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# Similarity to contractions

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## Preface

This paper has been written as a master thesis to complete my study at the mathematics department of the University of Groningen.

I studied the problem of similarity to contractions, which has been studied before by a lot of mathematicians. So it wasn't difficult to collect enough data about this subject.

In the first chapter I have enumerated some important results of this century followed by a few examples of applying these results. The most important result is Paulsen's theorem about completely polynomially boundedness. That's why I proved this theorem in Chapter 2.

Of course, I supposed that the reader of this essay knows something about Hilbert and Banach spaces but I tried to be as complete as possible.

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I hope you'll enjoy reading this essay.

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# Chapter 1

This essay is about similarity to contractions. The problem is as follows:

*When is an operator in a Hilbert space similar to a contraction in a Hilbert space?*

The question is easy but the answer is quite difficult. There have already been many mathematicians who studied this problem and there have been found some elegant results.

## 1.1 Results

First we have to explain what we mean by similarity to an operator and what is called a contraction. All operators are considered in the same Hilbert space  $(\mathcal{H}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  and are bounded.

**Definition 1.1:** An operator  $T$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  is called *similar to an operator*  $T_1$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  if there exists an invertible operator  $S : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  such that  $T = ST_1S^{-1}$ .  
By the notation  $T \sim T_1$  we will mean that  $T$  is similar to the operator  $T_1$ .

**Definition 1.2:** An operator  $C$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  is called a *contraction* if  $\|C\| \leq 1$ .

There is an equivalent statement:

**Theorem 1.3:** Let  $T : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be an operator. The operator  $T$  is similar to a contraction iff there is an equivalent Hilbertian norm for which  $T$  is a contraction.

**Proof:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $T \sim C$  with  $C$  a contraction. Then there exists an invertible operator  $S : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  such that  $T = S^{-1}CS$ . Define  $[u, v] = \langle Su, Sv \rangle$ . This is an inner product and  $[[u]]^2 = \|Su\|^2 \leq \|S\|^2 \|u\|^2$  so  $[[u]] \leq \|S\| \|u\|$ .  
Also follows  $\|u\|^2 = \|S^{-1}Su\|^2 \leq \|S^{-1}\|^2 \|Su\|^2 = \|S^{-1}\|^2 [[u]]^2$  so  $\|u\| \leq \|S^{-1}\| [[u]]$ .  
Together these results show that  $[[\ ]]$  and  $\| \ \|$  are equivalent norms and  $(\mathcal{H}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is a Hilbert space implies that  $(\mathcal{H}, [ \cdot, \cdot ])$  is also a Hilbert space. It remains to show that  $T$  is a contraction on  $(\mathcal{H}, [ \cdot, \cdot ])$ . This is easy to see:

$$\begin{aligned} [[Tu]]^2 &= [[S^{-1}CSu]]^2 = [S^{-1}CSu, S^{-1}CSu] \\ &= \langle CSu, CSu \rangle \leq \langle Su, Su \rangle = [u, u] \\ &= [[u]]^2 \end{aligned}$$

( $\Leftarrow$ )  $[u, v]$  is an inner product on  $\mathcal{H}$ , continu in both variables:  
 $|[u, v]|^2 \leq [[u]][[v]] \leq M^2 \|u\| \|v\|$ . Riesz Lemma tells us that there is a  $G \in B(\mathcal{H})$  such that

$$[u, v] = \langle Gu, v \rangle$$

$G$  is invertible and  $\langle Gu, u \rangle > 0$ :

$$Gu = 0 \Rightarrow \langle Gu, u \rangle = 0 = [u, u] \Rightarrow u = 0$$

$$\langle Gu, u \rangle = [u, u] \geq 0$$

so  $G$  is injective and  $G > 0$ .

$$\langle Gu, v \rangle = [u, v] = \overline{[v, u]} = \overline{\langle Gv, u \rangle} = \langle u, Gv \rangle = \langle G^*u, v \rangle \text{ so } G = G^*.$$

Take  $v \perp \text{ran } G$  then :  $0 = \langle Gu, v \rangle = [u, v] \quad \forall u$  which implies that  $v = 0$  and  $\overline{\text{ran } G} = \mathcal{H}$ .

We claim that if  $Gx_n \rightarrow y$  then  $y \in \text{ran } G$  i.e.  $\exists x \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $y = Gx$  which means that  $G$  is surjective. This is proved as follows:

If  $Gx_n \rightarrow y$  then  $Gx_n$  is Cauchy:  $\forall v \langle Gx_n - Gx_m, v \rangle \rightarrow 0$  if  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .

But  $\langle Gx_n - Gx_m, v \rangle = [x_n - x_m, v]$  and then the theorem about weak convergence says  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $Gx_n \rightarrow Gx$ . Since also  $Gx_n \rightarrow y$  follows  $Gx = y$ .

Now we take  $S = G^{1/2}$ . Given is that  $T$  is a contraction with respect to  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ . Define  $C = G^{1/2}TG^{-1/2}$  then  $T \sim C$  and  $C$  is a contraction on  $(\mathcal{H}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Cx, Cx \rangle &= \langle G^{1/2}TG^{-1/2}x, G^{1/2}TG^{-1/2}x \rangle \\ &= \langle GTG^{-1/2}x, TG^{-1/2}x \rangle = [TG^{-1/2}x, TG^{-1/2}x] \\ &\leq [G^{-1/2}x, G^{-1/2}x] = \langle GG^{-1/2}x, G^{-1/2}x \rangle \\ &= \langle G^{-1/2}GG^{-1/2}x, x \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle \end{aligned}$$

In the history three notions play an important role:

**Definition 1.4:** An operator  $T$  is called *power bounded* (p.b.) if  $\exists M$  such that for all  $n \geq 0$

$$\| T^n \| \leq M$$

**Definition 1.5:** An operator  $T$  is called *polynomially bounded* (pol.b.) if  $\exists M \geq 0$  such that  $\forall$  polynomials  $p(z)$

$$\| p(T) \| \leq M \sup_{|z|=1} |p(z)| = M \sup_{|z| \leq 1} |p(z)|$$

where the equality follows by the maximum modulus principle.

**Definition 1.6:** An operator  $T$  is called *completely polynomially bounded* (c.pol. b.) if  $\exists M$  such that  $\forall n$  and  $\forall n \times n$  matrices  $P(z) = (P_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n$  with polynomial entries

$$\| P(T) \|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)} \leq M \sup_{|z| \leq 1} \| P(z) \|_{B(\mathbb{C}^n)}$$

where  $\mathcal{H}^n$  is the Hilbert space  $\{x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, x_i \in \mathcal{H}\}$  with inner product

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \left( \begin{array}{c} \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle x_n, y_n \rangle \end{array} \right) \text{ and}$$

$$\| P(T) \|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)} = \sup_{h \neq 0 \in \mathcal{H}^n} \frac{\| P(T)h \|}{\| h \|}$$

and  $\forall z \in \mathbb{D} = \{x \mid |x| \leq 1\}$ ,  $\| P(z) \|_{B(\mathbb{C}^n)} = \sup_{x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{C}^n} \frac{\| P(z)x \|_e}{\| x \|_e}$  where  $\| \cdot \|_e$  is the Euclidian norm in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

**Remark:** Completely polynomially boundedness  $\Rightarrow$  polynomially boundedness  $\Rightarrow$  power boundedness. Indeed the first implication follows by taking  $n = 1$  and the second by considering the polynomials  $p(z) = z^n$ .

These definitions lead us to three theorems:

**Theorem 1.7:** If  $T$  is similar to a contraction  $C$ , then  $T$  is p.b..

**Theorem 1.8:** If  $T$  is similar to a contraction  $C$ , then  $T$  is pol.b..

**Theorem 1.9:** If  $T$  is similar to a contraction  $C$ , then  $T$  is c.pol.b ..

By the above remark Theorems 1.7 and 1.8 follow from Theorem 1.9, but we shall prove each theorem separately.

**Proof of Theorem 1.7:** This is easy to see:

$T \sim C$  means there is  $S$  such that  $T = SCS^{-1}$  hence  $T^n = SC^nS^{-1}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^n\| &= \|SC^nS^{-1}\| \leq \|S\| \|C^n\| \|S^{-1}\| \\ &\leq \|S\| \|S^{-1}\| \|C\|^n \leq \|S\| \|S^{-1}\| \quad \forall n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $\|T^n\| \leq \|S\| \|S^{-1}\| = M \quad \forall n$ .

**Proof of Theorem 1.8:** This is an application of *von Neumann's inequality* which is the following:

if  $C$  a contraction in  $\mathcal{H}$  then  $\forall$  polynomials  $p(z)$

$$\|p(C)\| \leq \sup_{|z|=1} |p(z)|$$

The proof is included in Appendix A.  $T$  is similar to a contraction  $C$  so there is an  $S$  such that  $T = SCS^{-1}$  hence  $p(T) = Sp(C)S^{-1}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|p(T)\| &\leq \|S\| \|p(C)\| \|S^{-1}\| \\ &\leq \|S\| \|S^{-1}\| \sup_{|z|=1} |p(z)| = M \sup_{|z|=1} |p(z)| \end{aligned}$$

with  $M = \|S\| \|S^{-1}\|$ .

**Proof of Theorem 1.9:** By the dilation theorem (see Appendix A) there is a unitary operator  $U$  on a Hilbert space  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \supset \mathcal{H}$  such that  $U$  is a unitary dilation of  $T$ .

Let us denote by  $\mathcal{C}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{D})$ ) the space of all continuous functions on  $\partial\mathbb{D}$ ,  $\mathcal{C} = \{f : \partial\mathbb{D} \mapsto \mathbb{C} \mid f(z) \text{ cont}\}$  (resp. the closed linear span in  $\mathbb{C}$  of the functions  $\{e^{int} \mid n \geq 0\}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{D}) = \text{closure}\{\sum_{n=0}^k a_n e^{int} \mid k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{C}\}$ ). We equip  $\mathcal{C}$  (or  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{D})$ ) with the sup norm which we denote by  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ :  $\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{|z|=1} |f(z)|$ . Note that  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{D})$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{C}$ , it is called the disc algebra.

$\mathcal{C}$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra (see Appendix B).

$f \in \mathcal{C}$  can be identified with the multiplication operator  $M_f : L^2(\partial\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow L^2(\partial\mathbb{D})$ ,  $M_f u = fu$  and N. Young [11] proved that there holds

**Lemma 1:**  $\|f\|_\infty = \|M_f\|_{B(L^2(\partial\mathbb{D}))}$ .

$F \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathcal{C}) = \{F = (f_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n \mid f_{ij} \in \mathcal{C}\}$  can be interpreted as the linear map  $F : (L^2(\partial\mathbb{D}))^n \mapsto (L^2(\partial\mathbb{D}))^n$  given by  $(Fu)_i = \sum_{j=1}^n M_{f_{ij}} u_j$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix} \in (L^2(\partial\mathbb{D}))^n$ . With this interpretation  $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathcal{C})$  becomes a  $C^*$ -algebra with norm

$$\|F\|_{B((L^2(\partial\mathbb{D}))^n)} = \sup_{u \neq 0} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \|(F(e^{i\varphi}))u(e^{i\varphi})\|_e^2 d\varphi}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \|u(e^{i\varphi})\|_e^2 d\varphi}}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_e$  again is the Euclidian norm in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  like in Definition 1.6.

**Lemma 2:**  $\|F\|_{B(L^2(\partial\mathbb{D}))^n} \leq \sup_{\varphi \in [0, 2\pi]} \|(F(e^{i\varphi}))\|_{B(\mathbb{C}^n)}$   
 $= \sup_{|z|=1} \|(F(z))\|_{B(\mathbb{C}^n)}$

**Proof:**  $\|(F(e^{i\varphi}))u(e^{i\varphi})\|_e^2 \leq \|F(e^{i\varphi})\|_{B(\mathbb{C}^n)}^2 \|u(e^{i\varphi})\|_e^2$   
 $\leq \sup_{|z|=1} \|(F(z))\|_{B(\mathbb{C}^n)}^2 \|u(e^{i\varphi})\|_e^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|F\|_{B((L^2(\partial\mathbb{D}))^n)} &\leq \sup_{u \neq 0} \frac{\sup_{|z|=1} \|(F(z))\|_{B(\mathbb{C}^n)} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \|u(e^{i\varphi})\|_e^2 d\varphi}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \|u(e^{i\varphi})\|_e^2 d\varphi}} \\ &= \sup_{|z|=1} \|(F(z))\|_{B(\mathbb{C}^n)} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $U \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be unitary. The polynomials  $p(z, \bar{z})$  in  $z$  and  $\bar{z}$  are dense in  $\mathcal{C}$  (Stone-Weierstraß).

$u_U : p(z, \bar{z}) \mapsto p(U, U^*)$  is linear and bounded and we have  $u_U(pq) = u_U(p)u_U(q)$ ,  $u_U(\bar{p}) = (u_U(p))^*$

Boundedness follows from:

$$(*) \quad \|u_U(p(z, \bar{z}))\| = \|p(U, U^*)\|_{B(\mathcal{H})} \leq \sup_{|z|=1} |p(z, \bar{z})|$$

(because  $U = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{it} dE_t$ ,  $U^n = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{int} dE_t$ ,  $U^{*n} = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-int} dE_t$ , so

$$\|p(U, U^*)\| = \left\| \int_0^{2\pi} p(e^{i\varphi}, e^{-i\varphi}) dE_t \right\| \leq \sup_{|z|=1} |p(z, \bar{z})|.$$

So if  $p_n(z, \bar{z}) \rightarrow f(z)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  then  $p_n(U, U^*)$  is convergent in  $B(\mathcal{H})$ . Indeed because  $(*)$   $\|p_n(U, U^*) - p_m(U, U^*)\|_{B(\mathcal{H})} \leq \sup_{|z|=1} |p_n(z, \bar{z}) - p_m(z, \bar{z})| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n, m \geq N(\varepsilon)$  ( $p_n \rightarrow f$ ) so  $p_n(U, U^*)$  is Cauchy in  $B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $B(\mathcal{H})$  is complete so  $p_n(U, U^*)$  is convergent. We define

$$(**) \quad f(U) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n(U, U^*) \text{ in } B(\mathcal{H})$$

We obtain a  $*$ -representation

$$u_U : \mathcal{C} \mapsto B(\mathcal{H})$$

with  $u_U(f) = f(U)$  such that  $u_U(\bar{f}) = u_U(f)^*$  and  $u_U(fg) = u_U(f)u_U(g)$ . This is checked as follows:

$$u_U(\bar{f}) = u_U(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \overline{p}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \overline{p(z, \bar{z})}_{|z=\bar{z}=U^*} = \sum \bar{a}_{kj} U^{*k} U^j = (\sum a_{kj} U^k U^{*j})^* = (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(z, \bar{z})_{|z=\bar{z}=U^*})^* = (u_U(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p))^* = u_U(f)^*$$

and  $u_U(fg) = u_U(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_U(p_n q_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_U(p_n) u_U(q_n) = u_U(f) u_U(g)$  and this defines a  $*$ -representation on  $\mathcal{C}(\partial\mathbb{D})$  (see Appendix B).

About  $*$ -representations we have the following Lemma:

**Lemma 3:** Let  $\rho : A \mapsto B(\mathcal{H})$  be a  $*$ -representation on a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  and assume  $A$  has a unit. Then necessarily  $\|\rho\| = \sup_{a \neq 0} \frac{\|\rho(a)\|_{\mathcal{H}}}{\|a\|} \leq 1$ .

For the proof see Appendix B.

Now to matrices.

Let  $\tilde{u}_U : \mathcal{M}_n(\mathcal{C}) \mapsto B(\mathcal{H}^n)$  be defined by

$$\tilde{u}_U(F(z)) = F(U) = (f_{ij}(U))_{i,j=1}^n \quad (F(z) = (f_{ij}(z))_{i,j=1}^n)$$

We have seen on page 6 that  $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathcal{C})$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra.  $\tilde{u}_U$  is a  $*$ -representation so  $\|\tilde{u}_U\| \leq 1$  or

$$\|F(U)\|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)} \leq \|F\|_{B((L^2(\partial\mathbb{D}))^n)} \leq \sup_{|z|=1} \|(f_{ij}(z))\|_{B(\mathcal{C}^*)}$$

$$(\|\tilde{u}_U\| = \sup \frac{\|\tilde{u}_U(F)\|}{\|F\|} = \sup \frac{\|F(U)\|}{\|F\|} \leq 1).$$

What we wanted to prove is if  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $T \sim C$  where  $C$  is a contraction then  $T$  is completely polynomially bounded (c.pol.b.) i.e.

$\exists M$  such that for all  $n$  and all  $n \times n$  matrices  $P = (P_{ij})$  with polynomial entries we have

$$\|P(T)\|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)} \leq M \sup_{|z| \leq 1} \|P(z)\|_{B(\mathcal{C}^*)}$$

This can be proved as follows:

$$P(T) = (P_{ij}(T))_{i,j=1}^n = (P_{ij}(S^{-1}CS))_{i,j=1}^n = \begin{pmatrix} s^{-1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & s^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(P_{ij}(C)) \begin{pmatrix} s & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & s \end{pmatrix} \text{ and by the dilation theorem } (C^n = P_{\mathcal{H}} U_{|\mathcal{H}}^n) \text{ this}$$

$$\text{becomes } \begin{pmatrix} s^{-1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & s^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_{\mathcal{H}} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & P_{\mathcal{H}} \end{pmatrix} P(U) |_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)} \begin{pmatrix} s & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & s \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\|P(T)\| \leq \|S^{-1}\| \cdot \|P(U)|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)}\| \|S\| \leq \|S^{-1}\| \|P_{ij}(U)\| \|S\|$ . We have proved above  $\|F(U)\| \leq \sup_{|z|=1} \|(f_{ij}(z))\|_{B(\mathcal{C}^*)}$  and we apply this result to  $F = P$ .

So we get  $\|P(T)\| \leq \|S^{-1}\| \|S\| \sup_{|z|=1} \|(P_{ij}(z))\|_{B(\mathcal{C}^*)}$ .

If we define  $M := \|S^{-1}\| \|S\|$  we see that  $T$  is c.pol.b..

Now we go back to the history of similarity to contractions.

Already in 1946 B. Sz.-Nagy proved the following theorem:



**Theorem 1.10:** Let  $T$  be a linear transformation in Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  such that its powers  $T^n$  ( $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ) are defined everywhere in  $\mathcal{H}$  and are uniformly bounded, i.e.  $\|T^n\| \leq k$  for some constant  $k$ . Then there exists a selfadjoint transformation  $Q$  such that

$$\frac{1}{k}I \leq Q \leq kI$$

and  $QTQ^{-1}$  is a unitary transformation.

This means that  $T$  is similar to a unitary operator  $U$ . The question arises:

*What remains if only half of the condition holds,  $T$  is p.b.?*

$T$  is not similar to a unitary operator, because then  $T^{-1}$  is similar to a unitary operator which means  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$  are p.b.. B.Sz.-Nagy proved that if  $T$  is p.b. and compact then  $T$  is similar to a contraction. So with some extra conditions  $T$  is similar to a contraction. However if  $T$  only is p.b., it does not hold in general. In 1964 S.R. Foguel gave an example of an operator, in a Hilbert space, with uniformly bounded powers which is not similar to a contraction [3] so the converse of Theorem 1.7 does not hold in general.

Lebow showed that Foguel's example is not polynomially bounded. This lead P.R. Halmos to ask in [2] (problem 6) the following question:

*Is every polynomially bounded operator similar to a contraction?*

The answer is no. In 1997 G. Pisier gave a very complicated example of a polynomially bounded operator which is not similar to a contraction [6]. So the converse of Theorem 1.8 is not true either.

However the converse of Theorem 1.9 is true. In 1984 V.I. Paulsen was the first who proved this converse [4]. In 1996 G. Pisier gave a different proof [9]. This is included in Chapter 2.

## 1.2 Examples

Now we go back to Theorem 1.7. There are some interesting cases for which the converse is true. For the first example we recall Theorem 1.10.

**Example 1:** Let  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{G}$  be Hilbert spaces and  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ . Then  $W \in B(\mathcal{G})$  is called a *dilation* of  $T$  if

(a)  $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{G}$  is a closed subspace

(b)  $T^n = P_{\mathcal{H}}W^n|_{\mathcal{H}} \quad \forall n \geq 0$ . This is equivalent with: there exist 2 Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  such that

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} W_{11} & * & * \\ 0 & T & * \\ 0 & 0 & W_{22} \end{pmatrix} : \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \mathcal{H} \\ \mathcal{H}_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \mathcal{H} \\ \mathcal{H}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{H}_2$ .

Now the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $T \sim C$  with  $C$  a contraction

(ii)  $\exists$  dilation  $W$  of  $T$  with  $W$  invertible and  $W$  and  $W^{-1}$  are power bounded.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $T \sim C$  means  $\exists S$  such that  $T = S^{-1}CS$ . The dilation theorem in Appendix A tells us that  $C$  has a unitary dilation  $U$  or in other words

$$C = P_{\mathcal{H}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} U_{11} & * & * \\ 0 & C & * \\ 0 & 0 & U_{22} \end{array} \right) \Big|_{\mathcal{H}} \quad \text{with } U = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} U_{11} & * & * \\ 0 & C & * \\ 0 & 0 & U_{22} \end{array} \right)$$

Then define

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_{11} & * & * \\ 0 & C & * \\ 0 & 0 & U_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} U_{11} & * & * \\ 0 & S^{-1}CS & * \\ 0 & 0 & U_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{11} & * & * \\ 0 & T & * \\ 0 & 0 & U_{22} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

so  $W$  is a dilation of  $T$ .

As you can see  $W$  is invertible and

$$W^{\pm n} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} U^{\pm n} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix}.$$

$\|U^{\pm n}\| < M$  so  $\|W^{\pm n}\| < N$  which means that  $W$  and  $W^{-1}$  are power bounded.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Let  $W$  be a dilation of  $T$  with  $W$  invertible and  $W$  and  $W^{-1}$  are power bounded. By Theorem 1.10 there is a selfadjoint operator  $Q$  such that  $U = QWQ^{-1}$  is a unitary transformation and  $\frac{1}{k}I \leq Q \leq kI$  or in other words  $W$  is similar to a unitary operator  $U$  on  $\mathcal{G}$ :

$$W = Q^{-1}UQ$$

$W$  is a dilation of  $T$  so there exist 2 Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  such that

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & T & * \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix} : \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \mathcal{H} \\ \mathcal{H}_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \mathcal{H} \\ \mathcal{H}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{H}_2$ . Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & T \end{pmatrix} = Q^{-1}UQ|_{\mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}}$$

We define  $Q_1 := Q|_{\mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}} : \mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H} \mapsto \text{ran } Q_1$ . Then  $U$  maps  $\text{ran } Q_1$  into itself and  $Q_1^{-1} := Q^{-1} : \text{ran } Q_1 \mapsto \mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}$  so we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & T \end{pmatrix} = Q_1^{-1}U_1Q_1 : \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \mathcal{H} \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \mathcal{H} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $U_1 := U|_{\text{ran } Q_1}$  is an isometry. We see that  $T = Q_1^{-1}U_1Q_1|_{\mathcal{H}}$  hence  $T^* = (Q_1^{-1}U_1Q_1|_{\mathcal{H}})^* = (Q_1^{-1}U_1Q_1|_{\mathcal{H}})^*_{|\mathcal{H}} = Q_1^*U_1^*(Q_1^*)^{-1}_{|\mathcal{H}}$ . Let  $Q_2 = (Q_1^*)^{-1}_{|\mathcal{H}}$ :

$\mathcal{H} \mapsto \text{ran } Q_2$  then  $Q_2 T^* = U_1^* Q_2$  implies that  $T_2 := U_1^*|_{\text{ran } Q_2}$  is a contraction from  $\text{ran } Q_2$  into itself and we have  $T^* = Q_2^{-1} T_2 Q_2$ . Finally, let  $Q_2 = U_0 | Q_2 |$  be the polar decomposition of  $Q_2$  where  $U_0$  is unitary and  $| Q_2 |$  acts on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then  $T^* = | Q_2 |^{-1} U_0^* T_2 U_0 | Q_2 |$  and if we set  $S = | Q_2 |^{-1}$  and  $T_0 = U_0^* T_2 U_0$  we see that  $T_0$  is a contraction on  $\mathcal{H}$  and so  $T = S^{-1} T_0 S$  is similar to a contraction.

**Example 2:** Let  $T$  in  $(\mathcal{H}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be expansive, i.e.  $\|Tx\| \geq \|x\|$  and let  $C$  be a contraction. Then  $T \sim C \iff T$  is p.b. and  $C$  is isometric.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) is always true (see Theorem 1.7).

( $\Leftarrow$ )  $\|x\|^2 \leq \|Tx\|^2 \leq \|T^2x\|^2 \leq \dots \leq \|T^n x\|^2 \leq M \|x\|^2$  and  $\|T^n x\|$  is an increasing sequence bounded from above so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x\|$  exists.

Define  $[x, y] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle T^n x, T^n y \rangle$ . The polarisation formula shows that this limit exists:

$$\langle T^n x, T^n y \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^4 i^k \|T^n(x + i^k y)\|^2 < \infty$$

$[x, y]$  is in fact an inner product and  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  are equivalent norms:

$$[[x]]^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x\|^2 \leq M \|x\|^2$$

and

$$[[x]]^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x\|^2 \geq \|x\|^2$$

( $\|T^n x\|$  is increasing, take  $n = 0$ ).

Also follows  $[Tx, Tx] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n Tx\|^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x\|^2 = [x, x]$  which means that for the norm  $[[\cdot]]$   $T$  is a contraction and isometric. By Theorem 1.3 it follows that for the norm  $\|\cdot\|$   $T$  is similar to a contraction which we wanted to prove.

**Example 3:** Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a Jordan matrix in  $\mathbb{C}^p$ .

Then  $T \sim C \iff T$  is p.b.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) is always true (see Theorem 1.7).

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $J$  be a Jordan matrix in  $\mathbb{C}^p$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ :

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & \circ \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ \circ & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } J^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^2 & 2\lambda & 1 & \circ \\ & \lambda^2 & 2\lambda & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ \circ & & & 2\lambda \\ & \lambda^n & n\lambda^{n-1} & \lambda^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad J^3 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^3 & 3\lambda^2 & & \circ \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 3\lambda^2 \\ \circ & & & \lambda^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and so } J^n = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^n & n\lambda^{n-1} & & \circ \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & n\lambda^{n-1} \\ \circ & & & \lambda^n \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $(e_i)$  be the usual orthonormal basis.

$$\|J^n e_2\|^2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} n\lambda^{n-1} \\ \lambda^n \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = |n\lambda^{n-1}|^2 + |\lambda^{2n}|.$$

We distinguish 4 different cases:

- $|\lambda| > 1$  :  $\|J^n e_2\| \rightarrow \infty$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by  $|\lambda^{2n}|$
- $|\lambda| = 1$  and  $p > 1$  :  $\|J^n e_2\| \rightarrow \infty$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by  $|n\lambda^{n-1}|$
- $|\lambda| = 1$  and  $p = 1$  :  $J^n = \lambda^n$  and this is bounded
- $|\lambda| < 1$  :  $\|J^n\| < M \quad \forall n$

So a Jordan block is p.b.  $\iff |\lambda| < 1, p \geq 1$  or  $|\lambda| \leq 1, p = 1$ .

If  $p = 1$   $J : \mathbb{C} \mapsto \mathbb{C}, J = \lambda$  is similar to a contraction because  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ .

Now for  $p > 1, J = \lambda I + S \quad |\lambda| < 1$ .

Then  $J^n = J(\lambda)^n = (\lambda I + S)^n = \sum_{k=0}^p (\lambda I)^{n-k} S^k \binom{n}{k}$  where  $p = n - 1$

and  $\lim \|J(\lambda)^k\|^{1/k} = r(J(\lambda)) \leq 1$  where  $r(J(\lambda))$  is the spectral radius:

$$r(J(\lambda)) = \max |\sigma(J(\lambda))| = |\lambda| < 1.$$

So  $\exists k_0$  such that  $\forall k \geq k_0 \quad \|J(\lambda)^k\|^{1/k} \leq r < 1$  and  $\|J(\lambda)^k\| \leq r^k$ .

Define  $[x, y] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle J(\lambda)^k x, J(\lambda)^k y \rangle$  an inner product on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle J(\lambda)^k x, J(\lambda)^k y \rangle \right| &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|J(\lambda)^k x\| \|J(\lambda)^k y\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|J(\lambda)^k\| \|x\| \|J(\lambda)^k\| \|y\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{k_0} \|J(\lambda)^k\|^2 \|x\| \|y\| + \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{\infty} r^{2k} \|x\| \|y\| \\ &\leq K \|x\| \|y\| \end{aligned}$$

so  $[[x]] \leq K \|x\|$  and  $[[x]]^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|J(\lambda)^k x\|^2 \geq \|J(\lambda)^0 x\|^2 = \|x\|^2$ .

This means that  $[[\ ]]$  and  $\| \cdot \|$  are equivalent norms.

Also

$$\begin{aligned} [[J(\lambda)x]]^2 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle J(\lambda)^k J(\lambda)x, J(\lambda)^k J(\lambda)x \rangle \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle J(\lambda)^k x, J(\lambda)^k x \rangle = [[x]]^2 \end{aligned}$$

which means that for the norm  $[[\ ]]$   $J(\lambda)$  is a contraction. By Theorem 1.3 it follows that for the norm  $\| \cdot \|$   $J(\lambda)$  is similar to a contraction and so is  $T$ .

We mentioned before B. Sz.-Nagy's example if  $T$  is p.b. and compact then  $T$  is similar to a contraction, but we are not going to prove this.

There is also an application of Theorem 1.9 by B. Sz.-Nagy and C. Foias [10].

**Example 4:** Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ . Assume  $\exists \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $U \in B(\tilde{\mathcal{H}})$  unitary and  $\exists \rho \geq 1$  such that  $T^n = \rho P_{\mathcal{H}} U_{|\mathcal{H}}^n \forall n$  where  $P_{\mathcal{H}}$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  onto  $\mathcal{H}$ . (This is called a  $\rho$ -dilation)  
Then  $T$  is similar to a contraction  $C$ .

We will show  $T$  is c.pol.b. then by Paulsen's criterion about the converse of Theorem 1.9 which is also true follows that  $T \sim C$ .

Let  $P(z)$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix with polynomial entries. Then  $P(T) - P(0) = \rho$

$\begin{pmatrix} P_{\mathcal{H}} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & P_{\mathcal{H}} \end{pmatrix} (P(U) - P(0))_{|\mathcal{H}^n}$  and

$$P(T) = \rho \begin{pmatrix} P_{\mathcal{H}} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & P_{\mathcal{H}} \end{pmatrix} P(U)_{|\mathcal{H}^n} + (1 - \rho) \begin{pmatrix} P_{\mathcal{H}} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & P_{\mathcal{H}} \end{pmatrix} P(0)_{|\mathcal{H}^n}.$$

From this follows

$$\begin{aligned} \|P(T)\|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)} &\leq \rho \|P_{\mathcal{H}}\| \|P(U)\|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)} + |1 - \rho| \|P_{\mathcal{H}}\| \|P(0)\|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)} \\ &\leq \rho \|P(U)\|_{B(\tilde{\mathcal{H}}^n)} + |1 - \rho| \|P(0)\|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)} \\ &\leq \rho \sup_{|z| \leq 1} \|P(z)\|_e + |1 - \rho| \|P(0)\|_e \\ &\leq (\rho + |1 - \rho|) \sup_{|z| \leq 1} \|P(z)\|_e \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_e$  again is the Euclidian norm in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . This means that  $T$  is c.pol.b..

## Chapter 2

In this chapter we are going to prove that the converse of Theorem 1.9 is also true.

**Theorem 2.1:**  $T \sim C \iff T$  is c.pol.b.

**Proof:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) See chapter 1, the proof of Theorem 1.9.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) We will need some theory about completely bounded maps and completely bounded homomorphisms.

### 2.1 Completely bounded maps

We will start by mentioning the Hahn-Banach theorem:

**Theorem 2.2: (Hahn-Banach)** Let  $\Lambda$  be a real vector space. Let  $p : \Lambda \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  be a sublinear map, i.e. a map such that

$$\forall x, y \in \Lambda \quad p(x+y) \leq p(x) + p(y)$$

$$\forall x \in \Lambda \quad \forall t \geq 0 \quad p(tx) = tp(x)$$

Then there is a  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear functional  $f : \Lambda \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\forall x \in \Lambda \quad f(x) \leq p(x)$$

**Corollary 2.3:** Let  $\Lambda_+$  be a convex cone in a real vector space  $\Lambda$ . Let  $q : \Lambda_+ \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  be a superlinear map i.e. a map such that

$$\forall x, y \in \Lambda_+ \quad q(x) + q(y) \leq q(x+y)$$

$$\forall x \in \Lambda_+ \quad \forall t \geq 0 \quad q(tx) = tq(x)$$

Let  $p : \Lambda \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  be a sublinear map. If  $q(x) \leq p(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $\Lambda_+$  then there is a  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear functional  $f : \Lambda \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\forall x \in \Lambda_+ \quad q(x) \leq f(x)$$

$$\forall x \in \Lambda \quad f(x) \leq p(x)$$

**Proof:** Let  $r(x) = \inf\{p(x+y) - q(y) \mid y \in \Lambda_+\}$  for  $x \in \Lambda$ . Then  $r$  is sublinear:  
 $r(tx) = \inf\{p(tx+y) - q(y) \mid y \in \Lambda_+\} = \inf\{tp(x + \frac{1}{t}y) - tq(\frac{1}{t}y) \mid y \in \Lambda_+\} =$   
 $\inf\{tp(x+z) - tq(z) \mid z \in \frac{1}{t}\Lambda_+ = \Lambda_+\} = t \inf\{p(x+z) - q(z) \mid z \in \Lambda_+\} =$   
 $tr(x) \quad \forall t \geq 0$  and

$p(x+y) - q(y) + p(z+v) - q(v) \geq p(x+z+y+v) - q(y+v) = p(x+z+w) - q(w) \geq r(x+z) \quad \forall y, v \in \Lambda_+$  and  $w = y+v$ . Now we can take the infimum on the left side over  $y \in \Lambda_+$  and  $v \in \Lambda_+$ :

$$r(x) + r(z) = \inf\{p(x+y) - q(y) \mid y \in \Lambda_+\} + \inf\{p(z+v) - q(v) \mid v \in \Lambda_+\} \geq r(x+z).$$

Also follows  $r(x) = \inf\{p(x+y) - q(y) \mid y \in \Lambda_+\} \leq p(x+0) - q(0) = p(x)$  and  $-p(-x) = -p(-x) - p(y) + p(y) \leq p(y) - p(-x+y) \leq p(y) - q(-x+y)$  if we take  $y$  arbitrary but so that  $-x+y \in \Lambda_+$ . The inequality holds for

all  $-x + y \in \Lambda_+$  so we can take the infimum:

$$-p(-x) \leq \inf\{p(y) - q(-x + y) \mid -x + y \in \Lambda_+\} = \inf\{p(x + z) - q(z) \mid z \in \Lambda_+\} = r(x)$$

Together these results give:

$$(2.1) \quad -p(-x) \leq r(x) \leq p(x)$$

which means that  $r(x)$  is finite  $\forall x \in \Lambda$ .

$$r(-y) = \inf\{p(-y+z) - q(z) \mid z \in \Lambda_+\} \leq p(-y+y) - q(y) = -q(y) \quad \forall y \in \Lambda_+.$$

By the Hahn-Banach theorem there is a linear functional  $f : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) \leq r(x)$  for all  $x \in \Lambda$ . By (2.1) follows  $f(x) \leq p(x)$  for all  $x \in \Lambda$  and  $-f(y) = f(-y) \leq r(-y) \leq -q(y)$  for all  $y \in \Lambda_+$ . This yields the announced result.

Let  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}$  be Hilbert spaces. Let  $S \subset B(\mathcal{H})$  be a subspace. For any  $n \geq 1$  we denote by  $\mathcal{M}_n(S)$  the space of all  $n \times n$  matrices  $(a_{ij})$  with coefficients in  $S$  with the norm

$$\|(a_{ij})\|_{\mathcal{M}_n(S)} = \sup \left( \sum_i \left\| \sum_j a_{ij} x_j \right\|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

where the supremum runs over all  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $\sum \|x_j\|^2 \leq 1$ .

Let  $u : S \rightarrow B(\mathcal{K})$  then we define  $u_n : \mathcal{M}_n(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n(B(\mathcal{K}))$  by  $u_n((a_{ij})) = (u(a_{ij}))$  for  $(a_{ij}) \in \mathcal{M}_n(S)$ . Then  $u$  is called completely bounded (in short c.b.) if there is a constant  $K$  such that the maps  $u_n$  are uniformly bounded by  $K$  i.e. if we have

$$\sup_{n \geq 1} \|u_n\|_{\mathcal{M}_n(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n(B(\mathcal{K}))} \leq K$$

and the c.b. norm  $\|u\|_{cb}$  is defined as the smallest constant  $K$  for which this holds.

When  $\|u\|_{cb} \leq 1$ , we say that  $u$  is completely contractive (or a complete contraction).

It is quite straightforward to extend the usual definitions to the Banach space case as follows. Let  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  be Banach spaces. We denote by  $B(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  the space of all bounded operators from  $\mathcal{X}$  into  $\mathcal{Y}$ , equipped with the usual operator norm. Let  $\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{Y}_1$  be an other couple of Banach spaces. Let  $S \subset B(\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{Y}_1)$  be a subspace and let  $u : S \rightarrow B(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  be a linear map. Let us define  $\|(a_{ij})\|_{\mathcal{M}_n(S)}$  in the same way and  $u_n : \mathcal{M}_n(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n(B(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}))$  by  $u_n((a_{ij})) = (u(a_{ij}))$ . We will say again that  $u$  is c.b. if the maps  $u_n$  are uniformly bounded and we define

$$\|u\|_{cb} = \sup_{n \geq 1} \|u_n\|$$

The following theorem is a fundamental factorization of c.b. maps.

**Theorem 2.4:** Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and let  $S \subset B(\mathcal{H})$  be a subspace. Let  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  be Banach spaces. Let  $u : S \rightarrow B(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  be a c.b. map. Then there is a Hilbert space  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ , a  $*$ -representation  $\pi : B(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow B(\hat{\mathcal{H}})$  with  $\pi(1) = 1$  and operators  $V_1 : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $V_2 : \hat{\mathcal{H}} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  with  $\|V_1\| \|V_2\| \leq \|u\|_{cb}$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad \forall a \in S \quad u(a) = V_2 \pi(a) V_1$$

Conversely, any map of the form (2.2) satisfies

$$\|u\|_{cb} \leq \|V_2\| \|V_1\|$$

Formula (2.2) is easier to understand if you look at the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \hat{\mathcal{H}} & \xrightarrow{\pi(a)} & \hat{\mathcal{H}} \\ V_1 \uparrow & & \downarrow V_2 \\ \mathcal{X} & \xrightarrow{u(a)} & \mathcal{Y} \end{array}$$

We know  $\pi$  has special properties:

(i)  $\pi$  is defined on all of  $B(\mathcal{H})$

(ii)  $\pi$  is a  $*$ -representation

(iii)  $\pi(1) = 1$

We can also say: " $u(a)$  looks like a piece of  $\pi(a)$ ".

For the proof of Theorem 2.4 we will introduce some notations. Let  $a \in S$  and let  $I$  be the space  $B(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{H})$ . Let  $\mathcal{X}^*$  be the dual space of  $\mathcal{X}$ ,  $\mathcal{X}^* = \{\eta : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbb{C} \mid \eta \text{ linear}\}$  and let  $S \otimes \mathcal{X}$  be their algebraic tensor product. If  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \otimes x_i \in S \otimes \mathcal{X}$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^m h_k \otimes \eta_k \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{X}^*$  then we define

$$(2.3) \quad \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \otimes x_i, \sum_{k=1}^m h_k \otimes \eta_k \right\rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i,k} \eta_k(x_i) a_i(h_k) \in \mathcal{H}$$

where  $a_i(h_k) \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\eta_k(x_i) \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Remark:** If  $\langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \otimes x_i, \sum_{k=1}^m h_k \otimes \eta_k \rangle = 0 \quad \forall (\sum_{k=1}^m h_k \otimes \eta_k)$  then follows  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \otimes x_i = 0$ . Indeed, if  $z = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \otimes x_i$  we may suppose that  $(x_i)$  are linearly independent:

Assume  $x_1 = b_2 x_2 + \dots + b_n x_n$  then

$$z = a_1 \otimes x_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n a_i \otimes x_i = \sum_{i=2}^n (a_i + b_i a_1) \otimes x_i$$

so  $z = \sum_{i=2}^n c_i \otimes x_i$  with  $x_2, \dots, x_n$  linearly independent.

There exists an  $\hat{\eta} \in \mathcal{X}^*$  such that  $\hat{\eta}(x_1) = 1$  and  $\hat{\eta}(x_i) = 0$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  and  $0 = \langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \otimes x_i, h \otimes \hat{\eta} \rangle = \sum_i \hat{\eta}(x_i) a_i(h) = a_1(h) \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{H}$ . This implies that  $a_1(h) = 0 \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{H}$  so  $a_1 : \mathcal{H} \mapsto \mathcal{H}$  is the 0-operator. We can do the same for  $a_2, \dots, a_n$ .

So if  $\langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \otimes x_i, \sum_{k=1}^m h_k \otimes \eta_k \rangle = 0 \quad \forall (\sum_{k=1}^m h_k \otimes \eta_k)$  then

$$z = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \otimes x_i = 0 \otimes \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 0$$

Now for  $\xi \in I$  and  $z = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \otimes x_i \in S \otimes \mathcal{X}$  we define  $\xi : S \otimes \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{H}$  as

$$\xi.z = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \xi(x_i) \in \mathcal{H}$$

where  $\xi(x_i) \in \mathcal{H}$ .



**Lemma 2.5:** Assume  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are linearly independent in  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $z \in S \otimes \mathcal{X}$  has the property:

$\xi \in I$  and  $\xi(x_i) = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  implies  $\xi.z = 0$   
then  $\exists a_j \in S$  such that

$$z = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \otimes x_j$$

**Proof:** This is checked as follows:

Take  $z = \sum_{k=1}^m b_k \otimes u_k \in S \otimes \mathcal{X}$ . We are going to prove

$$z' := z - \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \otimes x_j = 0$$

Choose  $x_j^* \in \mathcal{X}^*$  such that  $x_j^*(x_i) = \delta_{ij}$  (i.e.  $x_j^*(x_i) = 1$  for  $i = j$  and  $x_j^*(x_i) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ ). Define

$$a_j = \sum_{k=1}^m b_k x_j^*(u_k) \in S$$

Then  $z' = \sum_{k=1}^m b_k \otimes u_k - \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \otimes x_j = \sum_{k=1}^m b_k \otimes u_k - \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^*(u_k) b_k \otimes x_j$ . Choose  $\eta' \in \mathcal{X}^*$  and  $y \in \mathcal{H}$ . Form  $\eta = \eta' - \sum_{j=1}^n \eta'(x_j) x_j^* \in \mathcal{X}^*$ . Define  $\xi \in I$  with  $y$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  arbitrary by

$$\xi(x) = \eta(x)y$$

Then follows  $\xi(x_i) = \eta(x_i)y = (\eta'(x_i) - \sum \eta'(x_j) x_j^*(x_i)) y = (\eta'(x_i) - \eta'(x_i))y = 0 \cdot y = 0 \quad \forall x_i$ . This implies  $\xi.z = 0$  as we assumed i.e.

$$0 = \xi.z = \sum_{k=1}^m b_k \eta(u_k)y = \sum_{k=1}^m \eta(u_k) b_k(y)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle z', y \otimes \eta' \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_k b_k \otimes u_k - \sum_k \sum_j x_j^*(u_k) b_k \otimes x_j, y \otimes \eta' \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_k \eta'(u_k) b_k(y) - \sum_k \sum_j x_j^*(u_k) \eta'(x_j) b_k(y) \\ &= \sum_k \eta(u_k) b_k(y) + \sum_k \sum_j \eta'(x_j) x_j^*(u_k) b_k(y) \\ &\quad - \sum_k \sum_j x_j^*(u_k) \eta'(x_j) b_k(y) \\ &= \sum_k \eta(u_k) b_k(y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

And then by the Remark follows  $z' = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.6:** Let  $(z_i)_{i \leq n}$  be a finite sequence in  $S \otimes \mathcal{X}$  and let  $(x_i)_{i \leq m}$  be a finite sequence in  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_i \|\xi.z_i\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \sum_j \|\xi(x_j)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \quad \forall \xi \in I$$

holds iff there is a matrix  $(a_{ij})$  in  $\mathcal{M}_n(S)$  with  $\| (a_{ij}) \|_{\mathcal{M}_n(S)} \leq 1$  such that

$$z_i = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} \otimes x_j \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

**Proof:** Assume (2.4). If  $\xi \in I$  then  $\xi(x_i) = 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$  implies  $\xi z_i = 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$ , so we can apply Lemma 2.5:  $\exists K = (k_{ij}) \in S$  such that

$$z_i = \sum_j k_{ij} \otimes x_j \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$

In general this  $K$  does not satisfy  $\| K \|_{\mathcal{M}_n(S)} \leq 1$ . So we replace  $K$  by one that has this property.

Define  $E \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x^* \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x^*(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ x^*(x_n) \end{pmatrix} \mid x^* \in \mathcal{X}^*\} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  and let  $P = (P_{jk})_{j,k=1}^n$  be the orthogonal projection on  $E$ . Then it follows

$$x^*(P \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}) = Px^* \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = x^* \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \forall x^*$$

because  $x^* \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in E$  so  $P \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

If  $\sum_j a_j x_j = 0$  then  $(a_1 \cdots a_n)P = (0 \cdots 0)$ . Indeed,  $\sum_j a_j x^*(x_j) = (a_1 \cdots a_n)x^* \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = 0$  but  $x^*$  is arbitrary, hence

$$(a_1 \cdots a_n)P \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \forall y_i$$

which implies  $(a_1 \cdots a_n)P = (0 \cdots 0)$ .

There also holds

$$(0 \cdots 0) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = (a_1 \cdots a_n)P \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = (a_1 \cdots a_n) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \sum_i a_i x_i$$

so

$$\sum_i a_i x_i = 0 \iff (a_1 \cdots a_n)P = (0 \cdots 0)$$

Now define  $\tilde{E} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\xi \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \xi(x_n) \end{pmatrix} \mid \xi \in I\} \subset \mathcal{H}^n$ .

We claim  $\tilde{E} = R := \{ \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{H}^n \mid \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} = P \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} \}$ .

$P\xi \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \xi(P \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}) = \xi \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$  so  $\tilde{E} \subset R$ .

Now we claim that also  $R \subset \tilde{E}$ . Assume  $\begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{H}^n$  and  $P \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}$ . We want to construct a  $\xi \in I$  such that

$$\xi \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore we define  $\gamma : \text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \text{span}(h_1, \dots, h_n)$  such that  $\gamma(\sum_i a_i x_i) = \sum_i a_i h_i$  (especially  $\gamma(x_1) = h_1, \dots, \gamma(x_n) = h_n$ ).  
 $\sum_i a_i x_i = 0$  implies  $(a_1 \cdots a_n)P = (0 \cdots 0)$  like we have seen before so

$$(a_1 \cdots a_n) \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} = (a_1 \cdots a_n)P \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

and this means that  $\gamma$  is well defined ( $\gamma(0) = 0$ ).

From the definition it follows that  $\gamma$  is linear and surjective. Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that  $\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is the direct sum  $\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = W + \ker \gamma$ . Then  $\gamma|_W : W \mapsto \text{span}(h_1, \dots, h_n)$  is a bijective map.

Choose  $(v_1, \dots, v_m)$  a basis of  $\text{span}(h_1, \dots, h_n)$  with  $m = \dim W \leq n$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  in  $W$  such that  $\gamma(w_i) = v_i$ . Then is  $(w_1, \dots, w_m)$  a basis of  $W$ . Choose  $(w_{m+1}, \dots, w_r)$  a basis of  $\ker \gamma$  with  $r \leq n - m$  then  $(w_1, \dots, w_m, w_{m+1}, \dots, w_r)$  is a basis of  $\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \subset \mathcal{X}$ .  
 Take  $w_j^* \in \mathcal{X}^*$  such that  $w_j^*(w_i) = \delta_{ij}$  and define  $\xi \in I$  by

$$\xi(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m w_j^*(x)v_j \quad \epsilon I$$

This means  $\xi(w_i) = v_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $\xi(w_i) = 0 \quad \forall i = m+1, \dots, r$   
 but also  $\gamma(w_j) = v_j \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, m$  and  $\gamma(w_j) = 0 \quad \forall j = m+1, \dots, r$   
 and  $\xi$  and  $\gamma$  are both linear.  $(w_1, \dots, w_r)$  is a basis of  $\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  so

$$\xi|_{\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = \gamma$$

with  $\xi(x_i) = \gamma(x_i) = h_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$  and this proves the above claim.

Take  $\begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} \in R = \bar{E}$  then  $\exists \xi \in I$  such that  $P \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} = \xi \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

Now we want to show that  $\|A \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}\| \leq \left\| \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} \right\|$  for an  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n$   
 because this implies  $\|A\|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)} \leq 1$ .

We have seen before that  $z_i = \sum_{j=1}^n k_{ij} \otimes x_j$  and because  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = P \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^n k_{ij} \otimes x_j &= \sum_{j=1}^n k_{ij} \otimes \sum_{l=1}^n P_{jl} x_l \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^n k_{ij} P_{jl} \right) \otimes x_l = \sum_{l=1}^n (KP)_{il} \otimes x_l \end{aligned}$$

Define  $A = (a_{il})_{i,l=1}^n = KP$  then

$$z_i = \sum_{l=1}^n a_{il} \otimes x_l$$

We assumed (2.4):  $\sum_{i=1}^n \|\xi \cdot z_i\|^2 \leq \sum_{l=1}^n \|\xi(x_l)\|^2$ . This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \|AP \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}\|^2 &= \|A \begin{pmatrix} \xi(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \xi(x_n) \end{pmatrix}\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \|\sum_{l=1}^n a_{il} \xi(x_l)\|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{l=1}^n \|\xi(x_l)\|^2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \xi(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \xi(x_n) \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = \|P \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and  $AP = KPP = KP^2 = KP = A$  because  $P$  is a projection which means

$$\|A \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}\|^2 \leq \|P \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}\|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|P \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}\|^2 &= \langle P \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}, P \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} \rangle = \langle P \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} \rangle \leq \|P \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}\| \left\| \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} \right\| \text{ so} \end{aligned}$$

$$\|P \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}\| \leq \left\| \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} \right\|$$

Applying this result we get

$$\|A \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}\|^2 \leq \left\| \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2$$

which means  $\|A\|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)} \leq 1$ .

This shows the "only if" part. The "if" part is easy. If there is a matrix  $(a_{ij})$  in  $\mathcal{M}_n(S)$  with  $\|(a_{ij})\|_{\mathcal{M}_n(S)} \leq 1$  such that  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$z_i = \sum_j a_{ij} \otimes x_j$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i \|\xi \cdot z_i\|^2 &= \sum_i \left\| \sum_j a_{ij} \xi(x_j) \right\|^2 \\ &\leq \|(a_{ij})\|_{\mathcal{M}_n(S)}^2 \sum_j \|\xi(x_j)\|^2 \leq \sum_j \|\xi(x_j)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof of Theorem 2.4:** Let  $C = \|u\|_{cb}$  and  $\Lambda = \{\phi : I \mapsto \mathbb{R} \mid \exists x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X} \text{ s.t. } |\phi(\xi)| \leq \sum \|\xi(x_i)\|^2 \forall \xi \in I\}$ . Clearly  $\Lambda$  is a real vector space and

$\Lambda$  is not empty. For example take  $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$  and define  $\phi$  by  $\phi(\xi) = \|\xi(x_0)\|^2$ .

Then  $\phi \in \Lambda$ .

Let  $\Lambda_+ = \{\phi \in \Lambda \mid \phi \geq 0\}$ . The preceding example is also suitable for  $\Lambda_+$  so  $\Lambda_+$  is not empty either.

We define  $\hat{u} : S \otimes \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{Y}$  as follows:

Let  $z = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \otimes x_i \in S \otimes \mathcal{X}$  then

$$\hat{u}(z) = \sum_{i=1}^n u(a_i)x_i \in \mathcal{Y}$$

for  $u : S \mapsto B(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ .

Now we define

$$\forall \phi \in \Lambda \quad p(\phi) = \inf \left\{ C^2 \sum \|x_i\|^2 \mid x_i \in \mathcal{X}, \phi(\xi) \leq \sum \|\xi(x_i)\|^2, \forall \xi \in I \right\}$$

and

$$\forall \phi \in \Lambda_+ \quad q(\phi) = \sup \left\{ \sum \|\hat{u}(z_i)\|^2 \mid z_i \in S \otimes \mathcal{X}, \sum \|\xi \cdot z_i\|^2 \leq \phi(\xi), \forall \xi \in I \right\}$$

The set in the definition of  $p$  is not empty because we can take the example  $\phi(\xi) = \|\xi(x_0)\|^2$  for  $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$  again and  $C^2 \sum \|x_i\|^2 \geq 0$  so  $p(\phi) \geq 0$ .

The set in the definition of  $q$  is not empty because  $z_i = 0 \otimes x_i$  satisfies  $\sum \|\xi \cdot z_i\|^2 = \sum \|0\xi(x_i)\|^2 = 0 \leq \phi(\xi) \quad \forall \xi \in I$  and  $\sum \|\hat{u}(z_i)\|^2 = \sum \|u(0)x_i\|^2 = 0$  is an element of this set.  $q(\phi) < \infty$  because by Lemma 2.6 we have for  $(z_i)_{i=1}^m \in S \otimes \mathcal{X}$  and  $(x_j)_{j=1}^n \in \mathcal{X}$

$$\sum_i \|\xi \cdot z_i\|^2 \leq \sum_j \|\xi(x_j)\|^2 \Rightarrow \sum \|\hat{u}(z_i)\|^2 \leq C^2 \sum \|x_j\|^2$$

(if  $m < n$  make a  $n$ -vector of  $z$  by supplying zero's at the end:  $(z_1, \dots, z_m, 0, \dots, 0)$  and do the same for  $x$  if  $n < m$ ).

Indeed if  $\sum_i \|\xi \cdot z_i\|^2 \leq \sum_j \|\xi(x_j)\|^2$  then by Lemma 2.6 there is a matrix  $(a_{ij})$  in  $\mathcal{M}_n(S)$  with  $\|(a_{ij})\|_{\mathcal{M}_n(S)} \leq 1$  such that

$$z_i = \sum_j a_{ij} \otimes x_j \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

and if  $u = u_n$  for  $(a_{ij})$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i \|\hat{u}(z_i)\|^2 &= \sum_i \|\hat{u}(\sum_j a_{ij} \otimes x_j)\|^2 = \sum_i \|\sum_j u(a_{ij})x_j\|^2 \\ &= \sum_i \|\sum_j u_n(a_{ij})x_j\|^2 = \|u_n \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|u_n\|^2 \left\| \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 \leq \sup_{n \geq 1} \|u_n\|^2 \left\| \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 \\ &= \|u\|_{cb}^2 \left\| \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = C^2 \sum_j \|x_j\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $q(\phi) < \infty$  and also  $q(\phi) \leq p(\phi)$  for all  $\phi \in \Lambda_+$ .

$p$  is subadditief on  $\Lambda$ :

if  $\phi(\xi) \leq \sum \|\xi(x_i)\|^2$  and  $\psi(\xi) \leq \sum \|\xi(y_i)\|^2 \quad \forall \xi \in I$  then  $(\phi + \psi)\xi =$

$\phi(\xi) + \psi(\xi) \leq \sum \| \xi(x_i) \|^2 + \sum \| \xi(y_i) \|^2 \quad \forall \xi \in I$  and  $p(\phi + \psi) \leq C^2 \sum \| x_i \|^2 + C^2 \sum \| y_i \|^2$  so we can take the infimum on the right side and we get:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\phi + \psi) &\leq \inf \{ C^2 \sum \| x_i \|^2 \mid x_i \in \mathcal{X}, \phi(\xi) \leq \sum \| \xi(x_i) \|^2, \forall \xi \} \\ &\quad + \inf \{ C^2 \sum \| y_i \|^2 \mid y_i \in \mathcal{X}, \psi(\xi) \leq \sum \| \xi(y_i) \|^2, \forall \xi \} \\ &= p(\phi) + p(\psi) \end{aligned}$$

Assume  $\phi(\xi) \leq \sum \| \xi(x_i) \|^2 \quad \forall \xi$ . Then  $\forall t > 0$ :

$$t\phi(\xi) \leq \sum \| \xi(\sqrt{t}x_i) \|^2$$

and  $p(t\phi) \leq C^2 \sum \| \sqrt{t}x_i \|^2 = t C^2 \sum \| x_i \|^2 \quad \forall x_i$  so it also holds for the infimum:

$$p(t\phi) \leq t \inf \{ C^2 \sum \| x_i \|^2 \mid x_i \in \mathcal{X}, \phi(\xi) \leq \sum \| \xi(x_i) \|^2, \forall \xi \} = tp(\phi)$$

On the other hand  $\forall t > 0$ :

$$tp(\phi) = tp\left(\frac{1}{t}t\phi\right) \leq t\frac{1}{t}p(t\phi) = p(t\phi)$$

Both results give  $tp(\phi) = p(t\phi) \quad \forall t > 0$ .

For  $t = 0$ ,  $x_i = 0 \quad \forall i$  satisfies  $0 \leq \sum \| \xi(x_i) \|^2 \quad \forall \xi \in I$  so  $p(0) = 0$  which implies that  $p(t\phi) = tp(\phi)$  holds also for  $t = 0$ .

$q$  is superadditief on  $\Lambda_+$ :

if  $\sum \| \xi.z_i \|^2 \leq \phi(\xi)$  and  $\sum \| \xi.w_i \|^2 \leq \psi(\xi) \quad \forall \xi \in I$  then  $(\phi + \psi)\xi = \phi(\xi) + \psi(\xi) \geq \sum \| \xi.z_i \|^2 + \sum \| \xi.w_i \|^2 \quad \forall \xi \in I$  and  $q(\phi + \psi) \geq \sum \| \hat{u}.z_i \|^2 + \sum \| \hat{u}.w_i \|^2$  so we can take the supremum on the right side and we get:

$$\begin{aligned} q(\phi + \psi) &\geq \sup \{ \sum \| \hat{u}(z_i) \|^2 \mid z_i \in S \otimes \mathcal{X}, \sum \| \xi.z_i \|^2 \leq \phi(\xi), \forall \xi \} \\ &\quad + \sup \{ \sum \| \hat{u}(w_i) \|^2 \mid w_i \in S \otimes \mathcal{X}, \sum \| \xi.w_i \|^2 \leq \psi(\xi), \forall \xi \} \\ &= q(\phi) + q(\psi) \end{aligned}$$

Assume  $\sum \| \xi.z_i \|^2 \leq \phi(\xi) \quad \forall \xi$ . Then  $\forall t \geq 0$ :

$$\sum \| \xi.\sqrt{t}z_i \|^2 \leq t\phi(\xi)$$

$$\text{and } q(t\phi) \geq \sum \| \hat{u}(\sqrt{t}z_i) \|^2 = t \sum \| \hat{u}(z_i) \|^2 \quad \forall z_i$$

so it also holds for the supremum:

$$q(t\phi) \geq t \sup \{ \sum \| \hat{u}(z_i) \|^2 \mid z_i \in S \otimes \mathcal{X}, \sum \| \xi.z_i \|^2 \leq \phi(\xi), \forall \xi \} = tq(\phi)$$

On the other side  $\forall t > 0$ :

$$tq(\phi) = tq\left(\frac{1}{t}t\phi\right) \geq t\frac{1}{t}q(t\phi) = q(t\phi)$$

Both results give  $tq(\phi) = q(t\phi) \quad \forall t > 0$ .

For  $t = 0$ ,  $\sum \| \xi.z_i \|^2 \leq 0$  implies  $z_i = 0 \quad \forall i$  so  $q(0) = 0$  which implies that  $q(t\phi) = tq(\phi)$  also holds for  $t = 0$ .

Hence by Corollary 2.3 there is a linear form  $f : \Lambda \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$(2.5) \quad q(\phi) \leq f(\phi) \leq p(\phi) \quad \forall \phi \in \Lambda_+$$

and actually  $f(\phi) \leq p(\phi)$  holds  $\forall \phi \in \Lambda$ .

Let us denote by  $\Lambda + i\Lambda = \{\lambda + i\mu \mid \lambda, \mu \in \Lambda\}$  the complexification of  $\Lambda$ .

We can extend  $f$  by linearity to a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear form on  $\Lambda + i\Lambda$  in the following way:  $f : \Lambda + i\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $f(\lambda + i\mu) = f(\lambda) + if(\mu) \quad \forall \lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$ .

$f$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear because  $f((\lambda+i\mu)+(x+iy)) = f((\lambda+x)+i(\mu+y)) = f(\lambda+x) + if(\mu+y) = f(\lambda) + f(x) + if(\mu) + if(y) = f(\lambda+i\mu) + f(x+iy) \quad \forall \lambda, \mu, x, y \in \Lambda$  and  $f(c(\lambda + i\mu)) = f(c\lambda + ic\mu) = f(c\lambda) + if(c\mu) = c(f(\lambda) + if(\mu)) = cf(\lambda + i\mu) \quad \forall \lambda, \mu \in \Lambda, \forall c \in \mathbb{C}$  and if  $(\lambda + i\mu), (x + iy) \in \Lambda + i\Lambda$  then  $(\lambda + i\mu)(x + iy) = \lambda x - \mu y + i(\mu x + \lambda y) \in \Lambda + i\Lambda$ .

Now we define  $\mathcal{K} = \{g : I \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \mid \xi \mapsto \|g(\xi)\|^2 \in \Lambda\}$ . This set is not empty. Take for example  $x_0 \in X$  and define  $g(\xi) = \xi(x_0) \quad \forall \xi \in I$ . Then  $\phi(\xi) = \|g(\xi)\|^2 = \|\xi(x_0)\|^2$  satisfies  $|\phi(\xi)| = \|\xi(x_0)\|^2$  so  $\phi \in \Lambda$ .

Choose a  $g$  and  $g' \in \mathcal{K}$  then  $\phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with  $\phi(\xi) = \langle g(\xi), g'(\xi) \rangle$  is in  $\Lambda + i\Lambda$ . Indeed, by Cauchy-Schwartz

$$\begin{aligned} |\operatorname{Re} \phi| &\leq |\phi(\xi)| = |\langle g(\xi), g'(\xi) \rangle| \leq \|g(\xi)\| \|g'(\xi)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (\|g(\xi)\|^2 + \|g'(\xi)\|^2) \leq \|g(\xi)\|^2 + \|g'(\xi)\|^2 \\ &\leq \sum \| \xi(x_i) \|^2 + \sum \| \xi(y_j) \|^2 \end{aligned}$$

for  $x_i, y_j \in X$  and also  $|\operatorname{Im} \phi| \leq \sum \| \xi(x_i) \|^2 + \sum \| \xi(y_j) \|^2$ . So  $\operatorname{Re} \phi$  and  $\operatorname{Im} \phi \in \Lambda$  and this implies  $\phi \in \Lambda + i\Lambda$ . Now we can define

$$\langle g, g' \rangle = f(\phi)$$

with  $\phi(\xi) = \langle g(\xi), g'(\xi) \rangle$ . This is a semi-inner product on  $\mathcal{K}$ :

$$\langle g_1 + g_2, g' \rangle = f(\langle (g_1 + g_2)(\cdot), g'(\cdot) \rangle) = f(\langle g_1(\cdot) + g_2(\cdot), g'(\cdot) \rangle) = f(\langle g_1(\cdot), g'(\cdot) \rangle + \langle g_2(\cdot), g'(\cdot) \rangle) = f(\langle g_1(\cdot), g'(\cdot) \rangle) + f(\langle g_2(\cdot), g'(\cdot) \rangle) = \langle g_1, g' \rangle + \langle g_2, g' \rangle$$

$$\langle \alpha g, g' \rangle = f(\langle \alpha g(\cdot), g'(\cdot) \rangle) = f(\alpha \langle g(\cdot), g'(\cdot) \rangle) = \alpha f(\langle g(\cdot), g'(\cdot) \rangle) = \alpha \langle g, g' \rangle$$

$$\overline{\langle g, g' \rangle} = \overline{f(\langle g(\cdot), g'(\cdot) \rangle)} = f(\overline{\langle g(\cdot), g'(\cdot) \rangle}) = f(\langle g'(\cdot), g(\cdot) \rangle) = \langle g', g \rangle$$

$$\text{(because } f(\lambda + i\mu) = f(\lambda) + if(\mu) = f(\lambda) - if(\mu) = f(\lambda - i\mu) = f(\overline{\lambda + i\mu})\text{)}$$

$$\langle g, g \rangle = f(\langle g(\cdot), g(\cdot) \rangle) = f(\|g(\cdot)\|^2) = f(\phi) \geq q(\phi) \geq \sum \| \hat{u}(z_i) \|^2 \geq 0$$

but  $\langle g, g \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow g = 0$  does not hold in general.

The inequality of Cauchy-Schwartz also holds for semi-inner products :

$$|\langle g, h \rangle| \leq \sqrt{\langle g, g \rangle} \sqrt{\langle h, h \rangle}$$

so if  $\langle g, g \rangle = 0$  then also  $\langle g, h \rangle = 0 \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{K}$  and conversely  $\langle g, h \rangle = 0 \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{K}$  implies  $\langle g, g \rangle = 0$  (take  $h = g$ ) (\*)

Define  $N = \{g \mid \langle g, g \rangle = 0\}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{K}} = \mathcal{K}/N = \{\tilde{g} \mid \tilde{g} = g + N\}$ .

$N$  is a linear space: if  $g \in N$  then  $\alpha g \in N$  because  $\langle \alpha g, \alpha g \rangle = \alpha \bar{\alpha} \langle g, g \rangle = 0$  and if  $g_1, g_2 \in N$  then  $\langle g_1 + g_2, g_1 + g_2 \rangle = \langle g_1, g_1 \rangle + \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle + \langle g_2, g_1 \rangle + \langle g_2, g_2 \rangle = 0$  because of (\*) so  $g_1 + g_2 \in N$ .

$\langle \tilde{g}, \tilde{h} \rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle g, h \rangle$  for a  $g \in \tilde{g}$  and a  $h \in \tilde{h}$ . This definition does not depend on the choice of  $g$  and  $h$ . This is checked as follows:

Choose also  $g_1, h_1$  such that  $\langle \tilde{g}, \tilde{h} \rangle = \langle g_1, h_1 \rangle$ . Then  $g - g_1 = n \in N$  and  $h - h_1 = m \in N$  so  $\langle g_1, h_1 \rangle = \langle g - n, h - m \rangle = \langle g, h \rangle - \langle g, m \rangle - \langle n, h \rangle + \langle n, m \rangle = \langle g, h \rangle$  because of (\*).

If  $0 = \langle \tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rangle = \langle g, g \rangle$  then  $g \in N$  and  $\tilde{g} = g + N = N$  so  $N$  is the zero-element of  $\tilde{\mathcal{K}}$ .

After completing the space  $\tilde{\mathcal{K}}$  we obtain a Hilbert space  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ .

For  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , let  $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{\mathcal{K}}$  be defined by  $\tilde{x}(\xi) = \xi(x)$ . By the second inequality in (2.5) applied to  $\phi$  with  $\phi(\xi) = \|\tilde{x}(\xi)\|^2$  where  $\xi \mapsto \phi(\xi) = \|\tilde{x}(\xi)\|^2 = \|\xi(x)\|^2 \in \Lambda$  we have

$$\langle \tilde{x}, \tilde{x} \rangle = f(\phi) \leq p(\phi) \leq C^2 \|x\|^2$$

Let  $\hat{x}$  be the equivalent class containing  $\tilde{x}$ . Then  $\{\{x, \hat{x}\} \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\} \subset \mathcal{X} \times \hat{\mathcal{H}}$  is the graph of a linear map  $V_1 : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{H}}$  defined by

$$V_1 x = \hat{x}$$

and  $\|V_1 x\| = \|\hat{x}\| = \|\tilde{x}\| \leq C \|x\|$  so  $\|V_1\| \leq C$ .

On the other hand, if we take  $\phi(\xi) = \|\sum a_i \tilde{x}_i(\xi)\|^2$  then  $\forall a_i \in S, \forall x_i \in \mathcal{X}$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\xi) &= \|\sum a_i \tilde{x}_i(\xi)\|^2 = \|\sum a_i \xi(x_i)\|^2 \leq \left(\sum \|a_i\| \|\xi(x_i)\|\right)^2 \\ &\leq \sum \|a_i\|^2 \sum \|\xi(x_i)\|^2 = \sum \|\xi(\sqrt{\alpha} x_i)\|^2 \in \Lambda \end{aligned}$$

(where  $\alpha = \sum \|a_i\|^2$ ) and by the first inequality in (2.5) we have

$$(2.6) \quad \|\sum u(a_i) x_i\|^2 = \|\hat{u}(\sum a_i \otimes x_i)\|^2 \leq q(\phi) \leq f(\phi)$$

and we will use this later.

We define

$$\pi : B(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow B(\hat{\mathcal{H}})$$

by setting

$$\pi(a)\hat{g} = \widehat{ag}$$

for  $a \in B(\mathcal{H}), \pi(a) \in B(\hat{\mathcal{H}}), g \in \mathcal{K}$  and this is a unit preserving  $*$ -representation.

Let us check this and see that  $\pi$  is well defined.

If  $g \in \mathcal{K}$  then  $\hat{g} \in \hat{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $ag \in \mathcal{K} \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{H}$ :

$\xi \mapsto \|ag(\xi)\|^2 \leq \|a\|^2 \|g(\xi)\|^2 \in \Lambda$  (because  $\|a\|^2 \in \mathbb{C}$ ).

Let  $g, h \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $\hat{g} = g + N = \hat{h} = h + N$ . This implies  $n = g - h \in N$  and

$an = ag - ah$  so  $\langle an, k \rangle = \langle n, a^* k \rangle = 0 \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $an \in N$ . This means

$\widehat{ag} = \widehat{ah}$ . So if  $\hat{g} = \hat{h}$  then  $\widehat{ag} = \widehat{ah}$ .

$\pi$  is unit preserving because  $\pi(1)\hat{g} = \hat{g} \quad \forall \hat{g} \in \hat{\mathcal{H}}$ .

$\pi$  also is a  $*$ -representation because

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(st)\hat{g} &= \widehat{stg} = \widehat{s(tg)} = \pi(s)\widehat{tg} = \pi(s)\pi(t)\hat{g} \text{ and} \\ \langle \pi(a^*)\hat{g}_n, \hat{h}_n \rangle &= \langle \widehat{a^*g_n}, \hat{h}_n \rangle = \langle a^*g_n, h_n \rangle = f(\langle (a^*g_n(\cdot), h_n(\cdot)) \rangle) = f(\langle (g_n(\cdot), a \\ h_n(\cdot)) \rangle) &= \langle g_n, ah_n \rangle = \langle \hat{g}_n, \widehat{ah_n} \rangle = \langle \hat{g}_n, \pi(a)\hat{h}_n \rangle = \langle \pi(a)^*\hat{g}_n, \hat{h}_n \rangle \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $\pi(a^*)\hat{g}_n = \pi(a)^*\hat{g}_n \quad \forall g_n \in \mathcal{K}$  and if  $\hat{h}_n \rightarrow h$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\hat{g}_n \rightarrow g$  then follows  $\pi(a^*)\hat{g} = \pi(a)^*\hat{g} \quad \forall g \in \hat{\mathcal{H}}$ .

The last thing we have to check is that  $\pi$  is bounded i.e.  $\langle \pi(a)\hat{g}_n, \pi(a)\hat{g}_n \rangle \leq \text{const} \cdot \langle \hat{g}_n, \hat{g}_n \rangle \quad \forall \hat{g}_n$ . Then  $\pi(a)$  can be extended by continuity to all of



$\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  and this extension is linear and bounded with the same bound. In this sense  $\pi(a) \in B(\hat{\mathcal{H}})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \pi(a)\hat{g}_n, \pi(a)\hat{g}_n \rangle &= \langle \widehat{ag}_n, \widehat{ag}_n \rangle = \langle ag_n, ag_n \rangle = f(\langle ag_n(\cdot), ag_n(\cdot) \rangle) \\
&= f(\langle (a^*ag_n(\cdot), g_n(\cdot)) \rangle) = f(\langle (\sqrt{a^*a}g_n(\cdot), \sqrt{a^*a}g_n(\cdot)) \rangle) \\
&= \|\sqrt{a^*a}\|^2 f(\langle (\frac{\sqrt{a^*a}}{\|\sqrt{a^*a}\|}g_n(\cdot), \frac{\sqrt{a^*a}}{\|\sqrt{a^*a}\|}g_n(\cdot)) \rangle) \\
&= \|a\|^2 f(\langle (bg_n(\cdot), bg_n(\cdot)) \rangle) = \|a\|^2 f(\langle g_n(\cdot), g_n(\cdot) \rangle) \\
&- \|a\|^2 f(\langle (i\sqrt{1-b^2}g_n(\cdot), i\sqrt{1-b^2}g_n(\cdot)) \rangle) = \|a\|^2 \langle g_n, g_n \rangle \\
&- \|a\|^2 \langle i\sqrt{1-b^2}g_n, i\sqrt{1-b^2}g_n \rangle \leq \|a\|^2 \langle g_n, g_n \rangle \\
&= \|a\|^2 \langle \hat{g}_n, \hat{g}_n \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

where  $b = \frac{\sqrt{a^*a}}{\|\sqrt{a^*a}\|}$  so  $b = b^*$  and  $\|b\| = 1$ .

Because  $a^*a \geq 0$  we can take the squareroot and  $\|\sqrt{a^*a}\|^2 = \|a\|^2$  and  $\langle bg_n(\xi), bg_n(\xi) \rangle = \langle (b+i\sqrt{1-b^2})g_n(\xi), (b+i\sqrt{1-b^2})g_n(\xi) \rangle - \langle i\sqrt{1-b^2}g_n(\xi), bg_n(\xi) \rangle - \langle bg_n(\xi), i\sqrt{1-b^2}g_n(\xi) \rangle - \langle i\sqrt{1-b^2}g_n(\xi), i\sqrt{1-b^2}g_n(\xi) \rangle = \langle g_n(\xi), g_n(\xi) \rangle - \langle i\sqrt{1-b^2}g_n(\xi), i\sqrt{1-b^2}g_n(\xi) \rangle$  and this last inner product  $\geq 0$ . If  $\hat{g}_n \rightarrow \hat{g}$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $\langle \pi(a)\hat{g}, \pi(a)\hat{g} \rangle \leq \|a\|^2 \|\hat{g}\|^2$  so  $\pi(a) \in B(\hat{\mathcal{H}})$ .

By (2.6) follows  $\|\sum u(a_i)x_i\|^2 \leq f(\phi) = f(\|\sum a_i\tilde{x}_i\|^2) = \|\sum a_i\tilde{x}_i\|^2 = \|\sum a_i\hat{x}_i\|^2 = \|\sum \pi(a_i)\tilde{x}_i\|^2 = \|\sum \pi(a_i)V_1x_i\|^2 \quad \forall a_i \in S, x_i \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $\sum \pi(a_i)V_1x_i \in \text{span}(\pi(S)V_1\mathcal{X})$  and  $\sum u(a_i)x_i \in \mathcal{Y}$ .

This allows us to define a linear map

$$V_2 : \overline{\text{span}}(\pi(S)V_1\mathcal{X}) \mapsto \mathcal{Y}$$

such that

$$(2.7) \quad \sum u(a_i)x_i = V_2 \left( \sum \pi(a_i)V_1x_i \right)$$

Finally, we can extend  $V_2$  to an operator  $V_2 : \hat{\mathcal{H}} \mapsto \mathcal{Y}$  with norm  $\leq 1$  by defining  $V_2 = 0$  on  $(\overline{\text{span}}(\pi(S)V_1\mathcal{X}))^\perp = \hat{\mathcal{H}} \ominus \pi(S)V_1\mathcal{X}$ .

By omitting the sum and  $x_i$  in (2.7) we get the required result (2.1).

The converse is easy:

because  $\pi$  is a  $*$ -representation follows from the proof of Theorem 1.9, Lemma 3 that  $\|\pi\| \leq 1$  and

$$(2.8) \quad \|\pi\|_{cb} = \sup_{n \geq 1} \|\pi_n\| = \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{(a_{ij}) \in \mathcal{M}_n(A)} \frac{\|\pi_n((a_{ij}))\|_{B(\mathcal{X}^n)}}{\|(a_{ij})\|_{B(A^n)}} \leq 1$$

and so

$$\|u\|_{cb} \leq \|V_2\| \|\pi\|_{cb} \|V_1\| \leq \|V_2\| \|V_1\|$$

## 2.2 Completely bounded homomorphisms

Let us now go to the study of compressions of homomorphisms.

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a Banach space, and let  $\mathcal{E}_2 \subset \mathcal{E}_1 \subset \mathcal{X}$  be closed subspaces. Let  $T : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$  be a bounded operator and assume that  $\mathcal{E}_1$  and  $\mathcal{E}_2$  are  $T$ -invariant i.e.  $T(\mathcal{E}_1) \subset \mathcal{E}_1$  and  $T(\mathcal{E}_2) \subset \mathcal{E}_2$ .

Then  $\mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2 = \{\tilde{x} \mid \tilde{x} = \{x + \mathcal{E}_2\}, x \in \mathcal{E}_1\}$  with

$$\|\tilde{x}\| = \inf_{e \in \mathcal{E}_2} \|x + e\|$$

This norm is well defined:

$$\|\tilde{x}\| \geq 0$$

$$\|\tilde{x}\| = 0 = \inf_{e \in \mathcal{E}_2} \|x + e\| \Rightarrow \exists e_n \in \mathcal{E}_2 \text{ such that } x + e_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ which means } e_n \rightarrow -x \text{ and this implies } x \in \mathcal{E}_2 \text{ so } \tilde{x} = \tilde{0}$$

if  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in \mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2$

$$\|c\tilde{x}\| = \inf_{e \in \mathcal{E}_2} \|cx + e\| = |c| \inf_{e \in \mathcal{E}_2} \|x + \frac{e}{c}\| = |c| \|\tilde{x}\|$$

$$\|\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}\| = \|(x+y)\tilde{\phantom{x}}\| = \inf_{e \in \mathcal{E}_2} \|x+y+e\| \leq \|x+e' + y+e''\| \leq \|x+e'\| + \|y+e''\|$$

this holds  $\forall e', e'' \in \mathcal{E}_2$  so we can take the infimum, which implies

$$\|\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}\| \leq \|\tilde{x}\| + \|\tilde{y}\|$$

Let  $Q : \mathcal{E}_1 \mapsto \mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2$  be the canonical surjection defined by  $Q(x) = \tilde{x}$  and let  $\tilde{T} \in B(\mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2)$  be such that  $\tilde{T}Q = QT|_{\mathcal{E}_1}$ . Then  $\|Q(x)\| = \|\tilde{x}\| = \inf_{e \in \mathcal{E}_2} \|x + e\| \leq \|x\|$  so  $\|Q\| \leq 1$  and we can make the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E}_1 & \xrightarrow{T|_{\mathcal{E}_1}} & \mathcal{E}_1 \\ Q \downarrow & & \downarrow Q \\ \mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{T}} & \mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2 \end{array}$$

and  $\tilde{T}\tilde{x} = \tilde{T}Qx = QT|x = (Tx)\tilde{\phantom{x}} \forall x \in \mathcal{E}_1$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{T}\tilde{x}\| &= \|(Tx)\tilde{\phantom{x}}\| = \inf_{e \in \mathcal{E}_2} \|Tx + e\| \leq \inf_{e \in \mathcal{E}_2} \|Tx + Te\| \\ &\leq \inf_{e \in \mathcal{E}_2} \|T\| \|x + e\| = \|T\| \inf_{e \in \mathcal{E}_2} \|x + e\| = \|T\| \|\tilde{x}\| \end{aligned}$$

$\forall x \in \mathcal{E}_1$  so  $\|\tilde{T}\|_{\mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2} \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{E}_1} \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{X}}$ .

This characterization brings us to the following proposition

**Proposition 2.7:** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach algebra and let  $u : \mathcal{A} \mapsto B(\mathcal{X})$  be a bounded homomorphism, i.e.  $u$  is bounded linear and

$$\forall a, b \in \mathcal{A} \quad u(ab) = u(a)u(b)$$

Let  $\mathcal{E}_2 \subset \mathcal{E}_1 \subset \mathcal{X}$  be closed subspaces and let  $\mathcal{E}_1$  and  $\mathcal{E}_2$  be  $u$ -invariant i.e.  $\mathcal{E}_1$  and  $\mathcal{E}_2$  are  $u(a)$ -invariant  $\forall a \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then the map  $\tilde{u} : \mathcal{A} \mapsto B(\mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2)$  defined by  $\tilde{u}(a) = (u(a)\tilde{\phantom{x}})$  is a homomorphism with  $\|\tilde{u}\| \leq \|u\|$ . Moreover, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a subalgebra of  $B(\mathcal{H})$  (with  $\mathcal{H}$  Hilbert) and if  $u$  is c.b. then  $\tilde{u}$  also is c.b. and  $\|\tilde{u}\|_{cb} \leq \|u\|_{cb}$ .

**Proof:**  $\forall a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  we have

$$\tilde{u}(ab)Q = Qu(ab) = Qu(a)u(b) = \tilde{u}(a)Qu(b) = \tilde{u}(a)\tilde{u}(b)Q$$

which shows that  $\tilde{u}$  also is a homomorphism.

We have seen before

$$\|\tilde{u}(a)\|_{B(\mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2)} \leq \|u(a)\|_{B(\mathcal{E}_1)} \leq \|u(a)\|_{B(\mathcal{X})}$$

hence  $\|\tilde{u}\| \leq \|u\|$ .

Define  $u_n : \mathcal{A}^n \mapsto B(\mathcal{X}^n)$  as  $u_n((A)) = (u(a_{ij}))$  where  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n \in \mathcal{A}^n$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{u}\|_{cb} &= \sup_{n \geq 1} \|\tilde{u}_n\| = \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{(a_{ij})} \frac{\|\tilde{u}_n((a_{ij}))\|_{B(\mathcal{E}_1^n/\mathcal{E}_2^n)}}{\|(a_{ij})\|_{B(\mathcal{A}^n)}} \\ &= \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{(a_{ij})} \frac{\|(\tilde{u}(a_{ij}))\|_{B(\mathcal{E}_1^n/\mathcal{E}_2^n)}}{\|(a_{ij})\|_{B(\mathcal{A}^n)}} \end{aligned}$$

Now apply the previous result by replacing  $u$  by  $(u(a_{ij}))$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathcal{A}^n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}$  by  $\mathcal{X}^n$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_1$  by  $\mathcal{E}_1^n$  and  $\mathcal{E}_2$  by  $\mathcal{E}_2^n$ . This implies  $\|\tilde{u}_n((a_{ij}))\| \leq \|u_n((a_{ij}))\| \forall (a_{ij}) \forall n$  and if we take the supremum over  $(a_{ij})$  and  $n \geq 1$  we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{u}\|_{cb} &\leq \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{(a_{ij})} \frac{\|u_n((a_{ij}))\|_{B(\mathcal{E}_1^n)}}{\|(a_{ij})\|_{B(\mathcal{A}^n)}} \\ &\leq \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{(a_{ij})} \frac{\|u_n((a_{ij}))\|_{B(\mathcal{X}^n)}}{\|(a_{ij})\|_{B(\mathcal{A}^n)}} = \|u\|_{cb} \end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{u}$  will be called the compression of  $u$  to  $\mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2$ .

**Remark:** If  $\mathcal{A} \subset B(\mathcal{H})$  and if  $u : \mathcal{A} \mapsto B(\mathcal{G})$  ( $\mathcal{G}$  Hilbert) is the restriction to  $\mathcal{A}$  of a  $*$ -representation  $\pi : B(\mathcal{H}) \mapsto B(\mathcal{G})$ , then we have

$$\|\tilde{u}\|_{cb} \leq \|u\|_{cb} \leq \|\pi\|_{cb} \leq 1$$

Indeed, the first inequality follows by Proposition 2.7. If we define  $u_n$  as above and  $\pi_n$  in the same way we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{cb} &= \sup_{n \geq 1} \|u_n\| = \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{(a_{ij}) \in \mathcal{A}^n} \frac{\|u_n((a_{ij}))\|}{\|(a_{ij})\|} \\ &\leq \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{(a_{ij}) \in B(\mathcal{H}^n)} \frac{\|\pi_n((a_{ij}))\|}{\|(a_{ij})\|} = \|\pi\|_{cb} \end{aligned}$$

which explains the second inequality.

We have seen in (2.8) that  $\|\pi\|_{cb} \leq 1$ .

**Proposition 2.8:** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach algebra. Let  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Z}$  be two Banach spaces, let  $\pi : \mathcal{A} \mapsto B(\mathcal{Z})$  be a bounded homomorphism, and let  $w_1 : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{Z}$  and  $w_2 : \mathcal{Z} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$  be operators such that  $w_2 w_1 = I_{\mathcal{X}}$ . Assume that the map  $u : \mathcal{A} \mapsto B(\mathcal{X})$  defined by

$$u(a) = w_2 \pi(a) w_1 \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}$$

is a homomorphism. Then  $u$  is similar to a compression of  $\pi$ . More precisely, there are  $\pi$ -invariant subspaces  $\mathcal{E}_2 \subset \mathcal{E}_1 \subset \mathcal{Z}$  and an isomorphism  $S: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2$  such that

$$\|S\| \|S^{-1}\| \leq \|w_1\| \|w_2\|$$

and such that the compression  $\tilde{\pi}$  of  $\pi$  to  $\mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2$  satisfies

$$u(a) = S^{-1}\tilde{\pi}(a)S \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}$$

**Proof:** Let

$$\mathcal{E}_1 = \overline{\text{span}}[w_1(\mathcal{X}), \bigcup_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \pi(a)w_1(\mathcal{X})]$$

By definition  $\mathcal{E}_1$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{Z}$ .  $\mathcal{E}_1$  also is  $\pi$ -invariant. This is checked as follows :

An element  $y$  of  $\mathcal{E}_1$  can be written as

$$y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( w_1(x_n) + \sum_i \pi(a_{in})w_1(x_{in}) \right)$$

for some  $x_n, x_{in} \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $a_{in} \in \mathcal{A}$  because  $b_1w_1(x_1) + \dots + b_nw_n(x_n) = w_1(b_1x_1 + \dots + b_nx_n) = w_1(x_n)$  and  $\forall b \in \mathcal{A}$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(b)y &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \pi(b)w_1(x_n) + \pi(b) \sum_i \pi(a_{in})w_1(x_{in}) \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \pi(b)w_1(x_n) + \sum_i \pi(ba_{in})w_1(x_{in}) \right) \in \mathcal{E}_1 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathcal{E}_2 = \mathcal{E}_1 \cap \ker(w_2)$  then  $\mathcal{E}_2 \subset \mathcal{E}_1 \subset \mathcal{Z}$ . We claim that  $\mathcal{E}_2$  also is  $\pi$ -invariant. Indeed, consider  $z \in \mathcal{E}_2$  such that  $w_2(z) = 0$ . In the same way as above we can write  $z$  as

$$z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( w_1(x_n) + \sum_i \pi(a_{in})w_1(x_{in}) \right)$$

Then because  $w_2(z) = 0$ ,  $w_2w_1 = I_{\mathcal{X}}$  and  $u(a) = w_2\pi(a)w_1$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= w_2(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( w_2w_1(x_n) + \sum_i w_2\pi(a_{in})w_1(x_{in}) \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( x_n + \sum_i u(a_{in})x_{in} \right) \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Hence for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(a)z &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \pi(a)w_1x_n + \sum_i \pi(a)\pi(a_{in})w_1(x_{in}) \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \pi(a)w_1x_n + \sum_i \pi(aa_{in})w_1(x_{in}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
w_2\pi(a)z &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( w_2\pi(a)w_1x_n + \sum_i w_2\pi(aa_{in})w_1(x_{in}) \right) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( u(a)x_n + \sum_i u(aa_{in})x_{in} \right) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( u(a)x_n + \sum_i u(a)u(a_{in})x_{in} \right) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u(a) \left( x_n + \sum_i u(a_{in})x_{in} \right) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

because of (\*). Since  $z \in \mathcal{E}_1$ ,  $\pi(a)z$  also is in  $\mathcal{E}_1$  and  $w_2\pi(a)z = 0$  which means that  $\pi(a)z \in \ker(w_2)$ . This implies that  $\pi(a)z \in \mathcal{E}_2 \quad \forall a$  and proves the claim.

Let  $Q : \mathcal{E}_1 \mapsto \mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2$  be the canonical surjection. Define  $S = Qw_1 : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2$  by

$$S(x) = Qw_1(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$$

$w_2|_{\mathcal{E}_1} : \mathcal{E}_1 \mapsto \mathcal{X}$  is surjective. Take a  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , then  $y := w_1(x) \in \mathcal{E}_1$  and since  $w_2w_1 = I_{\mathcal{X}}$   $w_2(y) = x$ . So for every  $x \in \mathcal{X} \exists y \in \mathcal{E}_1$  such that  $w_2(y) = x$ . Now there is a unique isomorphism  $R : \mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{E}_2 \mapsto \mathcal{X}$  with  $\|R\| \leq \|w_2\|$  namely  $R(\tilde{x}) = w_2(x + \mathcal{E}_2) = w_2(x + \ker w_2)$  ( $\tilde{x} = x + \mathcal{E}_2 \subset x + \ker w_2$ ) since for  $e \in \mathcal{E}_2$   $\|R(\tilde{x})\| = \|w_2(x+e)\| \leq \|w_2\| \|x+e\|$  so  $\|R\tilde{x}\| \leq \|w_2\| \|\tilde{x}\|$  such that  $RQ = w_2|_{\mathcal{E}_1}$ . Then we have  $RQw_1 = w_2w_1 = I_{\mathcal{X}}$  hence  $RS = I_{\mathcal{X}}$ . This implies that  $R$  is surjective.  $R$  also is injective:

$$0 = R(\tilde{x}) = w_2(x_0 + \ker w_2|_{\mathcal{E}_1}) \implies x_0 + \ker w_2|_{\mathcal{E}_1} \in \ker w_2$$

also  $x_0 + \ker w_2|_{\mathcal{E}_1} \in \mathcal{E}_1$  so  $x_0 + \ker w_2|_{\mathcal{E}_1} \in \mathcal{E}_2$  and this implies  $\tilde{x} = \tilde{0}$ .

Surjective and injective is the same as invertible and since  $RS = I_{\mathcal{X}}$ ,  $R^{-1} = S$ . This implies that  $S$  also is invertible and  $S^{-1} = R$ . Moreover we have

$$\|S\| \|S^{-1}\| = \|Qw_1\| \|R\| \leq \|w_1\| \|w_2\|$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
S^{-1}\tilde{\pi}(a)S &= S^{-1}\tilde{\pi}(a)Qw_1 \\
&= RQ\pi(a)w_1 \\
&= w_2\pi(a)w_1 \\
&= u(a) \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}
\end{aligned}$$

We now come to a theorem which we will need to prove Theorem 2.1

**Theorem 2.9:** Let  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}$  be Hilbert spaces. Let  $\mathcal{A} \subset B(\mathcal{H})$  be a subalgebra containing a unit 1 and let  $u : \mathcal{A} \mapsto B(\mathcal{K})$  be a bounded homomorphism with  $u(1) = I_{\mathcal{K}}$ . Let  $K$  be any constant. The following are equivalent:

- (i) The map  $u$  is c.b. with  $\|u\|_{cb} \leq K$
- (ii) There is an isomorphism  $R : \mathcal{K} \mapsto \mathcal{K}$  with  $\|R\| \|R^{-1}\| \leq K$  such that the map  $a \mapsto R^{-1}u(a)R$  is c.b. with c.b. norm  $\leq 1$ .

**Proof:** (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $v(a) = R^{-1}u(a)R$  with  $\|R\| \|R^{-1}\| \leq K$  and  $\|v\|_{cb} \leq 1$ . Then  $u(a) = Rv(a)R^{-1}$  and let  $v_n : \mathcal{A}^n \mapsto B(\mathcal{K}^n)$  defined by  $v_n(A) = (v(a_{ij}))$  for  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n \in \mathcal{A}^n$ .

$$\text{Then } u_n(a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} R & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & R \end{pmatrix} v_n(a_{ij}) \begin{pmatrix} R^{-1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & R^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } \|u\|_{cb} \leq \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{(a_{ij}) \in \mathcal{A}^n} \frac{\|R\| \|v_n(a_{ij})\| \|R^{-1}\|}{\|(a_{ij})\|} \leq \|R\| \|v\|_{cb} \|R^{-1}\| \leq K.$$

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Assume (i). By Theorem 2.4 with  $S = \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{K}$  there is a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , a  $*$ -representation  $\pi : B(\mathcal{H}) \mapsto B(\hat{\mathcal{H}})$  with  $\pi(1) = 1$  and operators  $w_1 : \mathcal{K} \mapsto \hat{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $w_2 : \hat{\mathcal{H}} \mapsto \mathcal{K}$  with  $\|w_1\| \|w_2\| \leq \|u\|_{cb}$  such that

$$u(a) = w_1 \pi(a) w_2 \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}$$

By definition of  $*$ -representations  $\pi|_{\mathcal{A}}$  is a homomorphism and this implies  $u(a)$  also is a homomorphism.  $I_{\mathcal{K}} = u(1) = w_1 \pi(1) w_2 = w_1 w_2$  so we can apply the preceding result for  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{Z} = \hat{\mathcal{H}}$ :  $u$  is similar to a compression  $\tilde{\pi}$  of  $\pi|_{\mathcal{A}}$  or in other words

$$u(a) = R \tilde{\pi}(a) R^{-1} \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}$$

and  $\|R\| \|R^{-1}\| \leq \|w_1\| \|w_2\|$ .

But  $\|w_1\| \|w_2\| \leq \|u\|_{cb} \leq K$  and this implies  $\|R\| \|R^{-1}\| \leq K$ . By Proposition 2.7  $\|\tilde{\pi}\|_{cb} \leq \|\pi\|_{cb} \leq 1$  and

$$\tilde{\pi}(a) = R^{-1}u(a)R$$

so the map  $a \mapsto R^{-1}u(a)R$  is c.b with c.b. norm  $\leq 1$ .

### 2.3 Proof of Theorem 2.1

We can apply the preceding result to Theorem 2.1 which we wanted to prove. Assume  $T$  is c.pol.b. then the homomorphism  $P \mapsto P(T)$  where  $P$  is a polynomial defines a completely bounded homomorphism  $u_T$  ( $u_T(P) = P(T)$ ) from the disc algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $B(\mathcal{H})$ . Indeed,  $T$  is c.pol.b. means  $\exists K$  such that  $\forall n$  and  $\forall n \times n$  matrices  $(P_{ij})$  with polynomial entries we have

$$\|(P_{ij}(T))\|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)} \leq K \sup_{|z| \leq 1} \|(P_{ij}(z))\|_{B(\mathbb{C}^n)}$$

Define  $u_{Tn} : \mathcal{A}^n \mapsto B(\mathcal{H}^n)$  as  $u_{Tn}((P_{ij})) = (u_T(P_{ij}))$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_T\|_{cb} &= \sup_{n \geq 1} \|u_{Tn}\| = \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{(P_{ij})} \frac{\|u_{Tn}((P_{ij}))\|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)}}{\|(P_{ij})\|_{\mathcal{A}^n}} \\ &= \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{(P_{ij})} \frac{\|(u_T(P_{ij}))\|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)}}{\|(P_{ij})\|_{\mathcal{A}^n}} = \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{P_{ij}} \frac{\|(P_{ij}(T))\|_{B(\mathcal{H}^n)}}{\|(P_{ij})\|_{\mathcal{A}^n}} \\ &\leq \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{(P_{ij})} \frac{K \sup_{|z| \leq 1} \|(P_{ij}(z))\|_{B(\mathbb{C}^n)}}{\|(P_{ij})\|_{\mathcal{A}^n}} \\ &= \sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{(P_{ij})} \frac{K \sup_{|z| \leq 1} \|(P_{ij}(z))\|_{B(\mathbb{C}^n)}}{\sup_{|z| \leq 1} \frac{\|(P_{ij}(z))\|_{B(\mathbb{C}^n)}}{\|z\|_{B(\mathbb{C})}}} \\ &\leq K \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $u_T$  is c.b. with  $\|u_T\|_{cb} \leq K$ .

By Theorem 2.9 there is an isomorphism  $R: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  with  $\|R\| \|R^{-1}\| \leq K$  such that the map  $P \mapsto R^{-1}u_T(P)R$  is c.b. with  $\|R^{-1}u_T R\|_{cb} \leq 1$ . Take  $P = I$  the identity then  $u_T(I) = I(T) = T$  and

$$\|R^{-1}TR\| = \|R^{-1}u_T(I)R\| \leq \|R^{-1}u_T R\|_{cb} \leq 1$$

so  $T$  is similar to a contraction.





(and analogous  $TD_T = D_T \cdot T$ ).

Then we can develop  $\|h'_{-1}\|^2 + \|h'_0\|^2$  using (\*):

$$\begin{aligned} \|h'_{-1}\|^2 + \|h'_0\|^2 &= \|D_T h_0 - T^* h_1\|^2 + \|T h_0 + D_T h_1\|^2 = \\ &= \langle D_T h_0 - T^* h_1, D_T h_0 - T^* h_1 \rangle + \langle T h_0 + D_T h_1, T h_0 + D_T h_1 \rangle = \langle (1 - \\ &T^* T) h_0, h_0 \rangle - \langle D_T T^* h_1, h_0 \rangle - \langle T D_T h_0, h_1 \rangle + \langle T T^* h_1, h_1 \rangle + \langle T^* T h_0, h_0 \rangle \\ &+ \langle T^* D_T h_1, h_0 \rangle + \langle D_T T h_0, h_1 \rangle + \langle (1 - T T^*) h_1, h_1 \rangle = \|h_0\|^2 + \\ &\|h_1\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

As a consequence, we find that  $U$  is an isometry. Moreover  $U$  is surjective since it is easy to invert  $U$ . Given  $h' = (h'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  in  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ , we have  $h' = Uh$  with  $h = (h_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  defined by  $h_n = h'_{n-1}$  if  $n \notin \{0, 1\}$ ,  $h_0 = D_T h'_{-1} + T^* h'_0$  and  $h_1 = -T h'_{-1} + D_T h'_0$ . Equivalently it is clear that  $U$  is invertible from the following identity for  $2 \times 2$  matrices with operator entries

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} D_T & -T^* \\ T & D_T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D_T & T^* \\ -T & D_T \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} D_T & T^* \\ -T & D_T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D_T & -T^* \\ T & D_T \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we conclude that  $U$  is a surjective isometry, hence a unitary operator.

**Von Neumann's inequality:** Let  $C$  be a contraction in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then

$$\|p(C)\| \leq \sup_{|z|=1} |p(z)|$$

$\forall$  polynomials  $p$ .

**Proof:** First we will prove this for a unitary operator  $U$  on  $K$ .

$Uf = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{it} dE(t)f = \lim \sum e^{it_j} (E(t_j) - E(t_{j-1}))f$ ,  $E(t) : R \mapsto L(K)$   
 $E(t)$  is a projection so  $E^*(t) = E(t)$  and  $E(t)^2 = E(t)$ .  $E(t)E(s) = E(s)$   
 $E(t) = E_{\min}(t, s)$ . You can also write  $E(t) = \lim_{s \downarrow t} E(s)$ . It's easy to see  
that  $E(t) = I$  if  $t > 2\pi$  and  $E(t) = 0$  if  $t < 0$ .

Now you can write  $p(U)f$  as  $\int_0^{2\pi} p(e^{it}) dE(t)f$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|p(U)f\| &\leq \int_0^{2\pi} |p(e^{it})| dE(t)f \leq \sup_{t \in [0, 2\pi]} |p(e^{it})| \left\| \int_0^{2\pi} 1 dE(t)f \right\| = \\ &= \sup_{t \in [0, 2\pi]} |p(e^{it})| \|E(2\pi)f - E(0)f\| = \sup_{t \in [0, 2\pi]} |p(e^{it})| \|f\|. \end{aligned}$$

So  $\|p(U)\| \leq \sup_{|z|=1} |p(z)|$   $\forall$  polynomials  $p$ .

Now take  $C$  a contraction. By the Dilationtheorem there is a Hilbert space  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  containing  $\mathcal{H}$  isometrically as a subspace and a unitary operator  $U : \tilde{\mathcal{H}} \mapsto \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  such that  $\forall n \geq 0$   $C^n = P_{\mathcal{H}} U^n|_{\mathcal{H}}$ .

From this follows:

$$\|p(C)\| = \|P_{\mathcal{H}} p(U)|_{\mathcal{H}}\| \leq \|p(U)\| \leq \sup_{|z|=1} |p(z)|$$

$\forall$  polynomials  $p$ .

## Appendix B

**Definition:** A space  $A$

- (a) is called an algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  if
  - $A$  is a linear space over  $\mathbb{C}$
  - there is a multiplication with properties:
    - $(xy)z = x(yz)$
    - $\lambda(xy) = (\lambda x)y = x(\lambda y)$
    - $x(y+z) = xy + xz; (y+z)x = yx + zx \quad \forall x, y, z \in A, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .
- (b) is called commutative if  $\forall x, y \in A \quad xy = yx$ .
- (c) has a unit if  $\exists e \in A$  such that  $ea = ae = a \quad \forall a \in A$ .
- (d) is normed if there is a norm  $\| \cdot \|$  on  $A$  with  $\forall x, y \in A$ 
  - $\| xy \| \leq \| x \| \| y \|$ .
- (e) is called a Banach algebra if  $A$  is an algebra and  $(A, \| \cdot \|)$  is complete.
- (f) is called a  $*$ -algebra if  $A$  is an algebra and  $\exists * : A \rightarrow A$  with properties:
  - $(x^*)^* = x$
  - $(x+y)^* = x^* + y^*$
  - $(\lambda x)^* = \bar{\lambda}x^*$
  - $(xy)^* = y^*x^* \quad \forall x, y \in A, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .
- (g) is unitary if  $A$  is a  $*$ -algebra with unit and  $\forall u \in A \quad u^*u = uu^* = e$ .
- (h) is selfadjoint if  $A$  is a  $*$ -algebra and  $x^* = x \quad \forall x \in A$ .
- (j) is called a Banach $*$ -algebra if
  - (i)  $A$  is a Banach space
  - (ii)  $A$  is a  $*$ -algebra
  - (iii)  $\forall x \in A \quad \| x^* \| = \| x \|$ .
- (k) is called a  $C^*$ -algebra if  $A$  is a Banach $*$ -algebra and  $\forall x \in A$ 
  - $\| xx^* \| = \| x \|^2$ .

**Examples:** There are some examples of  $C^*$ -algebras which we used in this essay. These are:

$B(\mathcal{H}), \mathcal{C}(\partial\mathbb{D})$  and the disc algebra  $\mathcal{A}$

**Definition:** A map  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  is called

- (a) a homomorphism if
  - $\phi(x+y) = \phi(x) + \phi(y)$
  - $\phi(\lambda x) = \lambda\phi(x)$
  - $\phi(xy) = \phi(x)\phi(y) \quad \forall x, y \in A, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .
- (b) a  $*$ -homomorphism if
  - (i)  $\phi$  is a homomorphism
  - (ii)  $\phi(x^*) = \phi(x)^* \quad \forall x \in A$ .

**Definition:** (a) A map  $\pi : G \rightarrow B(\mathcal{H})$  where  $G$  is a group and  $\mathcal{H}$  a Hilbert space is called a representation if

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(1) &= I \\ \pi(st) &= \pi(s)\pi(t) \\ \text{and } \pi \text{ is unitary if also } \pi(t)^{-1} &= \pi(t)^*. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) A map  $\rho : A \mapsto B(\mathcal{H})$  where  $A$  is a  $*$ -algebra and  $\mathcal{H}$  a Hilbert space is called a  $*$ -representation if
- (i)  $\rho$  is linear
  - (ii)  $\rho$  is a representation
  - (iii)  $\rho(a^*) = \rho(a)^*$ .
- (c) A map  $\rho : A \mapsto B(\mathcal{H})$  is called a  $C^*$ -algebraic representation if  $A$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra,  $\mathcal{H}$  a Hilbert space and  $\rho$  is a  $*$ -representation.

About  $*$ -representations we have the following Lemma:

**Lemma:** Let  $\rho : A \mapsto B(\mathcal{H})$  be a  $*$ -representation on a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  and assume  $A$  has a unit. Then necessarily  $\|\rho\| = \sup_{a \neq 0} \frac{\|\rho(a)\|_{\mathcal{H}}}{\|a\|} \leq 1$ .

**Proof:** Clearly  $\rho$  maps unitaries to unitaries:

$$\rho(u)\rho(u)^* = \rho(uu^*) = \rho(e) = I = \rho(e) = \rho(u^*u) = \rho(u)^*\rho(u) \quad \text{for } u^*u = uu^* = e.$$

Hence  $\|\rho(u)\| \leq 1$  for any unitary  $u$ . Let  $x$  be a hermitian element:  $x = x^*$  and  $\|x\| \leq 1$ . Then any  $u = x + i\sqrt{1-x^2}$  is unitary and  $x = \operatorname{Re} u$ . Also follows  $\|\rho(x)\| = \|\rho(\operatorname{Re} u)\| = \|\rho(\frac{u+u^*}{2})\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\|\rho(u)\| + \frac{1}{2}\|\rho(u)^*\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = 1$ .

Hence  $\|\rho(x)\| \leq 1$  for any hermitian in the unit ball. Finally,

$$\|u^*u\| = \|u\|^2, \text{ so that}$$

$$\|\rho(x)\|^2 = \|\rho(x)^*\rho(x)\| = \|\rho(x^*x)\| = \|x^*x\| \|\rho(\frac{x^*x}{\|x^*x\|})\| \leq \|x\|^2,$$

and  $\frac{\|\rho(x)\|}{\|x\|} \leq 1 \quad \forall x$  which means  $\|\rho\| \leq 1$ .

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