightarrow 2.-$  By Remark 4.2 above, we see that T can be extended to a complex linear operator  $\widehat{T} : \widehat{E} \to \widetilde{Y}$  which is also 2-JB\*-triple summing, where  $\widetilde{Y}$  denotes the complexification of Y defined in Remark 4.2. Now by Theorem 3.6 there exists a state  $\Phi \in D(BL(\widehat{E}), I_{\widehat{E}})$  and a positive constant  $C(\widehat{T})$  such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C(\widehat{T})|||x|||_{\Phi} \le 2\sqrt{2C_2(T)}|||x|||_{\Phi}$$

for every  $x \in E$ . By [19, Corollary 1.7] there exists  $\Psi \in D(BL(E), I_E)$  such that

$$|||x|||_{\Phi} = |||x|||_{\Psi}$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Therefore

$$||T(x)|| \le 2\sqrt{2C_2(T)} |||x|||_{\Psi}$$

for every  $x \in E$ .

The rest of the proof runs as in Theorem 3.6.

The next lemma can be derived form Theorem 4.3 above as Lemma 3.7 was derived from Theorem 3.6.

**Lemma 4.4.** Let  $T : E \to Y$  be a 2-JB\*-triple-summing operator from a real JB\*-triple to a Banach space. Then there are norm-one functionals  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  in  $E^*$  and a positive constant C(T) such that

$$||T^{**}(\alpha)|| \le C(T) ||\alpha||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$$

for all  $\alpha \in E^{**}$ . In particular  $T^{**}$  is 2-JB\*-triple-summing.

Our last goal is to obtain a weak\*-version of Theorem 4.3 above. The next remark play a fundamental role in the proof of such result.

**Remark 4.5.** Let  $T : W \to Y^*$  be a 2-JB\*-triple-summing and weak\*continuous operator form a real JBW\*-triple to a dual Banach space. Let us denote by  $\widehat{W}$  and  $\tau$  the complexification of W and the canonical conjugation  $\tau$  on  $\widehat{W}$ , respectively. We define

$$\phi:\widehat{W}^*\to\widehat{W}^*$$

by

$$\phi(f)(z) = \overline{f(\tau(z))}.$$

From [13] we can assure that  $\phi$  is a conjugation (conjugate-linear isometry of period 2) on  $\widehat{W}^*$ . Furthermore the map

$$(\widehat{W}^*)^{\phi} := \{ f \in \widehat{W}^* : \phi(f) = f \} \to (\widehat{W}^{\tau})^*$$
$$f \mapsto f|_W$$

is an isometric bijection. In the same way, the predual  $W_*$  of W can be identified with  $(\widehat{W}_*)^{\phi} := \{f \in \widehat{W}_* : \phi(f) = f\}$ . The construction can be realized one more time to get a conjugation  $\widehat{\phi}$  on  $\widehat{W}^{**}$  such that

$$W^{**} \cong (\widehat{W}^{**})^{\widehat{\phi}}.$$

Since T is weak\*-continuous, there is a bounded linear operator  $R: W_* \to Y$  such that  $R^* = T$ . Let  $\widetilde{Y}$  denote the complexification of Y defined in Remark 4.2 and  $\widetilde{R}: \widehat{W}_* \to \widetilde{Y}$  the complex linear extension of R. Then  $\widetilde{T} := (\widetilde{R})^*: \widehat{W} \to (\widetilde{Y})^*$  is a weak\*-continuous operator extending T to  $\widehat{W}$ and verifying  $\|\widetilde{T}\| = \|\widetilde{R}\| \leq 2\|R\| = 2\|T\|$ . Now we can repeat the same arguments given in Remark 4.2 to assure that  $\widetilde{T}$  is 2-JB\*-triple-summing (and  $C_2(\widetilde{T}) \leq 2C_2(T)$ ).

We can now state the weak\*-version of Theorem 4.3.

**Theorem 4.6.** Let T be a weak\*-continuous linear operator from a real  $JBW^*$ -triple W with values in a real Banach space  $Y^*$ . The following assertions are equivalent.

- 1. T is 2-JB\*-triple-summing.
- 2. There are norm-one functionals  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  in  $W_*$  and a positive constant C(T) such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C(T) ||x||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$$

for all  $x \in W$ .

*Proof.*  $1 \Rightarrow 2.-$  By Remark 4.5 above, we see that T can be extended to a weak\*-continuous operator  $\widetilde{T} : \widehat{W} \to (\widetilde{Y})^*$  which is also 2-JB\*-triple summing, where  $\widetilde{Y}$  denotes the complexification of Y defined in Remark 4.2. Now

by Theorem 3.5 there are norm-one functionals  $\psi_1, \psi_2$  in  $\widehat{W}_*$  and a positive constant  $C(\widetilde{T})$  such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C(\widehat{T}) ||x||_{\psi_1,\psi_2} \le 2\sqrt{2C_2(T)} ||x||_{\psi_1,\psi_2}$$
(10)

for all  $x \in W$ .

Let  $e_1, e_2 \in S_{\widehat{W}}$  with  $\psi_1(e_1) = \psi_2(e_2) = 1$ . The map  $(x, y) \mapsto (x|y) := \Re e(\psi_1 \{x, y, e_1\} + \psi_2 \{x, y, e_2\})$  is a positive bilinear form on W. If we denote  $N := \{x \in W : (x|x) = 0\}$ , the quotient W/N can be completed to a a Hilbert space, which is denoted by H. The natural quotient map of W on H will be denoted by  $J_{\psi_1,\psi_2}$ . We note that, by the same arguments given in the proof of [22, Corollary 1], it may be concluded that  $J_{\psi_1,\psi_2}$  is weak\*-continuous. Now By [18, Theorem 5] it follows that there exist norm-one functionals  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in S_{W_*}$  such that

$$\|J_{\psi_1,\psi_2}(x)\|^2 = \Re e(\psi_1\{x,x,e_1\} + \psi_2\{x,x,e_2\}) = \|x\|^2_{\psi_1,\psi_2} \le 6^2 \|x\|^2_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$$

for all  $x \in W$ . Therefore, by (10), we conclude that

$$||T(x)|| \le 12\sqrt{2C_2(T)} ||x||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$$

for all  $x \in W$ .

The implication  $2 \Rightarrow 1$ . – follows as in Theorem 3.5.

**Remark 4.7.** Let  $T : \mathcal{E} \to Y$  be a 2-summing operator from a real or complex JB\*-triple to a Banach space. Let  $\varphi \in S_{\mathcal{E}^*}$  and  $z \in S_{\mathcal{E}^{**}}$  satisfying  $\varphi(z) = 1$ . By [2, Proof of Theorem 3.2] we have

$$|\varphi(x)| \le ||x||_{\varphi} = (\varphi(L(x,x)z))^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for all x in  $\mathcal{E}$ , and hence

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \|T(x_k)\|^2 \le C_2(T)^2 \sup\left\{\sum_{k=1}^{n} f(L(x,x)z) : f \in S_{\mathcal{E}^*}, z \in S_{\mathcal{E}}, f(z) = 1\right\}$$
$$\le C_2(T)^2 \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(x_i,x_i)\right\|,$$

for every finite sequence  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \subseteq \mathcal{E}$ . Therefore every 2-summing operator from a real or complex JB\*-triple to a Banach space is 2-JB\*-triple-summing.

**Corollary 4.8.** Let T be a 2-summing operator from a real or complex  $JB^*$ triple E to a Banach space. Then there are norm-one functionals  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  in  $E^*$  and a positive constant C(T) such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C(T) ||x||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$$

for all  $x \in E$ .

Let X and Y be Banach spaces. We recall that an operator  $T: X \to Y$ is said to be of *cotype* q  $(2 \le q < \infty)$ , if there is a constant C such that for any  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \subseteq X$  the inequality

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} \|T(x_{j}\|^{q})^{\frac{1}{q}} \le C \left(\int_{D} \|\sum_{j=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{j} x_{j}\|^{2} d(\mu)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

holds, where  $\varepsilon_j \in \{-1, 1\}$ ;  $D = \{-1, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $\mu$  is the uniform probability measure on D. A Banach space X is said to be of cotype q if  $I_X$  is of cotype q. By [21, page 120], we know that if X is a Banach space of cotype q then  $I_X$  is (q, 1)-summing, i. e., there is a constant C such that, for all finite sequences  $(x_i)$  in X, we have

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|x_i\|^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \le C \ \sup\{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |\xi(x_i)| : \xi \in X^*, \|\xi\| \le 1\}.$$

In general it can not be expected that if Y is a Banach space of cotype 2 then  $I_Y$  could be 2-summing. However, as we are showing in what follows, if Y is a Banach space of cotype 2 then every bounded linear operator from a real or complex JB\*-triple to Y is always 2-JB\*-triple-summing. Indeed, in [7, Theorem 12] C-H. Chu, B. Iochum and G. Loupias show that if  $T : \mathcal{E} \to Y$  is a bounded linear operator from a JB\*-triple to a Banach space of cotype 2, then there are norm-one functionals  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  in  $\mathcal{E}^*$  and a positive constant C(Y) (depending only on Y) such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C(Y)||T|| ||x||_{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}$$
(11)

for all  $x \in \mathcal{E}$ . Therefore, we conclude by Theorem 3.6 that T is 2-JB\*-triple-summing. We have thus proved the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.9.** Every bounded linear operator from a real or complex  $JB^*$ -triple to a Banach space of cotype 2 is 2- $JB^*$ -triple-summing.

**Remark 4.10.** It is worth mentioning that in [7, Theorem 12] the authors affirm that if  $T : \mathcal{E} \to Y$  is a bounded linear operator from a JB\*-triple to a Banach space of cotype 2, then there exists a norm-one functional  $\varphi$  in  $\mathcal{E}^*$ and a positive constant C(Y) (depending only on Y) such that

$$||T(x)|| \le C(Y) ||T|| ||x||_{\varphi}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{E}$ . In the proof of this theorem, the result [7, Proposition 4] ([1, Theorem 1.3]) play a fundamental role. Since, as we have mentioned before, the proof of the last result contains some subtle difficulties (compare [17, 18]), the original setting of [7, Theorem 12] is only a conjecture. However, when in the Chu-Iochum-Loupias proof, [18, Theorem 3] (see also [19, Corollary 1.11]) replaces [7, Proposition 4] we obtain the statement in (11).

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