



## On the $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$ constant for the regular octagon space

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we will investigate a class of geometric constants for a non-Hilbert space  $X$  satisfying James constant  $J(X) = \sqrt{2}$ . Specifically, the exact values of  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$  and  $L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$  will be calculated for the regular octagon space  $X$ , which improve the estimation obtained by Q. Liu et al.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $S_X$  (resp.  $B_X$ ) be the unit sphere (resp. the unit closed ball) of a real Banach space  $X$ . Throughout this paper, we will use  $ex(B_X)$  to denote the set of extreme points of  $B_X$ .

Recall that the von Neumann-Jordan constant  $C_{NJ}(X)$  of a Banach space  $X$  was introduced by Clarkson [1] as the smallest constant  $C$  for which,

$$\frac{1}{C} \leq \frac{\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2}{2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2)} \leq C$$

holds for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 \neq 0$ .

An equivalent definition of this constant is found in the following form:

$$C_{NJ}(X) = \sup \left\{ \frac{\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2}{2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2)} : x, y \in X, (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \right\}.$$

For finite-dimensional spaces, we can use the extreme points of  $B_X$  to simplify the above formula as follows

$$C_{NJ}(X) = \sup \left\{ \frac{\|x + ty\|^2 + \|x - ty\|^2}{2(1 + t^2)} : x, y \in ex(B_X), t \in [0, 1] \right\}.$$

A smaller constant than  $C_{NJ}(X)$  is the following constant

$$C'_{NJ}(X) = \sup \left\{ \frac{\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2}{4} : x, y \in S_X \right\},$$

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and we know that a relationship between them is as follows

$$C_{NJ}(X) \leq 2 \left[ 1 + C'_{NJ}(X) - \sqrt{2C'_{NJ}(X)} \right].$$

Several studies on these two constants have been conducted by many authors for more details see (for example, [1–4, 7, 10–12]). It is worth mentioning that geometric constants play a vital role as a tool for solving other problems, such as in the study of Banach-Stone theorem, Bishop-Phelps-Bollobás theorem, and Tingley’s problem. These are important research topics in functional analysis.

It is well known that a necessary and sufficient condition for a Banach space to be an inner product space is the parallelogram law. Instead of the parallelogram law, Moslehian and Rassias [6] have recently proved a new equivalent characterization of inner space which is called the Euler-Lagrange type identity. Motivated by the new characterization of inner space by Moslehian and Rassias, the authors in [11] introduced a new geometric constant  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$  for  $\lambda, \mu > 0$  as follows

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = \sup \left\{ \frac{\|\lambda x + \mu y\|^2 + \|\mu x - \lambda y\|^2}{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2)}, x, y \in X, (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \right\}. \tag{1.2}$$

A similar constant

$$L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = \sup \left\{ \frac{\|\lambda x + \mu y\|^2 + \|\mu x - \lambda y\|^2}{2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)}, x, y \in S_X \right\} \tag{1.3}$$

was also introduced by Liu et al. [12].

Now let us collect some properties of these constants (see [11, 12]). For a Banach space  $X$ , then

- (i)  $1 \leq L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \leq 2$  and  $1 \leq L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \leq 1 + \frac{2\lambda\mu}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}$ ;
- (ii)  $X$  is Hilbert space if and only if  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1$ , and if and only if  $L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1$ ;
- (iii)  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \leq \frac{2\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} C_{NJ}(X) + \frac{2\sqrt{2}\lambda|\lambda - \mu|}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \sqrt{C_{NJ}(X)} + \frac{|\lambda - \mu|^2}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}$ ;
- (iv)  $X$  is uniformly non-square if and only if  $L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) < 1 + \frac{2\lambda\mu}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}$ .

Consider the regular octagon space  $X = R^2$ , which is equipped with the norm defined by

$$\|(x_1, x_2)\| = \max\{|x_1| + (\sqrt{2} - 1)|x_2|, |x_2| + (\sqrt{2} - 1)|x_1|\}.$$

In [11], the authors have shown that the following estimate

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \leq (4 - 2\sqrt{2}) \frac{2 \max\{\lambda^2, \mu^2\}}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}.$$

In this paper, we give the exact value of the constant  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$  and the constant  $L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$  for the regular octagon space, and our results improve the above estimation.

## 2. Main results

Before describing our main results, we give some lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $\lambda > \mu > 0$  and  $\varphi(t) = \frac{2\lambda\mu}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \frac{t}{1+t^2} - \frac{t^2}{1+t^2}$ , then

$$\max \left\{ \varphi(t) : t \in \left[ 0, \frac{\mu}{\lambda} \right] \right\} = \frac{\sqrt{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)^2 + 4\lambda^2\mu^2} - (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)}{2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)}. \tag{2.1}$$

*Proof.* Let  $A = \frac{2\lambda\mu}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}$ , and let  $\varphi'(t) = \frac{A(1-t^2)-2t}{(1+t^2)^2} = 0$ , we can get  $t^2 = 1 - \frac{2t}{A}$  and  $t = \frac{\sqrt{A^2+1}-1}{A} =: t_0 \in (0, \frac{\mu}{\lambda})$ . By  $\varphi'(t) > 0$  in  $(0, t_0)$  and  $\varphi'(t) < 0$  in  $(t_0, \frac{\mu}{\lambda})$ , we know that  $\max\{\varphi(t) : t \in [0, \frac{\mu}{\lambda}]\} = \varphi(t_0)$ . Now from  $\varphi(t_0) = \frac{At_0+1}{1+t_0^2} - 1 = \frac{\sqrt{A^2+1}}{2 - \frac{2t_0}{A}} - 1 = \frac{A^2\sqrt{A^2+1}}{2A^2+2-2\sqrt{A^2+1}} - 1 = \frac{\sqrt{A^2+1}+1}{2} - 1$ , we have (2.1).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** (i) Let  $\lambda > \mu > 0$  and  $\psi(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2}\lambda\mu t}{1+t^2} - \frac{t^2\lambda^2}{1+t^2}$ , then

$$\max\left\{\psi(t) : t \in \left[0, \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}\lambda}\right]\right\} = \frac{\lambda\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\mu^2} - \lambda^2}{2}. \tag{2.2}$$

(ii) Let  $\lambda > \mu > 0$  and  $\phi(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2}\lambda\mu t}{1+t^2} - \frac{t^2\mu^2}{1+t^2}$ , then

$$\max\left\{\phi(t) : t \in \left[0, \min\left\{\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}\mu}, 1\right\}\right]\right\} = \frac{\mu\sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu^2}{2}. \tag{2.3}$$

(iii) Let  $\lambda, \mu > 0$  and  $h(t) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\lambda\mu t}{1+t^2} - \frac{\lambda^2 t^2 + \mu^2}{1+t^2}$ , then

$$\max\left\{h(t) : t \in \left[\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}\lambda}, \min\left\{\frac{\sqrt{2}\mu}{\lambda}, 1\right\}\right]\right\} = \frac{\sqrt{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)^2 + 4\lambda^2\mu^2} - (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)}{2}. \tag{2.4}$$

*Proof.* (i) Similar to the proof of Lemma 2.1, we know that the function  $\psi(t)$  reaches its maximum at  $t_0 = \frac{-\lambda + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\mu^2}}{\sqrt{2}\mu} \in (0, \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}\lambda})$  and  $\psi(t_0) = \frac{\lambda\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\mu^2} - \lambda^2}{2}$ .

(ii) Similar to the proof of (i), we know that the function  $\phi(t)$  reaches its maximum at  $t_0 = \frac{-\mu + \sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2}}{\sqrt{2}\lambda} \in t \in [0, \min\{\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}\mu}, 1\}]$  and  $\phi(t_0) = \frac{\mu\sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu^2}{2}$ .

(iii) Similar to the proof of Lemma 2.1, we also know that the function  $h(t)$  reaches its maximum at  $t_0 = \frac{\sqrt{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)^2 + 4\lambda^2\mu^2} - (\lambda^2 - \mu^2)}{2\sqrt{2}\lambda\mu} \in (\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}\lambda}, \min\{\frac{\sqrt{2}\mu}{\lambda}, 1\})$  and  $h(t_0) = \frac{\sqrt{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)^2 + 4\lambda^2\mu^2} - (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)}{2}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** (i) If  $0 < \mu \leq \lambda \leq \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\mu$ , then

$$2\mu(\lambda - \mu) \leq (\sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu)\mu \leq \sqrt{\lambda^4 + \mu^4 + 6\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2,$$

and

$$(\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\mu^2} - \lambda)\lambda \leq \sqrt{\lambda^4 + \mu^4 + 6\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2.$$

(ii) If  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\mu \leq \lambda \leq 2\mu$ , then

$$(\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\mu^2} - \lambda)\lambda \leq \sqrt{\lambda^4 + \mu^4 + 6\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2 \leq (\sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu)\mu,$$

and

$$2\mu(\lambda - \mu) \leq (\sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu)\mu.$$

(iii) If  $2\mu \leq \lambda$ , then

$$(\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\mu^2} - \lambda)\lambda \leq \sqrt{\lambda^4 + \mu^4 + 6\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2 \leq (\sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu)\mu \leq 2\mu(\lambda - \mu).$$

*Proof.* We only need to note that the following facts is easy to be checked.

(a)  $(\sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu)\mu \leq \sqrt{\lambda^4 + \mu^4 + 6\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2$  is equivalent to  $2\lambda^2 \leq 3\mu^2$ ;

(b)  $2\mu(\lambda - \mu) \leq (\sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu)\mu$  is equivalent to  $\lambda \leq 2\mu$ ;

(c)  $(\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\mu^2} - \lambda)\lambda \leq \sqrt{\lambda^4 + \mu^4 + 6\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2$  is equivalent to  $2\mu^2 \leq 3\lambda^2$ ;

and

(d)  $\sqrt{\lambda^4 + \mu^4 + 6\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2 \leq (\sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu)\mu$  is equivalent to  $3\mu^2 \leq 2\lambda^2$ .  $\square$

Inspired by using extreme points to calculate the von Neumann-Jordan constant, we can also use it to calculate  $L_{YJ}$  constant for the regular octagon space.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $X$  be the regular octagon space, which is  $\mathbb{R}^2$  endowed with the norm

$$\|x\| = \max\{|x_1| + (\sqrt{2} - 1)|x_2|, |x_2| + (\sqrt{2} - 1)|x_1|\}.$$

(i) If  $\mu \leq \lambda \leq \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\mu$ , then

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \left[ \sqrt{\lambda^4 + \mu^4 + 6\lambda^2\mu^2} - (\lambda^2 + \mu^2) \right].$$

(ii) If  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\mu \leq \lambda \leq 2\mu$ , then

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \left[ \sqrt{2\lambda^2 + \mu^2} - \mu \right] \mu.$$

(iii) If  $\lambda \geq 2\mu$ , then

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} [2\mu(\lambda - \mu)].$$

(iv) If  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\mu \leq \lambda \leq \mu$ , then

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \left[ \sqrt{\lambda^4 + \mu^4 + 6\lambda^2\mu^2} - (\lambda^2 + \mu^2) \right].$$

(v) If  $\frac{\mu}{2} \leq \lambda \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\mu$ , then

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \left[ \sqrt{2\mu^2 + \lambda^2} - \lambda \right] \lambda.$$

(vi) If  $0 < \lambda \leq \frac{\mu}{2}$ , then

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} [2\lambda(\mu - \lambda)].$$

*Proof.* If  $\lambda = \mu$ , then the result is clear by  $C_{NJ}(X) = 4 - 2\sqrt{2}$ . Because (iv) – (vi) can be obtained from (i) – (iii) by changing  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ , we only need to prove the case for  $\lambda > \mu$ . From the following formula

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = \sup \left\{ \frac{\|\lambda x + \mu t y\|^2 + \|\mu x - \lambda t y\|^2}{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2)} : x, y \in \text{ext}(B_X), 0 \leq t \leq 1 \right\},$$

we also have

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = \sup \left\{ \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \frac{\|\lambda x + \mu t y\|^2 + \|\mu x - \lambda t y\|^2}{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2)} : x, y \in \text{ext}(B_X) \right\},$$

where  $\text{ext}(B_X) = \left\{ (1, 0), \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), (0, 1), (-1, 0), (0, -1), \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \right\}$ .

Now letting  $x_1 = y_1 = (1, 0), x_2 = y_2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), x_3 = y_3 = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), y_4 = (0, 1), y_5 = (-1, 0), y_6 = (0, -1), y_7 = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$  and  $y_8 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$ .

Taking  $B(x, y, t) = \|\lambda x + \mu t y\|^2 + \|\mu x - \lambda t y\|^2$  and  $M(x, y) = \sup \left\{ \frac{B(x, y, t)}{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2)} : 0 \leq t \leq 1 \right\}$ , we can see that  $B(x, y, t) = B(-x, -y, t)$  and  $B(x, y, t) = B(x', y', t)$ , where  $z' = (a_2, a_1)$  for any  $z = (a_1, a_2) \in X$ .

Hence, we only need to consider the following three cases.

**Case I.**  $x = x_1 = (1, 0)$ .

(I<sub>1</sub>). If  $y = y_1$  or  $y_5$ , then  $B(x_1, y_1, t) = B(x_1, y_5, t) = (1 + t^2)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)$  and  $M(x_1, y_1) = M(x_1, y_5) = 1$ .

(I<sub>2</sub>). If  $y = y_4$  or  $y_6$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} B(x_1, y_4, t) &= B(x_1, y_6, t) = \|(\lambda, \pm \mu t)\|^2 + \|(\mu, \mp \lambda t)\|^2 \\ &= (\lambda + (\sqrt{2} - 1)\mu t)^2 + \max \left\{ (\lambda t + (\sqrt{2} - 1)\mu)^2, (\mu + (\sqrt{2} - 1)\lambda t)^2 \right\} \\ &= \begin{cases} (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2) + (2\sqrt{2} - 2) \left[ 2\lambda\mu t - \mu^2(1 + t^2) \right]; & \frac{\mu}{\lambda} \leq t \leq 1, \\ (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2) + (2\sqrt{2} - 2) \left[ 2\lambda\mu t - (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)t^2 \right]; & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\mu}{\lambda}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

So, by Lemma 2.1 (when  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\mu}{\lambda}$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, y_4) &= M(x_1, y_6) \\ &= \max \left\{ 1 + \frac{2(\sqrt{2} - 1)}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} (\lambda - \mu)\mu, 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \left( \sqrt{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)^2 + 4\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2 \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

(I<sub>3</sub>). If  $y = y_2$  or  $y_8$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} B(x_1, y_2, t) &= B(x_1, y_8, t) = \left\| \left( \lambda + \frac{\mu t}{\sqrt{2}}, \pm \frac{\mu t}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 + \left\| \left( \mu - \frac{\lambda t}{\sqrt{2}}, \mp \frac{\lambda t}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 \\ &= (\lambda + \mu t)^2 + \max \left\{ \left[ \left| \mu - \frac{\lambda t}{\sqrt{2}} \right| + \frac{\lambda t}{\sqrt{2}}(\sqrt{2} - 1) \right]^2, \left[ \frac{t\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} + (\sqrt{2} - 1) \left| \mu - \frac{\lambda t}{\sqrt{2}} \right| \right]^2 \right\} \\ &= (\lambda + \mu t)^2 + \begin{cases} (\mu + (1 - \sqrt{2})\lambda t)^2; & \mu \geq \sqrt{2}t\lambda \\ (\lambda t - (\sqrt{2} - 1)\mu)^2; & 0 \leq \mu \leq \frac{\lambda t}{\sqrt{2}} \\ (\sqrt{2} - 1)^2(t\lambda + \mu)^2; & \frac{\lambda t}{\sqrt{2}} \leq \mu \leq \sqrt{2}\lambda t \end{cases} \\ &\stackrel{\text{if } \lambda > \sqrt{2}\mu}{=} \begin{cases} (1 + t^2)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda^2 t^2 + (4 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}\lambda} \\ (1 + t^2)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})\mu^2 + (4 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & \frac{\sqrt{2}\mu}{\lambda} \leq t \leq 1 \\ (1 + t^2)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})(\mu^2 + \lambda^2 t^2) + (8 - 4\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}\lambda} \leq t \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}\mu}{\lambda} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\stackrel{\text{if } \lambda \leq \sqrt{2}\mu}{=} \begin{cases} (1 + t^2)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda^2 t^2 + (4 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}\lambda} \\ (1 + t^2)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})(\mu^2 + \lambda^2 t^2) + (8 - 4\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}\lambda} \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

When  $\lambda > \sqrt{2}\mu$ , by (2.2) and (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, y_2) &= M(x_1, y_8) \\ &= \max \left\{ 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \left( \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\mu^2} - \lambda \right) \lambda, 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} (\sqrt{2}\lambda - \mu)\mu, \right. \\ &\quad \left. 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \left( \sqrt{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)^2 + 4\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2 \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\mu \leq \lambda \leq \sqrt{2}\mu$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, y_2) &= M(x_1, y_8) \\ &= \max \left\{ 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \left( \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\mu^2} - \lambda \right) \lambda, 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \left( \sqrt{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)^2 + 4\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2 \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

(I<sub>4</sub>). If  $y = y_3$  or  $y_7$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} B(x_1, y_3, t) &= B(x_1, y_7, t) = \left\| \left( \lambda - \frac{\mu t}{\sqrt{2}}, \pm \frac{\mu t}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 + \left\| \left( \mu + \frac{\lambda t}{\sqrt{2}}, \mp \frac{\lambda t}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 \\ &\stackrel{\text{if } \lambda \leq \sqrt{2}\mu}{=} \begin{cases} (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})\mu^2 t^2 + (4 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}\mu}, \\ (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})(\lambda^2 + t^2\mu^2) + (8 - 4\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}\mu} \leq t \leq 1, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\stackrel{\text{if } \lambda > \sqrt{2}\mu}{=} (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})\mu^2 t^2 + (4 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

and by (2.3)

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, y_3) &= M(x_1, y_7) \\ &= \begin{cases} \max \left\{ 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \left( \sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu \right) \mu, 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \left( \sqrt{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)^2 + 4\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2 \right) \right\}; & \lambda \leq \sqrt{2}\mu \\ 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \left( \sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu \right) \mu; & \lambda \geq \sqrt{2}\mu \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

**Case II.**  $x = x_2 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$ .

(II<sub>1</sub>). If  $y = y_2$  or  $y_7$ , then  $B(x_2, y_2, t) = B(x_2, y_7, t) = (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2)$ , and  $M(x_2, y_2) = M(x_2, y_7) = 1$ .

(II<sub>2</sub>). If  $y = y_1$  or  $y_4$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} B(x_2, y_1, t) &= B(x_2, y_4, t) \\ &= \left\| \left( \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} + \mu t, \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 + \left\| \left( \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}} - \lambda t, \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 \\ &\stackrel{\text{if } \lambda \geq \sqrt{2}\mu}{=} \begin{cases} (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda^2 t^2 + (4 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}\lambda} \\ (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})(\mu^2 + \lambda^2 t^2) + (8 - 4\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}\lambda} \leq t \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}\mu}{\lambda} \\ (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})\mu^2 + (4 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & \frac{\sqrt{2}\mu}{\lambda} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}
 & B(x_2, y_1, t) \\
 = & B(x_2, y_4, t) \\
 = & \left\| \left( \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} + \mu t, \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 + \left\| \left( \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}} - \lambda t, \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 \\
 = & \begin{cases} (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda^2 t^2 + (4 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}\lambda}, \\ (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})(\mu^2 + \lambda^2 t^2) + (8 - 4\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}\lambda} \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the case is as same as (I<sub>3</sub>).

(II<sub>3</sub>). If  $y = y_3$  or  $y_8$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(x_2, y_3, t) &= B(x_2, y_8, t) \\
 &= \left\| \left( \frac{\lambda - \mu t}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\lambda + \mu t}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 + \left\| \left( \frac{\mu + \lambda t}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\mu - \lambda t}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \{ [\lambda + \mu t + (\sqrt{2} - 1)|\lambda - \mu t|]^2 + [\mu + \lambda t + (\sqrt{2} - 1)|\mu - \lambda t|]^2 \} \\
 &= \begin{cases} (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)t^2 + (4\sqrt{2} - 4)\lambda\mu t; & \mu \geq \lambda t, \\ (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1 + t^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})\mu^2(1 + t^2) + (4\sqrt{2} - 4)\lambda\mu t; & \mu \leq \lambda t, \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

which is just as same as the case (I<sub>2</sub>).

(II<sub>4</sub>). If  $y = y_5$  or  $y_6$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(x_2, y_5, t) &= B(x_2, y_6, t) \\
 &= \left\| \left( \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} - \mu t, \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 + \left\| \left( \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}} + \lambda t, \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 \\
 &= \begin{cases} (1 + t^2)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})(\lambda^2 + \mu^2 t^2) + (8 - 4\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}\mu} \leq t \leq 1, \\ (1 + t^2)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})\mu^2 t^2 + (4 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}\mu}, \end{cases} \\
 \text{(or)} & \stackrel{(1) \geq \sqrt{2}\mu t}{=} (1 + t^2)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})\mu^2 t^2 + (4 - 2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu t; \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

So, by (2.3) and (2.4), we can get

(1) For  $\lambda < \sqrt{2}\mu$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 M(x_2, y_5) &= M(x_2, y_6) \\
 &= \max \left\{ 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} (\sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu)\mu, 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} (\sqrt{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)^2 + 4\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(2) For  $\lambda \geq \sqrt{2}\mu$ ,

$$M(x_2, y_5) = M(x_2, y_6) = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\mu^2 + \lambda^2} (\sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2} - \mu)\mu.$$

**Case III.**  $x = x_3 = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ .

(III<sub>1</sub>). If  $y = y_3$  or  $y_8$ , then  $M(x_3, y_3) = M(x_3, y_8) = 1$ .

(III<sub>2</sub>). If  $y = y_1$  or  $y_6$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} B(x_3, y_1, t) &= B(x_3, y_6, t) = \left\| \left( \frac{-\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} + \mu t, \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 + \left\| \left( -\lambda t - \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 \\ &= B(x_2, y_5, t) = B(x_2, y_6, t). \end{aligned}$$

(III<sub>3</sub>). If  $y = y_4$  or  $y_5$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} B(x_3, y_4, t) &= B(x_3, y_5, t) = \left\| \left( -\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} + \mu t \right) \right\|^2 + \left\| \left( -\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}} - \lambda t \right) \right\|^2 \\ &= B(x_2, y_1, t) = B(x_2, y_4, t). \end{aligned}$$

(III<sub>4</sub>). If  $y = y_2$  or  $y_7$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} B(x_3, y_2, t) &= B(x_3, y_7, t) = \left\| \left( -\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\mu t}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\mu t}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 + \left\| \left( -\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\lambda t}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\lambda t}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|^2 \\ &= B(x_2, y_3, t) = B(x_3, y_8, t). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

(a) If  $\mu \leq \lambda \leq \sqrt{2}\mu$ , then

$$L_{YJ}(X) = \max \{l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4\}.$$

(b) If  $\lambda \geq \sqrt{2}\mu$ , then

$$L_{YJ}(X) = \max \{l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4, l_5\},$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} l_1 &= 1 + \frac{2(\sqrt{2}-1)(\lambda-\mu)\mu}{\lambda^2+\mu^2}, \\ l_2 &= 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\lambda^2+\mu^2} \left[ \sqrt{\lambda^4+\mu^4+6\lambda^2\mu^2} - \lambda^2 - \mu^2 \right], \\ l_3 &= 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\lambda^2+\mu^2} \left( \sqrt{\lambda^2+2\mu^2} - \lambda \right) \lambda, \\ l_4 &= 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\lambda^2+\mu^2} \left( \sqrt{\mu^2+2\lambda^2} - \mu \right) \mu, \\ l_5 &= 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\lambda^2+\mu^2} (\sqrt{2}\lambda - \mu)\mu. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Lemma 2.3, we can obtain

- (1) If  $\mu \leq \lambda \leq \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\mu$ , then  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = l_2$ .
- (2) If  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\mu \leq \lambda \leq \sqrt{2}\mu$ , then  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = l_4$ .
- (3) If  $\sqrt{2}\mu \leq \lambda \leq 2\mu$ , then  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = l_4$ .
- (4) If  $2\mu \leq \lambda$ , then  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = l_1$ .  $\square$

From the proof of Theorem 2.4, we can also get the following corollary.



**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $X$  be the regular octagon space, which is  $\mathbb{R}^2$  endowed with the norm

$$\|x\| = \max\{|x_1| + (\sqrt{2} - 1)|x_2|, |x_2| + (\sqrt{2} - 1)|x_1|\}.$$

(i) If  $\mu \leq \lambda \leq \sqrt{2}\mu$ , then

$$L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = (2 - \sqrt{2}) \frac{(\lambda + \mu)^2}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}.$$

(ii) If  $\sqrt{2}\mu \leq \lambda \leq (1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})\mu$ , then

$$L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = \frac{\lambda^2 + (2 - \sqrt{2})(\mu^2 + \lambda\mu)}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}.$$

(iii) If  $(1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})\mu \leq \lambda$ , then

$$L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = \frac{[\lambda + (\sqrt{2} - 1)\mu]^2}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}.$$

(iv) If  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\mu \leq \lambda \leq \mu$ , then

$$L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = (2 - \sqrt{2}) \frac{(\lambda + \mu)^2}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}.$$

(v) If  $(2 - \sqrt{2})\mu \leq \lambda \leq \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2}}$ , then

$$L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = \frac{\mu^2 + (2 - \sqrt{2})(\lambda^2 + \lambda\mu)}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}.$$

(vi) If  $\lambda \leq (2 - \sqrt{2})\mu$ , then

$$L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1 + \frac{[\mu + (\sqrt{2} - 1)\lambda]^2}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}.$$

*Proof.* By symmetry, we just have to prove (i)-(iii).

(i) If  $\mu \leq \lambda \leq \sqrt{2}\mu$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(2 - 2\sqrt{2})(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (8 - 4\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu\} - 4(\sqrt{2} - 1)(\lambda\mu - \mu^2) \\ &= (2\sqrt{2} - 2)[\mu^2 + (2\sqrt{2} - 2)\lambda\mu - \lambda^2] \\ &\geq (2\sqrt{2} - 2)[\frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 + (2 - \sqrt{2})\lambda^2 - \lambda^2] \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by the proof of Theorem 2.4, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup\{\|\lambda x + \mu y\|^2 + \|\mu x - \lambda y\|^2 : x, y \in S_X\} \\ &= \max\{2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + 4(\sqrt{2} - 1)(\lambda\mu - \mu^2), 2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (8 - 4\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu\} \\ &= 2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (8 - 4\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu \\ &= (4 - 2\sqrt{2})(\lambda + \mu)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = (2 - \sqrt{2}) \frac{(\lambda + \mu)^2}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}.$$

(ii) If  $\sqrt{2}\mu \leq \lambda \leq \frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2}\mu$ , then

$$4(\sqrt{2}-1)(\lambda\mu - \mu^2) - [(2-2\sqrt{2})\mu^2 + (4-2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu] = (6\sqrt{2}-8)\mu[\lambda - \frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2}\mu] \leq 0.$$

Also, by the proof of Theorem 2.4, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup\{\|\lambda x + \mu y\|^2 + \|\mu x - \lambda y\|^2 : x, y \in S_X\} \\ &= \max\{2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + 4(\sqrt{2}-1)(\lambda\mu - \mu^2), 2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2-2\sqrt{2})\mu^2 + (4-2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu\} \\ &= 2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2-2\sqrt{2})\mu^2 + (4-2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = \frac{\lambda^2 + (2-\sqrt{2})(\mu^2 + \lambda\mu)}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}.$$

(iii) If  $\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2}\mu \leq \lambda$ , then

$$4(\sqrt{2}-1)(\lambda\mu - \mu^2) - [(2-2\sqrt{2})\mu^2 + (4-2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu] = (6\sqrt{2}-8)\mu[\lambda - \frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2}\mu] \geq 0.$$

Also, by the proof of Theorem 2.4, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup\{\|\lambda x + \mu y\|^2 + \|\mu x - \lambda y\|^2 : x, y \in S_X\} \\ &= \max\{2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + 4(\sqrt{2}-1)(\lambda\mu - \mu^2), 2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + (2-2\sqrt{2})\mu^2 + (4-2\sqrt{2})\lambda\mu\} \\ &= 2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2) + 4(\sqrt{2}-1)(\lambda\mu - \mu^2). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = \frac{[\lambda + (\sqrt{2}-1)\mu]^2}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}.$$

□

**Remark 2.6.** The regular octagonal space is very important in the theory of geometric constants of spaces. For example, it is a non-Hilbert space satisfying James constant  $J(X) = \sqrt{2}$ . Therefore, it is very meaningful to calculate the values of some geometric constants in this space. The conclusion of Theorem 2.4 is a generalization of the classical result  $C_{NJ}(X) = 4 - 2\sqrt{2}$  for the regular octagonal space  $X$ .

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