

## A GLIMPSE ON BIRKHOFF-JAMES ORTHOGONALITY IN BANACH SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** This paper is an overview of various results on Birkhoff-James orthogonality of operators in Hilbert space and Banach spaces. We mainly focus on Birkhoff orthogonality of linear (bounded and compact) operators in terms of matrices, projection angles, Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules as well as on Banach modules. The article concludes with some open problems regarding possible correlation between Birkhoff-James orthogonality and Carlsson orthogonality, particularly in the case of Pythagorean orthogonality.

Дано огляд різноманітних результатів щодо ортогональності в сенсі Біркгофа-Джеймса операторів у гільбертових і банахових просторах. Переважно розглядається ортогональність за Біркгофом лінійних (обмежених і компактних) операторів у термінах матриць, кутів, гільбертових  $C^*$ -модулів, а також банахових модулів. Наведені деякі відкриті питання стосовно співвідношень ортогональності Біркгофа-Джеймса та ортогональності Карлссона, зокрема для випадку піфагорової ортогональності.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of Birkhoff orthogonality began in 1935 [1]. In the literature of orthogonality this is known with some other names such as; Birkhoff- James orthogonality and Blaschke Birkhoff-James orthogonality ( see [2]). In this paper [1, 3], an orthogonality which satisfies homogeneity but neither symmetric nor additive is defined by  $x \perp y$  if and only if  $\|x + \lambda y\| \geq \|x\|$  for all  $\lambda$ , is known as Birkhoff orthogonality or Birkhoff-James orthogonality. The geometrical meaning of Birkhoff orthogonality is that if  $x$  is a unit vector of a Banach space  $X$  and  $y \in X$ , then  $x$  is Birkhoff orthogonal to  $y$  means that the straight line  $\{x + \lambda y : \lambda \in K\}$  is tangent to the unit ball of  $X$  at  $x$ . This concept is similar to the statement: suppose two lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  intersect at the point  $m$ , then  $l_1 \perp l_2$  if and only if the distance from a point of  $l_2$  to a given point  $n$  of  $l_1$  is never less than the distance from  $m$  and  $n$ . [3] For any hyper-plane  $H \subset X$ ,  $x$  is said to be orthogonal to  $H$  if  $\forall x \in H, x \perp h$ .

Bhatia and Semrl in [4] generalize the definition of Birkhoff orthogonality in terms of matrices. For any matrices  $A$  and  $B$  they denote the symbol  $\|A\|$  for operator norm of  $A$  and  $A$  is orthogonal to  $B$  in the sense of Birkhoff-James iff for any complex number  $z$ ,  $\|A + zB\| \geq \|A\|$ . A matrix  $A$  is orthogonal to  $B$  iff there exist a unit vector  $x \in H$  such that  $\|Ax\| = \|A\|$  and  $\langle Ax, Bx \rangle = 0$  [4]. They also introduced Birkhoff- James orthogonality in [4] as  $A \perp B$  if and only if  $\|A + zB\|_p \geq \|A\|_p$ , where  $\|A\|_p$  denotes Schatten  $p$ -norm of  $A$  defined by  $\|A\|_p = [\sum_{j=1}^n S_j(A)^p]^{\frac{1}{p}}$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $S_1(A) \geq \dots \geq S_n(A)$  are singular values of  $A$ . Taking the special case for  $p = 2$ , Bhatia and Semrl in [4] also proved that the given orthogonality is equivalent to usual Hilbert space condition  $\langle A, B \rangle = 0$ , which defines an inner-product on the space of matrices as  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(A^*B)$ . The norm associated to this inner product is  $\|\cdot\|_2$ . In an infinite dimensional case [4], for

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any bounded operators in a Hilbert space  $H$ ,  $A \perp B$  if and only if there exist a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of unit vectors such in  $H$  that  $\|Ax\| \rightarrow \|A\|$ , and  $\langle Ax_n, Bx_n \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .

Benitz et al. [5] proved that  $X$  is an inner-product space if and only if for any linear operators  $A$  and  $C$  in a finite dimensional normed space  $X$ ,  $A \perp C \Leftrightarrow \exists u \in S_X : \|Au\| = \|u\|, Au \perp Cu$ , where  $S_X = \{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}$  and " $\perp$ " denotes the Birkhoff-James orthogonality.

**Theorem 1.1.** [5] *If  $S_X$  is not an ellipse ( $X$  is not an inner-product space), then there exists linear operators  $A$  and  $C$  in  $X$  such that  $A \perp C$ , but there does not exist  $u \in S_X$  such that  $\|A\| = \|AU\|$  and  $Au \perp Cu$ .*

**Theorem 1.2** ([5]). *A real finite dimensional normed space  $X$  is an inner-product space if and only if, for  $A, C \in L(X)$ ,  $A \perp C \Leftrightarrow \exists x \in S_X : \|A\| = \|Ax\|, Ax \perp Cx$ .*

$$\text{where, } P_{xy} = D_{xy} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } D_{xy} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Theorem 1.3.** [6] *The  $q$ -angle has the following properties:*

- (i) *Part of parallelism property:  $A_q(x, y) = 0$  iff  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent.*
- (ii) *Part of homogeneity property:  $A_q(Ax, By) = A_q(x, y)$  for every  $x, y \in X$  and  $A, B \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ .*

In [6] Chen Zhi-Zhi et al. have given slightly different definition of Birkhoff orthogonality in such a way that;  $x$  is Birkhoff orthogonal to  $y$  iff  $A_q(x, y) = \frac{\pi}{2}$  by using projections of the angles between two vectors  $x$  and  $y$  in a real two dimensional normed space  $X$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [6] The  $g$ -angle between two vectors  $x$  and  $y$  is given by  $g(x, y) = \cos^{-1} \frac{g(x, y)}{\|x\| \|y\|}$ , where  $g(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \|x\| [\tau_+(x, y) + \tau_-(x, y)]$  and  $\tau_{\pm}(x, y) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm 0} \frac{\|x+ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$ . In that case  $x \perp_g y$  if  $g(x, y) = 0$  or  $A_g(x, y) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

For any  $x = (x_1, x_2)^T$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2)^T$  in a two dimensional real normed space  $X$ ,

$$q(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \text{ and } y \text{ are linearly dependent} \\ \|P_{xy}\|^{-1}, & \text{if } x \text{ and } y \text{ are linearly independent.} \end{cases}$$

Continuity property: If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$ , then  $A_q(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow A_q(x, y)$ , where  $A_q(x, y)$  is  $q$ -angle between  $x$  and  $y$  defined by  $A_q(x, y) = \sin^{-1}[q(x, y)]$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** [6] *If  $x$  is Birkhoff orthogonal to  $y$ . Then for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\|mx + ny\| \geq \|mx\|$ .*

*Proof.* If  $m = 0$ , the conclusion is obviously true. If  $m \neq 0$  and if  $x$  is Birkhoff orthogonal to  $y$ ,

$$\|mx + ny\| = |m| \|x + \frac{m}{n}y\| \geq |m| \|x\| = \|mx\|. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 1.6.** [7] *Let  $x = (x_1, x_2)^T$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2)^T$  be two vectors in a two dimensional real normed space  $X$  with basis  $\{e_1, e_2\}$ . Then  $x$  is Birkhoff-orthogonal to  $y$  iff  $A_q(x, y) = \frac{\pi}{2}$  i.e.  $\|P_{xy}\| = 1$ .*

## 2. ORTHOGONALITY ON $C^*$ -MODULE

[8] Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and  $H$  be a (left)  $\mathcal{A}$  module. Suppose that the linear structure given on  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $H$  are compatible, that is,  $\lambda(ax) = a(\lambda x)$  for every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $a \in H$ . Then there exists a mapping  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : H \times H \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  with the following properties:

- (i)  $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$  for every  $x \in H$ ,
- (ii)  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$  iff  $x = 0$ ,
- (iii)  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle^*$  for every  $x, y \in H$ ,

- (iv)  $\langle ax, y \rangle = a \langle x, y \rangle$  of every  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $x, y \in H$ ,
- (v)  $\langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$  for every  $x, y, z \in H$

The pair  $\{H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\}$  is called a (left) pre-Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$  module. The map  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is called an  $\mathcal{A}$ -valued inner-product. If the pre-Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $\{H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\}$  is complete with respect to the norm  $\|x\| = \|\langle x, x \rangle\|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then it is called  $\mathcal{A}$  Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over  $\mathcal{A}$ . Rajic et al., in [7, 8] introduced a new concept of Birkhoff-James orthogonality in a Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules over a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  and proved that such orthogonality with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$ -valued inner product coincide if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ .

[8] A mapping  $T : V \rightarrow W$  between  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules  $V$  and  $W$  is called adjointable if there exists mapping  $T^* : W \rightarrow V$  such that  $\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle$  for all  $x \in V, y \in W$ . Such a mapping  $T$  is bounded, linear and satisfies  $T(xa) = T(x)a$  for all  $x \in V$  and  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . The space of all adjointable mapping from  $V$  into  $W$  is denoted by  $B(V, W)$ . Let  $\theta_{x,y}(z) = x(y, z)$ , where  $\theta_{x,y} \in B(V, W)$  and  $K(B, V)$  denotes the closed linear subspace of  $B(V, W)$  spanned by  $\{Q_{xy} : x \in W, y \in V\}$  is called space of compact operators.

**Proposition 2.1.** [8] *Let  $A, B \in B(H)$ . Then  $\min_{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}} \|A + \lambda B\|^2 = \sup_{\|xi\|=1} M_{A,B}(\xi)$ , where*

$$M_{A,B}(\xi) = \begin{cases} \|A\xi\|^2 - \frac{|\langle A\xi, B\xi \rangle|^2}{\|B\xi\|^2} & \text{if, } B\xi \neq 0 \\ \|A\xi\|^2 & \text{if, } B\xi = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 2.2.** [8] *let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra, and  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\min_{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}} \|a + \lambda b\|^2 = \max_{\varphi \in S(A)} M_{a,b}(\varphi)$ , where*

$$M_{a,b}(\varphi) = \begin{cases} \varphi(a^*a) - \frac{|\varphi(a^*b)|^2}{\varphi(b^*b)} & \text{if, } \varphi(b^*b) \neq 0 \\ \varphi(a^*a) & \text{if, } \varphi(b^*b) = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.3.** [8] *Let  $V$  be a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $x, y \in V$ . Then  $\min_{\varphi \in \mathbb{C}} \|x + \varphi y\|^2 = \max_{\varphi \in S(A)} M_{x,y}(\varphi)$ , where  $M_{x,y}(\varphi) \in \mathcal{A}$  is defined by*

$$M_{x,y}(\varphi) = \begin{cases} \varphi(\langle x, x \rangle) - \frac{|\varphi(\langle x, y \rangle)|^2}{\varphi(\langle y, y \rangle)} & \text{if, } \varphi(\langle y, y \rangle) \neq 0 \\ \varphi(\langle x, x \rangle) & \text{if, } \varphi(\langle y, y \rangle) = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.4.** [8] *Let  $V$  be a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $x, y \in V$ . Then  $x \perp_B y \Leftrightarrow \exists \varphi \in S(\mathcal{A}) : \varphi(\langle x, x \rangle) = \|x\|^2$  and  $\varphi(\langle x, y \rangle) = 0$ .*

**Theorem 2.5.** [8] *Let  $V$  be a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $x, y \in V$ . Then*

- (i)  $x \perp_B y \Leftrightarrow \langle x, x \rangle \perp \langle x, y \rangle \Leftrightarrow \langle x, x \rangle \perp_B \langle y, x \rangle$ .
- (ii)  $x \perp_B y \Rightarrow x \perp_B x \langle x, y \rangle$  and  $x \perp_B x \langle y, x \rangle$ .

Arambasic and Rajic (see in[8]) characterized Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules where the Birkhoff orthogonality coincides with the usual orthogonality with respect to inner-product space. By using the Gelfand-Mazur theorem, it can be proved that  $\mathcal{A}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$  and using this concept,  $\mathbb{C}$  is only the unital  $C^*$ -algebra in which Birkhoff orthogonality  $x \perp_B y$  coincides with  $x^*y = 0$  for all elements  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *let  $V \neq \{0\}$  be a full Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module. then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) *For all  $x, y \in V$  the condition  $(x \perp_B y \Leftrightarrow \langle x, y \rangle = 0)$  is always true.*
- (ii)  *$\mathcal{A}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ .*

## 3. GENERALIZATION OF BHATIA-SEMRL PROPERTY

In 2013, Sain and Paul [9] linked the Bhatia-Semrl property with norm attaining operators in a finite dimensional normed spaces which attain its norm on connected closed subset of  $S_X$  and proved that the linear operator  $T$  satisfies the condition;  $T \perp_B A \Rightarrow \exists x \in D : Tx \perp_B Ax$ , where  $A$  is a linear operator on  $L(X)$  and  $D$  is connected closed subset of  $S_X$ . For the normed linear space  $X$  of dimension 2, their next research in 2015 (see [10]) explore the converse of previous result as obtained in [9]. They proved that if a linear operator  $T$  satisfies Bhatia-Semrl property, then the set of unit vectors  $S_X$ , on which  $T$  attains norm, is connected in the projective space  $RP' = S_X \setminus \{x \sim -x\}$  and conversely. For a strictly convex normed space  $X$ , the set of operators in  $L(X)$  satisfying the Bhatia-Semrl property is dense in  $L(X)$ . [10] Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a normed space  $X$ . Then the set of unit vectors in  $S_X$  at which  $T$  attains norm is given by  $M_T = \{x \in S_X : \|Tx\| = \|T\|\}$ . Such a  $T$  satisfies Bhatia-Semrl property if for any operator  $A \in L(X)$ ,  $T \perp_B A \Rightarrow \exists x \in M_T : Tx \perp_B Ax$ . Sain et al. proved a slight different concept depending on the nature of  $M_T$  described in [9] by stating that ; if  $M_T \neq D \cup (-D)$  and the condition on the form of  $M_T$  implying that  $T$  may not satisfies the Bhatia-Semrl property.

**Theorem 3.1.** [10] *Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional real normed space  $X$  and  $M_T = \{x \in S_X : \|Tx\| = \|T\|\}$ . If  $M_T$  can be partitioned into two non-empty sets which are contained in complementary subset of  $X$ , then there is a linear operator  $A$  on  $X$  such that  $T \perp_B A$  but  $Tx \not\perp_B Ax$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.** [10] *Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional real smooth normed space  $X$ . If  $M_T = \{x \in S_X : \|Tx\| = \|T\|\}$  is a countable set with more than 2 points. Then for any  $x \in M_T$  there is a linear operator  $A$  on  $X$  such that  $T \perp_B A$  but  $Tx \not\perp_B Ax$ .*

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a two dimensional real normed space  $X$ , and let  $M_T = \{x \in S_X : \|Tx\| = \|T\|\}$ . If  $M_T$  has more than two components, then for any  $x \in M_T$  there is a linear operator  $A$  on  $X$  such that  $T \perp_B A$  but  $Tx \not\perp_B Ax$ .*

## 4. STRONG BIRKHOFF-JAMES ORTHOGONALITY

Paul et al. in the paper [11] proved that a normed linear space  $X$  is strictly convex if and only if for all  $x \in S_X$  there is bounded linear operator  $A$  which attain its norm only at the points of the form  $\lambda x$  with  $\lambda \in S_k$ . To prove this, they have introduced a concept of strong Birkhoff-James orthogonality. [11] For any normed linear space  $X$ ,  $x$  is said to be strongly orthogonal to  $y$  in the sense of Birkhoff-James iff  $\|x\| < \|x + \lambda y\|$  for all  $\lambda \neq 0$ . The notation  $x \perp_S B y$  was used to indicate the strongly Birkhoff-James orthogonality and proved that the strongly Birkhoff-James orthogonality implies Birkhoff orthogonality, but the converse may not be true. To illustrate this concept, two elements  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  are taken in  $l_\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , showing that  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  are orthogonal in the sense of Birkhoff-James but not strongly orthogonal to each other.

**Definition 4.1.** (Strongly orthogonal set)[11]: A finite set of elements  $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  is said to be strongly orthogonal set in the sense of Birkhoff-James iff for each  $m \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$   $\|x_m\| < \|x_m + \sum_{n=1, n \neq m}^k \lambda_n x_n\|$ , whenever  $\lambda_n \neq 0$ .

In case of an infinite set, if every finite subset of the set is strongly orthogonal in the sense of Birkhoff-James, then the infinite set is said to strongly orthogonal and conversely.

**Theorem 4.2.** [11] *Let  $X$  be a normed linear space and  $x_0 \in S_x$ . If there exists a Hamel basis of  $X$  containing  $x_0$  which is strongly orthogonal relative to  $x_0$  in the sense of Birkhoff-James, then  $x_0$  is an extreme point of  $B_X$ .*

**Theorem 4.3.** [11] *Let  $X$  be a normed linear space and  $x_0 \in S_X$  be an exposed point of  $B_X$ . Then there exists a Hamel basis of  $X$  containing  $x_0$  which is strongly orthogonal relative to  $x_0$  in the sense of Birkhoff-James.*

**Theorem 4.4.** [11] *Let  $X$  be a normed linear space and  $x_0 \in S_X$ . If there exist a Hamel basis of  $X$  containing  $x_0$  which is strongly orthogonal relative to  $x_0$  in the sense of Birkhoff-James, then there exists a bounded invertible linear operator  $A$  on  $X$  such that  $\|A\| = \|A_0\| > \|Ay\|$  for all  $y \in S_X$  with  $y \neq \lambda x_0, \lambda \in S_k$ .*

**Theorem 4.5.** [11] *For a normed space  $X$ , and a point  $x \in \text{span}(X)$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $x$  is an exposed point of  $B_X$ .
- (ii) There is a Hamel basis of  $X$  containing  $x$  which is strongly orthonormal relative to  $x$  in the sense of Birkhoff-James.
- (iii) There exists a bounded linear operator  $A$  on  $X$  which attains only at the points of the form  $\lambda x$  with  $\lambda \in S_k$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** [11] *For a normed linear space  $X$ , the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $X$  is strictly convex.
- (ii) For each  $x \in S_X$ , there exist a Hamel basis of  $X$  containing  $x$  which is strongly orthonormal relative to  $x$  in the sense of Birkhoff-James.

### 5. ORTHOGONALITY OF OPERATORS IN COMPLEX BANACH SPACES

To study the difference of orthogonality in the complex case in comparison to the real case, Paul et al. in 2018 [12] came with a new concept of Birkhoff-James orthogonality by introducing new definitions on a complex reflexive Banach spaces and introduced more than one equivalent characterization of Birkhoff-James orthogonality of compact linear operators in the complex case. [12] For any bounded linear operator  $T, A \in L(X)$ ,  $T$  is said to be Birkhoff-James orthogonal to  $A$  if  $\|T + \lambda A\| \geq \|T\|$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $M_T = \{x \in S_X : \|Tx\| = \|T\|\}$ . In the real Banach space  $X$ , Sain introduced two sets  $x^+$  and  $x^-$  in his paper [13] by

- (i)  $x^+ = \{y \in X : \|x + \lambda y\| \geq \|x\| \text{ for all } \lambda \geq 0\}$  and
- (ii)  $x^- = \{y \in X : \|x + \lambda y\| \geq \|x\| \text{ for all } \lambda \leq 0\}$

For the complex Banach space, Paul et al. in 2018 introduced the following notations [12] depending on Sain's concept : For any  $\gamma \in V$ ,

- (i)  $x_\gamma^+ = \{y \in X : \|x + \lambda y\| \geq \|x\| \text{ for all } \lambda = tr, t \geq 0\}$
- (ii)  $x_\gamma^- = \{y \in X : \|x + \lambda y\| \geq \|x\| \text{ for all } \lambda = tr, t \leq 0\}$
- (iii)  $x_\gamma^\perp = \{y \in X : \|x + \lambda y\| \geq \|x\| \text{ for all } \lambda = tr, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- (iv) where  $V = \{\gamma \in \mathbb{C} : |\gamma| = 1, \text{arg}(\gamma) \in [0, 2\pi]\}$ .
- (v) If  $\mu = e^{i\pi}\gamma$ , then  $x_\mu^+ = x_\gamma^-, x_\mu^- = x_\gamma^+$  and  $x_\mu^\perp = x_\gamma^\perp$ . In the complex Banach space,
- (vi)  $x^+ = \cap \{x_\gamma^+ : \gamma \in V\}, x^- = \cap \{x_\gamma^- : \gamma \in V\}$  and  $x^\perp = \cap \{x_\gamma^\perp : \gamma \in V\}$

**Proposition 5.1.** [13] *Let  $x, y \in X$ , where  $X$  is an complex Banach space and  $\gamma \in V$ . Then following statements are true*

- (i) Either  $y \in x_\gamma^+$  or  $y \in x_\gamma^-$ .
- (ii)  $x \perp_\gamma y \Leftrightarrow y \in x_\gamma^+$  or  $y \in x_\gamma^-$ .
- (iii)  $y \in x_\gamma^+ \Rightarrow \eta y \in (\xi x)_\gamma^+$  for all  $\eta, \xi > 0$ .
- (iv)  $y \in x_\gamma^+ \Rightarrow -y \in x_\gamma^-$  and  $y \in (-x)_\gamma^-$ .
- (v)  $y \in x_\gamma^- \Rightarrow \eta y \in (\xi x)_\gamma^-$  for all  $\eta, \xi > 0$ .
- (vi)  $y \in x_\gamma^- \Rightarrow -y \in x_\gamma^+$  and  $y \in (-x)_\gamma^+$ .
- (vii)  $y \in x_\gamma^+ \Rightarrow \mu y \in (\mu x)_\gamma^+$  for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ .

(viii)  $y \in x_\gamma^- \Rightarrow \mu y \in (\mu x)_\gamma^-$  for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** [13] *Let  $x, y \in X$ , where  $X$  is a complex Banach space. Then the following are true*

- (i)  $x \perp_B y \Leftrightarrow y \in x^+$  and  $y \in x^-$ .
- (ii)  $y \in x^+ \Rightarrow \eta y(\xi x)^+$  for all  $\eta, \xi > 0$ .
- (iii)  $y \in x^+ \Rightarrow -y \in x^-$  and  $y \in (-x)^-$ .
- (iv)  $y \in x^- \Rightarrow -y \in x^+$  and  $y \in (-x)^+$ .
- (v)  $y \in x^- \Rightarrow \eta y \in (\xi x)^-$  for all  $\eta, \xi > 0$ .

**Theorem 5.3.** [13] *Let  $X$  be a reflexive complex Banach space, and  $Y$  be any complex Banach space. Let  $T, A \in K(x, y)$ . Then  $T \perp_B A \Leftrightarrow \forall \gamma \in V, \exists x = x(\gamma), y = y(\gamma) \in M_T : Ax \in (Tx)_\gamma^+$  and  $Ty \in (Ty)_\gamma^-$ .*

**Theorem 5.4.** [13] *Let  $X$  be a complex Banach Space. Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $r = e^{i\theta}$ , where  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ . If  $y \in x_\gamma^+$ , then either  $y \in x_\mu^+$  for all  $\mu$  with  $\arg \mu \in [0, \theta]$  or  $y \in x_\mu^+$  for all  $\mu$  with  $\arg \mu \in [0, \pi]$ .*

**Theorem 5.5.** [13] *Let be a linear operator on a finite dimensional complex Banach space  $X$ , such that  $M_T$  is a closed connected subset of  $S_X$ . Then for  $A \in L(X)$ ,  $T \perp_B A \Leftrightarrow \forall \gamma \in V \exists x = x(\gamma) \in M_T : Tx \perp_{\mathbb{R}} Ax$ .*

**Theorem 5.6.** [13] *Let  $T$  be a linear operator in a finite dimensional complex Banach space  $X$  such that  $M_T$  is a closed connected subset of the unit sphere of  $X$ . Then for  $A \in L(X)$ ,  $T \perp_B A \Leftrightarrow \exists \theta \in [0, \pi]$  and  $x, y \in M_T : Ax \in (Tx)_\gamma^+$  for all  $\gamma$  with  $\arg \gamma \in [\theta - \pi, \theta]$  and  $Ay \in (Ty)_\gamma^+$  for all  $\gamma$  with  $\arg \gamma \in [\theta, \theta + \pi]$ .*

## 6. GEOMETRIC PROPERTIES

**Definition 6.1.** [14] *Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $T = \{\mu \in K : |\mu| = 1\}$ . Then  $x$  is said to be norm parallel to  $y$  if  $\|x + \mu y\| = \|x\| + \|y\|$  for all  $\mu \in T$ .*

Norm parallelism is symmetric as well as homogeneous; whereas, Birkhoff-James orthogonality is homogeneous but not symmetric in a Banach space. [14] In the case of Hilbert space, two elements are linearly dependent iff they are norm-parallel; however, in normed spaces two linearly dependent vectors are norm-parallel, but the converse may not be true. For instance,  $(1, 1)$  and  $(1, 0)$  are norm parallel but not linearly dependent. Depending on the concept of Birkhoff-James orthogonality and strong Birkhoff-James orthogonality Paul et al.[14] introduce a new geometric notion of semi-rotund point. For any normed linear space  $X$ ,  $\beta \neq x \in X$  is said the semi-rotund point of  $X$  if  $\exists y \in X : x \perp_{SB} y$ . If for every  $x \neq 0 \in X$ ,  $x$  is a semi-rotund point, the normed space  $X$  is said to be semi-rotund space. Dragomir introduced the concept of approximate Birkhoff-James orthogonality [15] as follows:  $x$  is said to be approximate Birkhoff-James orthogonal to  $y$  if  $\|x + \mu y\| \geq (1 - \epsilon)\|x\|$  for all  $\mu \in K$  and  $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$ ; however, Chmielinski [14, 16] defined approximate Birkhoff-James orthogonality as ;  $x \perp_D^\epsilon \Leftrightarrow \|x + \mu y\| \geq \sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2}\|x\|$  for all  $\mu \in K$ . The concept of approximate parallelism was developed by Zamani and Moslehian [17] by stating that  $x$  is approximately parallel to  $y$  if  $\inf \{\|x + \lambda y\| : \lambda \in K\} \leq \epsilon\|x\|$  for all  $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proposition 6.2.** [14] *let  $X$  be a bounded linear operator form a normed space  $X$  to normed space  $Y$  and  $x \in M_T$ . Then for any  $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$  and  $y \in X$ , we have  $x||_y^\epsilon \Rightarrow Tx||^\epsilon Ty$ .*

**Theorem 6.3.** [14] *Let  $T$  and  $A$  are compact linear operators form a reflexive Banach space  $X$  to any normed space  $Y$ . Then  $T||A \Leftrightarrow \exists x \in M_T \cap M_A : Tx||Ax$ .*

**Theorem 6.4.** [14] *If  $T$  and  $A$  are bounded linear operators from a normed space  $X$  to  $Y$ . Then  $T \perp A \Leftrightarrow \exists \{x_n\} \in S_X : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Tx_n\| = \|T\|, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Ax_n\| = \|A\|$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Tx_n + \mu Ax_n\| = \|T\| + \|A\|$ , for some  $\mu \in K$ .*

**Proposition 6.5.** [14] *Let  $T$  be a bounded linear operator from a normed space  $X$  into normed space  $Y$  and let  $x \in M_T$ . Then  $Tx \perp_D^\epsilon Ty \Rightarrow x \perp_D^\epsilon y$  for any  $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$  and  $y \in X$ .*

**Theorem 6.6.** [14] *let  $T$  and  $A$  are bounded linear operators from finite dimensional Banach spaces  $X$  to  $Y$ . Then  $T \perp_{SB} A \Leftrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \mu_\epsilon > 0 : \forall |\mu| < \mu_\epsilon, \exists y_\mu \in (\cup_{x \in M_T} B(x, \epsilon)) \cap S_x : \|Ty_\mu + \mu Ay_\mu\| > \|T\|$ .*

**Theorem 6.7.** [14] *Let  $T$  and  $A$  are compact linear operators from a reflexive Banach space  $X$  to any normed space  $Y$  be such that  $T \perp_B A$  but  $T \not\perp_{SB} A$ . Then there exists  $x \in M_T$  such that  $Tx \perp_B Ax$ .*

**Theorem 6.8.** [14] *Let  $T$  and  $A$  are bounded linear operators from a normed space  $X$  to  $Y$ . If  $T \perp_B A$  but  $T \not\perp_{SB} A$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $S_X$  such that  $\|Tx_n\| \rightarrow \|T\|, Ax_n \rightarrow 0$  or there exist a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $S_X$  and sequence  $\{\epsilon_n\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\|Tx_n\| \rightarrow \|T\|, \epsilon_n \rightarrow 0$ , and  $Tx_n \perp_D^{\epsilon_n} Ax_n$ .*

7. RELATION BETWEEN BIRKHOFF-JAMES, ROBERT, AND ISOSCELES ORTHOGONALITY IN TERMS OF BOUNDED LINEAR OPERATORS

Recently, Bottazzi et al. in [18] has introduced a new generalization of earlier results on orthogonality of bounded linear operators. They discussed about Birkhoff-James, Isosceles, and Robert orthogonality in Banach spaces in terms of bounded linear operators. For better description of Birkhoff-James orthogonality, they introduced the sets,  $\mathcal{O} = \{x \in S_X : Tx \perp_B Ax\}$  for any  $T, A \in B(X)$  and  $M_T = \{x \in S_X : \|Tx\| = \|T\|\}$ . For any bounded linear operator  $A$  on the Hilbert space  $H$ ;  $A^*, R(A)$ , and  $N(A)$  denotes the adjoint, range and kernel of  $A$  respectively. The bounded linear operators  $A$  and  $B$  in a real or complex Hilbert space  $H$  have a disjoint support if  $AB^* = BA^* = 0$ .

**Theorem 7.1.** [18] *Let  $X$  be reflexive Banach space and  $Y$  be Banach spaces, either both real, or both complex. Let  $T$  and  $A$  are compact linear operators from  $X$  to  $Y$  be such that for any  $x_0 \in S_X$ ,*

$$M_T = \begin{cases} \pm x_0 & \text{in the real case} \\ e^{i\theta} x_0 : \theta \in [0, 2\pi] & \text{in the complex case} \end{cases}$$

*Then  $T \perp_B A \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{T,A} \cap M_T \neq \emptyset$ .*

**Theorem 7.2.** [18] *Let  $T$  and  $A$  are compact linear operators from a reflexive Banach space  $X$  to any real Banach space  $Y$ . If  $T$  is Birkhoff-James orthogonal to  $A$ , then the set  $\mathcal{O}_{T,A}$  is non-empty.*

**Theorem 7.3.** [18] *Let  $X, Y$  be two Banach spaces, either both real, or, both complex. let and  $T$  and  $A$  are bounded linear operators from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Then,  $\mathcal{O}_{T,A} = S_X \Rightarrow T \perp_B A$ .*

**Theorem 7.4.** [18] *A real or complex Hilbert space  $H$  is of finite dimensional if and only if for any bounded linear operators in  $H, T \perp_B A \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{T,A} \neq \emptyset$ .*

**Proposition 7.5.** [18] *For any bounded linear operators  $A$  and  $T$  in a real or complex Hilbert space  $H$  satisfying  $T^*A = 0$ , then the following statements holds:*

- (i)  $A \perp_B T$  and  $T \perp_B A$ ,
- (ii)  $A \perp_R T$ , and in particular,  $A \perp_I T$

**Proposition 7.6.** [18] *Let  $X$  be real or complex normed space. Let  $x, y \in X$  and assume that  $x + y \perp_B y$  and  $x - y \perp_B y$ . Then  $x \perp_I y$*

**Remark 7.7.** In order to illustrate the concept regarding to the converse part of the above proposition Sain et al in [18] introduced strongly Isosceles orthogonality in the real Banach space by stating that: An element  $x \in X$  is said to strongly orthogonal to  $y \in X$  (written as  $x \perp_{SI} y$ ) if the following conditions are satisfied;

- (i)  $x \perp_I y$ ,
- (ii) there exists a real sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , with  $\lambda_n > 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n = 0$  and  $x \perp_I \lambda_n y$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 7.8.** [18] *Let  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $x \perp_{SI} y \Rightarrow x \perp_B^r y$  and in particular and is  $X$  is real normed space then  $x \perp_{SI} y \Rightarrow x \perp_B y$ .*

#### 8. BIRKHOFF-JAMES ORTHOGONALITY BY APPLYING SEMI-INNER PRODUCT

The concepts of Birkhoff-James orthogonality has been widely used by various researchers since 1935. The latest research on this topic by Sain, Mal, and Paul [19] have studied Birkhoff-James orthogonality of compact linear operators between Hilbert space and Banach spaces by applying the notion of semi-inner product in normed linear spaces.

**Definition 8.1.** [19] For any normed linear space  $x$ , A scalar valued function  $(\cdot, \cdot) : X \times X \rightarrow K$  is a semi-inner product if for any  $\xi, \eta \in K$  and for any  $x, y, z \in X$ , it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $(\xi x + \eta y, z) = \xi(x, z) + \eta(y, z)$ ,
- (ii)  $(x, x) > 0$ , whenever  $x \neq 0$ .
- (iii)  $|(x, y)|^2 \leq (x, x)(y, y)$ ,
- (iv)  $(x, \xi y) = \xi(x, y)$ .

Every semi-inner product space is a normed space with the norm  $\|x\|^2 = (x, x)$  and the norm of any normed space can be generated through a semi-inner product in infinitely many ways. Sain et al. in [19] characterized the Birkhoff-James orthogonality set of any compact linear operators between a reflexive Banach space any Banach spaces. They also proved that there is an relationship between the concept of semi-inner product spaces and the sets  $x^+ = \{y \in X : \|x + \gamma y\| \geq \|x\| \text{ for } \gamma \geq 0\}$  and  $x^- = \{y \in X : \|x + \gamma y\| \geq \|x\| \text{ for } \gamma \leq 0\}$

**Theorem 8.2.** [19] *Let  $T$  and  $A$  be compact linear operators from a reflexive Banach space  $X$  to any Banach space  $Y$ . If any one of the following conditions holds;*

- (i)  $M_T$  is a connected subset of  $S_X$ .
- (ii)  $M_T$  is not connected but  $M_T = D \cup (-D)$ , where  $D$  is a non-empty subset of  $S_X$ .

*Then  $T \perp_B A \Leftrightarrow \exists x \in M_T : Tx \perp_B Ax$ .*

**Theorem 8.3.** [19] *For a finite-dimensional Banach space  $X$ , the following statements are equivalent.*

- (i) *For any linear operator  $T$  on  $X$ ,  $M_T$  is the unit sphere of some subspace of  $X$ .*
- (ii) *For any linear operator  $T$  on  $X$ ,  $M_T = D_T \cup (-D_T)$ , where  $D_T$  is connected subset of  $X$ .*
- (iii)  *$X$  is an Euclidean space.*

As an correlation between the semi-inner product space and geometric concepts of the sets Sain et al. proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 8.4.** [19] *Let  $x, y \in X$ , where  $X$  is a normed linear space. Then the following are true.*

- (i)  $y \in x^+$  iff there exists a semi-inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $X$  with  $(y, x) \geq 0$ .
- (ii)  $y \in x^-$  iff there exists a semi-inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $X$  with  $(y, x) \leq 0$ .



**Theorem 8.5.** *Let  $T$  and  $A$  be compact linear operators from a reflexive Banach space  $X$  to any Banach space  $Y$  be such that  $T \perp_B A$ . let  $\mathcal{O}_Y$  denotes the collection of all semi-inner product on  $Y$ . Then*

$$\|T\| = \begin{cases} \sup \{(Tx, y) : x \in S_X, y \in S_Y, (\cdot, \cdot) \in \mathcal{O}_Y, (Ax, y) \geq 0\} \\ \sup \{(Tx, y) : x \in S_X, y \in S_Y, (\cdot, \cdot) \in \mathcal{O}_Y, (Ax, y) \leq 0\} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 8.6.** [19] *Let  $T$  and  $A$  be bounded linear operators form a normed space  $X$  to  $Y$  be such that  $T \perp_B A$ . Ley  $\mathcal{O}_Y$  denotes the collection of semi-inner product space on  $Y$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary but fixed after  $A$  choice. Then*

- (i)  $\|T\| = \max \{l_1(\epsilon), l_2(\epsilon)\} = \max \{l_1(\epsilon), l_3(\epsilon)\}$ , where
- (ii)  $l_1(\epsilon) = \sup \{(Tx, y) : x \in S_X, y \in S_Y, (\cdot, \cdot) \in \mathcal{O}_Y, |(Ax, y)| < \epsilon\}$
- (iii)  $l_2(\epsilon) = \sup \{(Tx, y) : x \in S_X, y \in S_Y, (\cdot, \cdot) \in \mathcal{O}_Y, Ax \in (y)^{+\epsilon}\}$
- (iv)  $l_3(\epsilon) = \sup \{(Tx, y) : x \in S_X, y \in S_Y, (\cdot, \cdot) \in \mathcal{O}_Y, Ax \in (y)^{-\epsilon}\}$

**Theorem 8.7.** [19] *Let  $X$  be normed linear space such that  $X^*$  is strictly convex. Let  $f, g \in X^*$  be such that  $f \perp_B g$ . then*

$$\|f\| = \begin{cases} \sup \{f(x) : x \in S_x, g(x) \geq 0\} \\ \sup \{f(x) : x \in S_x, g(x) \leq 0\}. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 8.8.** [19] *Let  $T$  and  $A$  are compact linear operators from a reflexive Banach space  $X$  to any Banach space  $Y$  be such that for each  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, M_{T+\lambda A} = D_\lambda \cup (-D_\lambda)$ , where  $D_\lambda$  is a non-empty connected subset of  $S_X$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_Y$  denotes the collection of all semi-inner product space on  $Y$ . Then*

$$dist(T, span \{A\}) = \sup \{(Tx, y) : x \in S_X, y \in S_Y, (\cdot, \cdot) \in \mathcal{O}_Y, (Ax, y) = 0\}.$$

**Theorem 8.9.** [19] *Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space and  $Y$  be any Banach space. Let  $\mathcal{Z}$  be a finite dimensional subspace of  $K(X, Y)$ . Let  $T \in K(X, Y) \setminus \mathcal{Z}$ . Let us further assume that for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and for any  $A \in \mathcal{Z}, M_{T+\lambda A} = D_{\lambda, A} \cup (-D_{\lambda, A})$ , where  $D_{\lambda, A}$  is non-empty connected subset of  $S_X$ . Then there exist  $A_0 \in \mathcal{Z}$  such that*

$$dis(T, \mathcal{Z}) = \sup \{(Tx, y) : x \in S_X, y \in S_Y, (A_0x, y) = 0\}.$$

Moreover,  $A_0$  is the best approximation of  $T$  in  $\mathcal{Z}$ .

### 9. MODULAR BIRKHOFF ORTHOGONALITY IN BANACH MODULES

We have already mentioned that Rajic et al. in [8] studied Birkhoff-James orthogonality in a Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules over a  $C^*$ -algebra. The most current research as generalization of Birkhoff-James orthogonality from Hilbert space to Banach spaces in [20], Sain and Tanaka studied the stronger version of modular Birkhoff-James orthogonality in the set of bounded and compact linear operators. In order to prove their study they introduced the following notions:  $X^\perp = \{y \in X : x \perp_B y\}$  and  $M_A = \{x \in S_X : \|Ax\| = \|A\|\}$ . An element  $x \neq 0 \in X$  is said to be smooth point in  $X$  if  $\mathcal{F}(x) = \{f \in S_X^* : f(x) = \|x\|\}$  is a singleton set. For any Banach space  $X$ , an element  $x \in X$  is said to be left symmetric in  $X$  if for any  $y \in X, x \perp_B y \Rightarrow y \perp_B x$ . Similarly  $x$  is said to be right symmetric in  $X$  if for any  $y \in X, y \perp_B x \Rightarrow x \perp_B y$ . If  $x$  is both left as well as right symmetric, then  $x$  is said to be a symmetric point.

**Definition 9.1.** [20] A Banach space  $X$  is called a right  $\mathcal{A}$ -module (where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Banach algebra) if there exists a mapping of  $X \times \mathcal{A}$  into  $X$  such that for each  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $x \in X, x(ab) = (xa)b$  and  $\|ax\| \leq \|x\|\|a\|$ .

An element  $x \in X$  is said to be right-modular Birkhoff-James orthogonal to  $y \in X$ , if  $x \perp_B ya$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and left-modular Birkhoff-James orthogonal to  $y$  if  $x \perp_B ay$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 9.2.** [20] *Let  $T$  and  $A$  be compact linear operators from a reflexive real Banach space  $X$  to any real Banach space  $Y$  such that  $M_A = \{\pm x_0\}$  for some  $x_0 \in S_X$ . Then  $A \perp_{B(X)}^\perp T \Leftrightarrow T(X) \subset (Ax_0)^\perp$ .*

**Definition 9.3.** [20] A Banach space  $X$  is said to be Kadets-Klee if whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  and  $x \in X$  is such that  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to  $x$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n\| = \|x\|$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\| = 0$ .

**Theorem 9.4.** [20] *Let  $A$  be a compact linear operator from a reflexive Kadets-Klee real Banach space to any real Banach space be such that  $M_T = \{\pm x_0\}$  for some  $x_0 \in S_X$ . Then given any bounded linear operator  $T \in B(X, Y)$ ,  $A \perp_{B(X)} T \Leftrightarrow T(X) \subset (Ax_0)^\perp$ .*

**Theorem 9.5.** [20] *Let  $X, Y$  be real Banach spaces. Let  $A \in B(X, Y)$  be a smooth point in  $B(X, Y)$  such that  $M_A \neq 0$ . Then given any  $T \in B(X, Y)$ ,  $A \perp_{B(X)} T \Leftrightarrow T(X) \subset (Ax_0)^\perp$ , where  $M_A = \{\pm x_0\}$ .*

**Theorem 9.6.** *Let  $T$  and  $A$  are compact linear operators from a reflexive complex Banach space  $X$  to any complex Banach space  $Y$  be such that  $M_A = \{e^{i\theta} x_0 : \theta \in [0, 2\pi]\}$  for some  $x_0 \in S_X$ . Then given any compact linear operator  $T$ ,  $A \perp_{B(X)} T \Leftrightarrow T(X) \subset (Ax_0)^\perp$ .*

**Theorem 9.7.** [20] *Let  $T$  and  $A$  are compact linear operators from a reflexive real Banach Space  $X$  to any real Banach space  $Y$  be such that  $M_A = \{\pm x_0\}$  for some  $x_0 \in S_X$ . Then given any compact linear operator  $T$ ,  $A \perp_{B(Y)}^* T \Leftrightarrow Tx_0 = 0$ . Moreover, if  $X$  is Kadets-Klee, then same is true for any  $T \in B(X, Y)$ .*

**Theorem 9.8.** [20] *Let  $T$  and  $A$  are compact linear operators from a reflexive complex Banach space to any complex Banach space  $Y$  be such that  $M_A = \{e^{i\theta} x_0 : \theta \in [0, 2\pi]\}$  for some  $x_0 \in S_X$ . Then given any  $T \in K(X, Y)$ ,  $A \perp_{B(Y)}^* T \Leftrightarrow Tx_0 = 0$ .*

If  $A$  is a bounded linear operator from a normed spaces  $X$  to  $Y$ , then its adjoint  $A^* \in B(Y^*, X^*)$  is defined by  $(A^*y^*) = y^*Ax$  for each  $x \in X$ ,  $y^* \in Y^*$  and  $\|A^*\| = \|A\|$ . For any subsets  $R$  and  $S$  of a Banach space  $X$ ,  $R \perp_B S$  if  $x \perp_B y$  for all  $x \in R$  and  $y \in S$ .

**Proposition 9.9.** [20] *Let  $T$  and  $A$  are bounded linear operators from a Banach space  $X$  to  $Y$ . If  $A(x) \perp_B T(X)$ , then  $A \perp_B T$ .*

**Theorem 9.10.** [20] *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be finite dimensional Banach spaces with  $\dim(X) \geq \dim(Y) > 0$ , and let  $A \in B(X, Y)$  and suppose that  $A(X) = Y$ . Then  $A$  is right symmetric for  $\perp_{B(X)}$  in  $B(X, Y)$ .*

## 10. OPEN PROBLEMS

**Definition 10.1.** [21] In a normed linear space  $X$ ,

$$x \perp y \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \|b_k x + c_k y\|^2 = 0,$$

where  $m \geq 2$  and  $a_k, b_k, c_k$  are real numbers such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k b_k c_k = 1, \quad \sum_{k=1}^m a_k b_k^2 = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k c_k^2 = 0$$

**Problem 10.2.** Birkhoff-James, Robert, and isosceles orthogonality has been studied in terms of linear operators in Hilbert space and general Banach spaces. This fact raises a question- can Carlsson orthogonality (in particular Pythagorean orthogonality) be characterized in terms of operators in Hilbert  $C^*$  as well as Banach modules?

**Problem 10.3.** According to proposition-7.8 in [20] if two bounded linear operators in a real or complex Hilbert space satisfy  $T^*A = 0$ , then these operators are Birkhoff-James, Robert and isosceles orthogonal. This fact leaves behind a question if we can prove the condition of Pythagorean orthogonality by introducing some different nature of operators A and T in the same space or not.

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