

## ON A FUNCTIONAL WHICH IS QUADRATIC ON A-ORTHOGONAL VECTORS

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**Abstract.** Let  $X$  be a complex Hilbert space,  $\dim X \geq 3$  and  $A$  be a bounded selfadjoint operator defined on  $X$ . We give a representation of a continuous functional  $H$  defined on  $X$  under the condition that  $H$  is quadratic on  $A$ -orthogonal vectors.

In [3] a continuous functional  $F : X \rightarrow \Phi$  is studied which is additive on  $A$ -orthogonal vectors. Let us note that the square of functional which is additive on  $A$ -orthogonal vectors does not have to be quadratic. The purpose of this paper is to give a representation of the functional  $H : X \rightarrow \Phi$  under the condition that is quadratic on  $A$ -orthogonal vectors. In [2] a representation is given in the case when  $A = I$  ( $I$  denotes the identical operator).

The following theorem will be proved:

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $H$  be a continuous functional defined on a (real or complex) Hilbert space  $X$  with  $\dim X \geq 3$ . Suppose that if  $(x, Ay) = 0$  ( $x, y \in X$ ) then*

$$H(x+y) + H(x-y) = 2H(x) + 2H(y), \quad (*)$$

*where  $A : X \rightarrow X$  is a continuous selfadjoint operator with  $\dim A(X) \neq 1, 2, 3$ . Then there is a continuous linear operator  $B$  and quasi-linear continuous operator  $C$  and  $D$  such that*

$$H(x) = (Bx, x) + (Cx, x) + (x, Dx) \quad (**)$$

*for all  $x \in X$ .*

We will use the same technique as in [2] and the proof of the theorem will be based upon the following lemmas.

**LEMMA 1.** *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 1 there exist functionals  $B(x)$ ,  $C(x)$  and  $D(x)$  (defined on  $X$ ) satisfying (\*) such that for all complex numbers  $\lambda$  and for all  $x$  in  $X$ :*

$$B(\lambda x) = |\lambda|^2 B(x), \quad C(\lambda x) = \lambda^2 C(x), \quad D(\lambda x) = \bar{\lambda}^2 D(x)$$

Moreover,  $H(x) = B(x) + C(x) + D(x)$ .

*Proof.* We first show that for the functional  $H(x)$  we have  $H(rx) = r^2H(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ , where  $r$  is a real number. It is obvious that  $H(0) = 0$ .

1° Let  $(x, Ax) = 0$  for some  $x \in X$  ( $x \neq 0$ ); then, applying relatio (\*), we obtain  $H(2x) = 2^2H(x)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} H(3x) + H(x) &= 2H(2x) + 2H(x), & H(3x) &= 2H(2x) + H(x) \\ &= 2 \cdot 2^2H(x) + H(x), & H(3x) &= 3^2H(x). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we obtain  $H(4x) = 4^2H(x)$ ,  $H(5x) = 5^2H(x), \dots$ . Suppose that  $H(nx) = n^2H(x)$  holds for a natural number  $n$ . We shall prove that  $H[(n+1)x] = (n+1)^2H(x)$ . For this we have:

$$\begin{aligned} H[(n+1)x] + H[(n-1)x] &= 2H(nx) + 2H(x) \\ H[(n+1)x] &= 2H(nx) + 2H(x) - H(n-1)x \\ &= 2n^2H(x) + 2H(x) - (n-1)^2H(x). \end{aligned}$$

$$H[(n+1)x] = [2n^2 + 2 - (n-1)^2]H(x), \quad H[(n+1)x] = (n+1)^2H(x).$$

Thus,  $H(nx) = n^2H(x)$  holds for all natural  $n$ .

Similarly we obtain  $H(nx) = n^2H(x)$ , if  $n = -1, -2, -3, \dots$ . It also follows easily (because of the continuity of  $H$ ) that  $H(rx) = r^2H(x)$  for all real  $r$ .

2° Let  $(Ax, x) \neq 0$ . Then there exist a  $y \in X$  ( $y \neq 0$ ) such that  $(x, Ay) = 0$  and  $(Ay, y) = \pm(Ax, x)$ .

(a) If  $(Ay, y) = (Ax, x)$ , then the vectors  $nx+y$  and  $x-ny$  are pairwise  $A$ -orthogonal. According to (\*) we can write

$$H[(nx+y) + (x-ny)] + H[(nx+y) - (x-ny)] = 2H(nx+y) + 2H(x-ny), \quad (1)$$

$$H[(n+1)x - (n-1)y] + H[(n-1)x + (n+1)y] = 2H(nx+y) + 2H(x-ny), \quad \text{or}$$

$$H[(n+1)y - (n-1)x] + H[(n-1)y + (n+1)x] = 2H(ny+x) + 2H(y-nx) \quad (2)$$

If we add (1) and (2) and take into consideration (\*), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2H[(n+1)x] + 2H[(n-1)y] + 2H[(n-1)x] + 2H[(n+1)y] \\ = 4H(nx) + 4H(y) + 4H(x) + 4H(ny) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} H[(n+1)x] + H[(n-1)y] + H[(n-1)x] + H[(n+1)y] \\ = 2H(nx) + 2H(y) + 2H(x) + 2H(ny). \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$H(kx) + H(ky) = k^2[H(x) + H(y)] \quad (3)$$

hold for all  $k = 0, 2, 3, \dots, n$ . It is easy to prove that (3) is true for  $n = k + 1$ . In [1] it has been proved that there exists a  $z \in X$  such that  $(x, Az) = (y, Az) = 0$  and  $(Ax, x) = (Ay, y) = (Az, z)$ , and on the basis of (3) we can write

$$H(nx) + H(ny) = n^2[H(x) + H(y)] \quad (3')$$

$$H(nx) + H(nz) = n^2[H(x) + H(z)] \quad (3'')$$

$$H(ny) + H(nz) = n^2[H(y) + H(z)]. \quad (3''')$$

Subtracting (3''') from (3''), we obtain  $H(nx) - H(ny) = n^2[H(x) - H(y)]$ , which together with (3') gives  $H(nx) = n^2H(x)$ . Due to the continuity of the functional  $H$ ,  $H(rx) = r^2H(x)$  holds for all real numbers  $r$ .

(b) Let  $(Ay, y) = -(Ax, x)$ . It follows that  $(A(x \pm y), x \pm y) = 0$  and according to 1° we get  $H[n(x + y)] = n^2H(x + y)$ ,  $H[n(x - y)] = n^2H(x - y)$ . Besides that we have  $H[n(x + y)] + Hn(x - y) = 2H(nx) + 2H(ny)$  or

$$n^2H(x + y) + n^2H(x - y) = 2H(nx) + 2H(ny). \quad (4)$$

In [1] it has been shown that there exists a  $z \in X$  such that  $(Ax, z) = 0$  and  $(Az, z) = -(Ax, x)$ ,  $(Ay, z) = 0$ ,  $(Ay, y) = (Az, z)$ . On the basis of (a) we can write

$$n^2H(y + z) + n^2H(y - z) = 2H(ny) + 2H(nz) = 2n^2H(y) + 2n^2H(z) \quad (5)$$

or

$$n^2H(x + z) + n^2H(x - z) = 2H(nx) + 2H(nz). \quad (6)$$

If we subtract (5) from (6), we get

$$n^2H(x + z) + n^2H(x - z) - n^2H(y + z) - n^2H(y - z) = 2H(nx) - 2H(ny).$$

If we add this last relation to (4) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} n^2H(x + z) + n^2H(x - z) - n^2H(y + z) - n^2H(y - z) + n^2H(x + y) \\ + n^2H(x - y) = 4H(nx) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$2n^2H(x) + 2n^2H(z) - 2n^2H(y) - 2n^2H(z) + 2n^2H(x) + 2n^2H(y) = 4H(nx)$$

or  $H(nx) = n^2H(x)$ . Since the functional  $H$  is continuous then  $H(rx) = r^2H(x)$  holds for all real numbers  $r$ . Therefore  $H(rx) = r^2H(x)$  holds for all real numbers  $r$  nad for each  $x \in X$ .

Let  $2B(x) = H(ix) + H(x)$ . It is easy to see that  $B(x)$  is a continuous and quadratic functional on  $A$ -orthogonal vectors, as well as it satisfies  $B(rx) = r^2B(x)$ , that  $B(ix) = B(x)$ .

1° Let  $(Ax, x) = 0$  for some  $x \in X$ . Then  $(A\alpha x, i\beta x) = 0$  ( $\alpha, \beta$  real numbers). For  $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} B(\lambda x) + B(\bar{\lambda}x) &= B((\alpha + i\beta)x) + B((\alpha - i\beta)x) = B(\alpha x + i\beta x) + B(\alpha x - i\beta x) \\ &= 2B(\alpha x) + 2B(i\beta x) = 2\alpha^2B(x) + 2\beta^2B(ix) \\ &= 2\alpha^2B(x) + 2\beta^2B(x) = 2(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)B(x) = 2|\lambda|^2B(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $B(\lambda x) + B(\bar{\lambda}x) = 2|\lambda|^2 B(x)$ .

2° Let  $(Ax, x) \neq 0$ . Then there exists a  $y \in X$  such that  $(x, Ay) = 0$  and  $(Ay, y) = \pm(Ax, x)$ . Let us consider the case when (a)  $(Ay, y) = (Ax, x)$ . Then if  $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$  ( $\alpha, \beta$  real) and  $e_1 = (x + y)/2$ ,  $e_2 = (x - y) | 2i$ , it follows that

$$B(\lambda x) + B(\lambda y) + B(\bar{\lambda}x) + B(\bar{\lambda}y) = 2|\lambda|^2[B(x) + B(y)].$$

We can select a  $z \in X$  such that  $(x, Az) = 0$ ,  $(y, Az) = 0$  and  $(x, Ax) = (y, Ay) = \pm(z, Az)$ . Let us consider the case when the sign is  $\pm$ . By analogy with the equation above, we can write the following.

$$\begin{aligned} B(\lambda x) + B(\lambda z) + B(\bar{\lambda}x) + B(\bar{\lambda}z) &= 2|\lambda|^2[B(x) + B(z)] \\ B(\lambda y) + B(\lambda z) + B(\bar{\lambda}y) + B(\bar{\lambda}z) &= 2|\lambda|^2[B(y) + B(z)]. \end{aligned}$$

From the last three equalities we have  $B(\lambda x) + B(\bar{\lambda}x) = 2|\lambda|^2 B(x)$ .

Let us consider the case when (b)  $(Ay, y) = -(Ax, x)$ . Then  $(A(x \pm y), x \pm y) = 0$ . On the basis of 1° we have

$$\begin{aligned} B(\lambda(x + y)) + B(\bar{\lambda}(x + y)) &= 2|\lambda|^2 B(x + y) \\ B(\lambda(x - y)) + B(\bar{\lambda}(x - y)) &= 2|\lambda|^2 B(x - y). \end{aligned}$$

Summing these two equations we obtain

$$B(\lambda(x + y)) + B(\lambda(x - y)) + B(\bar{\lambda}(x + y)) + B(\bar{\lambda}(x - y)) = 2|\lambda|^2(B(x + y) + B(x - y))$$

or

$$2B(\lambda x) + 2B(\lambda y) + 2B(\bar{\lambda}x) + 2B(\bar{\lambda}y) = 4|\lambda|^2 B(x) + 4|\lambda|^2 B(y)$$

or

$$B(\lambda x) + B(\lambda y) + B(\bar{\lambda}x) + B(\bar{\lambda}y) = 2|\lambda|^2(B(x) + B(y)). \quad (7)$$

As before, there exists a  $z \in X$  such that  $(Ax, z) = (Ay, z) = 0$ ,  $(Ay, y) = (Az, z)$  and  $(Az, z) = -(Ax, x)$ . We have

$$B(\lambda x) + B(\lambda z) + B(\bar{\lambda}x) + B(\bar{\lambda}z) = 2|\lambda|^2(B(x) + B(y)) \quad (8)$$

$$B(\lambda y) + B(\lambda z) + B(\bar{\lambda}y) + B(\bar{\lambda}z) = 2|\lambda|^2(B(y) + B(z)) \quad (9)$$

$$B(\lambda x) - B(\lambda y) + B(\bar{\lambda}x) - B(\bar{\lambda}y) = 2|\lambda|^2 B(x) - 2|\lambda|^2 B(y). \quad (10)$$

From (7) and (10) it follows that  $B(\lambda x) + B(\bar{\lambda}x) = 2|\lambda|^2 B(x)$ . Thus from these considerations we can conclude that for each  $x \in X$  and each complex  $\lambda$  we have

$$B(\lambda x) + B(\bar{\lambda}x) = 2|\lambda|^2 B(x) \quad (11)$$

If in (11) we replace  $\lambda$  by  $e^{i\varphi}$  ( $\varphi$  real) and  $ix$  by  $e^{i\varphi}x$ , we obtain  $B(e^{2i\varphi}x) + B(x) = 2B(e^{i\varphi}x)$ . Similarly we get  $B(e^{-2i\varphi}x) + B(x) = 2B(e^{-i\varphi}x)$ . Thus we have

$$B(e^{2i\varphi}x) - B(e^{-2i\varphi}x) = 2[B(e^{i\varphi}x) - B(e^{-i\varphi}x)]. \quad (12)$$

For fixed  $x \in X$  let us set

$$I(\alpha) = B(\alpha x) - B(\alpha^{-1}x) \quad (\alpha = e^{i\varphi}). \quad (13)$$

It is easy to show that  $I(\alpha) = 0$  for all  $\alpha = e^{i\varphi}$  ( $\varphi$  real). From this fact it follows that  $B(\bar{\lambda}x) = B(\lambda x)$ , and from that (due to (11)) we have

$$B(\lambda x) = |\lambda|^2 B(x) \quad (x \in X \text{ and } \lambda\text{-complex}).$$

Let us put

$$2S(x) = H(ix) - H(x). \quad (15)$$

The functional  $S(x)$  is continuous, quadratic on  $A$ -orthogonal vectors and quadratic homogenous, i.e.  $S(rx) = r^2 S(x)$ , and besides that

$$S(ix) = -S(x), \quad (x \in X). \quad (16)$$

In the same way as with the functional  $B(x)$ , we obtain

$$S(\lambda x) + S(\bar{\lambda}x) = (\lambda^2 + \bar{\lambda}^2)S(x) \quad (17)$$

for each  $x$  in  $X$  and for each  $\lambda$ . If in (17) we put  $\lambda = \alpha$  ( $|\alpha| = 1$ ,  $\alpha^{4n} \neq 1$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) and  $\alpha x$  instead of  $x$ , we obtain

$$S(\alpha^2 x) + S(x) = (\alpha^2 + \bar{\alpha}^2)S(x) \quad (17')$$

or

$$\alpha^4 / (\alpha^8 - 1) \cdot [S(\alpha^2 x) - \bar{\alpha}^4 S(x)] = \alpha^2 / (\alpha^4 - 1) \cdot [S(\alpha x) - \alpha^2 S(x)].$$

By induction we can prove

$$\alpha^{2n} / (\alpha^{4n} - 1) \cdot [S(\alpha^n x) - \alpha^{2n} S(x)] = \alpha^2 / (\alpha^4 - 1) \cdot [S(\alpha x) - \alpha^2 S(x)].$$

If  $\beta = \alpha^n$ , then

$$\beta^2 / (\beta^4 - 1) \cdot [S(\beta x) - \bar{\beta}^2 S(x)] = \alpha^2 / (\alpha^4 - 1) \cdot [S(\alpha x) - \alpha^2 S(x)]$$

or

$$1 / (\beta^2 - \bar{\beta}^2) \cdot [S(\beta x) - \bar{\beta}^2 S(x)] = 1 / (\alpha^2 - \bar{\alpha}^2) \cdot [S(\alpha x) - \alpha^2 S(x)]. \quad (17'')$$

In the last relation  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are arbitrary numbers such that  $|\alpha| = |\beta| = 1$ ,  $\alpha^4 \neq 1$  and  $\beta^4 \neq 1$  and (17) holds for each  $x$  in  $X$ . Since  $S(rx) = r^2 S(x)$ , from (17'') it follows immediately that

$$[S(\lambda x) - \bar{\lambda}^2(x)] / (\bar{\lambda}^2 - \lambda^2) = [S(\lambda_1 x) - \bar{\lambda}_1^2 S(x)] / (\lambda_1^2 - \bar{\lambda}_1^2) \quad (17''')$$

$(\lambda^2 \neq \bar{\lambda}^2, \lambda_1^2 = \bar{\lambda}_1^2)$  for all  $x$  in  $X$ .

The right-hand side of relation (17''') is constant, for any  $\lambda$  ( $\lambda^2 = \bar{\lambda}^2$ ) and if for fixed  $\lambda_1$  we put

$$C(x) = [\bar{\lambda}_1^2 S(x) - S(\lambda_1 x)] / (\lambda_1^2 - \bar{\lambda}_1^2)$$

we obtain  $C(\lambda x) = [\bar{\lambda}_1^2 S(\lambda x) - S(\lambda_1 \lambda x)] / (\lambda_1^2 - \bar{\lambda}_1^2)$ . According to (17''') we conclude that  $C(x)$  and  $C(\lambda x)$  do not depend on  $\lambda_1$ , and if we put  $\lambda_1 = \lambda$  (in the relation for  $C(x)$ ),  $\lambda_1 = \bar{\lambda}$  (in the relation for  $C(\lambda x)$ ), we obtain  $C(\lambda x) = \lambda^2 C(x)$ , for each complex  $\lambda$  and  $x$  in  $S$ . Let us put  $D(x) = -S(x) - C(x) = [S(\lambda_1 x) - \lambda_1^2 S(x)] / (\lambda_1^2 - \bar{\lambda}_1^2)$ . Then it follows that  $D(\lambda x) = \bar{\lambda}^2 D(x)$  ( $x$  in  $X$ ,  $\lambda$  a complex number). Since  $H(x) = B(x) - S(x)$  and  $-S(x) = C(x) + D(x)$  it follows that  $H(x) = B(x) + C(x) + D(x)$  Q.E.D.

LEMMA 2. *Suppose that the functional  $H$  satisfies the conditions of THEOREM 1 and that*

$$H(\lambda x) = |\lambda|^2 H(x) \quad (18)$$

*for all in  $X$  and for every complex number  $\lambda$ . Then there exists a unique continuous linear operator  $B$  such that for all  $x$  in  $X$*

$$H(x) = (Bx, x). \quad (19)$$

*Proof.* Let us put

$$F(x, y) = H(x + y) - H(x - y) \quad (x, y \text{ in } X) \quad (20)$$

Let further

$$X_y = \{x \mid x \in X, (Ax, y) = 0\}. \quad (21)$$

For a fixed  $y$  and for  $x$  in  $X$ ,  $F(x, y)$  is a continuous functional (on  $X$ ) and moreover from  $(x, Az) = 0$ ,  $x, z$  in  $X$  it follows that  $F(x + z, y) = F(x, y) + F(z, y)$ . On the basis of [3] there exist unique vectors  $a_y$  and  $b_y$  in  $X_y$  and a unique complex number  $\alpha_y$  such that

$$F(x, y) = 2(a_y, x) + 2(x, b_y) + 2\alpha_y(Ax, x) \quad (22)$$

for all  $x$  in  $X_y$ . Since the functional  $H$  is quadratic on  $A$ -orthogonal vectors we have

$$H(x + y) = H(x) + H(y) + (a_y, x) + (x, b_y) + \alpha_y(Ax, x), \quad ((Ax, y) = 0). \quad (23)$$

1° Let  $x \in X$  be such that  $(Ax, x) = 0$ . Then the relation (23) has a form

$$H(x + y) = H(x) + H(y) + (a_y, x) + (x, b_y), \quad ((Ax, y) = 0).$$

2° Let  $x \in X$  be such that  $(Ax, x) \neq 0$ . Then due to the continuity of the functional  $F$  we conclude that  $\alpha_y = 0$ , and relation (23) becomes

$$H(x + y) = H(x) + H(y) + (a_y, x) + (x, b_y), \quad ((Ax, y) = 0). \quad (23')$$

We can write the space  $X$  as the direct sum of orthogonal and  $A$ -orthogonal invariant subspaces  $X^0, X^-, X^+$  of the operator  $A$ , where  $X^0 = \{(x \in X \mid Ax = 0)\}$ . In  $X^-$  it holds that  $(Ax, x) < 0$  for  $x \neq 0$ , and in  $X^+$  it holds that  $(Ax, x) > 0$  for  $x \neq 0$ . In each of these subspaces we can select a maximal  $A$ -orthonormal system. Let  $\{e_i\}$  be a maximal  $A$ -orthonormal system in the space  $X$ , which

is equal to the union of these maximal  $A$ -orthonormal systems. Let us take an arbitrary  $x$  in  $X$ ; then  $x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i e_i$ . Let us put  $x_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e_i$ . Applying relation (23') we obtain  $H(x_n) = H_1(x_n) + H_2(x_n)$  where  $H_1(x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i|^2 H(e_i)$ ;  $H_2(x_n) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [(\alpha_k a_k, \bar{x}_{k+1}) + (\bar{x}_{k+1}, \alpha_k b_k)]$ ,  $a_k = a_{e_k}$ ,  $b_k = b_{e_k}$ ,  $\bar{x}_k = \sum_{i=k}^n \alpha_i e_i$  ( $1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ). We claim that  $H_1(x_n)$  and  $H_2(x_n)$  are quadratic on vectors of the form  $x_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e_i$ . Let  $x_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e_i$ ,  $y_m = \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i e_i$  (Set  $n = \max\{n, m\}$ ). Then<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} H_1(x_n + y_m) + H_1(x_n - y_m) &= H_1(\sum(\alpha_i + \beta_i)e_i) + H_1(\sum(\alpha_i - \beta_i)e_i) \\ &= \sum(|\alpha_i + \beta_i|^2 H(e_i) + |\alpha_i - \beta_i|^2 H(e_i)) = \sum[|\alpha_i + \beta_i|^2 + |\alpha_i - \beta_i|^2]H(e_i) \\ &= \sum(2|\alpha_i|^2 + 2|\beta_i|^2)H(e_i) = 2\sum|\alpha_i|^2 H(e_i) + 2\sum|\beta_i|^2 H(e_i) = 2H_1(x_n) + 2H_1(y_m). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $H_1(x_n + y_m) + H_1(x_n - y_m) = 2H_1(x_n) + 2H_1(y_m)$ . Similarly it can be proved that

$$H_2(x_n + y_m) + H_2(x_n - y_m) = 2H_2(x_n) + 2H_2(y_m).$$

Therefore for all vectors  $x_n = \sum \alpha_i e_i$ ,  $y_m = \sum \beta_i e_i$ ,

$$H(x_n + y_m) + H(x_n - y_m) = 2H(x_n) + 2H(y_m).$$

Thus the functional  $H$  is quadratic on the set  $S = \{x_n \mid x_n = \sum \alpha_i e_i, e_i\text{-}A\text{-orthonormal vectors}\}$ . Taking into consideration that the set  $S$  is everywhere  $X$ -dense and that  $H$  is a continuous functional, the equation  $H(x + y) + H(x - y) = 2H(x) + 2H(y)$  holds for  $x, y$  in  $X$ . Hence Lemma 2 follows from (18) and the continuity of  $H$ . Q.E.D.

LEMMA 3. *If the functional  $H$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1 and moreover*

$$H(\lambda x) = \lambda^2 H(x) \quad (\text{or } H(\lambda x) = \bar{\lambda}^2 H(x))$$

*holds for every complex number  $\lambda$  and all  $x \in X$ , then*

$$H(x + y) + H(x - y) = 2H(x) + 2H(y) \quad \text{holds for all } x, y \in X.$$

*Proof.* 1° Let  $(Ax, y) = 0$  for some  $x, y$  in  $X$ . Then due to the hypothesis the statement holds.

2° Let  $(Ax, y) \neq 0$  for some  $x, y$  in  $X^2$ . We can suppose that  $(Ax, x) \neq 0$ . Then there exists a  $z \in X$  such that  $(Az, z) \neq 0$  and  $(Ax, z) = 0$ ,  $(Ay, z) = 0$ . We can write  $H(x + z) + H(x - z) = 2H(x) + 2H(z)$ ,  $H(x + iz) + H(x - iz) = 2H(x) - 2H(z)$ .

Thus

$$4H(x) = H(x + z) + H(x - z) + H(x + iz) + H(x - iz). \quad (24)$$

<sup>1</sup> $\sum$  means  $\sum_{i=1}^n$ .

<sup>2</sup>We can suppose that  $(Ax, x) \neq 0$

Let us select the number  $\alpha$  such that  $(Ax + y, x - y) + \bar{\alpha}(Az, z) = 0$ . Taking this condition into consideration we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (A(x + y + z), x - y + \alpha z) &= 0, & (A(x + y - z), x - y - \alpha z) &= 0 \\ (A(x + y + iz), x - y + \alpha iz) &= 0, & (A(x + y - iz), x - y - \alpha iz) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Applying relation (24) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 4H(x + y) &= H(x + y + z) + H(x + y - z) + H(x + y + iz) + H(x + y - iz) \\ 4H(x - y) &= H(x - y + z) + H(x - y - z) + H(x - y + iz) + H(x - y - iz). \end{aligned}$$

Now making use of the fact that the functional  $H$  is quadratic on  $A$ -orthogonal vectors we obtain

$$H(x + y) + H(x - y) = 2H(x) + 2H(y).$$

This holds when  $(A(x + y), x - y) \neq 0$ . If  $(A(x + y), x - y) = 0$ , the statement obviously holds. From 1° and 2° we conclude that  $H(x + y) + H(x - y) = 2H(x) + 2H(y)$  holds for  $x, y \in X$ . Now, let us consider the functional  $H$  with the property  $H(\lambda x) = \lambda^2 H(x)$ . As with the proof of Lemma 2 it is also easy to show that

$$F(x, y) = 2(a_y, x) + 2(x, b_y) \quad (25)$$

and that  $F(x, y) = H(x + y) - H(x - y)$ . Relation (25) holds for all  $x, y \in X$ . Besides that

$$F(x, y) = H(x + y) - H(x - y) = H(y + x) - H(y - x) = F(y, x)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_1 + x_2, y) &= 2(a_y, x_1 + x_2) + 2(x_1 + x_2, b_y) \\ &= 2(a_y, x_1) + 2(x_1, b_y) + 2(a_y, x_2) + 2(x_2, b_y) \\ &= F(x_1, y) + F(x_2, y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$F(x_1 + x_2, y) = F(x_1, y) + F(x_2, y), \quad F(x, y_1 + y_2) = F(x, y_1) + F(x, y_2).$$

It is now easy to obtain

$$a_{y_1+y_2} = a_{y_1} + a_{y_2} \quad b_{y_1+y_2} = b_{y_1} + b_{y_2} \quad (26)$$

$$a_{\lambda y} = \bar{\lambda}^2 / \lambda \cdot a_y \quad (\lambda - \text{complex number} \neq 0)$$

$$b_{\lambda y} = \bar{\lambda} b \quad (27)$$

since  $a_y = 0$  for  $y$  in  $X$ . Thus  $H(x+y) - H(x-y) = (x, b_y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in X$ . For  $x = y$ ,  $H(2x) = (x, b_x)$  or  $H(x) = (x, Dx)$  where  $Dx = b_x/4$  and  $D$  is a quasi-linear operator. For  $H(x)$  instead of  $H(\lambda x) = \lambda^2 H(x)$ , the condition  $H(\lambda x) = \bar{\lambda}^2 H(x)$ , should be added and it is easy to show in this way that  $H(x) = (Cx, x)$ , and that  $C$  is a quasi-linear operator. Continuity of  $D$  and  $C$  is clear. So, we obtain



LEMMA 4. *If the functional  $H$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 2, there exists a unique continuous quasi-linear operator  $D(C)$  such that*

$$H(x) = (x, Dx), \quad (H(x) = (Cx, x)).$$

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