



## ON $m$ -EXPANSIVE AND $m$ -CONTRACTIVE TUPLE OF OPERATORS IN HILBERT SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we introduce and studied the concept of joint  $m$ -expansive and joint  $m$ -contractive tuples of commuting operators of a Hilbert space.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper  $\mathcal{H}$  will denote a infinite-dimensional Hilbert space on  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$  (the complex plane).  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of positive integers and  $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be the set of bounded linear operators from  $\mathcal{H}$  into itself. An operator  $S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  we denote by  $\mathcal{N}(S)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(S)$  the null space and the range of  $S$  respectively. For  $S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , we set

$$\theta_m(S) := \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} S^{*j} S^j. \quad (1.1)$$

J. Agler and M. Stankus introduced the class of  $m$ -isometry on Hilbert space [1, 2, 3]. An operator  $S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be  $m$ -isometric operator for some integer  $m \geq 1$  if it satisfies the operator equation  $\theta_m(S) = 0$ .

Notice that the defining property  $\theta_m(S) = 0$  of an  $m$ -isometric operator is equivalently formulated that

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \|S^k x\|^2 = 0 \quad (\forall x \in \mathcal{H}).$$

The Concept of  $m$ -isometric operators on Hilbert and Banach spaces has attracted much attention of various authors (see [8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 21, 22, 19]). A generalization of  $m$ -isometries to  $m$ -expansive and  $m$ -contractive operators on Hilbert spaces spaces has been presented by several authors. We refer the reader to [4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23] for recent articles about these subjects.

**Definition 1.1.** ([14]) An operator  $S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be

- (i)  $m$ -expansive ( $m \geq 1$ ) if  $\theta_m(S) \leq 0$ .

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- (ii)  $m$ -hyperexpansive ( $m \geq 1$ ), if  $\theta_k(S) \leq 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .
- (iii) Completely hyperexpansive if  $\theta_m(S) \leq 0$  for all  $m$ .

**Definition 1.2.** ([15]) An operator  $S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be

- (i)  $m$ -contractive ( $m \geq 1$ ) if  $\theta_m(S) \geq 0$ .
- (ii)  $m$ -hypercontractive ( $m \geq 1$ ), if  $\theta_k(S) \geq 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .
- (iii) Completely hypercontractive if  $\theta_m(S) \geq 0$  for all  $m$ .

The study of tuple of commuting operators on Hilbert space has consider by many authors in the recent years. In [16] the authors introduced the concept of  $m$ -isomeric tuple of commuting operators as follows: Let  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^d$  be tuple of commuting operators.  $\mathbf{S}$  is said to be  $m$ -isometric tuple if

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^k \left( \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \mathbf{S}^{*\beta} \mathbf{S}^\beta \right) = 0,$$

where  $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_d) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^d$  and  $\beta! = \beta_1! \cdots \beta_d!$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we introduce and study the concepts on  $m$ -expansive and  $m$ -contractive tuples of operators on a Hilbert space.

Let  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^d$  and set

$$\Psi_l(\mathbf{S}) = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq l} (-1)^k \left( \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \mathbf{S}^{*\beta} \mathbf{S}^\beta \right), \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$\mathbf{Q}_l(\mathbf{S}, x) := \langle \mathbf{S}x, x \rangle = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq l} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \left( \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \|\mathbf{S}^\beta x\|^2 \right). \quad (2.2)$$

Clearly,

$$\Psi_l(\mathbf{S}) \geq 0 \iff \mathbf{Q}_l(\mathbf{S}, x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H},$$

and

$$\Psi_l(\mathbf{S}) \leq 0 \iff \mathbf{Q}_l(\mathbf{S}, x) \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H},$$

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^d$  be a commuting tuple of operators and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . We said that

- (1)  $\mathbf{S}$  is joint  $m$ -expansive if  $\Psi_m(\mathbf{S}) \leq 0$  for some integer  $m$ .
- (2)  $\mathbf{S}$  is joint  $m$ -hyperexpansive tuple if  $\Psi_k(\mathbf{S}) \leq 0$  for each  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .
- (3)  $\mathbf{S}$  is joint completely hyperexpansive tuple if  $\Psi_k(\mathbf{S}) \leq 0$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (4)  $\mathbf{S}$  is joint  $m$ -contractive if  $\Psi_m(\mathbf{S}) \geq 0$  for some integer  $m$ .
- (5)  $\mathbf{S}$  is joint  $m$ -hypercontractive if  $\Psi_k(\mathbf{S}) \geq 0$  for each  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .
- (6)  $\mathbf{S}$  is joint completely hypercontractive if  $\mathbf{S}$  is joint  $k$ -contractive for all positive integer  $k$ .

When  $d = 1$ , Definition 2.1 coincides with Definition 1.1 and Definition 1.2.

**Remark.** Observe that

$$\langle \Psi_l(\mathbf{S})x, x \rangle = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq l} (-1)^k \left( \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \|\mathbf{S}^\beta x\|^2 \right), \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H}.$$

Then ;

$$(1) \mathbf{S} \text{ is } m\text{-expansive tuple} \iff \sum_{0 \leq k \leq l} (-1)^k \left( \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \|\mathbf{S}^\beta x\|^2 \right) \leq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H},$$

and

$$(2) \mathbf{S} \text{ is } m\text{-contractive tuple} \iff \sum_{0 \leq k \leq l} (-1)^k \left( \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \|\mathbf{S}^\beta x\|^2 \right) \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H}$$

**Remark.** (i) Let  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^d$  be a commuting tuple of operators. Then  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint expansive tuple if

$$\|x\|^2 \leq \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} \|S_j x\|^2, \quad (\forall x \in \mathcal{H}) \quad (2.3)$$

and it is a joint -contractive tuple if

$$\|x\|^2 \geq \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} \|S_j x\|^2, \quad (\forall x \in \mathcal{X}). \quad (2.4)$$

(ii) If  $d = 2$ , let  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, S_2) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^2$  be a commuting pair of operators. Then  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint 2-expansive pair if

$$\|x\|^2 \leq 2(\|S_1 x\|^2 + \|S_2 x\|^2) - (\|S_1^2 x\|^2 + \|S_2^2 x\|^2 + 2\|S_1 S_2 x\|^2) \quad (\forall x \in \mathcal{H}), \quad (2.5)$$

and it is a joint  $(2, p)$ -contractive pair if

$$\|x\|^p \geq 2(\|S_1 x\|^2 + \|S_2 x\|^p) - (\|S_1^2 x\|^p + \|S_2^2 x\|^2 + 2\|S_1 S_2 x\|^2) \quad (\forall x \in \mathcal{H}). \quad (2.6)$$

(iii) Let  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^d$  be a commuting tuple of operators. Then  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint 2-expansive tuple if

$$\|x\|^2 \leq 2 \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} \|S_j x\|^2 - \left( \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} \|S_j^2 x\|^2 + 2 \sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq d} \|S_j S_k x\|^2 \right) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H}, \quad (2.7)$$

and it is a joint 2-contractive tuple if

$$\|x\|^2 \geq 2 \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} \|S_j x\|^2 - \left( \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} \|S_j^2 x\|^p + 2 \sum_{1 \leq j \neq k \leq d} \|S_j S_k x\|^2 \right) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H}. \quad (2.8)$$

**Remark.** Since the operators  $S_1, \dots, S_d$  are commuting, every permutation of joint  $m$ -expansive tuple is also joint  $m$ -expansive tuple.

The following examples show that there exists a joint  $(m, p)$ -expansive (resp. joint  $(m, p)$ -contractive) operator which is not  $(m, p)$ -isometric tuple for some positive integer  $m$ .

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{C}^3$  be equipped with the norm

$$\|(x, y, z)\|_2 = \left( |x|^2 + |y|^2 + |z|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and consider

$$S_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3) \text{ and } S_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3).$$

Then the pair  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, S_2)$  is a joint 2-expansive pair on  $(\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{C}^3, \|\cdot\|_2)$ .

In fact, obviously  $S_1 S_2 = S_2 S_1$  and a simple computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \left\| S_1 \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2^2 + 2 \left\| S_2 \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2^2 - \left( \left\| S_1^2 \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2^2 + \left\| S_2^2 \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2^2 + 2 \left\| S_1 S_2 \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2^2 \right) \\ &= (9^2 - 1 + 3^2) |u + v + w|^2 \\ &\geq \left\| \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

However  $\mathbf{S}$  is not a 2-isometric tuple.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^d$  be a tuple of commuting operators. Then for all positive integer  $m$ , and  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , we have*

$$\mathbf{Q}_{m+1}(\mathbf{S}, x) = \mathbf{Q}_m(\mathbf{S}, x) - \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} \mathbf{Q}_m(\mathbf{S}, S_k x). \quad (2.9)$$

*Proof.* By taking into account Equation (2.4), a straightforward calculation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{Q}_{m+1}(\mathbf{S}, x) \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m+1} (-1)^k \binom{m+1}{k} \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \|\mathbf{S}^\beta x\|^2 \\ &= \|x\|^2 + \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^k \left[ \binom{m}{k} + \binom{m}{k-1} \right] \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \|\mathbf{S}^\beta x\|^2 \\ &\quad + (-1)^{m+1} \sum_{|\beta|=m+1} \frac{(m+1)!}{\beta!} \|\mathbf{S}^\beta x\|^2 \\ &= \mathbf{Q}_m(\mathbf{S}, x) - \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m-1} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \sum_{|\beta|=k+1} \frac{(k+1)!}{\beta!} \|\mathbf{S}^\beta x\|^2 \\ &\quad + (-1)^{m+1} \sum_{|\beta|=m+1} \frac{(m+1)!}{\beta!} \|\mathbf{S}^\beta x\|^2 \\ &= \mathbf{Q}_m(\mathbf{S}, x) - \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m-1} (-1)^{m-k} \binom{m}{k} \sum_{|\beta|=k+1} \frac{k!(\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_n)}{\beta_1! \cdot \beta_2! \cdot \dots \cdot \beta_n!} \|\mathbf{S}^\beta x\|^2 \\ &\quad + (-1)^{m+1} \sum_{|\beta|=m+1} \frac{m!(\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_n)}{\beta_1! \cdot \beta_2! \cdot \dots \cdot \beta_n!} \|\mathbf{S}^\beta x\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \mathbf{Q}_m(\mathbf{S}, x) \\
&\quad - \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m-1} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \sum_{|\beta|=k+1} \frac{k! \beta_j}{\beta_1! \cdot \beta_2! \cdots \beta_n!} \\
&\quad \cdot \|S_j (S_1^{\beta_1} \cdots S_j^{\beta_j-1} S_{j+1}^{\beta_{j+1}} \cdots S_n^{\beta_n} x)\|^2 \\
&\quad + (-1)^{m+1} \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} \sum_{|\beta|=m+1} \frac{m! \beta_j}{\beta_1! \cdot \beta_2! \cdots \beta_d!} \\
&\quad \cdot \|S_j S_1^{\beta_1} \cdots S_j^{\beta_j-1} S_{j+1}^{\beta_{j+1}} \cdots S_n^{\beta_n} x\|^2 \\
&= \mathbf{Q}_m(\mathbf{S}, x) \\
&\quad - \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m-1} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \|\mathbf{S}^\alpha S_j x\|^2 \\
&\quad + (-1)^{m+1} \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} \sum_{|\beta|=m} \frac{m!}{\beta!} \|\mathbf{S}^\alpha S_j x\|^2 \\
&= \mathbf{Q}_m(\mathbf{S}, x) - \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left( \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \|\mathbf{S}^\alpha S_j x\|^2 \right) \\
&= \mathbf{Q}_m(\mathbf{S}, x) - \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} Q_m(\mathbf{S}; S_j x),
\end{aligned}$$

and so the equality (2.5) is satisfied.  $\square$

**Example 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an Hilbert space and  $I_{\mathcal{H}}$  the identity operator. Then  $(5I_{\mathcal{H}}, I_{\mathcal{H}}, I_{\mathcal{H}}) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^3$  is a joint 2-contractive of operators which is not a 2-isometric tuple..

It is well-known that the class of  $m$ -isometric tuple is a subset of the class of  $(m+1)$ -isometric tuple. The following example shows that the class of joint  $m$ -expansive tuple and joint  $m+1$ -expansive tuple are independent.

**Example 2.4.** Let  $\mathbf{S} = (I_{\mathcal{H}}, I_{\mathcal{H}}, I_{\mathcal{H}}) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^3$ . A simple computation shows that

- (1)  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint 1-expansive tuple but not a joint 2-expansive tuple.
- (2)  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint 2-contractive tuple but not a joint 1-contractive tuple.

The following theorem gives some sufficient conditions under which a joint  $m$ -expansive tuple of operators in Hilbert space is a joint  $m$ -hyperexpansive tuple for  $m \geq 2$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^d$  be a commuting tuple of operators. If  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint  $m$ -expansive tuple and satisfies the following conditions

- (1)  $S_j^{k_j} \rightarrow 0$  strongly for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ ,
  - (2)  $S_j^* \Psi_k(\mathbf{S}) S_j \leq S_j^{*2} \Psi_k(\mathbf{S}) S_j^2$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$  and  $k \in \{1, \dots, m-1\}$ ,
- then  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint  $m$ -hyperexpansive tuple.

*Proof.* As  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint  $m$ -expansive tuple, it follows that

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \left( \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \mathbf{S}^{*\beta} \mathbf{S}^\beta \right) \leq 0.$$

A computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\geq I_{\mathcal{H}} + \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m-1} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \left( \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \mathbf{S}^{*\beta} \mathbf{S}^\beta \right) + (-1)^m \sum_{|\beta|=m} \frac{m!}{\beta!} \mathbf{S}^{*\beta} \mathbf{S}^\beta \\
&= I_{\mathcal{H}} + \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m-1} (-1)^k \left( \binom{m-1}{k} + \binom{m-1}{k-1} \right) \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \frac{k!}{\alpha!} \mathbf{S}^{*\alpha} \mathbf{S}^\alpha + (-1)^m \sum_{|\beta|=m} \frac{m!}{\beta!} \mathbf{S}^{*\beta} \mathbf{S}^\beta \\
&= \underbrace{\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m-1} (-1)^k \binom{m-1}{k} \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \mathbf{S}^{*\beta} \mathbf{S}^\beta}_{\Psi_{m-1}(\mathbf{S})} - \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m-2} (-1)^k \binom{m-1}{k} \sum_{|\beta|=k+1} \frac{(k+1)!}{\beta!} \mathbf{S}^{*\beta} \mathbf{S}^\beta \\
&\quad + (-1)^m \sum_{|\beta|=m} \frac{m!}{\beta!} \mathbf{S}^{*\beta} \mathbf{S}^\beta
\end{aligned}$$

In view of the statement (2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi_{m-1}(\mathbf{S}) &\leq \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} S_j^* \left( \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m-1} (-1)^k \binom{m-1}{k} \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \mathbf{S}^{*\beta} \mathbf{S}^\beta \right) S_j \\
&= \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} S_j^* \Psi_{m-1}(\mathbf{S}) S_j \\
&\leq \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} S_j^{*2} \Psi_{m-1}(\mathbf{S}) S_j^2 \\
&\leq \dots \\
&\leq \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} S_j^{*k_j} \Psi_{m-1}(\mathbf{S}) S_j^{k_j},
\end{aligned}$$

for every  $k = (k_1, \dots, k_d) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^d$ . By the assumption in the statement (1) it follows that  $\Psi_{m-1}(\mathbf{S}) \leq 0$ . Repeating the process as above we can prove that

$$\Psi_l(\mathbf{S}) \leq 0 \quad \forall l \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}.$$

This yields the conclusion that the operator  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint  $m$ -hyperexpansive tuple.  $\square$

A similar argument to the one above proves the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^d$  be a commuting tuple of operators. If  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint  $m$ -contractive tuple and satisfies the following conditions*

- (1)  $S_j^{k_j} \rightarrow 0$  strongly for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ ,
- (2)  $S_j^* \Psi_k(\mathbf{S}) S_j \geq S_j^{*2} \Psi_k(\mathbf{S}) S_j^2$  for all  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$  and  $k \in \{1, \dots, m-1\}$ ,  
then  $\mathbf{T}$  is  $m$ -hypercontractive tuple.

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^d$  be commuting tuple of operators such that  $\mathbf{S}_{/\overline{\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{S})}} := (S_1/\overline{\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{S})}, \dots, S_d/\overline{\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{S})})$  is a joint 1-isometric tuple. The following properties hold.*

- (1) *If  $\mathbf{S}$  is joint  $m$ -expansive tuple, then  $\mathbf{S}$  is  $m$ -hyperexpansive tuple.*
- (2) *If  $\mathbf{S}$  is joint  $m$ -contractive tuple, then  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint  $m$ -hypercontractive tuple.*

*Proof.* By (2.9) we have for all  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$

$$Q_k(\mathbf{S}, x) = \mathbf{Q}_{k-1}(\mathbf{S}, x) - \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} \mathbf{Q}_{k-1}(\mathbf{S}, S_j x), \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H}.$$

If  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint isometric tuple on  $\overline{\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{S})}$ , it is well known that  $\mathbf{S}$  is an  $k$ -isometric tuple on  $\overline{\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{S})}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, m$ . Consequently,

$$\mathbf{Q}_1(\mathbf{S}, x) = \mathbf{Q}_2(\mathbf{S}, x) = \dots = \mathbf{Q}_{m-1}(\mathbf{S}, x) = \mathbf{Q}_m(\mathbf{S}, x) = 0.$$

If  $\mathbf{S}$  is a joint  $m$ -expansive tuple, then it is a joint  $(m-1)$ -expansive tuple. By repeating this process we get obtain that  $\mathbf{S}$  is joint  $k$ -expansive tuple for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Consequently,  $\mathbf{S}$  is joint  $m$ -hyperexpansive.

By the same argument as above, (2) is obtained.  $\square$

A point  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_d) \in \mathbb{C}^d$  is said to be a joint approximate point of  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_d)$  if there exists a unit sequence of vectors  $(\xi_n)_n \subset \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(S_j - \mu_j)\xi_n\| = 0 \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, d.$$

The joint approximate point spectrum of  $\mathbf{S}$ , denoted by  $\sigma_{ap}(\mathbf{S})$  is defined by

$$\sigma_{ap}(\mathbf{S}) := \{\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_d) \in \mathbb{C}^d / \mu \text{ is a joint approximate point spectrum of } \mathbf{S}\}.$$

We denote by

$$\mathbb{B}(\mathbb{C}^d) := \{\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_d) \in \mathbb{C}^d / \|\mu\|_2 = \left( \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} |\mu_j|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < 1\}$$

and

$$\partial\mathbb{B}(\mathbb{C}^d) := \{\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_d) \in \mathbb{C}^d / \|\mu\|_2 = \left( \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} |\mu_j|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1\}.$$

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^d$  be an  $m$ -expansive tuple for some positive integer  $m$ . The following properties hold.*

(1) *If  $m$  is even, then the approximate point spectrum of  $\mathbf{S}$  lies in the boundary of the unit ball of  $(\mathbb{C}^d, \|\cdot\|_2)$ .*

(2) *If  $m$  is odd, then  $\sigma_{ap}(\mathbf{S}) \subset \mathbb{C}^d \setminus \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{C}^d)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{S}) := \bigcap_{1 \leq j \leq d} \mathcal{N}(S_j) = \{0\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_d) \in \mathbb{C}^d$  is in the approximate point spectrum of  $\mathbf{S}$ , then there exists a sequence  $(\xi_n)_n \subset \mathcal{X}$  such that for all  $n$ ,  $\|\xi_n\| = 1$  and  $\|(S_j - \mu_j)\xi_n\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . Thus for each integer  $\beta_j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|(S_j^{\beta_j} - \mu_j^{\beta_j})\xi_n\| = 0$  and so that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|(\mathbf{S}^\beta - \mu^\beta)\xi_n\| = 0 \quad \forall \beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_d) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^d.$$

Now it is easy to see that

$$\|\mathbf{S}^\beta \xi_n\|^2 \longrightarrow |\mu|^{2\beta} \quad \text{as } n \longrightarrow \infty.$$

Since  $\mathbf{S}$  is an  $(m, p)$ -expansive, it follows that

$$0 \geq \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \left( \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \frac{k!}{\alpha!} \|(\mathbf{S})^\alpha \xi_n\|^2 \right)$$

By taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the last inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\geq \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} |\mu^\beta|^2 \\ &\geq \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \sum_{|\beta|=k} \frac{k!}{\beta!} |\mu^\beta|^2 \\ &\geq (1 - \|\mu\|_2^2)^m. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$(1 - \|\mu\|_p^p)^m \leq 0 \tag{2.10}$$

Now, we have that

(1) If  $m$  is even, then  $0 \leq (1 - \|\mu\|_p^p)^m \leq 0$  from (2.10), and so  $\|\mu\|_2 = 1$ . This means that  $\sigma_{ap}(\mathbf{S}) \subset \partial\mathbb{B}(\mathbb{C}^d)$  and so

$$\partial\sigma(\mathbf{S}) \subset \sigma_{ap}(\mathbf{S}) \subset \partial\mathbb{B}(\mathbb{C}^d).$$

(2) Assume that  $m$  is odd. If  $\|\mu\|_2 < 1$ , then  $0 < (1 - \|\mu\|_2^2)^m \leq 0$  from (2.10), which is a contradiction. Hence,

$\sigma_{ap}(\mathbf{S}) \subset \mathbb{C}^d \setminus \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{C}^d)$ . In particular  $(0, \dots, 0) \notin \sigma_{ap}(\mathbf{S})$ . Thus  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{S}) = \{0\}$ .  $\square$

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