



# AN OPERATOR EXTENSION OF THE PARALLELOGRAM LAW AND RELATED NORM INEQUALITIES

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ABSTRACT. We establish a general operator parallelogram law concerning a characterization of inner product spaces, get an operator extension of Bohr's inequality and present several norm inequalities. More precisely, let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra,  $T$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space equipped with a Radon measure  $\mu$  and let  $(A_t)_{t \in T}$  be a continuous field of operators in  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that the function  $t \mapsto A_t$  is norm continuous on  $T$  and the function  $t \mapsto \|A_t\|$  is integrable. If  $\alpha : T \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a measurable function such that  $\overline{\alpha(t, s)}\alpha(s, t) = 1$  for all  $t, s \in T$ , then we show that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_T \int_T |\alpha(t, s)A_t - \alpha(s, t)A_s|^2 d\mu(t)d\mu(s) + \int_T \int_T |\alpha(t, s)B_t - \alpha(s, t)B_s|^2 d\mu(t)d\mu(s) \\ & = 2 \int_T \int_T |\alpha(t, s)A_t - \alpha(s, t)B_s|^2 d\mu(t)d\mu(s) - 2 \left| \int_T (A_t - B_t)d\mu(t) \right|^2. \end{aligned}$$

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and let  $T$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space. A field  $(A_t)_{t \in T}$  of operators in  $\mathfrak{A}$  is called a continuous field of operators if the function  $t \mapsto A_t$  is norm continuous on  $T$ . If  $\mu(t)$  is a Radon measure on  $T$  and the function  $t \mapsto \|A_t\|$  is integrable, one can form the Bochner integral  $\int_T A_t d\mu(t)$ , which is the unique element in  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that

$$\varphi \left( \int_T A_t d\mu(t) \right) = \int_T \varphi(A_t) d\mu(t)$$

for every linear functional  $\varphi$  in the norm dual  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$ ; see [7, Section 4.1] and [6].

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