



## Dual pairs techniques in $H^*$ -theories

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### Abstract

This work is a version for Jordan pairs, of a previous result for Jordan algebras given in Rodriguez (1988). However, the tools we use are completely different from those in Rodriguez (1988). A Jordan  $H^*$ -pair is (in a sense) a complicated algebraic object enriched with a Hilbert space structure which is well related to its algebraic structure. In this work we describe a certain class of Jordan  $H^*$ -pairs by forgetting their Hilbert space structure and starting with the remaining purely algebraic information available on it. More precisely, if  $((R^+, R^-), \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is an associative pair such that  $((R^+, R^-)^J, \{ \cdot, \cdot \})$  with  $\{x, y, z\} := \langle x, y, z \rangle + \langle z, y, x \rangle$  is a topologically simple Jordan  $H^*$ -pair, then  $R$  can be endowed of an (associative)  $H^*$ -pair structure such that its  $H^*$ -symmetrized agrees with the Jordan  $H^*$ -pair  $R^J$ . © 1998 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a pair of modules over a commutative unitary ring  $K$ , and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : A^\sigma \times A^{-\sigma} \times A^\sigma \rightarrow A^\sigma$ , two trilinear maps such that  $(x, y, z) \mapsto \langle x, y, z \rangle$  for  $\sigma \in \{+, -\}$ . Then  $A$  is called an *associative pair* if the following identities are satisfied:

$$\langle \langle x, y, z \rangle, u, v \rangle = \langle x, \langle y, z, u \rangle, v \rangle = \langle x, y, \langle z, u, v \rangle \rangle$$

for  $x, z, v \in A^\sigma$  and  $y, u \in A^{-\sigma}$ .

Let us see a first example of an associative pair.

A dual pair of vector spaces over a division  $K$ -algebra  $\Delta$  is a couple  $(X, X')$  such that  $X$  is a left  $\Delta$ -vector space,  $X'$  is a right  $\Delta$ -vector space and there is a non-degenerate bilinear form  $f : X \times X' \rightarrow \Delta$ . One can consider the  $X'$ -topology of  $X$  (and the  $X$ -topology of  $X'$ ), and then define  $L(X, X')$  as the set of all continuous linear maps from  $X$  to  $X'$ . In the same way, if we have two dual pairs  $(X, X')$  and  $(Y, Y')$ ,

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one can consider the set  $L(X, Y)$  (and  $F(X, Y)$  the subset of all finite rank elements of  $L(X, Y)$ ).

Any subpair of  $(L(X, Y), L(Y, X))$  containing  $(F(X, Y), F(Y, X))$  with the triple products  $\langle x, y, z \rangle^\sigma := xyz$ , is a prime associative pair with nonzero socle (see [3]).

Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a pair of  $K$ -modules and

$$Q^\sigma : A^\sigma \rightarrow \text{hom}_K(A^{-\sigma}, A^\sigma)$$

two quadratic operators for  $\sigma \in \{+, -\}$ . We define the trilinear operators  $\{., ., .\}^\sigma : A^\sigma \times A^{-\sigma} \times A^\sigma \rightarrow A^\sigma$  and the bilinear operator  $D^\sigma : A^\sigma \times A^{-\sigma} \rightarrow \text{End}(A^\sigma)$  as  $\{x, y, z\}^\sigma = D^\sigma(x, y)z := Q^\sigma(x+z)y - Q^\sigma(x)y - Q^\sigma(z)y$ , for  $x, z \in A^\sigma, y \in A^{-\sigma}$  and  $\sigma \in \{+, -\}$ . We will say that  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  is a *Jordan pair* if the next identities and its linearizations are true:

$$\begin{aligned} D^\sigma(x, y)Q^\sigma(x) &= Q^\sigma(x)D^{-\sigma}(y, x), \\ D^\sigma(Q^\sigma(x)y, y) &= D^\sigma(x, Q^{-\sigma}(y)x), \\ Q^\sigma(Q^\sigma(x)y) &= Q^\sigma(x)Q^{-\sigma}(y)Q^\sigma(x) \end{aligned}$$

for  $x, z \in A^\sigma, y \in A^{-\sigma}$  and  $\sigma \in \{+, -\}$ .

If  $A$  is an associative pair, then  $A^J$  will denote the *symmetrized Jordan pair* of  $A$ , that is, the Jordan pair whose underlying  $K$ -module agrees with that of  $A$ , and whose quadratic operators are given by  $Q^\sigma(x)y = \langle x, y, x \rangle^\sigma$ . Let  $A = (A^+, A^-), B = (B^+, B^-)$  be  $K$ -pairs. A couple  $f = (f^+, f^-), f^\sigma : A^\sigma \rightarrow B^\sigma$  of  $K$ -linear mappings will be called an *homomorphism* of the given pairs when  $f^\sigma(\langle x, y, z \rangle) = \langle f^\sigma(x), f^{-\sigma}(y), f^\sigma(z) \rangle$  with  $x, z \in A^\sigma$  and  $y \in A^{-\sigma}$ . The definitions of *epimorphism, monomorphism* and *isomorphism* are the usual ones. The opposite pair  $A^{\text{op}}$  of the pair  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  is the pair  $(A^-, A^+)$  with the same triple products. An *anti-automorphism* from  $A$  to  $B$  is a  $K$ -linear mapping  $v = (v^+, v^-)$  from the pair  $A$  to the pair  $B^{\text{op}}$  satisfying  $v^\sigma(\langle x, y, z \rangle) = \langle v^\sigma(z), v^{-\sigma}(y), v^\sigma(x) \rangle$  for all  $x, z \in A^\sigma$  and  $y \in A^{-\sigma}$ . An anti-automorphism  $v = (v^+, v^-)$  of the pair will be called *involutive* if  $v^\sigma v^{-\sigma} = \text{Id}$ . Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a pair over  $K$ . If  $B = (B^+, B^-)$  is a couple of submodules  $B^\sigma \subset A^\sigma$ , then  $B$  will be called a *subpair* of  $A$  if  $\langle B^\sigma, B^{-\sigma}, B^\sigma \rangle \subset B^\sigma$ . A couple of  $K$ -submodules  $I = (I^+, I^-), I^\sigma \subset A^\sigma$  is said to be an *inner ideal* iff  $\langle x^\sigma, A^{-\sigma}, x^\sigma \rangle \subset I^\sigma$  for all  $x^\sigma \in I^\sigma$ . An *ideal*  $I = (I^+, I^-)$  of  $A$  is a couple of  $K$ -submodules such that  $\langle I^\sigma, A^{-\sigma}, A^\sigma \rangle, \langle A^\sigma, I^{-\sigma}, A^\sigma \rangle, \langle A^\sigma, A^{-\sigma}, I^\sigma \rangle \subset I^\sigma$ . A pair  $A$  will be called *simple* iff  $\langle A^\sigma, A^{-\sigma}, A^\sigma \rangle \neq 0$  and its only ideals are 0 and  $A$ . Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a complex pair and  $* = (*^+, *^-)$  a couple of conjugate-linear mappings  $*^\sigma : A^\sigma \rightarrow A^{-\sigma}$  for which  $*^\sigma \circ *^{-\sigma} = \text{Id}$  and  $\langle x^\sigma, y^{-\sigma}, z^\sigma \rangle^{*\sigma} = \langle (z^\sigma)^{*\sigma}, (y^{-\sigma})^{*\sigma}, (x^\sigma)^{*\sigma} \rangle$  for  $x^\sigma, z^\sigma \in A^\sigma$  and  $y^{-\sigma} \in A^{-\sigma}$ . Then  $* = (*^+, *^-)$  is called an *involution* of  $A$ . We say that  $A$  is an *H\*-pair* if  $A^+$  and  $A^-$  are also Hilbert spaces over the complex numbers with inner products  $(\cdot | \cdot)_\sigma : A^\sigma \times A^\sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , endowed with an involution  $* = (*^+, *^-)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (\langle x^\sigma, y^{-\sigma}, z^\sigma \rangle | t^\sigma)_\sigma &= (x^\sigma | \langle t^\sigma, (z^\sigma)^{*\sigma}, (y^{-\sigma})^{*\sigma} \rangle)_\sigma \\ &= (y^{-\sigma} | \langle (x^\sigma)^{*\sigma}, t^\sigma, (z^\sigma)^{*\sigma} \rangle)_{-\sigma} = (z^\sigma | \langle (y^{-\sigma})^{*\sigma}, (x^\sigma)^{*\sigma}, t^\sigma \rangle)_\sigma \end{aligned}$$

for  $x^\sigma, z^\sigma, t^\sigma \in A^\sigma$  and  $y^{-\sigma} \in A^{-\sigma}$ . For any associative  $H^*$ -pair  $A$ , its symmetrized Jordan pair  $A^J$  is a Jordan  $H^*$ -pair with the same involution and inner product as  $A$ . We recall also that an  $H^*$ -pair  $A$  is said to be *topologically simple* when  $\langle A^\sigma, A^{-\sigma}, A^\sigma \rangle \neq 0$  and its only closed ideals are  $\{0\}$  and  $A$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $J = (J^+, J^-)$  be a topologically simple Jordan  $H^*$ -pair, then:*

- (a)  $J$  is non-degenerate.
- (b)  $J$  is prime.
- (c)  $\text{Soc}(J) \neq 0$ .

**Proof.** The annihilator  $\text{Ann}(J)$  of an  $H^*$ -pair is defined as the pair  $(\text{Ann}^+(J), \text{Ann}^-(J))$  such that  $x \in \text{Ann}^\sigma(J)$  if and only if  $\{x, A^{-\sigma}, A^\sigma\} = 0$ . In [1, Proof of Lemma 7], the relation

$$Z(J) := \{x \in J : \{x, J, x\} = 0\} = \text{Ann}(J),$$

where  $J$  is a Jordan triple system, is proved. This relation applied to the polarized Jordan triple system associated to  $J$  gives us (a).

As a consequence of  $\{J^\sigma, J^{-\sigma}, J^\sigma\} \neq 0$  in a topologically simple  $H^*$ -pair we have (b).

The subpair generated by any  $x^+$  and any  $x^-$  is associative. If we take  $x^- := (x^+)^*$  we have an associative  $H^*$ -pair with isometric involution. If we suppose that  $\langle x, x^*, x \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in J^+$ , then we obtain immediately that  $J$  agrees with its annihilator. Hence there is some  $x^+$  such that the associative  $H^*$ -pair generated by  $x^+$  and  $(x^+)^*$  does not agree with its annihilator. Any associative  $H^*$ -pair not agreeing with its annihilator and with a continuous involution, has a nonzero projection (polarizing, we can apply, for instance, the classification of complex  $H^*$ -ternary algebras given in [2]). Thus, we have that  $J$  has a nonzero projection  $e$ . Then the local algebra  $J_{e-\sigma}^\sigma$  is a Jordan  $H^*$ -algebra with zero annihilator (because of the global-to-local inheritance of nondegeneracy given in [7, Theorem 4.1]). It is known that a Jordan  $H^*$ -algebra with nonzero annihilator has a nonzero socle. Then  $J$  has a nonzero socle by the local-to-global inheritance result [7, Theorem 4.2]. Thus (c) is proved.  $\square$

We say that an associative algebra  $A$  with involution  $*$  is an *\*-envelope* for a Jordan triple system  $T$  if  $T \subset H(A, *)$  and  $T$  generates  $A$ .

An *\*-envelope*  $A$  is *\*-tight* if every nonzero *\*-ideal*  $I = I^*$  of  $A$  satisfies  $I \cap T \neq 0$ .

We have to remember that every complex  $H^*$ -pair  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  turns out to be a real  $H^*$ -pair restricting the field of scalars to  $\mathbb{R}$  and defining the inner products as  $(x^\sigma | y^\sigma)_\sigma^{\mathbb{R}} := \text{Re}(x^\sigma | y^\sigma)_\sigma$ . This real  $H^*$ -pair is denoted by  $A^{\mathbb{R}} = ((A^+)^{\mathbb{R}}, (A^-)^{\mathbb{R}})$ .

We shall need the following result:

**Theorem 1** (D’Amour [4, Theorem B]). *For  $i = 1, 2$  let  $T_i$  be a prime Jordan triple system with  $Z(T_i) \neq 0$  (Zel’manov polynomial) and  $Z_2$ -graded *\*-tight algebra envelope**

$A_i$  (no nonzero graded  $*$ -ideal of  $A_i$  misses  $T_i$ ),  $*$  a graded involution. Then any isomorphism  $f : T_1 \rightarrow T_2$  extends uniquely to a graded  $*$ -isomorphism  $F : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ .

Let  $S = (\{A_i\}_{i \in I}, \{e_{j,i}\}_{i \leq j})$  be a directed system of pairs, we define the *direct limit*,  $\lim_{\rightarrow} S$ , as  $(A, \{e_i\}_{i \in I})$  where  $A$  is a pair, and  $e_i : A_i \rightarrow A$  are monomorphisms satisfying  $\overrightarrow{e_i} = e_j e_{j,i}$  for  $i, j \in I, i \leq j$ ; and  $(A, \{e_i\}_{i \in I})$  is universal in the usual sense. If every  $A_i = (A_i^+, A_i^-), i \in I$  is an  $H^*$ -pair we define the concept of directed system of  $H^*$ -pairs in a similar way but  $e_{j,i} : A_i \rightarrow A_j$  is required to be an isometric  $*$ -monomorphism and moreover, there must be real positive numbers  $h, k$  such that for all  $i \in I$ :

- (1)  $\|(x^\sigma)^{*\sigma}\| \leq k \|x^\sigma\|, x^\sigma \in A_i^\sigma.$
- (2)  $\|\langle x^\sigma, y^{-\sigma}, z^\sigma \rangle\| \leq h \|x^\sigma\| \cdot \|y^{-\sigma}\| \cdot \|z^\sigma\|$  for every  $x^\sigma, z^\sigma \in A_i^\sigma$  and  $y^{-\sigma} \in A_i^{-\sigma}.$

We say that  $(A, \{e_i\}_{i \in I})$  is an  $H^*$ -direct limit of the direct limit of  $H^*$ -pairs  $S$  whenever  $A$  is an  $H^*$ -pair, each  $e_i$  is an isometric  $*$ -monomorphism, and for any couple  $(X, \{t_i\}_{i \in I})$  in which  $X$  is an  $H^*$ -pair and

$$t_i : A_i \rightarrow X$$

isometric  $*$ -monomorphisms verifying  $t_i e_{i,j} = t_j$ , then there is a unique isometric  $*$ -monomorphism  $t : A \rightarrow X$  such that  $t e_i = t_i$ . This will be denoted as  $A = \lim_{\rightarrow H^*} S$ . The problem of the existence of  $H^*$ -direct limits can be solved as in the case of  $H^*$ -algebras. In fact, any directed system of  $H^*$ -pairs  $S$  has an  $H^*$ -direct limit (see [8, 3.3]).

**Theorem 2** (Main theorem). *Let  $R = (R^+, R^-)$  be an associative pair such that its symmetrized*

$$J = (R^+, R^-)^J$$

*is a topologically simple Jordan  $H^*$ -pair. Then  $J$  is the Jordan  $H^*$ -pair associated to a topologically simple associative  $H^*$ -pair.*

**Proof.**  $J$  is topologically simple, hence  $R$  is prime. As  $Soc(J) \neq 0$  (Proposition 1), then  $Soc(R) \neq 0$ . Therefore, there are dual pairs  $(X, X')$  and  $(Y, Y')$  such that  $R$  is a subpair of  $(L(X, Y), L(Y, X))$  containing  $(F(X, Y), F(Y, X))$ .

If we consider the associative algebra

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} F(X)^{\mathbb{R}} & F(X, Y)^{\mathbb{R}} \\ F(Y, X)^{\mathbb{R}} & F(Y)^{\mathbb{R}} \end{pmatrix}$$

with the product

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & f_1 \\ g_1 & \beta_1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 & f_2 \\ g_2 & \beta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 + f_1 \cdot g_2 & \alpha_1 \cdot f_2 + f_1 \cdot \beta_2 \\ g_1 \cdot \alpha_2 + \beta_1 \cdot g_2 & g_1 \cdot f_2 + \beta_1 \cdot \beta_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

we have that  $A \oplus A^{op}$  is a  $Z_2$ -graded  $\delta$ -tight algebra envelope of  $P(J)^{\mathbb{R}}$  (the polarized Jordan triple system associated to  $J$ ) with  $\delta(x, y) := (y, x)$ . Applying Theorem 1,  $*$

extends to an automorphism  $*' : A \oplus A^{\text{op}} \rightarrow A \oplus A^{\text{op}}$  hence by an easy argument the original map  $* : R \rightarrow R$  has two possibilities:

(a)  $\langle a, b, c \rangle^* = \langle a^*, b^*, c^* \rangle$  or (b)  $\langle a, b, c \rangle^* = \langle c^*, b^*, a^* \rangle$ . The possibility (a) gives us a contradiction with the isomorphism between  $R_{11}(e)$  and  $M_n(C)$  described in [5, Ch. 1],  $e = (e^+, (e^+)^*)$  being a nonzero projection of  $R$ .

In [5, Theorem 3], it is proved that  $\{J_2(e)\} = \{R_{11}(e)^J\}$ , the family of the (2)-Peirce spaces of  $J$  with inclusion, is a direct system of Jordan pairs and  $\text{Soc}(J) = \varinjlim (\{R_{11}(e)^J\})$ , Loos' result [6] can be refined in our case so as to find a direct system of  $H^*$ -subpairs  $\{R_{11}(e)^J\}$ , where  $e$  ranges in a suitable family of nonzero projections. Moreover, it is possible to prove that  $\{R_{11}(e)^J\}$  and  $\{R_{11}(e)\}$  are, with the inclusion, direct systems of Jordan  $H^*$ -pairs and associative  $H^*$ -pairs, respectively, and we have

$$J = \overline{\text{Soc}(J)} = \varinjlim_{H^*} (\{R_{11}(e)^J\}) = \varinjlim_{H^*} (\{R_{11}(e)\})^J = (R')^J,$$

$R'$  being a topologically simple associative  $H^*$ -pair. Furthermore, it can be proved that  $R$  is an associative  $H^*$ -pair whose symmetrization is  $J$ .  $\square$

In fact, it is possible to prove the following result which would complement the previous one:

Consider a dual pair  $(X, Y)$  and  $J$  a Jordan  $H^*$ -subpair of

$$(H(L(X, Y), \#), H(L(Y, X), \#))$$

containing to  $(H(F(X, Y), \#), H(F(Y, X), \#))$ . Then  $J$  is the Jordan  $H^*$ -pair coming from topologically simple Jordan  $H^*$ -algebra or the Jordan  $H^*$ -pair coming from the symmetrization of certain ternary  $H^*$ -algebra.

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