

On the Extension of a Completely Positive Map on C^* -Algebra

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1. Introduction.

In [1], Arveson proved that if S is a normed closed selfadjoint subspace of a C^* -algebra A with unit and the unit $I \in A$ and ϕ is a completely positive map defined on S , then ϕ has a completely positive extension to A . We wish to prove Arveson's theorem in a form which can be applied to algebras of unbounded operators. In this case the unit I is no longer an interior point of the cone of positive elements and the topological structure associated with a C^* -algebra is no longer available.

2. Completely positive Map.

Suppose X is a complex vector space with a conjugate linear involution $x \rightarrow x^*$ with the properties:

$$(1) (\alpha x + y)^* = \bar{\alpha}x^* + y^*$$

$$(2) x^{**} = x,$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and complex numbers α .

We denote by $M(X)$ the space of all finite matrices over X .

Each element $\{x_{ij}\} \in M(X)$ is an array $x_{ij} \in X$ for $i, j = 1, 2, \dots$ with $x_{ij} \neq 0$ for only finitely many pairs of indices.

We define $*$ -operation on $M(X)$ by the relation

$$\{x_{ij}\}^* = \{y_{ij}\} \text{ if } y_{ij} = x_{ji}^*$$

for all $i, j = 1, 2, \dots$.

we denote by $M(X)_r$ the hermitian elements of $M(X)$, those elements such that $\{x_{ij}\} = \{x_{ij}\}^*$.

DEFINITION 2.1. We say a cone Q in $M(X)_r$ is admissible if

(1) Q is a cone in that if $\{x_{ij}\}, \{y_{ij}\} \in Q$ and $\lambda, \mu \geq 0$, then

$$\lambda \{x_{ij}\} + \mu \{y_{ij}\} \in Q.$$

(2) If $\{x_{ij}\} \in Q$ and $\{\alpha_{ij} : i, j = 1, 2, \dots\}$ is an array of complex numbers such that $\alpha_{ij} \neq 0$ for only finitely many pairs (i, j) of indices and

$$y_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_{ki} \alpha_{kj} X_{ki}, \text{ then } \{y_{ij}\} \in Q.$$

DEFINITION 2.2. Suppose Q is an admissible cone in $M(X)_r$ and K is a complex vector space. A completely positive (with respect to Q) map ϕ of X on K is a linear map ϕ of X into $B(K)$ such that if $\{x_{ij}\} \in Q$ then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle f_i | \phi(x_{ij}) | f_j \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } f_i \in K, i = 1, 2, \dots.$$

If Q is an admissible cone in $M(X)_r$, we say an element $x = x^* \in X$ is in $Q(x \in Q)$ if the matrix $\{x \delta_{ij} \delta_{ij}\} \in Q$

DEFINITION 2.3. A symmetric (*i. e.*, $x \in M$ implies $x^* \in M$) subspace M of X is said to be cofinal in X with respect to an admissible cone Q in $M(X)$ if for every $x^* = x \in X$, there is a $y^* = y \in M$ with $y \in Q$ and $y - x \in Q$.

PROPOSITION 2.4. Suppose M is cofinal in X with respect to an admissible cone Q in $M(X)_r$, then for every $\{x_{ij}\} \in M(X)_r$, there is an element $\{y_{ij}\} \in M(M)_r$ with $\{y_{ij}\} \in Q$ and $\{y_{ij}\} - \{x_{ij}\} \in Q$.

PROPOSITION 2.5. Suppose X is a real vector space and $\{x_\alpha \in X, a_\alpha \in R : \alpha \in I\}$ is a set of pairs of elements $x_\alpha \in X$ and real numbers a_α , indexed by the set I .

Let $S_1 = \{x \in X : x = -\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_{\alpha_i}, \lambda_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i a_{\alpha_i} < 1, n = 1, \dots\}$

$V_1 = \{x \in X : x = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_{\alpha_i}, \lambda_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i a_{\alpha_i} \leq -1, n = 1, \dots\}$

If 0 is an internal point of S_1 , then one and only one of the following statements is true :

(a) there exists a real linear functional F on X such that

$$F(x_\alpha) + a_\alpha \geq 0, \text{ for all } \alpha \in I.$$

(b) $0 \in V_1$.

PROOF. If V_1 is empty, then $F(x) = 0$ satisfies (a), and (b) is false.

We will assume that V_1 is not empty. Assume that both (a) and (b) are true. Then from (b) we have $0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_{\alpha_i}$ with $\lambda_i \geq 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i a_{\alpha_i} \leq -1$. If F is a real linear functional satisfying (a), then $F(x_{\alpha_i}) + a_{\alpha_i} \geq 0$.

Hence, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (F(x_{\alpha_i}) + a_{\alpha_i}) \geq 0, \quad F(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_{\alpha_i}) \geq -\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i a_{\alpha_i} \geq 1.$$

Hence, $F(0) \geq 1$ which is a contradiction.

Therefore, statements (a) and (b) can't both be true.

Next suppose 0 is an internal point of S_i , and S_i and V_i are disjoint.

Since S_i and V_i are convex sets one of which has an internal point, the separation theorem for convex sets assures us that there exists a nonzero linear functional f on X and a real number c such that $f(x) \geq c$ for all $x \in V_i$ and $f(x) < c$ for all $x \in S_i$. Since 0 is an internal point of S_i and f is nonzero, it follows that $c > 0$.

Let $F(x) = c^{-1}f(x)$ for all $x \in X$, then F satisfies (a). Hence, if (a) is false, S_i and V_i are not disjoint and there is an $x \in X$ which lies in both S_i and V_i , i.e.,

$$x = -\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_{\alpha_i}, \quad x = \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j' x_{\beta_j},$$

with $\lambda_i, \lambda_j' \geq 0$ for $i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m$ and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i a_{\alpha_i} = \delta_1 < 1, \quad \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j' a_{\beta_j} = \delta_2 \leq -1.$$

We have $\delta = -(\delta_1 + \delta_2) > 0$. then we have

$$0 = \delta^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_{\alpha_i} + \delta^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j' x_{\beta_j}$$

and $\delta^{-1} \lambda_i \geq 0$, $\delta^{-1} \lambda_j' \geq 0$ for $i=1, \dots, n$ and $j=1, \dots, m$ and Hence, $0 \in V_i$.

Hence, if (a) is false, (b) is true,

and this completes the proof of the proposition.

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3. Main Theorem.

PROPOSITION 3.1. Suppose M is a symmetric subspace of X which is cofinal in X with respect to an admissible cone Q in $M(X)$, and ϕ is a completely positive map of M on K .

Suppose $x_n^* = x_0 \in X$ and $x_0 \notin M$. Let M' be the span of M and x_0 . Then there exists a completely positive map ϕ' of M' on K which extends ϕ .

PROOF. Suppose the hypotheses of the proposition are satisfied.

In order to specify an extension ϕ' of ϕ , it is sufficient to specify $\phi'(x_0)$.

A completely positive extension ϕ' exists if and only if there is a bilinear form $\phi'(x_0)$ such that

$$(a) \dots \sum_{i,j=1}^n \langle f_i | \phi'(x_0) | f_j \rangle + \langle f_i | \phi(x_{ij}) | f_j \rangle \geq 0$$

for all $f_i \in K$, complex number $\alpha_{ij} = \bar{\alpha}_{ji}$, $x_{ij} = x_{ji}^* \in M$ for $i, j=1, \dots$ such that

$$\{\alpha_{ij} x_0 + x_{ij}\} \in Q.$$

Let $K \otimes K$ be the linear space of all expression $y = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \bar{f}_i \otimes g_i$,

with $f_i, g_i \in K$ for $i=1, \dots, n$ and $n=1, \dots$.

On $\bar{K} \otimes K$, we have the relations

$$(\alpha\bar{f} + \bar{f}') \otimes g = \alpha(\bar{f} \otimes g) + \bar{f}' \otimes g.$$

$$\bar{f} \otimes (\alpha g + g') = \alpha(\bar{f} \otimes g) + \bar{f} \otimes g'.$$

We define a $*$ -operation on $\bar{K} \otimes K$ by the relation

$$\text{if } y = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{f}_i \otimes g_i, \text{ then } y^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{g}_i \otimes f_i.$$

Let Y be the vector space of all $y \in \bar{K} \otimes K$ such that $y = y^*$.

We assert that each element $y \in Y$ can be expressed in the form

$$y = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} (\bar{f}_i \otimes f_j), \text{ where } \alpha_{ij} = \bar{\alpha}_{ji}.$$

Each element $C \in B(K)$ defines a linear functional F_C on $\bar{K} \otimes K$ by the relation $F_C(y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \bar{f}_i | C | g_i \rangle$, where $y = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{f}_i \otimes g_i$.

If C^* is the hermitian adjoint of $C \in B(K)$ (i. e., $\langle \bar{f} | C^* | g \rangle = \langle g | C | \bar{f} \rangle$ for all $f, g \in K$) we have $F_{C^*}(y) = F_C(y^*)$.

It follows that each hermitian $C \in B(K)$ defines a real linear functional on Y .

In terms of the real vector space Y , the question of whether there is a hermitian form $\phi'(x_0)$ satisfying condition (a) is equivalent to the question of whether there exists a real linear functional F on Y such that

$$(a') \quad F(y_0) + a_0 \geq 0, \text{ for all } y_0 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} (\bar{f}_i \otimes f_j) \in Y, \quad a_0 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \langle \bar{f}_i | \phi(x_0) | f_j \rangle$$

where $\{\alpha_{ij} x_0 + x_{ij}\} \in Q$ and $n=1, 2, \dots$.

Let S_1 and V_1 be as in proposition 2.5. Then it follows that 0 is an internal point of S_1 and from proposition 2.5 (a') has a solution or $0 \in V_1$.

Suppose (a') has no solution and, therefore, $0 \in V_1$.

Since $0 \in V_1$, there are $y_k = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m(k)} \alpha(k)_{ij} \bar{f}_{i_k} \otimes f_{j_k}$, $k=1, \dots, n$, $\{x_{ij}^{(k)}\} \in M(M)_n$,

with $\{\alpha(k)_{ij} x_0 + x_{ij}^{(k)}\} \in Q$ so that $\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k y_k = 0$

$$\text{and } \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i,j=1}^{m(k)} \lambda_k \langle \bar{f}_{i_k} | \phi(x_0) | f_{j_k} \rangle \leq -1.$$

Let $\alpha_{(ik)(jl)} = \lambda_k \delta_{ik} \alpha(k)_{ij}$ and $x_{(ik)(jl)} = \lambda_k \delta_{ik} x_{ij}^{(k)}$.

Then combining the pair of indices (ik) into a single index i and, (jl) into j , we

$$\text{have } y = \sum_{i,j=1}^m \alpha_{ij} \bar{f}_i \otimes f_j = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^m \alpha_{(ik)(jl)} \bar{f}_{i_k} \otimes f_{j_l} = 0,$$

$\{\alpha_{ij} x_0 + x_{ij}\} \in Q$ with $x_{ij} = x_{ij}^* \in M$ for $i, j=1, \dots, m$ and

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^m \langle \bar{f}_i | \phi(x_0) | f_j \rangle \leq -1.$$

Since $y=0$, there are $g_i \in K$ for $i=1, \dots, r$ (with $r \leq m$) and a matrix $\{r_{ij} : i=1, \dots, m, j=1, \dots, r\}$ such that

$$f_i = \sum_{j=1}^r r_{ij} g_j \text{ for } i=1, \dots, m \text{ and}$$

$$(r^*ar)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{r}_{ki} \alpha_{ki} r_{kj} = 0 \text{ for all } i, j=1, \dots, m.$$

Now from the properties of an admissible cone, we have

$$\{r^*\} \{ \alpha_{ij} x_0 + x_{ij} \} \{r\} = \{z_{ij}\} \in Q \quad \text{with } z_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{r}_{ki} x_{ki} r_{kj}.$$

Since $\gamma^*a\gamma = 0$, the $\{ \alpha_{ij} x_0 \}$ terms drop out.

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{ij=1}^r \langle g_i | \phi(z_{ij}) | g_j \rangle &= \sum_{ijkl} \langle r_{ki} g_i | \phi(x_{ki}) | r_{lj} g_j \rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \sum_{i=1}^r r_{ki} g_i | \phi(x_{ki}) | \sum_{j=1}^r r_{lj} g_j \rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \langle f_k | \phi(x_{ki}) | f_l \rangle \\ &= \sum_{ij=1}^n \langle f_i | \phi(x_{ij}) | f_j \rangle \leq -1. \end{aligned}$$

But since $\{z_{ij}\} \in Q$, this contradicts the completely positivity of ϕ on M and we have reached a contradiction.

Hence, inequality (a') has a solution.

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THEOREM 3. 2. Suppose M is a symmetric subspace of X which is cofinal in X with respect to an admissible cone Q in $M(X)_r$, and ϕ is a completely positive map of M on K .

Then ϕ has a completely positive extension to X .

PROOF. The proof follows immediately from an application of Zorn's lemma to the preceding proposition 3, 1.

Let P be the collection of all ordered pairs (M', ϕ') , where M' is a subspace of X which contains M and where ϕ' is a extension of ϕ to M' .

Partially order P by declaring $(M', \phi') \leq (M'', \phi'')$ to mean that $M' \subset M''$ and $\phi''(x) = \phi'(x)$ for all $x \in M'$.

P is not empty since it contains (M, ϕ) and so the Zorn's lemma asserts the existence of a maximal totally ordered subcollection Ω of P .

Let Σ be the collection of all M' such that $(M', \phi') \in \Omega$.

Then Σ is totally ordered by set inclusion, and the union \bar{M} of all members of Σ is a subspace of X .

If $x \in \bar{M}$, then $x \in M'$ for some $M' \in \Sigma$. If \bar{M} were a proper subspace of X , the proposition 3, 1 would give us a further extension, and this would contradict the maximality of Σ .

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