# A note on Bicomplex Linear operators on bicomplex Hilbert spaces

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**Abstract:** In this paper we define the isomorphism between the bicomplex Hilbert spaces. We also give some simple and basic results on bicomplex isomorphism with respect to hyperbolic-valued norm on the bicomplex Hilbert spaces.

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## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

Firstly, we give some basic definitions and important properties of bicomplex numbers and bicomplex holomorphic functions. Let i, j be two imaginary units such that  $ij = ji, i^2 = j^2 = -1$ . The set of bicomplex numbers **BC** is defined as

$$\mathbf{BC} = \{ Z = z + jw : z, w \in \mathbf{C}(i) \}.$$

Let  $Z_1 = z + jw$  and  $Z_2 = s + jt$ , be any two bicomplex numbers. Then the addition and multiplication of bicomplex numbers is defined as  $Z_1 + Z_2 = (z + jw) +$  $(s + jt) = (z + s) + j(w + t), Z_1.Z_2 =$ (z+jw)(s+jt) = (zs-wt)+j(ws+zt). With respect to above binary operations a bicomplex number set turn out to be a ring and is a module over itself. A bicomplex number is a combination of two complex numbers. The set of complex numbers is a subring of bicomplex numbers. If we denote the real number z by x and imaginary number w by iy such that ij = k, then the set of hyperbolic numbers is defined as

$$\mathbf{D} = \{ x + ky : k^2 = 1 \text{ with } k \notin \mathbf{R} \}.$$

The bicomplex numbers  $e_1 = \frac{1+ij}{2}$  and  $e_2 = \frac{1-ij}{2}$  are zero divisions and are linearly independent in the complex plane and have the following properties:  $e_1 + e_2 = 1$ ,  $e_1 - e_2 = ij$ ,  $e_1 \cdot e_2 = 0$ ,  $e_1^2 = e_1$ ,  $e_2^2 = 0$ 

 $e_2$ . Thus, the bicomplex number is not a division algebra. The numbers  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are also known as hyperbolic numbers and form the basis for bicomplex numbers. For any bicomplex number Z = z + jw, the three kind of congugations can be defined as follows: (i)  $Z^{\ddagger} = \overline{z} + j\overline{w}$ , (ii)  $Z^{\ddagger} = z - jw$ , (iii)  $Z^{\ddagger} = \overline{z} - j\overline{w}$ , where  $\overline{z}, \overline{w}$  denote the complex congugates to  $z, w \in \mathbf{C}(i)$ . For each congugation, a bicomplex modulus is defined by

$$|Z|_{j}^{2} = Z.Z^{\sharp}, |Z|_{i}^{2} = Z.Z^{\dagger}, |Z|_{k}^{2} = Z.Z^{\ddagger}.$$

If Z = z + jw, then the idempotent representation of a bicomplex number can be written as

$$Z = e_1 z_1 + e_2 z_2,$$

where  $\{z_1 = z - iw \text{ and } z_2 = z + iw\}$ are in  $\mathbf{C}(i)$ . By the above representation of bicomplex number, we can write

$$\mathbf{BC} = e_1 \mathbf{BC} + e_2 \mathbf{BC}.$$

There is a vast literature on bicomplex analysis, see [1], [7] and [15] for details. Now, we begin with the definition of norms, Inner products on BC-modules. We refer to [1], [6], [7] for following definitions.

**Definition 1.1** Let X be a **BC**-module and  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be the complex linear spaces, (see [17]) then we can write

$$X = e_1 X_1 + e_2 X_2,$$

and is called the idempotent decomposition of X.

If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are normed linear spaces with norms  $\|.\|_1$  and  $\|.\|_2$  respectively. Then for each  $x = e_1x_1 + e_2x_2 \in X$ , for all  $x_1 \in X_1$  and  $x_2 \in X_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|^2 &= \|e_1x_1 + e_2x_2\|^2 \\ &= \|e_1x_1\|_1^2 + \|e_2x_2\|_2^2 \\ &= |e_1|^2 \|x_1\|_1^2 + |e_2|^2 \|x_2\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\|x_1\|_1^2 + \|x_2\|_2^2). \end{aligned}$$

It is well known that  $\|.\|$  defines a realvalued norm on X and  $\|\alpha x\| \le \sqrt{2}|\alpha| \|x\|$ for any  $x \in X, \alpha \in \mathbf{BC}$ . This norm shows that for any bicomplex numbers  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$ ,

$$|Z_1.Z_2| < \sqrt{2}|Z_1||Z_2|.$$

Since, the inner product square is positive hyperbolic number so it gives an idea of hyperbolic-valued (**D**-valued) norm of a **BC**-module and is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{\mathbf{D}}^2 &= \|e_1x_1 + e_2x_2\|_{\mathbf{D}}^2 \\ &= e_1\|x_1\|_1^2 + e_2\|x_2\|_2^2 \\ &= e_1 < x_1, x_1 >_1 + e_2 < x_2, x_2 >_2 \\ &= < e_1x_1 + e_2x_2, e_1x_1 + e_2x_2 >_{\mathbf{D}} \\ &= < x, y >_{\mathbf{D}}. \end{aligned}$$

A BC-module X endowed with a bicomplex inner product < ., . > is called BC-inner product module. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be two linear spaces. Assume that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are inner product spaces with inner product  $< ., . >_1$  and  $< ., . >_2$ , respectively and corresponding norms  $\|.\|_1$  and  $\|.\|_2$ . Then for any  $x, y \in X$ ,

 $\langle x, y \rangle_X = \langle e_1x_1 + e_2x_2, e_1y_1 + e_2y_2 \rangle_X = e_1 \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle_1 + e_2 \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle_2$  defines a bicomplex inner product on the bicomplex module X. Moreover,

the above bicomplex inner product norm introduces a hyperbolic-valued norm on inner product **BC**-module X defined as

$$\|x\|_{\mathbf{D}} = e_1 \|x_1\| + e_2 \|x_2\|_{\mathbf{D}} = \langle x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$
(1)

**Theorem 1.2** [9, Theorem 3.5] Let X be a BC-module. Then  $X = e_1X_1 + e_2X_2$  is a bicomplex Banach-module if and only if  $X_1, X_2$  are complex Banach spaces.

**Definition 1.3** [1, P. 53] A BC-module X with inner product  $< ., .>_X$  is said to be a bicomplex Hilbert space if it is complete with respect to the D-valued norm generated by the bicomplex inner product. Thus  $X = e_1X_1 + e_2X_2$  is bicomplex Hilbert space if and only if  $(X_1, < ., .>_1)$  and  $(X_2, < ., .>_2)$  are complex Hilbert spaces.

**Definition 1.4** Let X and Y be two **BC**modules with hyperbolic norms. A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be bicomplex linear operator on X if

 $T(\alpha x + \gamma y) = \alpha T(x) + \gamma T(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $\alpha, \gamma \in \mathbf{BC}$ . The idempotent representation of T is given by

$$T = e_1 T_1 + e_2 T_2, (2)$$

where  $T_1, T_2$  are complex linear operators and  $e_1, e_2$  form basis of bicomplex numbers and so called idempotent basis of bicomplex numbers. The set B(X,Y) denotes the space of all **D**-bounded **BC**- linear operators and the norm for each  $T \in$ B(X,Y) (see [1]) is defined as

$$||T||_{\mathbf{D}} = \sup\{||T(x)||_{\mathbf{D}}, x \in X, ||x||_{\mathbf{D}} <'1\}$$

and is called hyperbolic norm on T and so we can write

 $||T||_{\mathbf{D}} = ||e_1T_1 + e_1T_2||_{\mathbf{D}} = e_1||T||_1 + e_2||T||_2,$ 

where  $\|.\|_1$  and  $\|.\|_2$  are usual norms defined on complex linear operators  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  respectively.

**Definition 1.5** Let X and Y be two bicomplex Hilbert spaces with inner product  $< ... >_X$  and  $< ... >_Y$  respectively. Then the bicomplex adjoint operator  $T^* : Y \to X$  for a bounded linear operator  $T : X \to Y$  is defined by

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle_Y = \langle x, T^*y \rangle_X$$
.

*The bicomplex adjoint operator*  $T^*$  *can be written as* 

$$T^* = e_1 T_1^* + e_2 T_2^*,$$

where  $T_1^*$  and  $T_2^*$  are the complex adjoint operators of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  respectively.

**Definition 1.6** Let X be a bicomplex Hilbert space and  $T \in B(X)$ . Then T is said to be a

- (a) bicomplex self adjoint if  $T = T^*$ ,
- (b) bicomplex normal operator if  $TT^* = T^*T$ ,
- (c) bicomplex unitary if TT\* = T\*T =
   I, where I is an identity operator on
   X.

For systematic study of bicomplex functional analysis, we refer to [1], [2], [6], [7], [8], [11], [12] and references therein.

#### **Bicomplex isomorphism** 2

In this section, we investigate bicomplex isometry between the bicomplex Hilbert spaces..

**Definition 2.1** A bicomplex isomorphism T of a bicomplex Hilbert space X onto  $\tilde{X}$  is a bicomplex bijective linear operator  $T: X \to \tilde{X}$  which preserves the bicomplex inner product, i.e., for all  $x, y \in X$ 

$$< Tx, Ty > = < x, y >$$

 $\tilde{X}$  is said to be the bicomplex isomorphic to X. X and  $\tilde{X}$  are called bicomplex isomorphic inner product spaces.

We can easily prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.2** Let X be a bicomplex Hilbert space and  $T \in B(X)$ , the space of all bicomplex **D**-bounded linear operators from X to itself. Then T is bicomplex isometric on X if and only if  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are isometric on X.

**Proposition 2.3** Let X be a bicomplex Hilbert space with hyperbolic norm  $\|.\|_{\mathbf{D}}$ and  $T \in B(X)$ . Then T is a bicomplex isometry if and only if  $\langle Tx, Ty \rangle_X = \langle$  $x, y >_X$ ; for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Proof. Since  $T \in B(X)$ , so we can write  $T = e_1T_1 + e_2T_2$ , where  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ are complex linear operators. Also for any  $x, y \in X$ , we have  $x = e_1 x_1 + e_2 x_2$  and  $y = e_1 y_1 + e_2 y_2.$ Suppose  $\langle Tx, Ty \rangle_X = \langle x, y \rangle_X$ .

## Then

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||Tx||^2 \mathbf{D} = \langle Tx, Tx \rangle_X
                                    = \langle x, x \rangle_X
                                      = \langle e_1 x_1 + e_2 x_2, e_1 x_1 + e_2 x_2 \rangle_X
                                    = e_1 < x_1, x_1 >_X + e_2 < x_2, x_2 >_X
                                      = e_1 ||x_1||^2 \mathbf{D} + e_2 ||x_2||^2 \mathbf{D}
                                       = ||x||^2 \mathbf{D}.
Hence T is isometry.
Conversely, if x, y \in X and \alpha \in \mathbf{BC}, then
 \|x + \alpha y\|^2_{\mathbf{D}} = \|Tx + \alpha Ty\|^2_{\mathbf{D}}
\Rightarrow \langle x + \alpha y, x + \alpha y \rangle_X = \langle Tx + \alpha y 
\alpha Ty, Tx + \alpha Ty >_X
 \Rightarrow < e_1(x_1 + \alpha_1 y_1) + e_2(x_2 + \alpha_2 y_2),
e_1(x_1 + \alpha_1 y_1) + e_2(x_2 + \alpha_2 y_2) >_X
 = \langle e_1(T_1x_1 + \alpha_1T_1y_1) + e_2(T_2x_2 + \alpha_1T_1y_1) \rangle
\alpha_2 T_2 y_2), e_1(T_1 x_1 + \alpha_1 T y_1) + e_2(T x_2 + \alpha_1 T y_1) + e_2(T x_2 + \alpha_1 T y_1))
\alpha_2 T y_2 > X
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 $\Rightarrow e_1 < x_1 + \alpha_1 y_1, x_1 + \alpha_1 y_1 >_1 + e_2 <$  $x_2 + \alpha_2 y_2, x_2 + \alpha_2 y_2 >_2$  $= e_1 < T_1 x_1 + \alpha_1 T_1 y_1, T_1 x_1 + \alpha_1 T_1 y_1 >_1$  $+e_2 < T_2x_2 + \alpha_2T_2y_2, T_2x_2 + \alpha_2T_2y_2 >_2$ 

 $\Rightarrow e_1 < x_1, x_1 >_1 + e_1 < x_1, \alpha_1 y_1 >_1$  $+e_1 < \alpha_1 y_1, x_1 >_1 +e_1$ < $\alpha_1 y_1, \alpha_1 y_1 >_1 + e_2 < x_2, x_2 >_2$  $+e_2 < x_2, \alpha_2 y_2 >_2 +e_2 < \alpha_2 y_2, x_2 >_2$  $+e_2 < \alpha_2 y_2, \alpha_2 y_2 >_2$  $= e_1 < T_1 x_1, T_1 x_1 >_1 + e_1 < T_1 x_1,$  $\alpha_1 T_1 y_1 >_1 + e_1 < \alpha_1 T_1 y_1, T_1 x_1 >_1$  $+e_1 < \alpha_1 T_1 y_1, \alpha_1 T_1 y_1 >_1 + e_2 < T_2 x_2,$  $T_2 x_2 >_2 + e_2 < T_2 x_2, \alpha_2 T_2 y_2 >_2 + e_2$  $< \alpha_2 T_2 y_2, T_2 x_2 >_2 + e_2 < \alpha_2 T_2 y_2,$  $\alpha_2 T_2 y_2 >_2$ 

 $(e_1 \| x_1 \|^2 \mathbf{D} + e_2 \| x_2 \|^2 \mathbf{D}) +$  $\Rightarrow$  $(e_1|\alpha_1|^2||y_1||^2\mathbf{p} + e_2|\alpha_2|^2||y_2||^2\mathbf{p}) + e_1$ 

 $< x_{1}, \alpha_{1}y_{1} >_{1} +e_{2} < x_{2}, \alpha_{2}y_{2} >_{2} \\ +e_{1} < \alpha_{1}y_{1}, x_{1} >_{1} +e_{2} < \alpha_{2}y_{2}, x_{2} >_{2} \\ = (e_{1}||T_{1}x_{1}||^{2}\mathbf{p} + e_{2}||T_{2}x_{2}||^{2}\mathbf{p}) + \\ (e_{1}|\alpha_{1}|^{2}||T_{1}y_{1}||^{2}\mathbf{p} + e_{2}|\alpha_{2}|^{2}||T_{2}y_{2}||^{2}\mathbf{p}) \\ +e_{1} < T_{1}x_{1}, \alpha_{1}T_{1}y_{1} >_{1} +e_{2} < T_{2}x_{2}, \\ \alpha_{2}T_{2}y_{2} >_{2} +e_{1} < \alpha_{1}T_{1}y_{1}, T_{1}x_{1} >_{1} \\ +e_{2} < \alpha_{2}T_{2}y_{2}, T_{2}x_{2} >_{2} \end{aligned}$ 

 $\Rightarrow ||x||^{2}\mathbf{D} + |\alpha|^{2}||y||^{2}\mathbf{D} + \langle e_{1}x_{1} + e_{2}x_{2}, e_{1}\alpha_{1}y_{1} + e_{2}\alpha_{2}y_{2} \rangle_{X} + \langle e_{1}\alpha_{1}y_{1} + e_{2}\alpha_{2}y_{2}, e_{1}x_{1} + e_{2}x_{2} \rangle_{X}$   $= ||Tx||^{2}\mathbf{D} + |\alpha|^{2}||Ty||^{2}\mathbf{D} + \langle e_{1}T_{1}x_{1} + e_{2}T_{2}x_{2}, e_{1}\alpha_{1}T_{1}y_{1} + e_{2}\alpha_{2}T_{2}y_{2} \rangle_{X}$   $+ \langle e_{1}\alpha_{1}T_{1}y_{1} + e_{2}\alpha_{2}T_{2}y_{2}, e_{1}T_{1}x_{1} + e_{2}T_{2}x_{2} \rangle_{X}$   $+ \langle e_{1}\alpha_{1}T_{1}y_{1} + e_{2}\alpha_{2}T_{2}y_{2}, e_{1}T_{1}x_{1} + e_{2}T_{2}x_{2} \rangle_{X}$ 

 $\Rightarrow ||x||^{2}\mathbf{D} + |\alpha|^{2}||y||^{2}\mathbf{D} + \langle x, \alpha y \rangle_{X}$  $+ \langle \alpha y, x \rangle_{X}$  $= ||Tx||^{2}\mathbf{D} + |\alpha|^{2}||Ty||^{2}\mathbf{D} + \langle Tx, \alpha Ty$  $\rangle_{X} + \langle \alpha Ty, Tx \rangle_{X}$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \|x\|^{2} {}_{\mathbf{D}} + |\alpha|^{2} \|y\|^{2} {}_{\mathbf{D}} + 2Re \\ \alpha < x, y >_{X} \\ = \|Tx\|^{2} {}_{\mathbf{D}} + |\alpha|^{2} \|Ty\|^{2} {}_{\mathbf{D}} + 2Re \ \alpha \\ Tx, Ty >_{X} \end{array}$$

 $\Rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle_X = \langle Tx, Ty \rangle_X$ .

**Proposition 2.4** Let  $T \in B(X)$  such that  $T = e_1T_1 + e_2T_2$  be its idempotent decomposition with  $I = e_1I_1 + e_2I_2$ . Then following conditions are equivalent:

### (*i*) *T* is a bicomplex isometry;

(*ii*)  $T^*T = I$ ;

(iii) 
$$\langle Tx, Ty \rangle_X = \langle x, y \rangle_X$$
  
; for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 2.3, (i) and (iii) are equivalent. Further, for any  $x, y \in X$ , we have

$$\langle Tx, Ty \rangle_X = \langle x, y \rangle_X$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ \ < e_1T_1x_1 + e_2T_2x_2, e_1T_1y_1 \\ + e_2T_2y_2 >_X$$

- $= \langle e_1 x_1 + e_2 x_2, e_1 y_1 + e_2 y_2 \rangle_X$
- $\Leftrightarrow \quad e_1 < T_1 x_1, T_1 y_1 >_1 + e_2 < T_2 x_2, \\ T_2 y_2 >_2$
- $= e_1 < x_1, y_1 >_1 + e_2 < x_2, y_2 >_2$
- $\Leftrightarrow \quad e_1 < T_1^* T_1 x_1, y_1 >_1 + e_2 < T_2^* T_2 x_2, \\ y_2 >_2$
- $= e_1 < I_1 x_1, y_1 >_1 + e_2 < I_2 x_2, y_2 >_2$
- $\Leftrightarrow < (T_1^*T_1 I_1)x_1, y_1 >_1 = 0 \text{ and}$  $< (T_2^*T_2 - I_2)x_2, y_2 >_2 = 0$
- $\Leftrightarrow \quad T_1^*T_1 = I_1 \text{ and } T_2^*T_2 = I_2$
- $\Leftrightarrow \quad T^*T=I.$

Hence  $(ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii)$  condition holds. The next result is the immediate consequence of Proposition 2.4.

**Corollary 2.5** Let X be a bicomplex Hilbert space and  $T \in B(X)$ . Then following conditions are equivalent: (i)  $T^*T = TT^* = I$ ; (ii) T is bicomplex normal isometry; (iii) T is bicomplex isometry.

**Proposition 2.6** If X is a bicomplex Hilbert space and  $T \in B(X)$ such that  $\langle Tx, x \rangle_X = 0$ ; for all  $x \in X$ , then T = 0. **Proof.** Since  $T \in B(X)$ , using (2) we write  $T = e_1T_1 + e_2T_2$ . Further, for any complex operators  $T_l$  for l = 1, 2 such that  $< T_lx_l, x_l >_X = 0$ , we have  $T_l = 0$  for l = 1, 2. Now  $< Tx, x >_X = 0$  $\Rightarrow < e_1T_1x_1 + e_2T_2x_2, e_1x_1 + e_2x_2 >_X = 0$  $\Rightarrow e_1 < T_1x_1, x_1 >_1 + e_2 < T_2x_2, x_2 >_2$ = 0 $\Rightarrow e_1 < T_1x_1, x_1 >_1 = 0$  and  $e_2 < T_2x_2, x_2 >_2 = 0$  $\Rightarrow T_1 = 0$  and  $T_2 = 0$  which gives  $T = e_1T_1 + e_2T_2 = 0$  and hence T = 0.

The following proposition follows easily.

**Proposition 2.7** Let X be a bicomplex Hilbert space with real valued norm  $\|.\|_X$ and  $T \in B(X)$ . Then T is bicomplex isometry on X if and only if

 $\langle Tx, Ty \rangle_X = \langle x, y \rangle_X; \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$ 

**Lemma 2.1** Let X be a bicomplex Hibert space with **D**-valued norm and  $T \in B(X)$ . If T is self-adjoint, i.e.,  $T^* = T$ , then  $||T||_{\mathbf{D}} = \sup\{| < Tx, x > |; ||x||_{\mathbf{D}} = 1\}$ .

**Proof.** We can write  $T = e_1T_1 + e_2T_2$ , where  $T_1 : X_1 \rightarrow X_1$  and  $T_2 : X_2 \rightarrow X_2$  are complex linear operators. Also, any bicomplex Hilbert space can be written as  $X = e_1X_1 + e_2X_2$ . Now  $\sup\{| < Tx, x > |; ||x||_{\mathbf{D}} = 1\}$ 

$$= \sup\{|e_1 < T_1x_1, x_1 > +e_2 < T_2x_2, x_2 > |; \\ ||x_1||_{\mathbf{D}} = 1, ||x_2||_{\mathbf{D}} = 1\} \\ = e_1 \sup\{| < T_1x_1, x_1 >_1 |; ||x_1||_{\mathbf{D}} = 1\} \\ + e_2 \sup\{< T_2x_2, x_2 >_2 |; ||x_2||_{\mathbf{D}} = 1\} \\ = e_1 ||T_1||_{\mathbf{D}} + e_2 ||T_2||_{\mathbf{D}} \\ = ||T||_{\mathbf{D}}.$$

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