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The equitable basis x, y, z of the Lie algebra sl_2 satisfies $[x, y] = 2x + 2y$, $[y, z] = 2y + 2z$, $[z, x] = 2z + 2x$. We show that every Leonard pair A, A^* of classical type (Racah, Hahn, dual Hahn, or Krawtchouk) acts as a linear combination of I, x, y, xy and I, y, z, yz , respectively. We then discuss extending these Leonard pairs to Leonard triples from this perspective. (Received February 26, 2009)