

# COMPLETELY POSITIVE LINEAR OPERATORS FOR BANACH SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** Using ideas of Pisier, the concept of complete positivity is generalized in a different direction in this paper, where the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is replaced with a Banach space and its conjugate linear dual. The extreme point results of Arveson are reformulated in this more general setting.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION.

In [6], Pisier studied completely bounded maps from a  $C^*$ -algebra to  $B(X, Y)$ , the space of bounded operators between two arbitrary Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ . Of course, there is a generalization of ordinary completely bounded maps. In this paper, we first define complete positivity for a map from  $C^*$ -algebra to  $B(X, \overline{X}^*)$ , where  $\overline{X}^*$  denotes the antilinear dual space of  $X$  (the set of all conjugate linear functionals on  $X$ ). Then we give a representation theorem, and give complete solutions to three extremal problems.

In this paper, the  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  always has an identity.

## 2. COMPLETELY POSITIVE OPERATORS.

**DEFINITION 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a Banach space, and  $T \in B(X, \overline{X}^*)$ . We call  $T$  positive if, for all positive integers  $n$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n T(x_i)(x_j) \geq 0.$$

**REMARK 2.2.** We have  $\overline{\ell_2^n(X)}^* = \ell_2^n(\overline{X}^*)$ , and so  $M_n(B(X, \overline{X}^*)) = B(\ell_2^n(X), \ell_2^n(\overline{X}^*)) = B(\ell_2^n(X), \ell_2^n(X)^*)$ . Thus we may define positivity for  $M_n(B(X, \overline{X}^*))$ .

**DEFINITION 2.3.** Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra,  $\phi$  a linear map from  $A$  to  $B(X, \overline{X}^*)$  and let  $\phi_n(a_{ij}) = (\phi(a_{ij}))$  for  $(a_{ij}) \in M_n(A)$ . If  $\phi_n$  is positive for all  $n$ , then we say  $\phi$  is completely positive.

**THEOREM 2.4.** Let  $\phi : A \rightarrow B(X, \overline{X}^*)$  be a completely positive map. There is a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , a representation  $\pi$  of  $A$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  and a bounded operator  $V \in B(X, \mathcal{H})$  such that, for all  $a \in A$ ,

$$\phi(a) = \overline{V^*} \pi(a) V,$$

and  $\mathcal{H} = [\pi(A)VX]$ , where  $\overline{V^*}(h)(x) = \langle h, V(x) \rangle$ , for all  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $x \in X$ .

**PROOF:** Consider the vector space tensor product  $A \otimes X$  and define a bilinear form as follows:

If  $u = x_1 \otimes \xi_1 + \dots + x_m \otimes \xi_m$ ,  $v = y_1 \otimes \eta_1 + \dots + y_n \otimes \eta_n$ ,

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \sum_{i,j} (\phi(y_i^* x_j)(\xi_j))(\eta_i).$$

Because  $\phi$  is completely positive, we have the fact that  $\langle, \rangle$  is positive semi-definite. For each  $a \in A$ , define a linear transformation  $\pi_0(a)$  on  $A \otimes X$  by

$$\pi_0(a) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \otimes \xi_j \right) = \sum (ax_j) \otimes \xi_j.$$

$\pi_0$  is an algebra homomorphism for which

$$\langle u, \pi_0(a)v \rangle = \langle \pi_0(a^*)u, v \rangle$$

for all  $u, v \in A \otimes X$ .

For fixed  $u$ ,  $\rho(a) = \langle \pi_0(a)u, u \rangle$  defines a positive linear functional on  $A$ ; i.e.,  $\rho(a^*a) \geq 0$ . Hence,  $\langle \pi_0(a)u, \pi_0(a)u \rangle = \langle \pi_0(a^*a)u, u \rangle = \rho(a^*a) \leq \|a^*a\| \rho(1) = \|a\|^2 \langle u, u \rangle$ , where 1 is the identity of  $A$ .

Now let  $R = \{u \in A \otimes X : \langle u, u \rangle = 0\}$ .  $R$  is a linear subspace  $A \otimes X$ , invariant under  $\pi_0(a)$ , for all  $a \in A$ . So  $\langle, \rangle$  determines a positive definite inner product on the quotient  $(A \otimes X)/R$  in the usual way.

Let  $\mathcal{H} = \overline{(A \otimes X)/R}$ . There is a unique representation  $\pi$  of  $A$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\pi(a)(u + R) = \pi_0(a)u + R$$

$a \in A$ ,  $u \in A \otimes X$ .

We define a linear map  $V: X \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$  by

$$V(\xi) = 1 \otimes \xi + R$$

for all  $\xi \in X$ .

We may verify that  $V$  is bounded, and  $\phi(a) = \overline{V^*} \pi(a) V$  for all  $a \in A$ .

Let  $R_1 = [\pi(A)VX] \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ , and  $\pi_1(a) = \pi(a)|_{R_1}$  for all  $a \in A$ . Because  $\pi(1) = I$ , so  $V(X) \subseteq R_1$ . We have  $\overline{V^*} \pi(a) V(x_1) = \overline{V^*} \pi(a)|_{R_1} V(x_1) = \overline{V^*} \pi_1(a) V(x_1) = \phi(a)(x_1)$ , for all  $x_1 \in X$ ,  $a \in A$ . So we may assume that  $\mathcal{H} = [\pi(A)VX]$ .

Suppose  $\phi: A \longrightarrow B(X, \overline{X^*})$  is a completely positive map. If there exists Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{H}_i$ , representations  $\pi_i$  of  $A$  on  $\mathcal{H}_i$ , and bounded operators  $V_i: X \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_i$  then

$$\phi(a) = \overline{V_i^*} \pi_i(a) V_i,$$

for  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $\mathcal{H}_i = [\pi_i(A)V_i X]$ . Define  $U: \mathcal{H}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  by

$$U \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_1(a_i) V_1 \xi_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_2(a_i) V_2 \xi_i,$$

for all  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ ,  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \in X$ . Then we need to extend to  $\mathcal{H}_1$ . We may verify that  $UV_1 = V_2$  and  $U\pi_1(a) = \pi_2(a)U$  for all  $a \in A$ .

Next we verify that  $U$  is an unitary.

$$\begin{aligned}
 < \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_2(a_i) V_2 \xi_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_2(a_i) V_2 \xi_i > &= \sum_i \sum_j < \pi_2(a_i) V_2 \xi_i, \pi_2(a_j) V_2 \xi_j > \\
 &= \sum_i \sum_j < \pi_2(a_j^* a_i) V_2 \xi_i, V_2 \xi_j > \\
 &= \sum_i \sum_j \phi(a_j^* a_i)(\xi_i)(\xi_j) \\
 &= \sum_i \sum_j < \pi_1(a_j^* a_i) V_1 \xi_i, V_1 \xi_j > \\
 &= < \sum_i \pi_1(a_i) V_1 \xi_i, \sum_i \pi_1(a_i) V_1 \xi_i >.
 \end{aligned}$$

So the representation given in Theorem 2.4 is unique up to unitary equivalence.

### 3. PREPARATIONS.

**NOTATION 3.1.** Let  $CP(A, X)$  denote all completely positive linear maps from  $A$  to  $B(X, \overline{X^*})$ .

**LEMMA 3.2.** Let  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  belong to  $CP(A, X)$ , and suppose that  $\phi_1 \leq \phi_2$ . Let  $\phi_i(a) = \overline{V_i} \pi_i(a) V_i$  be the canonical expression of  $\phi_i$ , where  $\pi_i$  is a representation of  $A$  on  $R_i$  such that  $[\pi_i(A) V_i X] = R_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Then there exists a contraction  $T \in B(R_2, R_1)$  such that

$$TV_2 = V_1,$$

$$T\pi_2(a) = \pi_1(a)T$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

**PROOF:** For every  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \in X, a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\sum_{j=1}^n \pi_1(a_j) V_1 \xi_j\|^2 &= < \sum_{j=1}^n \pi_1(a_j) V_1 \xi_j, \sum_{j=1}^n \pi_1(a_j) V_1 \xi_j > \\
 &= \sum_i \sum_j \pi_1(a_j^* a_i) V_1(\xi_i)(\xi_j) \\
 &= \sum_i \sum_j \phi_1(a_j^* a_i)(\xi_i)(\xi_j) \\
 &\leq \sum_i \sum_j \phi_2(a_j^* a_i)(\xi_i)(\xi_j) \\
 &= \|\sum_{j=1}^n \pi_2(a_j) V_2 \xi_j\|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Define  $T: R_2 \longrightarrow R_1$  by

$$T(\sum_{j=1}^n \pi_2(a_j) V_2 \xi_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n \pi_1(a_j) V_1 \xi_j$$

We can verify that above two statements hold.

**NOTATION 3.3.** For  $\phi \in CP(A, X)$ , let  $[0, \phi] = \{\psi \in CP(A, X); \psi \leq \phi\}$ . Let  $\phi(a) = \overline{V} \pi(a) V$  for all  $a \in A$ . For each operator  $T \in \pi(A)'$ , define a map  $\phi_T(a) = \overline{V}^* T \pi(a) V$ . Then  $T \longrightarrow \phi_T$  is linear. If  $\phi_T = 0$ , we have

$$< T\pi(a)V\xi, \pi(b)V\eta > = < T\pi(b^*a)V\xi, V\eta > = \phi_T(b^*a)(\xi)(\eta) = 0$$

$$< T(\sum_{i=1}^n \pi_i(a_i) V \xi_i), \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_i(b_i) V \xi_i > = 0.$$

So  $T = 0$ . That is,  $T \longrightarrow \phi_T$  is injective.

**THEOREM 3.4.**  $T \longrightarrow \phi_T$  is an affine order isomorphism of the partially ordered convex set of  $\{T \in \pi(A)' : 0 \leq T \leq I\}$  onto  $[0, \phi]$ .

The proof of this theorem is exactly the same way as the proof of theorem in Arveson's paper [1].

#### 4. THE THREE EXTREMAL PROBLEMS.

Now we come to discuss three extremal problems.

**DEFINITION 4.1.** A completely positive map  $\phi \in CP(A, X)$  is pure if, for every  $\psi \in CP(A, X)$ ,  $\psi \leq \phi$  implies that  $\psi$  is a scalar multiple of  $\phi$ .

**REMARK 4.2.** According to [3], the extreme rays of  $CP(A, X)$  can be characterized as the half lines  $\{t\phi : t \geq 0\}$ , where  $\phi$  is a pure element of  $CP(A, X)$ .

We state the following theorems without proofs, for the proofs are almost the same as those in Arveson's paper [1].

**THEOREM 4.3.** All nonzero pure elements of  $CP(A, X)$  are precisely those of the form  $\phi(a) = \overline{V}^* \pi(a) V$ , where  $\pi$  is an irreducible representation of  $A$  on some Hilbert space  $R$  and  $V \in B(X, R)$ , such that  $R = [\pi(A) V X]$ .

**THEOREM 4.4.** Let  $\phi \in CP(A, X)$  and let  $\phi(a) = \overline{V}^* \pi(a) V$  be its canonical representation. The extreme points of  $[0, \phi]$  are those maps of the form  $\overline{V}^* P \pi(a) V$ , where  $P$  is a projection in  $\pi(A)'$ .

We consider the extreme points of the set  $CP(A, X; K) = \{\phi \in CP(A, X); \phi(1) = K\}$ , where  $K$  is a fixed positive operator in  $B(X, \overline{X}^*)$ .

**THEOREM 4.5.** Let  $\phi \in CP(A, X; K)$  and let  $\pi(a) = \overline{V}^* \pi(a) V$  be its canonical representation with  $\overline{V}^* V = K$ . Then  $\phi$  is an extreme point of  $CP(A, X; K)$  if and only if  $[V X]$  is a faithful subspace for the commutant  $\pi(A)'$  of  $\pi(A)$ .

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