

## AN INEQUALITY BETWEEN $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$ CONSTANT AND GENERALIZED JAMES CONSTANT

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*Abstract.* In this paper, a simple inequality

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \leq \frac{3 \max\{\lambda^2, \mu^2\} + \min\{\lambda^2, \mu^2\}}{(\lambda + \mu)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)} J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)$$

was given for the constant  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$  and the generalized James constant  $J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)$ , which can be regarded as a further generalization of Alonso's inequality  $C_{NJ}(X) \leq J(X)$ .

### 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 always assume Banach space  $X$  is nontrivial, i.e.,  $\dim X \geq 2$ .

Recall that the von Neumann-Jordan constant  $C_{NJ}(X)$  of a Banach space  $X$  was introduced by Clarkson [3] 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 form of this constant is

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

The 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 [1]

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

Another geometric constant is James constant which is defined by

$$J(X) = \sup \{ \min \{ \|x + y\|, \|x - y\| \} : x, y \in B_X \}.$$

An important relationship between the von Neumann-Jordan constant and the James constant is Alonso's inequality [11, 13]

$$C_{NJ}(X) \leq J(X). \quad (1.1)$$

The properties of  $C_{NJ}(X)$  and  $J(X)$  have been investigated in many papers, and these classical constants has been generalized in many directions (for example, see [4, 6, 10, 12, 14]).

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 [9] 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 [7] introduced a new geometric constant  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$  for  $\lambda, \mu > 0$  as follows

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

A similar constant

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

was also introduced by Liu et al. in [8].

Now let us collect some properties of these constants (see [7, 8]). 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  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1$  or  $L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1$ ;
- (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  $L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) < 1 + \frac{2\lambda\mu}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}$ ;

(v)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2 \min\{\lambda^2, \mu^2\} C'_{NJ}(X)}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} &\leq L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \\ &\leq \frac{2\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} C'_{NJ}(X) + \frac{2\sqrt{2}\lambda|\lambda - \mu|}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \sqrt{C'_{NJ}(X)} + \frac{|\lambda - \mu|^2}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}. \end{aligned}$$

To further estimate the upper bound of the constant  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$ , in this paper, we will give a relationship among the constant  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$  and generalized James constant  $J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)$ , which is defined as

$$J_{\lambda, \mu}(X) = \sup \left\{ \min\{\|\lambda x + \mu y\|, \|\mu x - \lambda y\|\} : x, y \in B_X \right\}.$$

And we point out that this relationship inequality covers Alonso's inequality (1.1).

### 2. Main results

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $\lambda, \mu > 0$  and  $X$  be a Banach space. If there exist two positive numbers  $E$  and  $F$  such that*

$$\sup \{ \|\lambda x + \mu y\|^2 + \|\mu x - \lambda y\|^2 : x, y \in S_X \} \leq E$$

and

$$\sup \{ \lambda \|\lambda x + \mu y\| + \mu \|\mu x - \lambda y\| : x, y \in S_X \} \leq F,$$

then

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \leq 1 + \frac{E - 2F + \sqrt{(E - 2F)^2 + 4(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)^2}}{2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)}. \tag{2.1}$$

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in S_X$ , then clearly

$$\|\lambda x + \mu t y\| \leq t \|\lambda x + \mu y\| + (1 - t)\lambda$$

and

$$\|\mu x - t \lambda y\| \leq t \|\mu x - \lambda y\| + (1 - t)\mu$$

for every  $t \in [0, 1]$ , which implies

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\lambda x + \mu t y\|^2 + \|\mu x - t \lambda y\|^2 \\ &\leq [t \|\lambda x + \mu y\| + (1 - t)\lambda]^2 + [t \|\mu x - \lambda y\| + (1 - t)\mu]^2 \\ &\leq E t^2 + 2t(1 - t)F + (1 - t)^2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) &= \sup \left\{ \frac{\|\lambda x + \mu ty\|^2 + \|\mu x - t\lambda y\|^2}{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1+t^2)} \mid x, y \in S_X, 0 \leq t \leq 1 \right\} \\
 &\leq \sup \left\{ \frac{Et^2 + 2t(1-t)F + (1-t)^2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)}{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1+t^2)} \mid 0 \leq t \leq 1 \right\} \\
 &= 1 + \sup \left\{ \frac{(E - 2F)t^2 + 2(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)t}{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(1+t^2)} \mid 0 \leq t \leq 1 \right\} \\
 &\leq 1 + \frac{E - 2F + \sqrt{(E - 2F)^2 + 4(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)^2}}{2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)},
 \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality is obtained by

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left( E - 2F - \sqrt{(E - 2F)^2 + 4(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)^2} \right) t^2 \\
 &\quad + 4(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)t - \left( E - 2F + \sqrt{(E - 2F)^2 + 4(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)^2} \right) \\
 &\leq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

for any  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

In fact, when  $E - 2F - \sqrt{(E - 2F)^2 + 4(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)^2} = 0$ , it is obviously valid.

When  $E - 2F - \sqrt{(E - 2F)^2 + 4(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)^2} \neq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left( E - 2F - \sqrt{(E - 2F)^2 + 4(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)^2} \right) t^2 \\
 &\quad + 4(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)t - \left( E - 2F + \sqrt{(E - 2F)^2 + 4(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)^2} \right) \\
 &= \left( E - 2F - \sqrt{(E - 2F)^2 + 4(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)^2} \right) \\
 &\quad \times \left( t + \frac{2(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)}{E - 2F - \sqrt{(E - 2F)^2 + 4(F - \lambda^2 - \mu^2)^2}} \right)^2 \\
 &\leq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

for any real  $t$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 2.2. *If  $0 < \mu < 1$  and  $x, y \in S_X$ , and  $F_{x,y} = \|x + \mu y\| + \mu\|\mu x - y\|$ , then we have*

$$F_{x,y} \leq (1 + \mu)^2 - \frac{1 + \mu^2}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} \mu(1 + \mu) + \mu(1 + \mu^2),$$

where  $J_{1,\mu}(X) = \sup \{ \min \{ \|x + \mu y\|, \|\mu x - y\| \} \mid x, y \in B_X \}$ .

*Proof.* a) If  $\max \{ \|x + \mu y\|, \|\mu x - y\| \} \leq J_{1,\mu}(X)$ , then

$$F_{x,y} \leq (1 + \mu)J_{1,\mu}(X) \leq (1 + \mu)^2 + \mu(1 + \mu^2) \left( 1 - \frac{1 + \mu}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} \right),$$

which follows from

$$J_{1,\mu}(X) \geq \mu \geq \frac{\mu(1 + \mu^2)}{1 + \mu}. \quad (2.2)$$

b) If  $\varepsilon := \|\mu x - y\| > J_{1,\mu}(X)$ , then for every sufficient small positive number  $\sigma$ , we have  $\varepsilon > J_{1,\mu}(X) + \sigma$ .

Letting

$$x' = \frac{J_{1,\mu}(X) + \sigma}{\varepsilon} x + \left( 1 - \frac{J_{1,\mu}(X) + \sigma}{\varepsilon} \right) \frac{x + \mu y}{\|x + \mu y\|},$$

$$y' = \frac{J_{1,\mu}(X) + \sigma}{\varepsilon} y + \mu \left( 1 - \frac{J_{1,\mu}(X) + \sigma}{\varepsilon} \right) \frac{x + \mu y}{\|x + \mu y\|},$$

we have  $\|x'\| \leq 1, \|y'\| \leq 1$  and

$$\|\mu x' - y'\| = J_{1,\mu} + \sigma > J_{1,\mu}(X),$$

which implies

$$\|x' + \mu y'\| \leq J_{1,\mu}(X),$$

that is,

$$\frac{J_{1,\mu}(X) + \sigma}{\varepsilon} \|x + \mu y\| + \left( 1 - \frac{J_{1,\mu}(X) + \sigma}{\varepsilon} \right) (1 + \mu^2) \leq J_{1,\mu}(X).$$

Hence, we can get

$$\|x + \mu y\| \leq \varepsilon + \left( 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} \right) (1 + \mu^2) \quad (2.3)$$

by  $\sigma \rightarrow 0^+$ .

Therefore, by  $\varepsilon > J_{1,\mu}(X)$ , we obtain

$$F_{x,y} \leq (1 + \mu)\varepsilon + \left( 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} \right) (1 + \mu^2)$$

$$\leq (1 + \mu)\varepsilon + \left( 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} \right) \mu(1 + \mu^2).$$

c) If  $\varepsilon := \|x + \mu y\| > J_{1,\mu}(X)$ .

Similar to (b), it can be concluded that

$$\|\mu x - y\| \leq \varepsilon + \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right) (1 + \mu^2), \quad (2.4)$$

which implies

$$F_{x,y} \leq (1 + \mu)\varepsilon + \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right) \mu (1 + \mu^2).$$

Therefore, from b) and c), we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{x,y} &\leq \max \left\{ (1 + \mu)\varepsilon + \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right) \mu (1 + \mu^2) : \varepsilon \in [J_{1,\mu}(X), 1 + \mu] \right\} \\ &= \left(1 + \mu - \frac{\mu (1 + \mu^2)}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right) (1 + \mu) + \mu (1 + \mu^2) \end{aligned}$$

by (2.2).  $\square$

LEMMA 2.3. Let  $0 < \mu \leq \lambda$ . If  $J_{\lambda,\mu}(X) = \sup \left\{ \min \{ \|\lambda x + \mu y\|, \|\mu x - \lambda y\| \} : x, y \in B_X \right\}$ , then

$$J_{\lambda,\mu}(X) \geq \frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}{\sqrt{2}\lambda}.$$

*Proof.* In [5], the author proved that there exist  $u, v \in S_X$  such that  $\|u + v\| = \|u - v\| \geq \sqrt{2}$ . Now by taking  $x = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[ \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2} u + \frac{\lambda - \mu}{2} v \right]$  and  $y = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[ \frac{\mu - \lambda}{2} u + \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2} v \right]$ , we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\| &\leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[ \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2} + \frac{\lambda - \mu}{2} \right] = 1, \quad \|y\| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[ \frac{\lambda - \mu}{2} + \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2} \right] = 1, \\ \|\lambda x + \mu y\| &= \left\| \lambda \left( \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2\lambda} u + \frac{\lambda - \mu}{2\lambda} v \right) + \mu \left( \frac{\mu - \lambda}{2\lambda} u + \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2\lambda} v \right) \right\| \\ &= \left\| \frac{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)(u + v)}{2\lambda} \right\| \geq \frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}{\sqrt{2}\lambda}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu x - \lambda y\| &= \left\| \mu \left( \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2\lambda} u + \frac{\lambda - \mu}{2\lambda} v \right) - \lambda \left( \frac{\mu - \lambda}{2\lambda} u + \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2\lambda} v \right) \right\| \\ &= \left\| \frac{(\mu^2 + \lambda^2)(u - v)}{2\lambda} \right\| \geq \frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}{\sqrt{2}\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $J_{\lambda,\mu}(X) \geq \frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}{\sqrt{2}\lambda}$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 2.4. Let  $E_{x,y} = \|x + \mu y\|^2 + \|\mu x - y\|^2$  for  $x, y \in S_X$ , if  $0 < \mu < 1$ , then

$$E_{x,y} \leq (1 + \mu)^2 + \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{1 + \mu^2}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} \right) (1 + \mu) + 1 + \mu^2 \right]^2$$

for any  $x, y \in S_X$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $H(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^2 + \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{1 + \mu^2}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} \right) \varepsilon + 1 + \mu^2 \right]^2$ , then we can prove that

$$E_{x,y} \leq \max \{ H(\varepsilon) \mid J_{1,\mu}(X) \leq \varepsilon \leq 1 + \mu \}.$$

In fact, if  $\max \{ \|x + \mu y\|, \|\mu x - y\| \} \leq J_{1,\mu}(X)$ , then  $E_{x,y} \leq 2J_{1,\mu}(X)^2 = H(J_{1,\mu}(X))$ . On the other hand, if  $\varepsilon = \|\mu x - y\|$  or  $\varepsilon = \|x + \mu y\| > J_{1,\mu}(X)$ , then  $\varepsilon \leq 1 + \mu$  and by (2.3) or (2.4), we have  $E_{x,y} \leq \varepsilon^2 + \left( \varepsilon + \left( 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} \right) (1 + \mu^2) \right)^2 = H(\varepsilon)$ .

Because  $H(\varepsilon)$  is convex, we have

$$E_{x,y} \leq \max \{ H(J_{1,\mu}(X)), H(1 + \mu) \}.$$

Finally, by applying Lemma 2.3, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & H(1 + \mu) - H(J_{1,\mu}(X)) \\ &= (1 + \mu - J_{1,\mu}(X)) \\ & \times \left[ 2(1 + \mu + J_{1,\mu}(X)) + \frac{1 + \mu - J_{1,\mu}(X)}{J_{1,\mu}(X)^2} (1 + \mu^2)^2 - \frac{2(1 + \mu)(1 + \mu^2)}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} \right] \\ &= \frac{(1 + \mu - J_{1,\mu}(X))}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} \\ & \times \left[ 2(1 + \mu)J_{1,\mu}(X) + \frac{(1 + \mu)}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} (1 + \mu^2)^2 + 2J_{1,\mu}(X)^2 - (1 + \mu^2)^2 - 2(1 + \mu)(1 + \mu^2) \right] \\ &\geq \frac{1 + \mu - J_{1,\mu}(X)}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} \\ & \times \left[ 2\sqrt{2(1 + \mu)^2(1 + \mu^2)^2} + 2 \cdot \left( \frac{1 + \mu^2}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 - (1 + \mu^2)^2 - 2(1 + \mu)(1 + \mu^2) \right] \\ &= \frac{1 + \mu - J_{1,\mu}(X)}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} \left[ 2\sqrt{2}(1 + \mu)(1 + \mu^2) - 2(1 + \mu)(1 + \mu^2) \right] \\ &\geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which complete the proof.  $\square$

LEMMA 2.5. If  $0 < \mu \leq 1$ , then

$$L_{YJ}(1, \mu, X) \leq \frac{3 + \mu^2}{(1 + \mu)(1 + \mu^2)} J_{1,\mu}(X). \quad (2.5)$$

*Proof.* If  $\mu = 1$ , then (2.5) is just (1.1). Now we can suppose that  $0 < \mu < 1$ . Let  $E = (1 + \mu)^2 + \left[1 + \mu + (1 + \mu^2) \left(1 - \frac{1+\mu}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right)\right]^2$  and  $F = (1 + \mu)^2 - \frac{1+\mu^2}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\mu(1 + \mu) + \mu(1 + \mu^2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} E - 2F &= \left(1 - \frac{1 + \mu}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right)^2 (1 + \mu^2)^2 + 2(1 + \mu)(1 + \mu^2) \left(1 - \frac{1 + \mu}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{2(1 + \mu^2)}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\mu(1 + \mu) - 2\mu(1 + \mu^2) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1 + \mu}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right) (1 + \mu^2) \left[ (1 + \mu^2) \left(1 - \frac{1 + \mu}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right) + 2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$F - (1 + \mu^2) = \mu \left[ (1 + \mu^2) \left(1 - \frac{1 + \mu}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right) + 2 \right].$$

By Lemma 2.1, Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.4, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} L_{YJ}(1, \mu, X) &\leq 1 + \frac{E - 2F + \sqrt{(E - 2F)^2 + 4(F - 1 - \mu^2)^2}}{2(1 + \mu^2)} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1 - \frac{1+\mu}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} + \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{1+\mu}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right)^2 + \frac{4\mu^2}{(1+\mu^2)^2}}}{2} \\ &\quad \times \left(3 + \mu^2 - \frac{(1 + \mu)(1 + \mu^2)}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

So, in order to get (2.5) we just need prove

$$J_{1,\mu}(X) \geq \frac{(1 + \mu)(1 + \mu^2)}{3 + \mu^2} \tag{2.7}$$

and

$$1 - \frac{1 + \mu}{J_{1,\mu}(X)} + \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{1 + \mu}{J_{1,\mu}(X)}\right)^2 + \frac{4\mu^2}{(1 + \mu^2)^2}} \leq \frac{2J_{1,\mu}(X)}{(1 + \mu)(1 + \mu^2)}. \tag{2.8}$$

In fact, (2.7) is clear by  $\sqrt{2}(1 + \mu) \leq 2\sqrt{2} \leq 3 + \mu^2$  and  $J_{1,\mu}(X) \geq \frac{1+\mu^2}{\sqrt{2}} \geq \frac{(1+\mu)(1+\mu^2)}{3+\mu^2}$ . Moreover, (2.8) is equivalent to

$$J_{1,\mu}(X)^2 - (1 + \mu)(1 + \mu^2)J_{1,\mu}(X) + (1 + \mu)^2 \geq 0.$$

Because

$$\Delta := (1 + \mu)^2(1 + \mu^2)^2 - 4(1 + \mu)^2 = (1 + \mu)^2 \left[ (1 + \mu^2)^2 - 4 \right] \leq 0,$$

and hence we can see (2.8) is valid.  $\square$



THEOREM 2.1. *If  $\lambda, \mu > 0$ , then*

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \leq \frac{3 \max\{\lambda^2, \mu^2\} + \min\{\lambda^2, \mu^2\}}{(\lambda + \mu)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)} J_{\lambda, \mu}(X).$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) &\leq 1 + \frac{1 - \frac{\lambda + \mu}{J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)} + \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda + \mu}{J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)}\right)^2 + \frac{4\lambda^2\mu^2}{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)^2}}}{2 \max\{\lambda^2, \mu^2\}} \\ &\quad \times \left( 2 \max\{\lambda^2, \mu^2\} + \lambda^2 + \mu^2 - \frac{(\lambda + \mu)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)}{J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mu' = \frac{\min\{\lambda, \mu\}}{\max\{\lambda, \mu\}}$ , then  $0 < \mu' \leq 1$ . By Lemma 2.5 and note that  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = L_{YJ}(\mu, \lambda, X) = L_{YJ}(1, \mu', X)$ , we have

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = L_{YJ}(1, \mu', X) \leq \frac{3 + \mu'^2}{(1 + \mu')(1 + \mu'^2)} J_{1, \mu'}(X),$$

that is

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \leq \frac{3 \max\{\lambda^2, \mu^2\} + \min\{\lambda^2, \mu^2\}}{(\lambda + \mu)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)} J_{\lambda, \mu}(X).$$

Similarly, (2.9) can be obtained from (2.6).  $\square$

As an application of Theorem 2.1, we have

THEOREM 2.2. *If  $\lambda, \mu > 0$ , then  $X$  is uniformly non-square if and only if  $J_{\lambda, \mu}(X) < \lambda + \mu$ .*

*Proof.* If  $X$  is not uniformly non-square, then  $L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1 + \frac{2\lambda\mu}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}$ , then (2.9) implies

$$\begin{aligned} &1 + \frac{2\lambda\mu}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{1 - \frac{\lambda + \mu}{J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)} + \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda + \mu}{J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)}\right)^2 + \frac{4\lambda^2\mu^2}{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)^2}}}{2 \max\{\lambda^2, \mu^2\}} \\ &\quad \times \left( 2 \max\{\lambda^2, \mu^2\} + \lambda^2 + \mu^2 - \frac{(\lambda + \mu)(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)}{J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)} \right) \\ &\leq 1 + 1 - \frac{\lambda + \mu}{J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)} + \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda + \mu}{J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)}\right)^2 + \frac{4\lambda^2\mu^2}{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)^2}} \\ &\leq 1 + 1 - \frac{\lambda + \mu}{J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)} + \left| 1 - \frac{\lambda + \mu}{J_{\lambda, \mu}(X)} \right| + \frac{2\lambda\mu}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{2\lambda\mu}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $J_{\lambda,\mu}(X) = \lambda + \mu$ .

On the other hand, if  $J_{\lambda,\mu}(X) = \lambda + \mu$ , then there exist  $x_n, y_n \in B_X$  such that  $\|\lambda x_n + \mu y_n\| \rightarrow \lambda + \mu$  and  $\|\mu x_n - \lambda y_n\| \rightarrow \lambda + \mu$ . We can easily get  $\|x_n\|, \|y_n\| \rightarrow 1$  and  $\|\lambda \frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|} + \mu \frac{y_n}{\|y_n\|}\| \rightarrow \lambda + \mu$  and  $\|\mu \frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|} - \lambda \frac{y_n}{\|y_n\|}\| \rightarrow \lambda + \mu$ . Therefore,  $L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) = 1 + \frac{2\lambda\mu}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}$  by (1.3) and this implies that  $X$  is not uniformly non-square.  $\square$

REMARK 2.1. By the proof of Theorem 2.2 and (2.9), we also have

$$1 \leq L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \leq 1 + \frac{2\lambda\mu}{\lambda^2 + \mu^2},$$

which is an improvement of the inequality  $1 \leq L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \leq 2$ .

In addition, similar to the inequality between  $C_{NJ}(X)$  and  $C'_{NJ}(X)$ , there are also the following inequality between  $L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$  and  $L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$ .

COROLLARY 2.1. For any Banach space  $X$  and  $\lambda, \mu > 0$ , we have

$$L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \leq 2 \left( 1 + L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) - \sqrt{2L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)} \right).$$

*Proof.* By the definition of  $L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)$ , we can get

$$\sup \{ \|\lambda x + \mu y\|^2 + \|\mu x - \lambda y\|^2 : x, y \in S_X \} \leq 2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2)L'(\lambda, \mu, X)$$

and

$$\sup \{ \lambda \|\lambda x + \mu y\| + \mu \|\mu x - \lambda y\| : x, y \in S_X \} \leq (\lambda^2 + \mu^2) \sqrt{2L'(\lambda, \mu, X)}.$$

Now applying Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & L_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) \\ & \leq 1 + L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) - \sqrt{2L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)} \\ & \quad + \sqrt{[L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) - \sqrt{2L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)}]^2 + [\sqrt{2L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)} - 1]^2} \\ & = 1 + L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) - \sqrt{2L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)} \\ & \quad + \sqrt{[L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) - \sqrt{2L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)}]^2 + 2L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) - 2\sqrt{2L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)} + 1} \\ & = 2[1 + L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X) - \sqrt{2L'_{YJ}(\lambda, \mu, X)}]. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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