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## ON BISUBDIFFERENTIALS OF BICONVEX OPERATORS

### Abstract

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In the work bisubdifferentials and biadjoint operator for biconvex operators and defined and a number of their properties are studied.

Let  $E$  be some ordered vector space, i.e. the space with preferred salient (convex) cone  $E^+$ , a cone of positive elements. Let's join to the space  $E$  the greatest element  $+\infty$ , at that the order, induced  $E$  from  $\bar{E} = E \cup \{+\infty\}$  coincides with initial order in  $E$  (see [1]).

The ordered real vector space  $E$ , which is simultaneously a lattice is called a vector lattice. The vector lattice, in which any ordinal bounded set has exact boundaries is called Kontarovich space, or in short  $K$  space.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be real vector spaces. The mapping  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$  is called biconvex (see [2]), if the mappings  $f(\cdot, y) : X \rightarrow \bar{E}$ ,  $f(x, \cdot) : Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$  are convex at  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$ . Denote by  $\tilde{B}(X \times Y, E)$  the vector space of bilinear operators from  $X \times Y$  in  $E$ . Let  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$  be a mapping and  $\text{dom } f = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : f(x, y) < +\infty\}$ . It is easy to check, that if  $f$  is a biconvex operator, then  $\text{dom } f$  is a biconvex set. The following set

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_2^a f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) &= \{x^* \in \tilde{B}(X \times Y, R) : f(x, y) - f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq \\ &\geq x^*(x, y) - x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), (x, y) \in X \times Y\} \end{aligned}$$

we'll call the bisubdifferential of the operator  $f$  at the point  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \text{dom } f$  and if  $P : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$  is a bisublinear operator, then suppose, that

$$\partial_2^a P = \{x^* \in \tilde{B}(X \times Y, R) : P(x, y) \geq x^*(x, y), (x, y) \in X \times Y\}.$$

**Lemma 1.** *If  $P : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$  is a bisublinear operator,  $P(0, 0) = 0$  and  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \text{dom } P$ , then*

$$\partial_2^a P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \{x^* \in \tilde{B}(X \times Y, E) : x^* \in \partial_2^a P, P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\}.$$

**Proof.** If  $x^* \in \partial_2^a P(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , then

$$P(x, y) - P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(x, y) - x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), (x, y) \in X \times Y.$$

Assuming  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  and  $(x, y) = (2\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  respectively, we'll obtain, that  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \leq x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  and  $2P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) - P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq 2x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) - x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . Hence  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . Then we have  $P(x, y) \geq x^*(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , i.e.  $x^* \in \partial_2^a P$ .

Vice versa, if  $x^* \in \partial_2^a P$  and  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , then

$$P(x, y) - P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(x, y) - x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), (x, y) \in X \times Y, \text{ i.e. } x^* \in \partial_2^a P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}).$$

The lemma is proved.

**Lemma 2.** If  $x^* \in \partial_2^a f(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , then

$$f(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y) - 2f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + f(\bar{x} - x, \bar{y} - y) \geq 2x^*(x, y), (x, y) \in X \times Y.$$

**Proof.** From the definition  $\partial_2^a f(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  it implies, that

$$f(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y) - f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y) - x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}),$$

$$f(\bar{x} - x, \bar{y} - y) - f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(\bar{x} - x, \bar{y} - y) - x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}),$$

at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . Adding these correlations we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y) - 2f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + f(\bar{x} - x, \bar{y} - y) \geq \\ & \geq x^*(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y) - 2x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + x^*(\bar{x} - x, \bar{y} - y) = 2x^*(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.

For simplicity we'll assume that  $E$  is  $K$  space.

Let  $x^* \in \tilde{B}(X \times Y, E)$ ,  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$ . Suppose

$$f^*(x^*) = \sup_{\substack{x \in X \\ y \in Y}} \{x^*(x, y) - f(x, y)\}.$$

**Lemma 3.** If  $f$  is a biconvex operator, then  $x^* \in \partial_2^a f(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  if and only if

$$f^*(x^*) + f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}).$$

**Proof.** If  $x^* \in \partial_2^a f(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , then

$$x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) - f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(x, y) - f(x, y)$$

as  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . Therefore

$$x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) - f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \sup_{\substack{x \in X \\ y \in Y}} \{x^*(x, y) - f(x, y)\},$$

i.e.  $f^*(x^*) + f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . Inversely, if

$$f^*(x^*) + f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}),$$

then

$$\sup_{\substack{x \in X \\ y \in Y}} \{x^*(x, y) - f(x, y)\} = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) - f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}).$$

Therefore  $x^*(x, y) - f(x, y) \leq x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) - f(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , i.e.  $f(x, y) - f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(x, y) - x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ .

The lemma is proved.

Let  $g : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$  and  $\text{dom } g = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : g(x, y) < +\infty\} \neq \emptyset$ . As for each pair  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , the mapping  $x^* \rightarrow x^*(x, y)$  is a linear operator on  $\tilde{B}(X \times Y, E)$ , then from the definition of  $g^*(x^*)$ , it implies, that  $x^* \rightarrow g^*(x^*)$  is a convex operator.

Suppose

$$g^{**}(x, y) = \sup_{x^* \in \tilde{B}(X \times Y, E)} \{x^*(x, y) - g^*(x^*)\}.$$

It is clear, that  $(x, y) \rightarrow x^*(x, y) - g^*(x^*)$  is a biconvex operator. Therefore from p. 1.3.6 (1) [1] it implies, that  $(x, y) \rightarrow g^{**}(x, y)$  is a biconvex operator. From the definition of  $g^*(x^*)$  we'll obtain, that  $g^*(x^*) \geq x^*(x, y) - g(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  and  $x^* \in \tilde{B}(X \times Y, E)$ . Therefore  $g^{**}(x, y) \leq g(x, y)$  for any  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ .

Let  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$  be a bipositive homogeneous operator. Suppose

$$\partial_2^a f = \{x^* \in \tilde{B}(X \times Y, E) : f(x, y) \geq x^*(x, y), (x, y) \in X \times Y\}.$$

**Lemma 4.** *If  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$  is a bipositive homogeneous operator and  $f(0, 0) = 0$ , then*

$$f^*(x^*) = \begin{cases} 0; & x^* \in \partial_2^a f \\ +\infty; & x^* \notin \partial_2^a f. \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** If  $x^* \in \partial_2^a f$ , then

$$f^*(x^*) = \sup_{(x,y) \in X \times Y} \{x^*(x, y) - f(x, y)\} \leq 0 = x^*(0, 0) - f(0, 0) \leq f^*(x^*).$$

Hence it implies, that  $f^*(x^*) = 0$ .

If  $x^* \notin \partial_2^a f$ , then there exists  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in X \times Y$  such that  $f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) < x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(x^*) &= \sup_{(x,y) \in X \times Y} \{x^*(x, y) - f(x, y)\} \geq \sup_{\lambda \geq 0} \{x^*(\lambda \bar{x}, \bar{y}) - f(\lambda \bar{x}, \bar{y})\} = \\ &= \sup_{\lambda \geq 0} \lambda \{x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) - f(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\} = +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.

**Theorem 1.** *If  $f(x, y) = \sup_{x^* \in \partial_2^a f} x^*(x, y)$ , then  $f^{**}(x, y) = f(x, y)$ .*

**Proof.** From lemma 4 it implies, that

$$f^*(x^*) = \begin{cases} 0; & x^* \in \partial_2^a f \\ +\infty; & x^* \notin \partial_2^a f \end{cases}.$$

Therefore  $f^{**}(x, y) = \sup_{x^* \in \tilde{B}(X \times Y, E)} \{x^*(x, y) - f^*(x^*)\} = \sup_{x^* \in \partial_2^a f} x^*(x, y)$ , i.e.  $f^{**}(x, y) = f(x, y)$ . The theorem is proved.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\text{dom } f$  be a biconvex set and  $\partial_2^a f(x, y) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $(x, y) \in \text{dom } f$ . Then  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$  is a biconvex operator.*

**Proof.** Let  $(x_1, y), (x_2, y) \in \text{dom } f$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\bar{x} = \alpha x_1 + (1 - \alpha) x_2$  and  $x^* \in \partial_2^a f(\bar{x}, y)$ . Then we'll obtain, that

$$f(x_1, y) - f(\bar{x}, y) \geq x^*(x_1, y) - x^*(\bar{x}, y),$$

$$f(x_2, y) - f(\bar{x}, y) \geq x^*(x_2, y) - x^*(\bar{x}, y).$$

Multiplying the first of these inequalities by  $\alpha$ , and the second by  $1 - \alpha$  and adding them we have

$$\alpha f(x_1, y) + (1 - \alpha) f(x_2, y) - f(\bar{x}, y) \geq \alpha x^*(x_1, y) + (1 - \alpha) x^*(x_2, y) -$$

$$-x^*(\bar{x}, y) = x^*(\alpha x_1 + (1 - \alpha)x_2, y) - x^*(\bar{x}, y) = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\alpha f(x_1, y) + (1 - \alpha)f(x_2, y) \geq f(\bar{x}, y)$$

at  $(x_1, y), (x_2, y) \in \text{dom } f$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Similarly we have, that

$$\beta f(x, y_1) + (1 - \beta)f(x, y_2) \geq f(x, \beta y_1 + (1 - \beta)y_2)$$

at  $(x, y_1), (x, y_2) \in \text{dom } f$  and  $\beta \in [0, 1]$ . The theorem is proved.

The set of all bisublinear operators  $P$  from  $X \times Y$  to  $E$ , which satisfy the condition  $P(-x, -y) = P(x, y)$  we'll denote by  $H$ .

Let's note, that if  $P_1 : X \times Y \rightarrow E$  and  $P_2 : X \times Y \rightarrow E$ , then  $\partial_2^a(P_1 + P_2) \supset \partial_2^a P_1 + \partial_2^a P_2$ .

Really, if  $x_1^* \in \partial_2^a P_1$ ,  $x_2^* \in \partial_2^a P_2$ , then  $P_1(x, y) \geq x_1^*(x, y)$ ,  $P_2(x, y) \geq x_2^*(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . Therefore  $P_1(x, y) + P_2(x, y) \geq x_1^*(x, y) + x_2^*(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , i.e.  $x_1^* + x_2^* \in \partial_2^a(P_1 + P_2)$ .

**Theorem 3.** If  $P_1, P_2 \in H$  and  $\dim Y = 1$ , then  $\partial_2^a(P_1 + P_2) = \partial_2^a P_1 + \partial_2^a P_2$ .

**Proof.** The inclusion  $\partial_2^a(P_1 + P_2) \supset \partial_2^a P_1 + \partial_2^a P_2$  is obvious. Let us prove the inverse inclusion. Let  $x^* \in \partial_2^a(P_1 + P_2)$ . Define the mappings  $\Psi$  and  $z^*$ , acting from the space  $(X \times X) \times (Y \times Y)$  and diagonals  $\Delta(X \times Y) = \{((x, x), (y, y)) : x \in X, y \in Y\}$  respectively, by the formulae

$$\Psi((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = P_1(x_1, y_1) + P_2(x_2, y_2),$$

$$z^*((x, x), (y, y)) = x^*(x, y).$$

Then  $\Psi$  is a bisublinear operator,  $z^*$  is bilinear operator and  $z^*(\vartheta, \omega) \leq \Psi(\vartheta, \omega)$  for all  $(\vartheta, \omega) \in \Delta(X \times Y)$ . By theorem 2.3.2 [3] there exists the bilinear operator  $Z^* : (X \times X) \times (Y \times Y) \rightarrow E$  such that  $Z^* \in \partial_2^a \Psi$  and the contraction  $Z^*$  on  $\Delta(X \times Y)$  coincides with  $z^*$ . Suppose  $z_1^*(x, y) = Z^*((x, 0), (y, y))$ ,  $z_2^*(x, y) = Z^*((0, x), (y, y))$ . It is easy to check, that  $z_1^*$  and  $z_2^*$  are bilinear operators from  $X \times Y$  to  $E$  and  $x^*(x, y) = z_1^*(x, y) + z_2^*(x, y)$ . Besides,  $z_1^*(x, y) \leq \Psi((x, 0), (y, y)) = P_1(x, y) + P_2(0, y) = P_1(x, y)$ , i.e.  $z_1^* \in \partial_2^a P_1$  and  $z_2^*(x, y) \leq \Psi((0, x), (y, y)) = P_1(0, y) + P_2(x, y) = P_2(x, y)$ , i.e.  $z_2^* \in \partial_2^a P_2$ . Therefore  $\partial_2^a(P_1 + P_2) \subset \partial_2^a P_1 + \partial_2^a P_2$ . The theorem is proved.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $P$  and  $Q$  belong to  $H$  and  $P(x, y) + Q(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  and  $\dim Y = 1$ . Then there exists a bilinear operator  $x^* : X \times Y \rightarrow E$  such that

$$-Q(x, y) \leq x^*(x, y) \leq P(x, y), \quad (x, y) \in X \times Y.$$

**Proof.** By the condition of the theorem  $0 \in \partial_2^a(P + Q)$ . By theorem 3 there exist  $x^* \in \partial_2^a P$  and  $z^* \in \partial_2^a Q$  such, that  $x^* + z^* = 0$ . Then we have, that  $-Q(x, y) \leq x^*(x, y) \leq P(x, y)$  as  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . The theorem is proved.

Let  $P : X \times Y \rightarrow E$  be a bisublinear operator,  $X_0$  and  $Y_0$  be subspaces in  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Suppose, that

$$P_{X_0 \times Y_0}(x, y) = \begin{cases} P(x, y) : (x, y) \in X_0 \times Y_0 \\ +\infty : (x, y) \notin X_0 \times Y_0 \end{cases},$$

$$\delta_{X_0 \times Y_0}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 : (x, y) \in X_0 \times Y_0 \\ +\infty : (x, y) \notin X_0 \times Y_0 \end{cases}.$$

**Theorem 5.** If  $P \in H$  and  $\dim Y = 1$ , then  $\partial_2^a P_{X_0 \times Y_0} = \partial_2^a P + \partial_2^a \delta_{X_0 \times Y_0}$ .

**Proof.** If  $x_1^* \in \partial_2^a P$  and  $x_2^* \in \partial_2^a \delta_{X_0 \times Y_0}$ , then  $P(x, y) \geq x_1^*(x, y)$  and  $\delta_{X_0 \times Y_0}(x, y) \geq x_2^*(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . Therefore  $P(x, y) + \delta_{X_0 \times Y_0}(x, y) \geq x_1^*(x, y) + x_2^*(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , i.e.  $\partial_2^a P + \partial_2^a \delta_{X_0 \times Y_0} \subset \partial_2^a P_{X_0 \times Y_0}$ .

If  $x^* \in \partial_2^a P_{X_0 \times Y_0}$ , then  $P(x, y) + \delta_{X_0 \times Y_0}(x, y) \geq x^*(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . Therefore  $P(x, y) \geq x^*(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X_0 \times Y_0$ . Using theorems 2.3.2 [3] we have, that there exists the bilinear operator  $z^* : X \times Y \rightarrow E$  such that  $z^*(x, y) = x^*(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X_0 \times Y_0$  and  $P(x, y) \geq z^*(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . Then  $\delta_{X_0 \times Y_0}(x, y) \geq x^*(x, y) - z^*(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . Therefore  $x^* \in \partial_2^a P + \partial_2^a \delta_{X_0 \times Y_0}$ , i.e.  $\partial_2^a P_{X_0 \times Y_0} \subset \partial_2^a P + \partial_2^a \delta_{X_0 \times Y_0}$ .

The theorem is proved.

**Corollary 1.** If  $P \in H$  and  $\dim Y = 1$ , then  $\partial_2^a P$  is not empty.

Really, from theorem 3 it implies, that

$$\partial_2^a P_{(0,0)} = \partial_2^a P + \partial_2^a \delta_{(0,0)}.$$

As  $\partial_2^a P_{(0,0)}$  and  $\partial_2^a \delta_{(0,0)}$  are not empty hence it implies that  $\partial_2^a P$  is not empty.

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological vector spaces,  $E$  is topological  $K$  space, then we'll denote by  $B(X \times Y, E)$  the vector space of all continuous bilinear operators from  $X \times Y$  to  $E$ . Let  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$  and  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \text{dom } f$ . Assume, that

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_2 f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \{x^* \in B(X \times Y, E) : f(x, y) - f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(x, y) - \\ - x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), (x, y) \in X \times Y\}, \end{aligned}$$

and if  $P : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$  is a bisublinear operator, then suppose, that

$$\partial_2 P = \{x^* \in B(X \times Y, E) : P(x, y) \geq x^*(x, y), (x, y) \in X \times Y\}.$$

Let  $P : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$ ,  $\text{dom } P = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : P(x, y) < +\infty\}$ . Assume, that

$$H((x, \lambda), (y, \mu)) = \begin{cases} \lambda \mu P\left(\frac{x}{\lambda}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right), \lambda > 0, \mu > 0, \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right) \in \text{dom } P \\ 0, \quad (x, \lambda) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (y, \mu) = 0 \\ +\infty, \quad \text{other cases.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

**Lemma 5.** If  $P : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{E}$  is a biconvex operator, then the operator  $H : (X \times R) \times (Y \times R) \rightarrow \bar{E}$  defined by equality (1) is bisublinear.

**Proof.** If  $\left(\frac{x}{\lambda}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right) \in \text{dom } P$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$  and  $\alpha > 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} H(\alpha(x, \lambda), (y, \mu)) &= \alpha \lambda \mu P\left(\frac{x\alpha}{\alpha\lambda}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right) = \alpha \lambda \mu P\left(\frac{x}{\lambda}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right) = \\ &= \alpha H((x, \lambda), (y, \mu)). \end{aligned}$$

It is similarly checked, that  $H((x, \lambda), \beta(y, \mu)) = \beta H((x, \lambda), (y, \mu))$  at  $\beta > 0$ , i.e.  $H$  is bipositively homogeneous.

Let  $\left(\frac{x_1}{\lambda_1}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right)$  and  $\left(\frac{x_2}{\lambda_2}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right)$  belong to  $\text{dom}P$  and  $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0$  and  $\mu > 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} H((x_1, \lambda_1) + (x_2, \lambda_2), (y, \mu)) &= \mu(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) P\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right) = \\ &= \mu(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) P\left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \frac{x_1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \frac{x_2}{\lambda_2}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right) \leq \\ &\leq \mu(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} P\left(\frac{x_1}{\lambda_1}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right) + \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} P\left(\frac{x_2}{\lambda_2}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right) \right) = \\ &= \mu\lambda_1 P\left(\frac{x_1}{\lambda_1}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right) + \mu\lambda_2 P\left(\frac{x_2}{\lambda_2}, \frac{y}{\mu}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The other cases are obvious. The lemma is proved.

If  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \text{dom}P$  and  $x^* \in \partial_2 H((\bar{x}, 1), (\bar{y}, 1)) = \{x^* \in \partial_2 H : H((\bar{x}, 1), (\bar{y}, 1)) = x^*((\bar{x}, 1), (\bar{y}, 1))\}$ , then  $P(x, y) \geq x^*((x, 1), (y, 1))$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  and  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*((\bar{x}, 1), (\bar{y}, 1))$ . Therefore  $P(x, y) - P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*((x, 1), (y, 1)) - x^*((\bar{x}, 1), (\bar{y}, 1))$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ .

For simplicity we'll assume, that the value of the operator belongs to  $E$ .

Assume, that

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(2)+}((\bar{x}, \bar{y}); (x, y)) &= \\ &= \overline{\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0, \mu \downarrow 0}} \frac{1}{\lambda \mu} (f(\bar{x} + \lambda x, \bar{y} + \mu y) - 2f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + f(\bar{x} - \lambda x, \bar{y} - \mu y)). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 6.** If  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow E$  is a biconvex operator, then

$$(x, y) \rightarrow f^{(2)+}((\bar{x}, \bar{y}); (x, y))$$

is a bisublinear operator.

**Proof.** It is easily checked, that at  $\alpha > 0$

$$f^{(2)+}((\bar{x}, \bar{y}); (\alpha x, y)) = \alpha f^{(2)+}((\bar{x}, \bar{y}); (x, y)).$$

If  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(2)+}((\bar{x}, \bar{y}); (\alpha x_1 + (1 - \alpha)x_2, y)) &= \overline{\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0, \mu \downarrow 0}} \frac{1}{\lambda \mu} (f(\alpha(\bar{x} + \lambda x_1) + \\ &+ (1 - \alpha)(\bar{x} + \lambda x_2), \bar{y} + \mu y) - 2f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + f(\alpha(\bar{x} - \lambda x_1) + \\ &+ (1 - \alpha)(\bar{x} - \lambda x_2), \bar{y} - \mu y)) \leq \alpha \overline{\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0, \mu \downarrow 0}} \frac{1}{\lambda \mu} (f(\bar{x} + \lambda x_1, \bar{y} + \mu y) - \\ &- 2f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + f(\bar{x} - \lambda x_1, \bar{y} - \mu y)) + (1 - \alpha) \overline{\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0, \mu \downarrow 0}} \frac{1}{\lambda \mu} (f(\bar{x} + \lambda x_2, \bar{y} + \mu y) - \\ &- 2f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + f(\bar{x} - \lambda x_2, \bar{y} - \mu y)) = \alpha f^{(2)+}((\bar{x}, \bar{y}); (x_1, y)) + \\ &+ (1 - \alpha) f^{(2)+}((\bar{x}, \bar{y}); (x_2, y)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we'll easily obtain the validity of Lemma 6. The lemma is proved.  
Denote

$$\bar{\partial}^2 f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \{x^* \in B(X \times Y, E) : f^{(2)+}((\bar{x}, \bar{y}); (x, y)) \geq$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \geq 2x^*(x, y), \quad (x, y) \in X \times Y \}, \\ \partial^2 f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = & \{x^* \in B(X \times Y, E) : f(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y) - 2f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \\ & + f(\bar{x} - x, \bar{y} - y) \geq 2x^*(x, y), \quad (x, y) \in X \times Y \}. \end{aligned}$$

From the definition it directly implies, that  $\partial^2 f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \subset \bar{\partial}^2 f(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ .

**Lemma 7.** *If  $P$  is bisublinear operator, then  $\partial_2 P \subset \partial^2 P(0, 0)$ . Besides, if  $P(-x, -y) = P(x, y)$ , then  $\partial_2 P = \partial^2 P(0, 0)$ .*

**Proof.** If  $x^* \in \partial_2 P$ , then  $P(x, y) \geq x^*(x, y)$  and  $P(-x, -y) \geq x^*(-x, -y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . Therefore  $P(x, y) + P(-x, -y) \geq 2x^*(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  i.e.  $x^* \in \partial^2 P(0, 0)$ . Then we have, that  $\partial_2 P \subset \partial^2 P(0, 0)$ .

If  $P(-x, -y) = P(x, y)$  and  $x^* \in \partial^2 P(0, 0)$ , then

$$P(x, y) + P(-x, -y) = 2P(x, y) \geq 2x^*(x, y)$$

at  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . Therefore  $x^* \in \partial_2 P$ , i.e.  $\partial^2 P(0, 0) \subset \partial_2 P$ . As  $\partial_2 P \subset \partial^2 P(0, 0)$ , then we'll obtain, that  $\partial_2 P = \partial^2 P(0, 0)$ . The lemma is proved.

**Lemma 8.** *If  $P$  is a bisublinear operator, then*

$$\partial^2 P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \supset \{x^* \in B(X \times Y, R) : x^* \in \partial_2 P, P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\}$$

and form  $x^* \in \partial^2 P(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  it implies, that  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ .

**Proof.** If  $x^* \in \partial_2 P$  and  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\bar{x} + y, \bar{y} + y) - 2P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + P(\bar{x} - x, \bar{y} - y) \geq x^*(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y) - \\ & - 2x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + x^*(\bar{x} - x, \bar{y} - y) = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + x^*(x, y) + x^*(x, \bar{y}) + x^*(\bar{x}, y) - \\ & - 2x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + x^*(x, y) - x^*(\bar{x}, y) - x^*(x, \bar{y}) = 2x^*(x, y), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $x^* \in \partial^2 P(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ .

If  $x^* \in \partial^2 P(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , then taking  $(x, y) = (\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , we'll obtain  $2P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq 2x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , i.e.  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . Assuming  $(x, y) = (-\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  we have, that  $-2P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq 2x^*(-\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , i.e.  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \leq x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . Therefore  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . The lemma is proved.

**Corollary 2.** *If  $P$  is a bisublinear operator, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^2 P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = & \{x^* \in B(X \times Y, R) : P(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y) + P(\bar{x} - x, \bar{y} - y) \geq \\ & \geq 2x^*(x, y) + 2x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), \quad (x, y) \in X \times Y\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.** *If  $P$  is a bisublinear operator and  $x^* \in \partial^2 P(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , then  $P(x, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(x, \bar{y})$ ,  $P(\bar{x}, v) \geq x^*(\bar{x}, v)$  at  $x \in X, v \in Y$ .*

**Proof.** If  $x^* \in \partial^2 P(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , by corollary 2 we have, that

$$P(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y) + P(\bar{x} - x, \bar{y} - y) \geq 2x^*(x, y) + 2x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \text{ as } (x, y) \in X \times Y.$$

Assuming  $y = \bar{y}$ , hence we'll obtain, that  $P(\bar{x} + x, 2\bar{y}) \geq 2x^*(x, \bar{y}) + 2x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , i.e.  $2P(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y}) \geq 2x^*(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y})$  at  $x \in X$ . Therefore  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . Assuming  $x = \bar{x}$ , similarly we have, that  $P(\bar{x}, v) \geq x^*(\bar{x}, v)$  at  $v \in Y$ . The corollary is proved.

**Lemma 9.** *Let  $P$  be a bisublinear operator and  $x^* \in B(X \times Y, E)$ . Then the inequality*

$$P(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y) - P(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y}) - P(\bar{x}, \bar{y} + y) + P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq$$

$$\geq x^*(x, y), (x, y) \in X \times Y \quad (2)$$

is fulfilled if and only if,  $x^* \in \partial_2 P$ ,  $P(z, \bar{y}) = x^*(z, \bar{y})$  and  $P(\bar{x}, v) = x^*(\bar{x}, v)$ .

**Proof.** If (2) is fulfilled, then assuming  $(x, y) = (\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , we'll obtain

$$P(2\bar{x}, 2\bar{y}) - P(2\bar{x}, \bar{y}) - P(\bar{x}, 2\bar{y}) + P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}),$$

i.e.  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . Assuming  $(x, y) = (-\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , we also have

$$P(\bar{x} - \bar{x}, 2\bar{y}) - P(\bar{x} - \bar{x}, \bar{y}) - P(\bar{x}, 2\bar{y}) + P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(-\bar{x}, \bar{y}),$$

i.e.  $-P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(-\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  or  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \leq x^*(-\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . Therefore  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(-\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . As  $y = -y$  and  $x = -\bar{x}$  from (2) it also implies, that  $P(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y}) \leq x^*(x, \bar{y}) + x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ ,  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y} + y) \leq x^*(\bar{x}, y) + x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  at  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$  respectively. Hence we'll obtain  $P(z, \bar{y}) \leq x^*(z, \bar{y})$ ,  $P(\bar{x}, v) \leq x^*(\bar{x}, v)$  at  $z \in X, v \in Y$ . Since  $-P(z, \bar{y}) \leq P(-z, \bar{y}) \leq x^*(-z, \bar{y})$ , then  $P(z, \bar{y}) \geq x^*(z, \bar{y})$  at  $z \in X$ . Therefore  $P(z, \bar{y}) = x^*(z, \bar{y})$  as  $z \in X$ . Similarly we have, that  $P(\bar{x}, v) = x^*(\bar{x}, v)$  at  $v \in Y$ . Then we'll easy obtain, that  $P(z, v) \geq x^*(z, v)$  at  $(z, v) \in X \times Y$ . Vice versa, if  $x^* \in \partial_2 P$ ,  $P(z, \bar{y}) = x^*(z, \bar{y})$ ,  $P(\bar{x}, v) = x^*(\bar{x}, v)$  at  $x \in X, v \in Y$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} P(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y) - P(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y}) - P(\bar{x}, \bar{y} + y) + P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) &\geq x^*(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y) - \\ &- x^*(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y}) - x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y} + y) + x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + x^*(\bar{x}, y) + \\ &+ x^*(x, \bar{y}) + x^*(x, y) - x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) - x^*(x, \bar{y}) - x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) - \\ &- x^*(\bar{x}, y) + x^*(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x^*(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.

**Corollary 4.** Let  $P(x, y) = P_1(x)P_2(y)$  be a bisublinear function,  $P_1(\bar{x})P_2(\bar{y}) \neq 0$  and there exist  $x^* \in B(X \times Y, R)$  such, that (2) is satisfied. Then

$$P_1(x) = \frac{1}{P_2(\bar{y})}x^*(x, \bar{y}), \quad P_2(y) = \frac{1}{P_1(\bar{x})}x^*(\bar{x}, y).$$

Let's note, that the results, obtained for biconvex operators it is possible to transfer for  $n$  convex operators. Besides, the results, obtained for  $\partial_2^\alpha P$  it is possible to transfer for  $\partial_2 P$  and vice versa.

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