

ON THE STRONG EXTREME POINTS OF THE SET $N_0(\Delta)$ *

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ABSTRACT. Suppose H is a Hilbert space, and $N_0(\Delta)$ is the set $N_0(\Delta) = \{f(z) = I + B(1)z + B(2)z^2 + \cdots \mid f(z) \text{ is an analytic operator function on the open unit disk } \Delta, \operatorname{Re} f(z) \geq 0, \text{ where } \{B(n)\}_{n=1}^\infty \text{ are normal operators on } H, \text{ and } B_n B_m = B_m B_n \text{ for every positive integers } n, m\}$.

The note proves that Holland's extreme point theorem can be generalized to

1. $N_0(\Delta)$ has not any strong extreme point, when $\dim H > 1$.
2. The sub-strong extreme points of $N_0(\Delta)$ have the following forms

$$f(z) = (I + Uz)(I - Uz)^{-1}, z \in \Delta,$$

where U is an unitary operator on H .

§1. Preliminaries

Let H be a Hilbert space, and $\mathcal{L}(H)$, be the space of all the bounded linear operators on H , I be the identity operator on H . By an operator function of f on the open unit disk Δ , we mean that $f(z) \in \mathcal{L}(H)$ for every $z \in \Delta$. An operator function of f on Δ is said to be analytic if $\varphi(f(z))$ is analytic on Δ in the classical sense for every $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(H)^*$, the conjugate space of $\mathcal{L}(H)$.

A set G consisted of some analytic operator functions on the unit disk Δ is said to be strong convex set, if for any $f, g \in G$ and any operator A , commuting with f, g , $0 \leq A \leq I$, we have $Af + (I - A)g \in G$.

Definition 1. Let G be a strong convex set, $f \in G$, we say $f(z)$ is a strong extreme point of G if $f(z) = Ag(z) + (I - A)h(z)$ for some $g, h \in G$, $z \in \Delta$ and $0 \leq A \leq I$ ($A \neq 0, I$), commuting with g, h , then $g = h = f$.

Definition 2. In the definition 1, if using $0 < A < I$ in place of $0 \leq A \leq I$ ($A \neq 0, I$), at the moment, we say $f(z)$ is a sub-strong extreme point.

Remark: Let M be a closed linear subspace of H , and $f(z)M \subseteq M, \forall z \in \Delta$, if $f(z)$ is a strong extreme point on H , so is $f(z)|_M$ on M .

In [1], Holland's extreme point theorem points out the set $P_0(\Delta) = \{f(z) = 1 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \cdots \mid f(z) \text{ is an analytic function on the open unit disk } \Delta, \operatorname{Re} f(z) \geq 0\}$ has extremal points as $f(z) = \frac{1 + e^{i\theta} z}{1 - e^{i\theta} z}$, where $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$.

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Now, considering the following set([3]), $N_0(\Delta) = \{f(z) = I + B(1)z + B(2)z^2 + \cdots \mid f(z)$ is an analytic operator function on the open unit disk Δ , $\operatorname{Re} f(z) \geq 0$, where $\{B(n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ are normal operators on H , and $B_n B_m = B_m B_n$, for every positive integers $n, m\}$.

We can easily see $N_0(\Delta)$ is a strong convex set. In this paper, we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1. $N_0(\Delta)$ has not any strong extreme point, when $\dim H > 1$.

Theorem 2. The sub-strong extreme points of $N_0(\Delta)$ have the following forms

$$f(z) = (I + Uz)(I - Uz)^{-1}, z \in \Delta,$$

where U is a unitary operator on H .

Remark: Let H be complex number field, then Theorem 2 turns into Holland's extreme point theorem.

§2. The Proofs Of Main Results

First, we give some lemmas.

Lemma 1.[1] Let $f(z) = I + B(1)z + B(2)z^2 + \cdots \in N_0(\Delta)$, then $\|B(k)\| \leq 2$.

Lemma 2. If $f(z) = I + B(1)z + B(2)z^2 + \cdots \in N_0(\Delta)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let

$$4iu(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \{B^*(n)B(n+k) - B(n)B(k-n)\}z^k$$

where $B(0) = 2I$, $B(-k) = B^*(k)$, $k \geq 1$, then $f \pm u \in N_0(\Delta)$.

Proof.1) Suppose $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|B(k)\| < +\infty$. We can see that $f(z) \pm u(z)$ is analytic in Δ , and continuous on $\bar{\Delta}$. For any $z \in \bar{\Delta}$, we have

$$4iu(z) = [B^*(n)z^{-n} - B(n)z^n]f(z) - [B(n)P^*(\bar{z}^{-1})z^n + B^*(n)z^{-n}P(z)] + B^*(n)B(n)$$

where $P(z) = I + \sum_{k=1}^n B(k)z^k$. If $|z| = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}[f(z) \pm u(z)] &= \operatorname{Re}[I \pm \operatorname{Im}(\frac{B(n)z^n}{2})^*]f(z) \\ &= [I \pm \operatorname{Im}(\frac{B(n)z^n}{2})^*]\operatorname{Re}f(z) \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

So, $\operatorname{Re}[f(z) \pm u(z)] \geq 0$, $z \in \Delta$, therefore, $f(z) \pm u(z) \in N_0(\Delta)$.

2) Let $\delta \in (0, 1)$, we can use $B(k)\delta^{|k|}$ in place of $B(k)$, $f_\delta(z)$, $u_\delta(z)$ in place of $f(z)$, $u(z)$ respectively, then $f_\delta(z) = f(\delta z) \in N_0(\Delta)$. Using the consequence of 1), we have $f_\delta \pm u_\delta \in N_0(\Delta)$. Let $\delta \rightarrow 1$, we can see $f(z) \pm u(z) \in N_0(\Delta)$.

Lemma 3. $\frac{1+z}{1-z}I$ is not a strong extreme point of $N_0(\Delta)$, when $\dim H > 1$.

Proof. We may assume $\dim H = \infty$. Let e_1, e_2, \dots be an orthonormal basis on H , we can define an operator A on H such that $Ae_1 = e_1$, $Ae_j = 0$ ($j \geq 2$), and define

$$g(z) = I + B(1)z + B(2)z^2 + \cdots, h(z) = I + C(1)z + C(2)z^2 + \cdots$$

where $B(n), C(n) \in \mathcal{L}(H)$ and such that

$$B(n)e_1 = 2e_1, B(n)e_2 = (-1)^n 2e_2, B(n)e_j = 0 (j \geq 3), n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$C(n)e_1 = (-1)^n 2e_1, C(n)e_2 = 2e_2, C(n)e_j = 2e_j (j \geq 3) \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

we have $\frac{1+z}{1-z}I = Ag(z) + (I - A)h(z)$, and for $\forall x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k e_k \in H, re^{i\theta} \in \Delta$,

$$\begin{aligned} (Reg(re^{i\theta})x, x) &= |\lambda_1|^2(1 + 2r \cos \theta + 2r^2 \cos 2\theta + \dots) \\ &+ |\lambda_2|^2(1 - 2r \cos \theta + 2r^2 \cos 2\theta - \dots) \\ &+ |\lambda_3|^2 + |\lambda_4|^2 + \dots \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

So $g(z) \in N_0(\Delta)$. Similarly, $h(z) \in N_0(\Delta)$.

The proof of theorem 1

Let $f(z) = I + B(n)z^n + B(n+1)z^{n+1} + \dots \in N_0(\Delta)$, and it is a strong extreme point of $N_0(\Delta)$, so by [1], $f(z) \not\equiv I$, and by Lemma 2

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2}[(f(z) + u(z)) + (f(z) - u(z))].$$

We have $u(z) \equiv 0$, so

$$B^*(n)B(n+k) = B(n)B(k-n), k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (1)$$

By $B(n)$ is a normal operator, we obtain

$$Ker B(n) = Ker B^*(n).$$

1) Suppose $Ker B(n) = Ker B^*(n) = \{0\}$. Using (1), we have $B^*(n)B(j) = 0, B(j) = 0$ ($j \neq nm, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$) and

$$B^*(n)B(nm) = B(n)B((m-2)n) \quad (2)$$

$$B^*(n)B(2n) = 2B(n) \quad (3)$$

From (2),(3),

$$B(nm) = \frac{1}{2}B(2n)B((m-2)n).$$

So, $B(2kn) = (\frac{1}{2})^{k-1}B^k(2n), B((2k+1)n) = (\frac{1}{2})^k B^k(2n)B(n)$.

Let $B(n) = UB^+(n)$ be the polar decomposition of $B(n)$, by $B(n)$ is normal, we see

$$Ker B(n) = Ker B^+(n) = \{0\}, B^+(n) > 0, \text{ and } B^+(n)U^*B(2n) = B^*(n)B(2n) = 2B(n) = 2UB^+(n) = B^+(n)(2U)$$

so, $B(2n) = 2U^2$ and

$$f(z) = I + B^+(n)(Uz^n + (Uz^n)^3 + \dots) + 2((Uz^n)^2 + (Uz^n)^4 + \dots).$$

Suppose $f_1(z) = I + B^+(n)(z + z^3 + \dots) + 2(z^2 + z^4 + \dots)$, because $f(z)$ is a strong extreme point, so is $f_1(z)$, but

$$f_1(z) = (I - \frac{B^+(n)}{2})\frac{1+z^2}{1-z^2} + \frac{B^+(n)}{2}\frac{1+z}{1-z}.$$

Therefore, $B^+(n) = 2I$ and $f_1(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}I$, but lemma3 has proved that $f_1(z)$ is not a strong extreme point, this is a contradiction.

2) Suppose $\text{Ker} B(n) = \text{Ker} B^*(n) \neq \{0\}$.

Let $M = \text{Ker} B(n)$, and $P_M(P_{M^\perp})$ be the projection on $M(M^\perp)$, then $f(z) = P_{M^\perp}(I + B(n)P_{M^\perp}z + B(n+1)P_{M^\perp}z^2 + \cdots) + (I - P_{M^\perp})(I + B(n)P_Mz + B(n+1)P_Mz^2 + \cdots)$. So, $f(z)$ is not a strong extreme point.

Lemma 4. $\frac{1+z}{1-z}I$ is a sub-strong extreme point of $N_0(\Delta)$.

Proof. Let

$$\frac{1+z}{1-z}I = Ag(z) + (I - A)h(z)$$

where, $g(z) = I + B_1z + B_2z^2 + \cdots \in N_0(\Delta)$, $h(z) = I + C_1z + C_2z^2 + \cdots \in N_0(\Delta)$ and $0 < A < I$, commuting with h, g . Then

$$2I = AB_j + (I - A)C_j, (j \geq 1)$$

If for some j , $B_j \neq 2I$, then

$$C_j = (I - A)^{-1}(2I - AB_j) = 2I + A(I - A)^{-1}(2I - B_j)$$

$$C_j^*C_j = 4I + 2A(I - A)^{-1}\{4I - B_j^* - B_j\} + (I - A)^{-2}A^2(2I - B_j)^*(2I - B_j) \geq 4I$$

and, $C_j^*C_j \neq 4I$, so $\|C_j\| > 2$, this contradicts to lemma 1.

The proof of theorem 2

We will follow the proof by Holland [1].

Let $f(z) = I + B(n)z^n + B(n+1)z^{n+1} + \cdots \in N_0(\Delta)$, and it be a sub-strong extreme point of $N_0(\Delta)$, $B(n) \neq 0$ and $M = \text{Ker} B(n)$, $M^\perp = R(B(n))$, then

$$f(z)P_{M^\perp} = IP_{M^\perp} + B(n)P_{M^\perp}z^n + \cdots$$

is a sub-strong extreme point of $N_0(\Delta)$ on M^\perp . Because $\text{Ker} B(n)P_{M^\perp} = \{0\}$, as in the proof of Theorem 1, we can see $\frac{1}{2}B(n)P_{M^\perp}$ must be a unitary operator U_0 on M^\perp , so

$$f(z)P_{M^\perp} = [IP_{M^\perp} + U_0z^n][IP_{M^\perp} - U_0z^n]^{-1}$$

But, from [4], there is a self-adjoint operator A on M^\perp , such that $U_0 = \exp(iA)$. Let $U_1 = \exp(\frac{iA}{n})$ and $\omega = \exp(\frac{i2\pi}{n})$, then

$$f(z)P_{M^\perp} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (IP_{M^\perp} + U_1\omega^jz)(IP_{M^\perp} - U_1\omega^jz)^{-1}.$$

Because $f(z)P_{M^\perp}$ is a sub-strong extreme point, we must have $n = 1$, so

$$f(z)P_{M^\perp} = (IP_{M^\perp} + U_0z)(IP_{M^\perp} - U_0z)^{-1}.$$

where U_0 is a unitary operator on M^\perp . On the other hand,

$$f(z)P_M = IP_M + B(n+1)P_Mz^{n+1} + \cdots$$

But $n+1 \neq 1$, and when $M \neq \{0\}$, IP_M is not an extreme point on M , so $M = \{0\}$ and $f(z) = (I + Uz)(I - Uz)^{-1}$, where U is a unitary operator on H .

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