

On Kadison's Transitive Algebra Problem: a metric property

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I. INTRODUCTION

\mathcal{H} : a separable, infinite dimensional, complex Hilbert space.

$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$: the algebra of all bounded linear operators on \mathcal{H} .

$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}(\mathcal{H})$: the ideal of all compact operators on \mathcal{H} .

$\pi : \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})/\mathbf{K}$ is the quotient (Calkin) map.

$\sigma(T)$ [$\sigma_e(T) = \sigma(\pi(T))$]: the spectrum [essential spectrum] of T .

\mathbb{A} denotes a unital norm closed, subalgebra of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$.

\mathbb{A}^{-W} denotes the closure of \mathbb{A} in WOT (equiv. SOT) in $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$.

\mathbb{A}' denotes the commutant of \mathbb{A} .

DEF. A subalgebra $\mathbb{A} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ is **transitive** if the only invariant subspaces for \mathbb{A} are (0) and \mathcal{H} .

TRANSITIVE ALGEBRA PROBLEM ('55 R. Kadison)

Whether every transitive subalgebra \mathbb{A} of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ satisfies

$$\overline{\mathbb{A}}^W = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})?$$

NOTE. An affirmative answer of TAP implies that every non-scalar operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ have a nontrivial hyperinvariant subspace (n.h.s.).

Burnside's Th (Finite dimensional case). If $\dim \mathcal{H} < \infty$, then the only transitive subalgebra of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ is $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$.

■ Its direct proof can be found in 1953, Lectures in abstract algebra II, N. Jacobson.

'67 W. Arveson (First partial solutions of TAP)

- If \mathbb{A} is a transitive subalgebra of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ and \mathbb{A} contains a maximal abelian self-adjoint algebra, then $\mathbb{A}^{-W} = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$.
- If \mathbb{A} is a transitive subalgebra of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ and \mathbb{A} contains a unilateral shift of finite multiplicity, then $\mathbb{A}^{-W} = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$.

■ Several operator theorists have been studying the transitive algebra problem since the 1960s, for example, C. Rickart, W. Arveson, C. Foias, C. Pearcy, R. Douglas, H. Radjavi, P. Rosenthal, E. Nordgren, ...etc.

■ For more information, see “Percy(1975), Some recent developments in operator theory” or “Radjavi-Rosenthal(1972), Invariant subspaces” .

A SHORT HISTORY FOR OUR STUDY

'73 **V. Lomonosov** Let \mathcal{X} be an infinite dimensional complex Banach space. Let \mathbb{A} be a transitive subalgebra of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ and let $0 \neq K \in \mathbf{K}$. Then there exists $A \in \mathbb{A}$ s.t. $1 \in \sigma_p(AK)$.

(Corollary) Let T be any nonscalar operator in $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$, and suppose that $TK = KT$ for some $K \neq 0$ in \mathbf{K} . Then T has a n.h.s.

(Corollary) If \mathbb{A} is a transitive subalgebra of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ with a non-zero operator of finite rank, then $\mathbb{A}^{-W} = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$. ('72 B. Barnes)

'74 **C. Pearcy** If \mathbb{A} is a transitive subalgebra of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ containing a non-zero compact operator, then $\mathbb{A}^{-W} = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$.

'98 **Chevreau-Li-Pearcy** They generalized some Lomonosov's theorems by using a "metric property":

Let \mathcal{X} be a Banach space and let $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ be a set. For $y, y_0 \in \mathcal{X}^*$, $\delta > 0$, $\alpha > 0$, we denote

$$B(y_0, \delta) := \{y \in \mathcal{X}^* : \|y - y_0\| < \delta\} \subset \mathcal{X}^*,$$

$$\Gamma_\alpha^*(y) := \{C^*y : C \in \text{conh}(\mathcal{C}), \|C\|_e \leq \alpha\} \subset \mathcal{X}^*.$$

"Suppose $\exists y_0 \in \mathcal{X}^*$ with $\|y_0\| = 2$ and $0 < \alpha_0 < \frac{1}{2}$ such that if $\|y - y_0\| \leq 1$, then $y_0 \in \Gamma_{\alpha_0}^*(y)^-$." Then $\exists C_0 \in \text{conh}(\mathcal{C})$ s.t.

(a) $1 \in \sigma_p(C_0)$, $\|C_0\|_e \leq \alpha_0$, and $\|C_0^*\|_e \leq \alpha_0$,

(b) 1 is an isolated pt in $\sigma(C_0)$ and $\sigma(C_0^*)$,

(c) the eigen spaces in \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{X}^* corresponding to eigenvalue 1 of C_0 and C_0^* are finite dimensional.

'98 Chevreau-Li-Pearcy (A New Lomonosov Lemma)

Suppose $\mathbb{A} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ is transitive. Let $\{B_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ such that

$$\|B_\lambda\|_e \longrightarrow 0 \text{ and } B_\lambda^{**} \xrightarrow{\text{WOT}} B_0^{**} \neq 0.$$

Then $\exists \{A_j\}_{j=1}^n \subset \mathbb{A}$, $\{B_{\lambda_j}\}_{j=1}^n \subset \{B_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ with $C_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i B_{\lambda_i}$

such that $1 \in \sigma_p(C_0)$ and $\|C_0\|_e < \frac{1}{2}$. Consequently the same conclusions about C_0 that are stated in the above result.

■ Their results generalized several earlier results which are related to the invariant subspace problem or transitive algebra problem.

MOTIVATION FOR OUR STUDY

In the summer of 2005, as a consequence of '98 Chevreau-Li-Pearcy's construction, the following variant of the Kadison's transitive algebra problem was considered then.

PROB('05 Foias-Pearcy). If there exists a transitive subalgebra \mathbb{A} of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ such that $\overline{\mathbb{A}}^w \neq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$, is it true that $\| \cdot \| \cong \| \cdot \|_e$ (equivalent) on \mathbb{A} ?

The existence of such transitive algebra \mathbb{A} with $\overline{\mathbb{A}}^w \neq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ is not known yet. But Problem A is so interesting to us because of the following information.

- It is closely related to the existence of nontrivial invariant subspaces for operators of the form (subnormal)+(compact).
- It gives additional information about the existence of nontrivial invariant subspaces via **a new metric property**.

II. A NEW METRIC PROPERTY

Let \mathbb{A} denotes a unital norm closed subalgebra of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$.

For $y, y_0 \in \mathcal{H}$, $\delta > 0$, we denote

$$B(y_0, \delta) := \{y \in \mathcal{H} : \|y - y_0\| < \delta\},$$

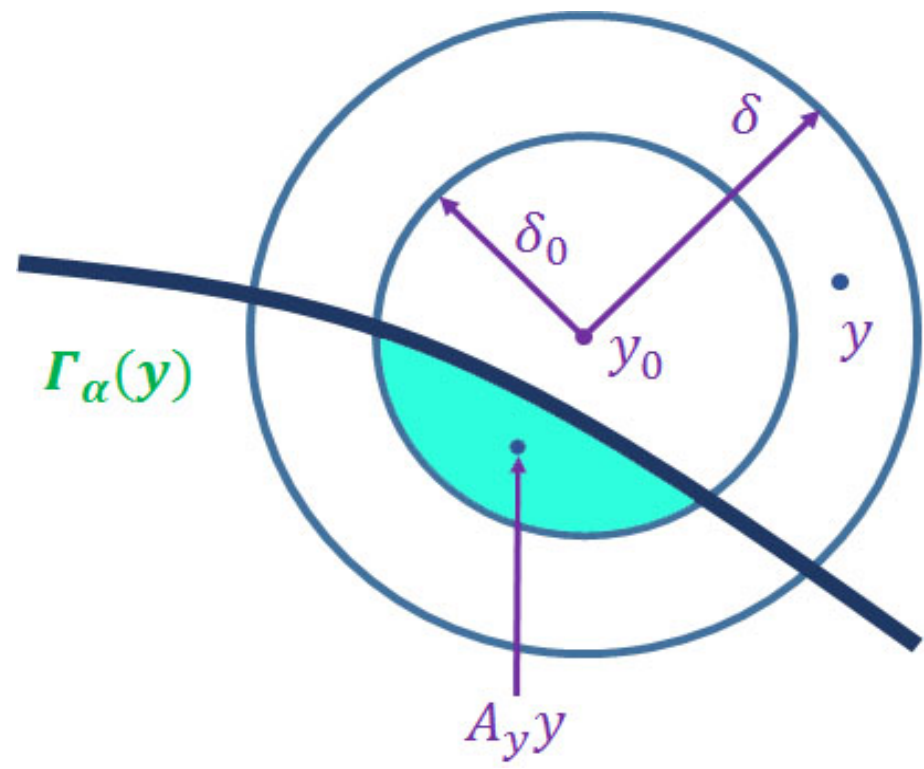
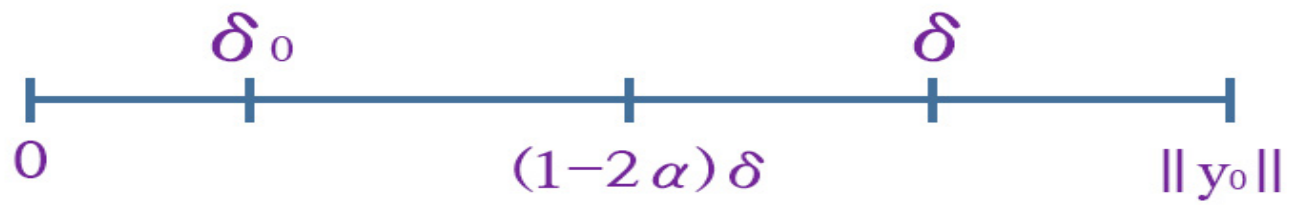
$$\Gamma_\alpha(y) := \{Ay : A \in \mathbb{A}, \|A\|_e \leq \alpha\}.$$

DEF. A subalgebra \mathbb{A} of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ has **Property (P)** if there exists $(y_0, \alpha, \delta, \delta_0)$ (implementing quadruple) such that, $y_0 \neq 0$ in \mathcal{H} ,

P1) $0 < \alpha < 1/2$, $0 < \delta < \|y_0\|$, and $0 < \delta_0 < (1 - 2\alpha)\delta$,

P2) if $\|y_0 - y\| \leq \delta$, then $\Gamma_\alpha(y) \cap B(y_0, \delta_0)^c \neq \emptyset$, that is,

if $\|y_0 - y\| \leq \delta$, then $\exists A_y \in \mathbb{A}$ with $\|A_y\|_e \leq \alpha$ s.t. $\|A_y y - y_0\| \leq \delta_0$,



A_y moves y into the smaller closed ball $B(y_0, \delta_0)$ centered at y_0 with radius $\delta_0 < \delta$.

PROPERTIES OF $\Gamma_\alpha(y)$

1. $\Gamma_\alpha(y)$ is absolutely convex, as is $\Gamma_\alpha(y)^\circ$.
2. If $(y_0, \alpha, \delta, \delta_0)$ implements (P) for \mathbb{A} , then $(ry_0, \alpha, r\delta, r\delta_0)$, $r > 0$, also implements (P) for \mathbb{A} .
3. $\Gamma_\alpha(y) = \alpha\Gamma_1(y)$.
4. $\lambda y \in \Gamma_\alpha(y)$, $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\lambda| \leq \alpha$.

■ Invariant

5. $A(\Gamma_\alpha(y)) \subset \Gamma_\alpha(y)$, $\forall A \in \mathbb{A}$ with $\|A\|_e \leq 1$.

6. $\mathbb{A}(\vee\{\Gamma_\alpha(y)\}) \subset \vee\{\Gamma_\alpha(y)\}.$

■ **Conditions for $\Gamma_\alpha(y)^- = \mathcal{H}$**

7. If $\Gamma_\alpha(y)$ contains any real line, i.e., any set of the form $\{x + rz : r \in \mathbb{R}\}$ where $x \in \Gamma_\alpha(y)$ and $0 \neq z \in \mathcal{H}$, then

- $\mathbb{A}z \subset \Gamma_\alpha(y),$
- $\Gamma_\alpha(y)$ contains the line $\mathbb{R}z$ through the origin,
- if z is a cyclic vector for \mathbb{A} , then $\Gamma_\alpha(y)^- = \mathcal{H}.$

8. If $\Gamma_\alpha(y)^-$ contains some βy with $|\beta| > \alpha$, then

- $\mathbb{A}y \subset \Gamma_\alpha(y)^-.$
- if y is a cyclic vector for \mathbb{A} , $\Gamma_\alpha(y)^- = \mathcal{H}.$

9. If $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{A}^{-W}$, then

$\exists \alpha > 0$ such that $\Gamma_\alpha(y) = \mathcal{H} \ (\forall y \neq 0) \iff \mathbb{A} = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}).$

III. TRANSITIVITY AND (P)

TH A. Every \mathbb{A} with (P) contains a nonzero idempotent of finite rank.

Poof(Sketch). Let $(y_0, \alpha, \delta, \delta_0)$ be an implementing quadruple with respect to (P).

Step 1. Fix β with $\alpha < \beta < (\delta - \delta_0)/2\delta$. For every $y \in B(y_0, \delta)^-$,

$\exists A_y \in \mathbb{A}$ s.t. $\|A_y\|_e \leq \alpha$, $\|A_y y - y_0\| \leq \delta_0$.

We have $A_y = T_y + K_y$ with $\|T_y\| < \beta$, $K_y \in \mathbf{K}$.

Step 2. Put $\delta_1 := \delta - (\delta_0 + 2\beta\delta) > 0$. For every $y \in B(y_0, \delta)^-$,

$\mathcal{V}_y(\delta_1) := \{w \in B(y_0, \delta)^- : \|K_y(w - y)\| < \delta_1\}$ (weakly open).

Then $B(y_0, \delta)^- \subset \cup_{y \in B(y_0, \delta)^-} \mathcal{V}_y(\delta_1)$. So $B(y_0, \delta)^- \subset \cup_{j=1}^n \mathcal{V}_{y_j}(\delta_1)$.

By the partition of unity, $\exists \{f_j\}_{j=1}^n$ weakly cont on $B(y_0, \delta)^-$ such that $\sum_{k=1}^n f_k(x) = 1$ and $\text{supp } f_j \subset \mathcal{V}_{y_j}(\delta_1)$.

Step 3. Construct a map g defined on $B(y_0, \delta)^-$ by

$$g(w) := \sum_{j=1}^n f_j(w) A_{y_j} w, \quad w \in B(y_0, \delta)^-.$$

By the construction of g , we see that $g(B(y_0, \delta)^-) \subset B(y_0, \delta)$.

By the Schauder-Tychonoff fixed point theorem,
 $\exists w_0 \in B(y_0, \delta)^-$ with $w_0 \neq 0$ such that $g(w_0) = w_0$.

Step 4. Define an operator in $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ by $A_0 = \sum_{j=1}^n f_j(w_0)A_{y_j}$.

Then $A_0 \in \mathbb{A}$, $\|A_0\|_e \leq \alpha < 1/2$, and $A_0 w_0 = w_0$.

Step 5. Thus $1 \in \sigma_p(A_0) \setminus \sigma_e(A_0)$, and 1 is an isolated eigenvalue of A_0 of finite multiplicity.

So the corresponding Riesz idempotent E_1 belongs to \mathbb{A} . ■

COR B. If \mathbb{A} is a transitive algebra with (P) , then $\overline{\mathbb{A}}^W = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$.

COR C. (a) If \mathbb{A} has (P) , then \mathbb{A}' is intransitive.

(b) If \mathbb{A} is transitive, then \mathbb{A}' does not have (P) .

SOME EXAMPLES

EXA 1. Let \mathbb{A} be the C^* -algebra acting on $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ generated by $\{M_\varphi : \varphi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{T})\}$ and $R_\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(L^2(\mathbb{T}))$ (a rotation) defined by $(R_\alpha f)(e^{i\theta}) = f(e^{i(\theta+\alpha)})$, where $\alpha(\bmod 2\pi)$ is irrational. Then

- (a) $\overline{\mathbb{A}}^W = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$,
- (b) \mathbb{A} is transitive,
- (c) \mathbb{A} does not have (P) .

NOTE. The reverse implication of Corollary C is not always true.

EXA 2. Suppose $\dim \mathcal{H} < \aleph_0$. Then $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ has Property (P) .

EXA 3. If $\mathbb{A} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ is transitive, then \mathbb{A} has $(P) \iff \mathbb{A}$ contains a nonzero idempotent E of finite rank.

EXA 4. If \mathbb{A} is abelian and transitive, then \mathbb{A} does not have (P) .

IV. EQUIVALENCE OF TWO NORMS

NOTATION. For $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$, we denote

$$\mathbb{A}_{T_p} = \{p(T) : p \in \mathbb{C}[z]\}^{-\|\cdot\|}, \quad \mathbb{A}_{T_r} = \{r(T) : r \in \mathcal{R}(\sigma(T))\}^{-\|\cdot\|},$$

where $\mathbb{C}[z]$ is the set of complex polynomials and $\mathcal{R}(\sigma(T))$ is the set of rational functions with poles off $\sigma(T)$.

Define \mathbb{A}_T as either \mathbb{A}_{T_r} or \mathbb{A}_{T_p} .

TH D. If $\|\cdot\|_e \cong \|\cdot\|$ on \mathbb{A}_T and $\sigma_e(T)$ is a K -spectral set for $\pi(T)$ for some $K \geq 1$, then \mathbb{A}_T has a n.i.s.

COR E. Suppose $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ is invertible and $\sigma_e(T)$ is a K -spectral set for $\pi(T)$. If $\|\cdot\|_e \cong \|\cdot\|$ on \mathbb{A}_{T_r} , then T and T^{-1} have a common n.i.s.

$\sigma(T)$ is a **K -spectral set** for T if $\exists K \geq 1$ s.t. $\|r(T)\| \leq K \sup_{\delta \in \sigma(T)} |r(\zeta)|, \forall r \in \mathcal{R}(\sigma(T))$,

COR F. Let $T = S + K \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$, where S is subnormal and $K \in \mathbf{K}$. If $\| \cdot \|_e \cong \| \cdot \|$ on \mathbb{A}_T , then \mathbb{A}_T is n.i.s.

TH G. Let $\mathbb{A} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ be as above and $\alpha > 0$ fixed. Then $\Gamma_\alpha(y)$ is bounded, $\forall y \in \mathcal{H} \iff \| \cdot \|_e \cong \| \cdot \|$ on \mathbb{A} .

TH H. Suppose $\mathbb{A} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$, $\alpha > 0$, $\Gamma_\alpha(y)^-$ is bounded for some $y \in \mathcal{H}$, and $(\Gamma_\alpha(y)^-)^{\circ} \neq \emptyset$. Then,

(a) $\| \cdot \|_e \cong \| \cdot \|$ on \mathbb{A} ,

(b) $\{\Gamma_\alpha(y)^- : y \in B(0, 1)^-\}$ is uniformly bounded,

(c) y is a strictly cyclic vector for $\overline{\mathbb{A}}^W$, i.e., $\overline{\mathbb{A}}^W y = \mathcal{H}$,

(d) if $\mathbb{A} = \overline{\mathbb{A}}^W$, then \mathbb{A} has a n.i.s.

EXA 4. Let $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ be any Donoghue shift operator and let \mathbb{A}_D be the (unital, norm-closed) subalgebra of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ generated by D . Then

(a) $\Gamma_\alpha(e_0) = \{\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \zeta_n e_n \in \mathcal{H} : |\zeta_0| \leq \alpha\}$ is a closed set, $\forall \alpha > 0$,

(b) $\Gamma_\alpha(e_0)$ contains the ball $B(0, \alpha)^-$ and is unbounded.

(Note that e_0 is a strictly cyclic vector for \mathbb{A}_D .)

Let $\{e_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ be an orthonormal basis for \mathcal{H} , and let D be defined by $De_n = \alpha_n e_{n+1}$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$, where $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ is a strictly decreasing sequence of positive numbers such that $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \in l^p$ for $1 \leq p < \infty$. Then D is called **Donoghue shift operator**.

EXA 5. If $V \in \mathcal{L}(L^2([0, 1]))$ is the Volterra integral operator defined by $(Vf)(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$, $x \in [0, 1]$, $f \in L^2([0, 1])$.

Then $\Gamma_\alpha(f_0)^- = \mathcal{H}$, $\forall \alpha > 0$.

(Note that $f_0 \equiv 1$ is a cyclic vector for \mathbb{A}_V .)

A REMARK ON INVARIANT SUBSPACE PROBLEM

TH I (Lomonosov). Suppose $\mathbb{A} = \overline{\mathbb{A}}^w \neq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ and \mathbb{A} contains $\{A_\lambda\}$ s.t. $A_\lambda \xrightarrow{\text{WOT}} A_0 \neq 0$ and $\|A_\lambda\|_e \rightarrow 0$. Then \mathbb{A} has a n.i.s.

PROOF. Suppose that \mathbb{A} is transitive.

Claim. \mathbb{A} has (P) with some $(y_0, \alpha, \delta, \delta_0)$.

By a well-known fact in the convexity, we can obtain a net $\{A_\mu\}$ s.t. $A_\mu \xrightarrow{\text{SOT}} A_0$ and $\|A_\mu\|_e \rightarrow 0$. Let $y_0 \in \mathcal{H}$ with $A_0 y_0 \neq 0$.

Choose $0 < \delta < \frac{\|A_0 y_0\|}{2\|A_0\|}$, $0 < \alpha < 1/2$, $0 < \delta_0 < (1 - 2\alpha)\delta$.

Let $y \in B(y_0, \delta)$. Observe $\|A_0 y\| > \|A_0 y_0\| / 2 > 0$.

By transitivity, $\exists A_1 \in \mathbb{A}$ such that $\|A_1(A_0 y) - y_0\| < \delta_0$.

Then $\|A_1 A_{\mu_0} y - y_0\| < \delta_0$ and $\|A_1 A_{\mu_0}\|_e < \alpha$ for suff far μ_0 .

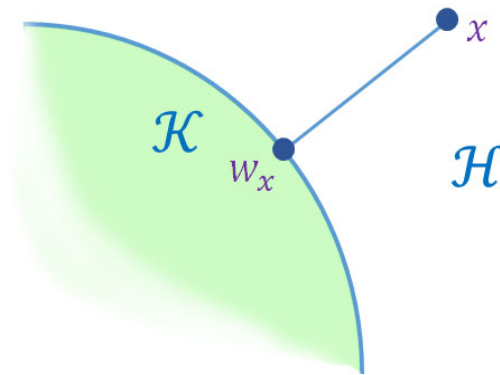
So $\Gamma_\alpha(y) \cap B(y_0, \delta_0)^- \neq \emptyset$. Thus \mathbb{A} has (P).

By Cor B, $\mathbb{A}^{-W} = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$. Contradiction! ■

(Recall) Suppose $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ is a convex set and there exists $\{A_\lambda\}$ in \mathcal{C} s.t. $A_\lambda \xrightarrow{\text{WOT}} A_0 \neq 0$ and $\|A_\lambda\|_e \rightarrow 0$, then there exists another net $\{A_\mu\}$ in \mathcal{C} s.t. $A_\mu \xrightarrow{\text{WOT}} A_0 \neq 0$ and $\|A_\mu\|_e \rightarrow 0$.

BOUNDED $\Gamma_\alpha(y)$ 'S

(Recall) If $\emptyset \neq \mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{H}$ absolutely convex and norm-closed in \mathcal{H} , then for every $x \in \mathcal{H}$, $\exists w_x$ such that $\|x - w_x\| = \min \{\|z - x\| : z \in \mathcal{K}\}$.



Define $\Phi_{\mathcal{K}} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ by $\Phi_{\mathcal{K}}(x) = x - w_x$. Then

- $\|\Phi_{\mathcal{K}}(x_1) - \Phi_{\mathcal{K}}(x_2)\| \leq \|x_1 - x_2\|$, $\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{H}$, (**Lipschitz**)
- $\langle \Phi_{\mathcal{K}}(x_1) - \Phi_{\mathcal{K}}(x_2), x_1 - x_2 \rangle \geq 0$, $\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{H}$, (**monotonicity**)
(cf. '68 G. Minty)

PROP J. With \mathcal{K} and $\Phi_{\mathcal{K}}$ as above,
 if $\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} \|x - w_x\| = \infty$, then $\Phi_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{H}$.

Since $\Gamma_{\alpha}(y)^{-}$ is absolutely convex, we may consider $\mathcal{K} = \Gamma_{\alpha}(y)^{-}$.

REMARK. Let $\mathbb{A} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$, $y \in \mathcal{H} \setminus (0)$ and $\alpha > 0$. Then
 $\Gamma_{\alpha}(y)^{-}$ is bounded $\iff \lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} \|x - w_x\| = \infty$.

PROP L. Let $\mathbb{A} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$, $y \in \mathcal{H} \setminus (0)$ and $\alpha > 0$. Then TFAE

- (a) $\Gamma_{\alpha}(y)^{-}$ is bounded
- (b) there exists a hyperplane \mathcal{M} (i.e., a translation of a subspace of codimension 1) such that $\lim_{\substack{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty \\ x \in \mathcal{M}}} \|x - w_x\| = \infty$.

(In fact, $\mathcal{M} = 2y + \{y - w_y\}^{\perp}$.)

In this case, $\Phi_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{H}$.

CONNECTION: $\|A_n\|_e \rightarrow 0$ AND $A_n \rightarrow 0$ (WOT)

TH M. Let $\mathbb{A} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$. Suppose there exist $y \in \mathcal{H} \setminus (0)$ and $\alpha > 0$ such that $\Gamma_\alpha(y)^-$ is bounded. Let $\{A_n\} \subset \mathbb{A}$ s.t. $\|A_n\|_e \rightarrow 0$. Then

- (a) if y is a cyclic vector for \mathbb{A} and $\sup_n \|A_n\| < \infty$, $A_n \xrightarrow{\text{WOT}} 0$,
- (b) if y is a strictly cyclic vector for \mathbb{A} , then $A_n \xrightarrow{\text{WOT}} 0$.

TH N. Let $\mathbb{A} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ be transitive. Suppose there exist $y \in \mathcal{H} \setminus (0)$ and $\alpha > 0$ such that $\Gamma_\alpha(y)^- \neq \mathcal{H}$. If $\{A_n\} \subset \mathbb{A}$ with $\|A_n\|_e \rightarrow 0$ and $\sup_n \|A_n\| < \infty$, then $A_n \xrightarrow{\text{WOT}} 0$.

REMARK. There are some results in our paper about the following:

- more properties of (P) ,
- Property (P) in the finite dimensional case.

This talk is based on the paper, **Transitivity and structure of operator algebras with a metric property**, *Indagationes Mathematicae* 25 (2014), 1-23 (with C. Foias , E. Ko, C. Pearcy).

Thank You