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ISOMETRIES OF REAL SUBSPACES OF SELF-ADJOINT OPERATORS  
IN BANACH SYMMETRIC IDEALS

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**Abstract.** Let  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  be a Banach symmetric ideal of compact operators, acting in a complex separable infinite-dimensional Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}_E^h = \{x \in \mathcal{C}_E : x = x^*\}$  be the real Banach subspace of self-adjoint operators in  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ . We show that in the case when  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  is a separable or perfect Banach symmetric ideal ( $\mathcal{C}_E \neq \mathcal{C}_2$ ) any skew-Hermitian operator  $H : \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  has the following form  $H(x) = i(xa - ax)$  for some  $a^* = a \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ . Using this description of skew-Hermitian operators, we obtain the following general form of surjective linear isometries  $V : \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$ . Let  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  be a separable or a perfect Banach symmetric ideal with not uniform norm, that is  $\|p\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} > 1$  for any finite dimensional projection  $p \in \mathcal{C}_E$  with  $\dim p(\mathcal{H}) > 1$ , let  $\mathcal{C}_E \neq \mathcal{C}_2$ , and let  $V : \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  be a surjective linear isometry. Then there exists unitary or anti-unitary operator  $u$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $V(x) = uxu^*$  or  $V(x) = -uxu^*$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .

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## 1. Introduction

The study of linear isometries on classical Banach spaces was initiated by S. Banach. In [1, Ch. XI], he described all isometries on the space  $L_p[0, 1]$  with  $p \neq 2$ . In [2], J. Lamperti characterized all linear isometries on the  $L_p$ -space  $L_p(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ , where  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is a measure space with a complete  $\sigma$ -finite measure  $\mu$ . Both S. Banach and J. Lamperti used a method for description of linear isometries on  $L_p$ -spaces that was independent of the choice of a scalar field. For studying linear isometries on the broader class of function symmetric spaces  $E(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ , different approaches are required that depend on a scalar field. If  $E(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is a complex symmetric space then G. Lumer's method [3] based on the theory of Hermitian operators can be effectively applied. For example, M. G. Zaidenberg [4, 5] used this method for description of all surjective linear isometries on the complex symmetric space  $E(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ , where  $\mu$  is a continuous measure. For the symmetric space  $E = E(0, 1)$  of real-valued

measurable functions on the segment  $[0, 1]$  with a Lebesgue measure  $\mu$ , where  $E$  is a separable space or has the Fatou property, a description of surjective linear isometries on  $E$  was given by N. J. Kalton and B. Randrianantoanina [6]. They used methods of the theory of positive numerical operators. For real symmetric sequence spaces, a general form of surjective linear isometries was described by M. Sh. Braverman and E. M. Semenov [7, 8]. They used methods based on the theory of finite groups. For complex separable symmetric sequence spaces (symmetric sequence spaces with the Fatou property), a general form of surjective linear isometries was described in [9] (respectively, in [10]).

Naturally, the next step is to describe surjective linear isometries in the noncommutative situation, when symmetric sequence spaces are replaced by symmetric ideals of compact operators.

Assume  $(\mathcal{H}, (\cdot, \cdot))$  is an infinite-dimensional complex separable Hilbert space. Let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$ ) be the  $C^*$ -algebra of all bounded (respectively, compact) linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . For a compact operator  $x \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$ , we denote by  $\mu(x) := \{\mu(n, x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  the singular value sequence of  $x$ , that is, the decreasing rearrangement of the eigenvalue sequence of  $|x| = (x^*x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . We let  $\text{Tr}$  denote the standard trace on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . For  $p \in [1, \infty)$  ( $p = \infty$ ), we let

$$\mathcal{C}_p := \left\{ x \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H}) : \text{Tr}(|x|^p) < \infty \right\} \quad (\text{respectively, } \mathcal{C}_\infty = \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H}))$$

denote the  $p$ -th Schatten ideal of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , with the norm

$$\|x\|_p := \text{Tr}(|x|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (\text{respectively, } \|x\|_\infty := \sup_{n \geq 1} |\mu(n, x)|).$$

In 1975, J. Arazy [11], [12, Ch. 11, § 2, Theorem 11.2.5] gave the following description of all the surjective isometries of Schatten ideals  $\mathcal{C}_p$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $V : \mathcal{C}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $p \neq 2$ , be an surjective isometry. Then there exist unitary operators  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  or anti-unitary operators  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that either  $Vx = u_1xu_2$  or  $Vx = v_1x^*v_2$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_p$ .*

Recall that a mapping  $v : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is an anti-unitary operator if

$$v(\lambda h + f) = \bar{\lambda}v(h) + v(f) \quad \text{and} \quad \|v(h)\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \|h\|_{\mathcal{H}}$$

for every complex number  $\lambda$  and  $h, f \in \mathcal{H}$ . If  $v$  is an anti-unitary operator then there exists an anti-unitary operator  $v^*$  such that  $(h, v(f)) = (f, v^*(h))$  for all  $h, f \in \mathcal{H}$  (see, for example, [12, Ch. 11, § 2]).

The Schatten ideals  $\mathcal{C}_p$  are examples of Banach symmetric ideals  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  of compact operators associated with symmetric sequence spaces  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  (see Section 2.2 below). In 1981 A. Sourour [13] proved a version of Theorem 1 for separable Banach symmetric ideal  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  such that  $\mathcal{C}_E \neq \mathcal{C}_2$ . Recently [14], a variant of Theorem 1 was obtained for any perfect Banach symmetric ideals  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_E \neq \mathcal{C}_2$  (recall that  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  is a perfect ideals, if  $\mathcal{C}_E = \mathcal{C}_E^{\times \times}$  [15] (see Section 2.2 below)).

It is clear that for any unitary or anti-unitary operator  $u$  the linear operators  $V_1(x) = uxu^*$  and  $V_2(x) = -uxu^*$  acting in a real Banach space  $(\mathcal{C}_E^h, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  are surjective isometries, where  $\mathcal{C}_E^h = \{x \in \mathcal{C}_E : x = x^*\}$ .

Our main result states that if  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  is a separable or a perfect Banach symmetric ideal of compact operators such that  $\mathcal{C}_E \neq \mathcal{C}_2$ , there are no other isometries in  $(\mathcal{C}_E^h, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ :

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  be a separable or a perfect Banach symmetric ideal with not uniform norm,  $\mathcal{C}_E \neq \mathcal{C}_2$ , and let  $V : \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  be a surjective isometry. Then there exists unitary or anti-unitary operator  $u$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $V$  can be written in the form  $V(x) = uxu^*$  ( $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ ) or in the form  $V(x) = -uxu^*$  ( $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ ).*

An analogous result for the space of self-adjoint traceless operators on a finite dimensional Hilbert space was obtained by G. Nagy [16].

## 2. Preliminaries

**2.1. Symmetric Sequence Spaces.** Let  $\ell_\infty$  (respectively,  $c_0$ ) be the Banach lattice of all bounded (respectively, converging to zero) sequences  $\{\xi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of real numbers with respect to the uniform norm  $\|\{\xi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty\|_\infty = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\xi_n|$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of natural numbers. If  $2^\mathbb{N}$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mu(\{n\}) = 1$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(\mathbb{N}, 2^\mathbb{N}, \mu)$  is a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space,  $\mathcal{L}_\infty(\mathbb{N}, 2^\mathbb{N}, \mu) = \ell_\infty$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}_1(\mathbb{N}, 2^\mathbb{N}, \mu) = \ell_1 = \left\{ \{\xi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{R} : \|\{\xi_n\}\|_1 = \sum_{n=1}^\infty |\xi_n| < \infty \right\},$$

where  $\mathbb{R}$  is the field of real numbers. If  $\xi = \{\xi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in \ell_\infty$ , then the non-increasing rearrangement  $\xi^* : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  of  $\xi$  is defined by

$$\xi^*(t) = \inf\{\lambda : \mu(\{|\xi| > \lambda\}) \leq t\}, \quad t > 0,$$

(see, for example, [17, Ch. 2, Definition 1.5]).

Therefore the non-increasing rearrangement  $\xi^*$  is identified with the sequence  $\xi^* = \{\xi_n^*\}$ , where

$$\xi_n^* = \inf_{\substack{F \subset \mathbb{N}, \\ \text{card}(F) < n}} \sup_{n \notin F} |\xi_n|.$$

A non-zero linear subspace  $E \subseteq \ell_\infty$  with a Banach norm  $\|\cdot\|_E$  is called *symmetric sequence space* if conditions  $\eta \in E$ ,  $\xi \in \ell_\infty$ ,  $\xi^* \leq \eta^*$  imply that  $\xi \in E$  and  $\|\xi\|_E \leq \|\eta\|_E$ .

If  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  is a symmetric sequence space, then  $\ell_1 \subset E \subset \ell_\infty$ , in addition,  $\|\xi\|_E \leq \|\xi\|_1$  for all  $\xi \in \ell_1$  and  $\|\xi\|_\infty \leq \|\xi\|_E$  for all  $\xi \in E$  [17, Ch. 2, §6, Theorem 6.6]. If there exists  $\xi \in (E \setminus c_0)$  then  $\xi^* \geq \alpha \mathbf{1}$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ , and therefore  $\mathbf{1} \in E$ , where  $\mathbf{1} = \{1, 1, \dots\}$ . Consequently, for any symmetric sequence space  $E$  we have that  $E \subseteq c_0$  or  $E = \ell_\infty$ .

**2.2. Banach Symmetric Ideal of Compact Operators.** Let  $(\mathcal{H}, (\cdot, \cdot))$  be an infinite-dimensional complex separable Hilbert space, let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H}), \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ ) be the  $*$ -algebra of all bounded (respectively, compact, finite rank) linear operators in  $\mathcal{H}$ , and let  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) = \{p \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : p = p^* = p^2\}$ . It is known that  $*$ -algebras  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$  are  $C^*$ -algebras with respect to the uniform operator norm, which we shall denote by  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ . For a subset  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , we set  $\mathcal{A}^h = \{x \in \mathcal{A} : x = x^*\}$ .

It is well known that  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}) \subset \mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$  for any proper two-sided ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  (see for example, [18, Proposition 2.1]).

If  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E) \subset c_0$  is a symmetric sequence space, then the set

$$\mathcal{C}_E := \{x \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H}) : \{\mu(n, x)\}_{n=1}^\infty \in E\}$$

is a proper two-sided ideal in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  (see [18, Theorem 2.5]). In addition,  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  is a Banach space with respect to the norm  $\|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = \|\{\mu(n, x)\}\|_E$  [19] (see also [20, Ch. 3, §3.5]), and the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}$  has the following properties:

- 1)  $\|xzy\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} \leq \|x\|_\infty \|y\|_\infty \|z\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $z \in \mathcal{C}_E$ ;
- 2)  $\|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = \|x\|_\infty$  if  $x \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  is of rank 1.

In this case we say that  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  is a *Banach symmetric ideal* (cf. [18, Ch. 1, §1.7], [21, Ch. III]). It is known that  $\mathcal{C}_1 \subset \mathcal{C}_E \subset \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} \leq \|x\|_1$ ,  $\|y\|_\infty \leq \|y\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_1$ ,  $y \in \mathcal{C}_E$ .

If  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  is a symmetric sequence space (respectively,  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  is a Banach symmetric ideal), then the Köthe dual  $E^\times$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{C}_E^\times$ ) is defined as

$$E^\times = \left\{ \xi = \{\xi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in \ell_\infty : \xi\eta = \{\xi_n\eta_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in \ell_1 \text{ for all } \eta = \{\eta_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in E \right\},$$

$$\left( \text{respectively, } \mathcal{C}_E^\times = \left\{ x \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : xy \in \mathcal{C}_1 \text{ for all } y \in \mathcal{C}_E \right\} \right),$$

and

$$\|\xi\|_{E^\times} = \sup \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^\infty |\xi_n\eta_n| : \eta = \{\eta_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in E, \|\eta\|_E \leq 1 \right\}, \quad \xi \in E^\times,$$

$$\left( \text{respectively, } \|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E^\times} = \sup \left\{ \text{Tr}(|xy|) : y \in \mathcal{C}_E, \|y\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} \leq 1 \right\}, x \in \mathcal{C}_E^\times \right).$$

It is known that  $(E^\times, \|\cdot\|_{E^\times})$  is a symmetric sequence space [22, Ch. II, §4, Theorems 4.3, 4.9] and  $\ell_1^\times = \ell_\infty$ . In addition, if  $E \neq \ell_1$  then  $E^\times \subset c_0$ . Therefore, if  $E \neq \ell_1$ , the space  $(\mathcal{C}_E^\times, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E^\times})$  is a symmetric ideal of compact operators.

A Banach symmetric ideal  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  is said to be *perfect* if  $\mathcal{C}_E = \mathcal{C}_E^{\times\times}$  (see, for example, [15]). It is clear that  $\mathcal{C}_E$  is perfect if and only if  $E = E^{\times\times}$ .

A symmetric sequence space  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  (a Banach symmetric ideal  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ ) is said to possess *Fatou property* if the conditions

$$0 \leq \xi_k \leq \xi_{k+1}, \quad \xi_k \in E \quad (\text{respectively, } 0 \leq x_k \leq x_{k+1}, \quad x_k \in \mathcal{C}_E) \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

and  $\sup_{k \geq 1} \|\xi_k\|_E < \infty$  (respectively,  $\sup_{k \geq 1} \|x_k\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} < \infty$ ) imply that there exists an element  $\xi \in E$  (respectively,  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E$ ) such that  $\xi_k \uparrow \xi$  and  $\|\xi\|_E = \sup_{k \geq 1} \|\xi_k\|_E$  (respectively,  $x_k \uparrow x$  and  $\|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = \sup_{k \geq 1} \|x_k\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}$ ).

It is known that  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  (respectively,  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ ) has the Fatou property if and only if  $E = E^{\times\times}$  [23, Vol. II, Ch. 1, Section a] (respectively,  $\mathcal{C}_E = \mathcal{C}_E^{\times\times}$  [24, Theorem 5.14]). Therefore  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  is a perfect Banach symmetric ideal if and only if  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  has the Fatou property.

If  $y \in \mathcal{C}_E^\times$ , then a linear functional  $f_y(x) = \text{Tr}(x \cdot y)$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E$ , is continuous on  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ , in addition,  $\|f_y\|_{\mathcal{C}_E^*} = \|y\|_{\mathcal{C}_E^\times}$ , where  $(\mathcal{C}_E^*, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E^*})$  is the dual of the Banach space  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  (see, for example, [15]). Identifying an element  $y \in \mathcal{C}_E^\times$  and the linear functional  $f_y$ , we may assume that  $\mathcal{C}_E^\times$  is a closed linear subspace in  $\mathcal{C}_E^*$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}) \subset \mathcal{C}_E^\times$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{C}_E^\times$  is a total subspace in  $\mathcal{C}_E^*$ , that is, the conditions  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E$ ,  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}_E^\times$  imply  $x = 0$ . Thus, the weak topology  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}_E, \mathcal{C}_E^\times)$  is a Hausdorff topology, in addition  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})^h$ ) is  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}_E, \mathcal{C}_E^\times)$ -dense in  $\mathcal{C}_E$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ ).

### 3. Skew-Hermitian Operators in Banach Symmetric Ideals

Let  $X$  be a linear space over the field  $\mathbb{K}$  of real or complex numbers. A *semi-inner product* on a space  $X$  is a  $\mathbb{K}$ -valued form  $[\cdot, \cdot]: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  which satisfies

- (i)  $[\alpha x + y, z] = \alpha \cdot [x, z] + [y, z]$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$  and  $x, y, z \in X$ ;
- (ii)  $[x, \alpha y] = \bar{\alpha} \cdot [x, y]$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$  and  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (iii)  $[x, x] \geq 0$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $[x, x] = 0$  implies that  $x = 0$ ;

(iv)  $|[x, y]|^2 \leq [x, x] \cdot [y, y]$  for all  $x, y \in X$

(see, for example, [25, Ch. 2, § 1]).

The function  $\|x\| = \sqrt{[x, x]}$  is the norm on a linear space  $X$ . Conversely, if  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  is a normed linear space, then there exists semi-inner product  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  on  $X$  compatible with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_X$ , that is,  $\|x\|_X = \sqrt{[x, x]}$  [25, Ch. 2, § 1]. In particular, the semi-inner product (compatible with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_X$ ) can be defined using the equation  $[x, y] = \varphi_y(x)$ , where  $\varphi_y \in X^*$ ,  $\|\varphi_y\|_{X^*} = \|y\|_X$  and  $\varphi_y(y) = \|y\|_X^2$  (such functional is called a *support functional* at  $y \in X$ ) [25, Ch. 2, § 1, Theorem 10].

Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  be Banach space over field  $\mathbb{K}$ , and let  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  be a semi-inner product on  $X$  which is compatible with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_X$ . A linear bounded operator  $H: X \rightarrow X$  is said to be *skew-Hermitian*, if  $\operatorname{Re}([H(x), x]) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ , where  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha)$  is the real part of number  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$  [12, Ch. 9, § 4]. In particular, if  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$  then  $\varphi_x(H(x)) = [H(x), x] = 0$  for every  $x \in X$ .

The following Proposition is well known [12, Ch. 9, § 4, Proposition 9.4.2].

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  be a real Banach space and let  $H$  be a skew-Hermitian operator on  $X$ . If  $V: X \rightarrow X$  is a surjective isometry then an operator  $V \cdot H \cdot V^{-1}$  is a skew-Hermitian.*

It is clear that in the case  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X) = (\mathcal{C}_E^h, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  every linear operator  $H: \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  defined by  $H(x) = i(xa - ax), x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ , where  $a \in \mathcal{B}(H)^h, i^2 = -1$  is a skew-Hermitian operator.

The following Theorem gives a description of skew-Hermitian operators acting on  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$  when  $\mathcal{C}_E$  is a separable or perfect Banach symmetric ideal other than  $\mathcal{C}_2$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  be a separable or perfect Banach symmetric ideal, and let  $\mathcal{C}_E \neq \mathcal{C}_2$ . Then for any skew-Hermitian operator  $H: \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  there exists  $a \in \mathcal{B}(H)^h$  such that  $H(x) = i(xa - ax)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .*

◁ We slightly modify the original proof of Sourour [13]. For vectors  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}$ , denote by  $\xi \otimes \eta$  the rank one operator on  $\mathcal{H}$  given  $(\xi \otimes \eta)(h) = (h, \eta)\xi, h \in \mathcal{H}$ . It is easily seen  $\langle x, \xi \otimes \eta \rangle := \operatorname{Tr}((\eta \otimes \xi) \cdot x) = (x(\eta), \xi)$  for any  $x \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h$  and  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}$ . If  $y = \xi \otimes \xi, \|\xi\|_{\mathcal{H}} = 1$ , then  $y$  is an one dimensional projection on  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\|y\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = \|y\|_{\infty} = 1$ . Thus for a linear functional  $f_y(x) := \langle x, y \rangle = \operatorname{Tr}(y^*x), x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ , we have that  $f_y(y) = \operatorname{Tr}(y^2) = \operatorname{Tr}(y) = (\xi, \xi) = 1 = \|y\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}^2$ . In addition, if  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$  and  $\|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} \leq 1$  then  $|f_y(x)| = |\operatorname{Tr}(yx)| = |(x(\xi), \xi)| \leq \|x\|_{\infty} \leq \|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} \leq 1$ . Consequently,  $\|f_y\|_{(\mathcal{C}_E^h)^*} = 1 = \|y\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}$ . This means that  $f_y$  is a support functional at  $y \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ , and  $[x, y] = f_y(x)$  is a semi-inner product on  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$  compatible with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E^h}$  [25, Ch. 2, § 1, Theorem 10].

*Step 1.* If  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}, (\eta, \xi) = 0$ , then  $\langle H(\eta \otimes \eta), \xi \otimes \xi \rangle = 0$ .

We can assume that  $\|\eta\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \|\xi\|_{\mathcal{H}} = 1$ . Since  $p = \eta \otimes \eta$  is one dimensional projections and  $H$  is a skew-Hermitian operator, it follows that

$$0 = [H(p), p] = f_p(H(p)) = \langle H(p), p \rangle. \tag{1}$$

By Lemma 9.2.7 ([12, Ch. 9, §9.2], see also the proof of Lemma 11.3.2 [12, Ch. 9, §11.3]), there exists a vector  $\xi = \{\xi_1, \xi_2\} \in (\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_E), \xi_1 > 0, \xi_2 > 0, \|\xi\|_E = 1$ , such that the functional  $f(\{\eta_1, \eta_2\}) = \eta_1 \xi_1 + \eta_2 \xi_2, \{\eta_1, \eta_2\} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , is a support functional at  $\xi$  for space  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_E)$ .

Let us show that the linear functional

$$\varphi(y) = \langle y, x \rangle, \quad y \in \mathcal{C}_E^h, \quad x = \xi_1 p + \xi_2 q,$$

is a support functional at  $x$  for  $(\mathcal{C}_E^h, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ .

Since  $f$  is support functional at  $\xi$  for  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_E)$  and  $\|\xi\|_E = 1$ , it follows that  $\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 = f(\{\xi_1, \xi_2\}) = f(\xi) = \|\xi\|_E^2 = 1$ . Furthermore, by  $\|f\| = \|\xi\|_E = 1$ , we have that  $|f(\{\eta_1, \eta_2\})| = |\xi_1\eta_1 + \xi_2\eta_2| \leq 1$  for every  $\{\eta_1, \eta_2\} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $\|\{\eta_1, \eta_2\}\|_E \leq 1$ .

Further, by [21, Ch. II, §4, Lemma 4.1], we have

$$|(y(\eta), \eta)| \leq \mu(1, y), \quad |(y(\xi), \xi)| \leq \mu(1, y), \quad |(y(\eta), \eta)| + |(y(\xi), \xi)| \leq \mu(1, y) + \mu(2, y),$$

that is,  $\{(y(\eta), \eta), (y(\xi), \xi)\} \prec\prec \{\mu(1, y), \mu(2, y)\}$ . Since  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  is a fully symmetric sequence space, it follows that

$$\|\{(y(\eta), \eta), (y(\xi), \xi)\}\|_E \leq \|\{\mu(1, y), \mu(2, y)\}\|_E \leq \|y\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}.$$

Consequently, if  $y \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$  and  $\|y\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} \leq 1$ , then

$$|\varphi(y)| = |\langle y, x \rangle| = |\xi_1 \text{Tr}(py) + \xi_2 \text{Tr}(qy)| = |f(\{(y(\eta), \eta), (y(\xi), \xi)\})| \leq 1,$$

that is,  $\|\varphi\|_{(\mathcal{C}_E^h, \|\cdot\|_E)^*} \leq 1$ . Since  $\|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = \|\xi\|_E = 1$  and

$$\varphi(x) = \langle x, x \rangle = \langle \xi_1 p + \xi_2 q, \xi_1 p + \xi_2 q \rangle = \text{Tr}(\xi_1 p + \xi_2 q)(\xi_1 p + \xi_2 q) = \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 = 1,$$

it follows that  $\|\varphi\|_{(\mathcal{C}_E^h, \|\cdot\|_E)^*} = 1 = \|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}$  and  $\varphi(x) = \|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}^2$ . This means that  $\varphi$  is a support functional at  $x$  for space  $(\mathcal{C}_E^h, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ .

Hence,

$$0 = [H(x), x] = \varphi(H(x)) = \langle H(x), x \rangle = \langle \xi_1 H(p) + \xi_2 H(q), \xi_1 p + \xi_2 q \rangle.$$

Since  $\langle H(p), p \rangle = \langle H(q), q \rangle = 0$  (see (1)), it follows that

$$\langle H(p), q \rangle = -\langle H(q), p \rangle. \quad (2)$$

We extend  $\eta_1 = \eta$ ,  $\eta_2 = \xi$  up to an orthonormal basis  $\{\eta_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ , and let  $p_i = \eta_i \otimes \eta_i$ . Now we replace our operator  $H$  with another skew-Hermitian operator  $H_0$ . Let  $u$  be a unitary operator such that  $u(\eta_1) = \eta_2$ ,  $u(\eta_2) = \eta_1$  and  $u(\eta_k) = \eta_k$  if  $k \neq 1, 2$ . It is clear that  $u^* = u^{-1} = u$ ,  $up_1u = p_2$ ,  $up_2u = p_1$ ,  $up_iu = p_i$ ,  $i \neq 1, 2$ , and  $V(x) = uxu^* = uxu$  is an surjective isometry on  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ , in addition,  $V^{-1} = V$ .

By Proposition 1, a linear operator  $H_1 = VHV^{-1}$  is a skew-Hermitian operator, in particular,  $\langle H_1(p_k), p_k \rangle = 0$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  (see (1)).

If  $i, j \neq 1, 2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle H_1(p_i), p_j \rangle &= \langle uH(p_i)u, p_j \rangle = \text{Tr}(p_j uH(p_i)u) = (uH(p_i)u(\eta_j), \eta_j) \\ &= (H(p_i)u(\eta_j), u^*(\eta_j)) = (H(p_i)(\eta_j), \eta_j) = \text{Tr}(p_j H(p_i)) = \langle H(p_i), p_j \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

If  $i = 1$ ,  $j \neq 1, 2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle H_1(p_1), p_j \rangle &= \langle uH(p_2)u, p_j \rangle = \text{Tr}(p_j uH(p_2)u) = (uH(p_2)u(\eta_j), \eta_j) \\ &= (H(p_2)u(\eta_j), u^*(\eta_j)) = (H(p_2)(\eta_j), \eta_j) = \text{Tr}(p_j H(p_2)) = \langle H(p_2), p_j \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get the following equalities

- (i)  $\langle H_1(p_2), p_j \rangle = \langle H(p_1), p_j \rangle$  if  $i = 2$ ,  $j \neq 1, 2$ ;
- (ii)  $\langle H_1(p_i), p_1 \rangle = \langle H(p_i), p_2 \rangle$  if  $j = 1$ ,  $i \neq 1, 2$ ;

- (iii)  $\langle H_1(p_1), p_2 \rangle = \langle H(p_2), p_1 \rangle$  if  $i = 1, j = 2$ ;  
 (iv)  $\langle H_1(p_2), p_1 \rangle = \langle H(p_1), p_2 \rangle$  if  $i = 2, j = 1$ .

It is clear that  $H_0 = \frac{1}{2}(H - H_1)$  is a skew-Hermitian operator, and if  $i, j \neq 1, 2$ , then  $\langle H_0(p_i), p_j \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\langle H(p_i), p_j \rangle - \langle H_1(p_i), p_j \rangle) = 0$ . Similarly, if  $i = 1, j \neq 1, 2$  (respectively,  $i = 2, j \neq 1, 2$ ) we get

$$\langle H_0(p_1), p_j \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\langle H(p_1), p_j \rangle - \langle H(p_2), p_j \rangle)$$

$$\text{(respectively, } \langle H_0(p_2), p_j \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\langle H(p_2), p_j \rangle - \langle H(p_1), p_j \rangle)),$$

that is,  $\langle H_0(p_1), p_j \rangle + \langle H_0(p_2), p_j \rangle = 0$  in the case  $j \neq 1, 2$ .

Similarly,  $\langle H_0(p_j), p_1 \rangle + \langle H_0(p_j), p_2 \rangle = 0$  if  $j \neq 1, 2$ . Since

$$\langle H_0(p_1), p_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\langle H(p_1), p_2 \rangle - \langle H(p_2), p_1 \rangle), \quad \langle H(p_1), p_2 \rangle = -\langle H(p_2), p_1 \rangle$$

(see (2)), it follows that  $\langle H_0(p_1), p_2 \rangle = \langle H(p_1), p_2 \rangle$ . Similarly, we get that  $\langle H_0(p_2), p_1 \rangle = -\langle H(p_1), p_2 \rangle$ . Finally, since  $H_0$  is a skew-Hermitian operator, we have  $\langle H_0(p_k), p_k \rangle = 0$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  (see (1)).

Let  $n$  be the smallest natural number such that the norm  $\|\cdot\|_E$  is not Euclidian on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then there exist (see, [10, Lemma 5.4]) linear independent vectors  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$ ,  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\|\xi\|_E = 1$ , such that

$$\|\xi\|_E = \|f_\eta\|_{E^*} = f_\eta(\xi) = 1, \tag{3}$$

where  $f_\eta(\zeta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_i \eta_i$ ,  $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . By rearranging the coordinates we may assume that  $\xi_1 \eta_2 \neq \xi_2 \eta_1$ .

Let  $x = \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j p_j$ ,  $y = \sum_{j=1}^n \eta_j p_j$ , and let  $\varphi_y(z) = \langle z, y \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n \eta_j \cdot \text{Tr}(p_j z)$ ,  $z \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .

Let us show that  $\varphi_y$  is a support functional at  $x$  for  $(\mathcal{C}_E^h, \|\cdot\|_E)$ . Since  $\|f_\eta\|_{E^*} = 1$  (see (3)), it follows that  $|f_\eta(\zeta)| = |\sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i \zeta_i| \leq 1$  for every  $\zeta = \{\zeta_i\}_{i=1}^n \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\|\zeta\|_E \leq 1$ . Note that  $\|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = \|\xi\|_E = 1$ .

We should show that  $\|\varphi_y\| = \|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = 1$  and  $\varphi_y(x) = \|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}^2 = 1$ . Indeed,

$$\varphi_y(x) = \langle x, y \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j p_j, \sum_{j=1}^n \eta_j p_j \right\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j \eta_j = f_\eta(\xi) = 1 = \|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}^2.$$

If  $z \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ ,  $\|z\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} \leq 1$  then  $|\varphi_y(z)| = |\sum_{j=1}^n \eta_j (z(\eta_j), \eta_j)| \leq 1$ . The last inequality follows from

$$\{(z(\eta_1), \eta_1), (z(\eta_2), \eta_2), \dots, (z(\eta_n), \eta_n)\} \prec \{\mu(1, z), \mu(2, z), \dots, \mu(n, z)\}$$

(see [21, Ch. II, § 4, Lemma 4.1]). Therefore  $\|\varphi_y\| = \|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = 1$  and  $\varphi_y(x) = \|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}^2 = 1$ . This means that  $\varphi_y$  is a support functional at  $x$  for  $(\mathcal{C}_E^h, \|\cdot\|_E)$ .

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle H_0(x), y \rangle = \langle \xi_1 H_0(p_1) + \dots + \xi_n H_0(p_n), \eta_1 p_1 + \dots + \eta_n p_n \rangle \\ &= (\xi_1 \eta_2 - \xi_2 \eta_1) \langle H_0(p_1), p_2 \rangle + (\xi_1 \eta_3 - \xi_2 \eta_3) \langle H_0(p_1), p_3 \rangle \\ &\quad + \dots + (\xi_1 \eta_n - \xi_2 \eta_n) \langle H_0(p_1), p_n \rangle + (\xi_3 \eta_1 - \xi_3 \eta_2) \langle H_0(p_3), p_1 \rangle \\ &\quad + \dots + (\xi_n \eta_1 - \xi_n \eta_2) \langle H_0(p_n), p_1 \rangle. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Let now  $\tilde{x} = \xi_1 p_1 + \xi_2 p_2 - \xi_3 p_3 - \dots - \xi_n p_n$  and  $\tilde{y} = \eta_1 p_1 + \eta_2 p_2 - \eta_3 p_3 - \dots - \eta_n p_n$ . As above, we have that  $\varphi_{\tilde{y}}(\cdot) = \langle \cdot, \tilde{y} \rangle$  is a support functional at  $\tilde{x}$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle H_0(\tilde{x}), \tilde{y} \rangle = (\xi_1 \eta_2 - \xi_2 \eta_1) \langle H_0(p_1), p_2 \rangle + (-\xi_1 \eta_3 + \xi_2 \eta_3) \langle H_0(p_1), p_3 \rangle \\ &\quad + \dots + (-\xi_1 \eta_n + \xi_2 \eta_n) \langle H_0(p_1), p_n \rangle + (-\xi_3 \eta_1 + \xi_3 \eta_2) \langle H_0(p_3), p_1 \rangle \\ &\quad + \dots + (-\xi_n \eta_1 + \xi_n \eta_2) \langle H_0(p_n), p_1 \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Summing (4) and (5) we obtain  $2(\xi_1 \eta_2 - \xi_2 \eta_1) \langle H_0(p_1), p_2 \rangle = 0$ , that is,  $\langle H(p_1), p_2 \rangle = \langle H_0(p_1), p_2 \rangle = 0$ .

*Step 2.* Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\|\eta\|_{\mathcal{H}} = 1$ ,  $p = \eta \otimes \eta$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})^h$ , and let  $\text{Tr}(xq) = 0$  for any one dimensional projection  $q$  with  $qp = 0$ . Then there exists  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $x = \eta \otimes f + f \otimes \eta - (\eta \otimes \eta)(f \otimes \eta)$ ,  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \|x\|_{\infty}$ .

Indeed, if  $q$  is an one dimensional projection with  $qp = 0$  then  $qxq = \alpha q$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $0 = \text{Tr}(xq) = \text{Tr}(qxq) = \text{Tr}(\alpha q) = \alpha$ , that is,  $\alpha = 0$  and  $qxq = 0$ . Let  $e \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $\dim e(\mathcal{H}) = 1$ ,  $ep = 0$ ,  $eq = 0$ ,  $y = (q + e)x(q + e)$ . If  $y \neq 0$  then there exists  $r \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $\dim r(\mathcal{H}) = 1$  such that  $r \leq q + e$  and  $rxr = ryr = \beta r$  for some  $0 \neq \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $rp = 0$ , it follows that  $0 = \text{Tr}(xr) = \text{Tr}(rxr) = \beta \neq 0$ . Thus  $y = 0$ . Continuing this process, we construct a sequence of finite-dimensional projections  $g_n \uparrow (I - p)$  such that  $g_n x g_n = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $I(h) = h$ ,  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ . Consequently,  $(I - p)x(I - p) = 0$ .

If  $f = x(\eta)$  then  $xp = f \otimes \eta$  and  $px = \eta \otimes f$ . In addition,

$$(I - p)xp(h) = (I - p)x((h, \eta)\eta) = (h, \eta)(I - p)f, \quad h \in \mathcal{H},$$

that is,  $(I - p)xp = (I - p)f \otimes \eta$ . Therefore,

$$x = px + (I - p)xp = \eta \otimes f + (I - p)f \otimes \eta \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \|x\|_{\infty}.$$

*Step 3.* Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\|\eta\|_{\mathcal{H}} = 1$ ,  $p = \eta \otimes \eta$ . Then there exists  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$H(\eta \otimes \eta) = \eta \otimes f + f \otimes \eta, \quad \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \|H\|.$$

Indeed, if  $x = H(\eta \otimes \eta)$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $(\eta, \xi) = 0$ ,  $q = \xi \otimes \xi$ , then by Step 1 we obtain that  $\langle x(\xi), \xi \rangle = \langle x, \xi \otimes \xi \rangle = \text{Tr}(x \cdot \xi \otimes \xi) = 0$ . Using Step 2, we have that there exists  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $H(\eta \otimes \eta) = x = \eta \otimes f + f \otimes \eta - (\eta \otimes \eta)(f \otimes \eta)$ . Since  $H$  is a skew-Hermitian operator, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle H(\eta \otimes \eta), \eta \otimes \eta \rangle = \langle \eta \otimes f + f \otimes \eta - (\eta \otimes \eta)(f \otimes \eta), \eta \otimes \eta \rangle \\ &= \text{Tr}((\eta \otimes \eta)(\eta \otimes f + f \otimes \eta - (\eta \otimes \eta)(f \otimes \eta))) \\ &= \text{Tr}((\eta \otimes \eta)(\eta \otimes f)) = ((\eta \otimes f)(\eta), \eta) = (\eta, f). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(\eta, f) = 0$  and  $x = \eta \otimes f + f \otimes \eta - (\eta \otimes \eta)(f \otimes \eta) = \eta \otimes f + f \otimes \eta$ . In addition,

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \|x\|_{\infty} \leq \|x\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = \|H(\eta \otimes \eta)\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} \leq \|H\| \cdot \|\eta \otimes \eta\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = \|H\| \cdot \|\eta \otimes \eta\|_{\infty} = \|H\|.$$

*Step 4.* There exists  $a \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $H(x) = ax + xa^*$  for every  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .

Let  $\{p_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} = \{\eta_i \otimes \eta_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  be a basis in real linear space  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})^h$ , where  $\{\eta_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{H}$ . For every  $\eta_i \in \mathcal{H}$  there exists  $f_i \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $H(\eta_i \otimes \eta_i) = \eta_i \otimes f_i + f_i \otimes \eta_i$ , and  $\|f_i\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \|H\|$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  (see Step 3). Define a linear operator  $a: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  setting  $a(\eta_i) = f_i$ . Since  $\|f_i\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \|H\|$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , it follows that  $a \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , in addition,



$H(p_i) = \eta_i \otimes a(\eta_i) + a(\eta_i) \otimes \eta_i$ . Since  $\eta_i \otimes a(\eta_i) = (\eta_i \otimes \eta_i)a^*$  and  $a(\eta_i) \otimes \eta_i = a(\eta_i \otimes \eta_i)$ , it follows that  $H(x) = ax + xa^*$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})^h$ .

If  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  is a separable space then  $\mathcal{F}(H)^h$  is dense in  $(\mathcal{C}_E^h, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ . Consequently,  $H(x) = ax + xa^*$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .

Let now  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  be a perfect Banach symmetric ideal. Repeating the proof of Theorem 4.4 [14] that establishes the  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}_E, \mathcal{C}_E^\times)$ -continuity of the Hermitian operators acting in  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ , we obtain that the skew-Hermitian operator  $H$  also  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}_E^h, (\mathcal{C}_E^\times)^h)$ -continuous. Since the space  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})^h$  is  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}_E^h, (\mathcal{C}_E^\times)^h)$ -dense in  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ , it follows that  $H(x) = ax + xa^*$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .

*Step 5.*  $a = ib$  for some  $b \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h$ .

Indeed, if  $a = a_1 + ia_2$ ,  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h$ , then

$$H(x) = ax + xa^* = a_1x + xa_1 + i(a_2x - xa_2) = S_1(x_1) + S_2(x),$$

where  $S_1(x) = a_1x + xa_1$ ,  $S_2(x) = i(a_2x - xa_2)$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ . Since  $H$  and  $S_2$  are skew-Hermitian, it follows that  $S_1 = H - S_2$  is also skew-Hermitian.

If  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $\dim p(\mathcal{H}) = 1$ , then the lineal functional  $\varphi(y) = \langle y, p \rangle = \text{Tr}(yp)$ ,  $y \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ , is support functional at  $p$ . Thus  $\text{Tr}(pa_1p + pa_1) = \text{Tr}(S_1(p)p) = 0$ , that is,  $-\text{Tr}(pa_1) = \text{Tr}(pa_1p) = \text{Tr}(pa_1)$ . This means that  $\text{Tr}(pa_1) = 0$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $\dim p(\mathcal{H}) = 1$ . Consequently,  $\text{Tr}(xa_1) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ , and by [26, Lemma 2.1] we have  $a_1 = 0$ . Therefore,  $a = ia_2$ .  $\triangleright$

#### 4. The Proof of Theorem 2

Let  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  be a Banach symmetric ideal. We say that a bounded linear operator  $T: \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  has the property **(P)** if for any  $a \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h$  there are operators  $b \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h$  and  $c \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h$  such that  $T(i(bx - xb)) = i(aT(x) - T(x)a)$  and  $T(i(ax - xa)) = i(cT(x) - T(x)c)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .

It is clear that a bounded linear bijection  $T: \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  has the property **(P)** if and only if  $T^{-1}$  has the property **(P)**.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  be a separable or a perfect Banach symmetric ideal other than  $\mathcal{C}_2$ , and let  $V: \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  be a surjective isometry. Then an isometry  $V$  has the property **(P)**.*

$\triangleleft$  If  $a \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h$  then the linear operator  $H: \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  defined by  $H(x) = i(xa - ax)$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ , is a skew-Hermitian operator. By the Proposition 1 the operator  $V^{-1} \cdot H \cdot V$  is also skew-Hermitian. Using the Theorem 3 we obtain that there exists  $b \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h$  such that  $V^{-1} \cdot H \cdot V(x) = i(bx - xb)$ , that is,  $i(aV(x) - V(x)a) = V(i(bx - xb))$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .

Similarly,  $V \cdot H \cdot V^{-1}$  is a skew-Hermitian operator. Hence, there exists an operator  $c \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h$  such that  $V \cdot H \cdot V^{-1}(y) = i(cy - yc)$  for all  $y \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ . If  $V^{-1}(y) = x$ , then  $V(i(ax - xa)) = i(cV(x) - V(x)c)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .  $\triangleright$

Let  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  be a Banach symmetric ideal,  $0 \neq x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ , and let  $Z(x) = \{x\}' \cap \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h = \{y \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h : xy = yx\}$ . A non-zero operator  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$  is said to be a  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ -maximal if  $Z(x) = Z(y)$  for any  $0 \neq y \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$  with  $Z(x) \subset Z(y)$  (cf. [27, Definition 1.4]).

**Lemma 2.** *The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$  is a  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ -maximal operator;
- (ii)  $x = \alpha p$ , where  $0 \neq p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $0 \neq \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$\triangleleft$  (i)  $\implies$  (ii). Since  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ , it follows that  $x = \sum_{i=1}^t \lambda_i p_i$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  or  $t = \infty$  (the series converges with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ ), where  $0 \neq p_i \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $p_i p_j = 0$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,  $0 \neq \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , for all  $i, j = 1, \dots, t$ . If  $y \in Z(x)$  then  $yp_i = p_i y$  [28, Ch. 1, §4, p. 17], that is,  $Z(x) \subset Z(p_i)$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, t$ . Since,  $x$  is a  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ -maximal operator, it follows that  $Z(x) = Z(p_i)$ , thus  $Z(p_i) = Z(p_k)$  for all  $i, k = 1, \dots, t$ .

Suppose that  $t \geq 2$ . As  $Z(p_1) = Z(p_2)$ , we have

$$\{p_1\}'' = \{p_2\}'' = \{\alpha \cdot p_2 + \beta \cdot (I - p_2) : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}\},$$

that is,  $p_1 = \alpha_0 \cdot p_2 + \beta_0 \cdot (I - p_2)$  for some  $\alpha_0, \beta_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Consequently,  $0 = p_1 p_2 = \alpha_0 \cdot p_2$ , and  $\alpha_0 = 0$ . Therefore  $p_1 = \beta_0 \cdot (I - p_2)$ , which contradicts the inclusion  $p_1 \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ . Thus  $t = 1$  and  $x = \lambda_1 p_1$ .

(ii)  $\implies$  (i). Let  $x = \alpha p$ , where  $0 \neq p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $0 \neq \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $0 \neq y \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$  and  $Z(x) \subset Z(y)$  then  $Z(p) = Z(x) \subset Z(y)$ , and  $y \in \{y\}'' \subseteq \{p\}'' = \{\alpha \cdot p + \beta \cdot (I - p) : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}\}$ , that is,  $y = \alpha_0 \cdot p + \beta_0 \cdot (I - p)$  for some  $\alpha_0, \beta_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Since  $y$  is a compact operator, it follows that  $\beta_0 = 0$ , that is,  $y = \alpha_0 \cdot p$  and  $Z(x) = Z(y)$ .  $\triangleright$

**Lemma 3.** Let  $T: \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  be a bounded linear bijective operator with the property **(P)**. Then  $T(x)$  is a  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ -maximal operator for any  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ -maximal operator  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .

$\triangleleft$  Suppose that  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$  is a  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ -maximal operator, but  $T(x)$  is not  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ -maximal, that is, there exists  $z \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$  such that  $Z(T(x)) \subset Z(z)$  and  $Z(T(x)) \neq Z(z)$ . Since  $T$  is a bijection,  $z = T(y)$  for some  $y \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ . Hence,  $Z(T(x)) \subset Z(T(y))$  and  $Z(T(x)) \neq Z(T(y))$ .

We show that  $Z(x) \subset Z(y)$ . Since an operator  $T$  has property **(P)**, it follows that for  $a \in Z(x)$  there exists  $b \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h$  such that

$$T(i(ac - ca)) = i(bT(c) - T(c)b) \quad (6)$$

for all  $c \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ . Using equations (6) and  $T(i(ax - xa)) = T(0) = 0$ , and the injectivity of the mapping  $T$ , we obtain that  $bT(x) = T(x)b$ , that is,  $b \in Z(T(x)) \subset Z(T(y))$ . Consequently,  $T(i(ay - ya)) = 0$  and  $ay - ya = 0$  (see (6)), i. e.  $a \in Z(y)$ . Therefore  $Z(x) \subset Z(y)$ , and by the  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ -maximality of the operator  $x$  we obtain that  $Z(x) = Z(y)$ .

Since  $Z(T(x)) \neq Z(T(y))$ , there exists an operator  $a \in Z(T(y))$  such that  $a \notin Z(T(x))$ . By the property **(P)** we can choose  $b \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^h$  such that

$$T(i(bc - cb)) = i(aT(c) - T(c)a) \quad (7)$$

for all  $c \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ . Thus  $T(i(by - yb)) = 0$ , and  $by - yb = 0$ , that is,  $b \in Z(y)$ . Besides,  $aT(x) - T(x)a \neq 0$  implies that  $bx - xb \neq 0$  (see (7)), that is,  $b \notin Z(x)$ , which contradicts the equality  $Z(x) = Z(y)$ .  $\triangleright$

**Lemma 4.** Let  $V: \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  be a surjective linear isometry with the property **(P)**. Then for every  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  there exists  $q_p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $V(p) = q_p$  or  $V(p) = -q_p$ .

$\triangleleft$  Let  $0 \neq p_i \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $p_1 p_2 = 0$ . Since  $p_i$  is a  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ -maximal operator (Lemma 2), it follows that  $V(p_i)$  is a  $\mathcal{C}_E^h$ -maximal operator too,  $i = 1, 2$  (Lemma 3). Consequently, there exist  $0 \neq q_i \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ , and  $0 \neq \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $V(p_i) = \alpha_i q_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  (Lemma 2). Since  $p_1 p_2 = 0$ , it follows that  $(p_1 + p_2) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $V(p_1 + p_2) = \alpha_3 q_3$  for some non-zero projection  $q_3 \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $0 \neq \alpha_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  (Lemma 2). Therefore  $\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_3} q_1 + \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_3} q_2 = q_3$ . By [29] there are four possibilities:

- (i)  $\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_3} = 1$ ,  $\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_3} = 1$  if  $q_1 q_2 = 0$ ;

- (ii)  $\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_3} = 1, \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_3} = -1$  if  $q_1q_2 = q_2$ ;
- (iii)  $\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_3} = -1, \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_3} = 1$  and  $q_1q_2 = q_1$ ;
- (iv)  $\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_3} + \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_3} = 1$  and  $(q_1 - q_2)^2 = 0$  if  $q_1q_2 \neq q_2q_1$ .

The case (iv) is impossible because  $\|(q_1 - q_2)\|_\infty^2 = \|(q_1 - q_2)^2\|_\infty = 0$ , which contradicts the bijectivity of  $V$ . In other cases we have  $V(p_2) = \alpha q_2$  or  $V(p_2) = -\alpha q_2$ , where  $\alpha = \alpha_1$ . Consequently,  $V(p) = \alpha q_p$  or  $V(p) = -\alpha q_p$  for an arbitrary  $0 \neq p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}), p_1p = 0$ .

Let now  $0 \neq e \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $p_1e \neq 0$ . Then there exists a non-zero finite dimensional projection  $f$ , such that  $p_1f = 0$  and  $ef = 0$ . According to above, we have  $\alpha_1q_1 = V(p_1) = \alpha_fq_{p_1}$  or  $V(p_1) = -\alpha_fq_{p_1}$  and  $V(e) = \alpha_fq_e$  or  $V(e) = -\alpha_fq_e$  for some non-zero finite dimensional projections  $q_f, q_e$  and for non-zero real number  $\alpha_f$ . Consequently,  $q_1 = q_{p_1}$  and  $\alpha_1 = \pm\alpha_f$ . In particular,  $V(e) = \alpha_1q_e$  or  $V(f) = -\alpha_1q_e$ .

If  $e \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\dim e(\mathcal{H}) = 1$ , then  $1 = \|e\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = \|V(e)\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = |\alpha| \|q_e\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} \geq |\alpha| \|q_e\|_\infty = |\alpha|$ , that is,  $|\alpha| \leq 1$ .

Replacing the isometry  $V$  with  $V^{-1}$ , we get that  $V^{-1}(p) = \beta r_p$  or  $V^{-1}(p) = -\beta r_p$  for arbitrary  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ , where  $r_p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\beta$  does not depend on the projection  $p$ . In particular, if  $e \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\dim e(\mathcal{H}) = 1$ , then  $1 = \|e\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = \|V^{-1}(e)\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = |\beta| \|r_e\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} \geq |\beta| \|r_e\|_\infty = |\beta|$ , i. e.  $|\beta| \leq 1$ .

Therefore, for  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  we obtain that  $V(p) = \pm\alpha q_p$ , and  $p = V^{-1}(\pm\alpha q) = \pm(\alpha\beta)r_q$ . Hence  $|\alpha\beta| = 1$  and  $|\alpha| = 1$ .  $\triangleright$

We say that the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E}$  is *not uniform* if  $\|p\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} > 1$  for any  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $\dim p(\mathcal{H}) > 1$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  be a Banach symmetric ideal with not uniform norm, and let  $V: \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  be a surjective isometry with the property **(P)**. Then  $V(p)$  or  $(-V)(p)$  is one dimensional projection for any one dimensional projection  $p$ .*

$\triangleleft$  Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}), \dim p(\mathcal{H}) = 1$ . By Lemma 4 we have that there exists  $q_p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $V(p) = q_p$  or  $V(p) = -q_p$ . If  $\dim q_p(\mathcal{H}) > 1$  then  $1 = \|p\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = \|V(p)\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} = \|q_p\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} > 1$ , what is wrong.  $\triangleleft$

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  and an isometry  $V$  be the same as in the conditions of the Lemma 5. Then*

$$V(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$$

or

$$(-V)(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}).$$

$\triangleleft$  Let  $\mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{H}) = \{p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) : \dim p(\mathcal{H}) = 1\}$ , and let  $p, e \in \mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{H})$ . By Lemma 5, there exists  $q, r \in \mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $V(p) = q$  or  $V(p) = -q$  and  $V(e) = r$  or  $V(e) = -r$ . If  $V(p) = q, V(e) = -r$  then  $q - r = V(p + e) = \pm f$  for some  $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$  (see Lemma 4), which is not possible because  $q, r \in \mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{H})$ . Similarly, the case  $V(p) = -q, V(e) = r$  is also impossible. Consequently,  $V(\mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{H})) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{H})$  or  $(-V)(\mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{H})) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{H})$ . Since each projector  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  is the final sum of one-dimensional projectors, it follows that  $V(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  or  $(-V)(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ .  $\triangleright$

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  and  $V$  be the same as in the conditions of the Lemma 5. Then*

- (i)  $V(p)V(e) = 0$  for any  $p, e \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $pe = 0$ ;
- (ii)  $V$  is a bijection from  $\mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{H})$  onto  $\mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{H})$ .

◁ (i). By Lemma 5,  $V(p) = q_p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  or  $V(p) = -q_p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ . In the first case for  $p, e \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $pe = 0$ , we have that  $V(p) = q_p$ ,  $V(e) = q_e$ ,  $q_r + q_e = V(r + e) = q_{r+e}$ , that is,  $V(r)V(e) = q_r q_e = 0$ .

The case  $V(p) = -q_p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  is proved similarly.

Item (ii) directly follows from Lemma 5. ▷

◁ PROOF OF THEOREM 2. We suppose that  $V(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  (the case  $(-V)(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  is proved by replacing  $V$  with  $(-V)$ ). Let

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^k \lambda_n p_n \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})^h, \quad p_n \in \mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{H}), \quad p_n p_m = 0, \\ n \neq m, \quad 0 \neq \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}, \quad n, m = 1, \dots, k.$$

Since  $V(p_n) \cdot V(p_m) = 0$ ,  $n \neq m$  (Corollary 1 (i)), it follows that

$$V(x^2) = V\left(\sum_{n=1}^k \lambda_n^2 p_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^k \lambda_n^2 V(p_n) = V(x)^2$$

and

$$\mathrm{Tr}(V(x)) = \sum_{n=1}^k \lambda_n \mathrm{Tr}(V(p_n)) = \sum_{n=1}^k \lambda_n = \mathrm{Tr}(x).$$

If  $p, e, q, f \in \mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $V(p) = q$ ,  $V(e) = f$ , then

$$2 \mathrm{Tr}(pe) = \mathrm{Tr}(pe) + \mathrm{Tr}(ep) = \mathrm{Tr}((p + e)^2 - p - e) \\ = \mathrm{Tr}(V((p + e)^2)) - 2 = \mathrm{Tr}(V(p + e))^2 - 2 = \mathrm{Tr}((q + f)^2) - 2 = 2\mathrm{Tr}(qf).$$

Consequently,  $\mathrm{Tr}(pe) = \mathrm{Tr}(V(p)V(e))$  for all  $p, e \in \mathcal{P}_1(H)$ . By [30, Ch. 3, § 3.2, Theorem 3.2.8] we obtain that there exists a unitary or anti-unitary operator  $u$  such that  $V(p) = upu^*$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{P}_1(H)$ . Thus  $V(x) = u^*xu$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{F}(H)^h$ .

If  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  is a separable space then  $\mathcal{F}(H)^h$  is dense in  $(\mathcal{C}_E^h, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ . Consequently,  $V(x) = u^*xu$  (respectively,  $V(x) = -uxu^*$ ) for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .

If  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  is a perfect Banach symmetric ideal, then  $V$  is  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}_E, \mathcal{C}_E^\times)$ -continuous (see proof of Step 4 in Theorem 4). Since  $\mathcal{F}(H)^h$  is  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}_E, \mathcal{C}_E^\times)$ -dense in  $(\mathcal{C}_E^h, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ , it follows that  $V(x) = u^*xu$  (respectively,  $V(x) = -uxu^*$ ) for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .

In the case  $(-V)(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$  we get that  $V(x) = -uxu^*$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ . ▷

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**Аннотация.** Пусть  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  банахов симметричный идеал компактных операторов, действующих в комплексном сепарабельном бесконечномерном гильбертовом  $\mathcal{H}$ . Пусть  $\mathcal{C}_E^h = \{x \in \mathcal{C}_E : x = x^*\}$  действительное банахово подпространство самосопряженных операторов в  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$ . Доказывается, что в случае, когда  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  есть сепарабельный или совершенный банахов симметричный идеал ( $\mathcal{C}_E \neq \mathcal{C}_2$ ) каждый косоэрмитовый оператор  $H : \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  имеет следующий вид  $H(x) = i(xa - ax)$  для некоторого  $a^* = a \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  и для всех  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ . Используя это описание косоэрмитовых операторов мы получаем следующий общий вид сюръективных линейных изометрий  $V : \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$ : Пусть  $(\mathcal{C}_E, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}_E})$  сепарабельный или совершенный банахов симметричный идеал с неравномерной нормой, т. е.  $\|p\|_{\mathcal{C}_E} > 1$  для всех конечномерных проекторов  $p \in \mathcal{C}_E$  с  $\dim p(\mathcal{H}) > 1$ , пусть  $\mathcal{C}_E \neq \mathcal{C}_2$ , и пусть  $V : \mathcal{C}_E^h \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^h$  сюръективная линейная изометрия. Тогда существует такой унитарный или антиунитарный оператор  $u$  на  $\mathcal{H}$ , что  $V(x) = uxi^*$  или  $V(x) = -uxi^*$  для всех  $x \in \mathcal{C}_E^h$ .

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