

# EXTREME POINTS OF THE UNIT BALL OF AN OPERATOR SPACE

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## ABSTRACT.

Answering Pedersen's question [1], I characterized extreme points of the unit ball of an operator space introducing the new notion "quasi-identity" [2]. An application of extreme points is also given in [3].

## RESULTS.

Definition [2]: A quasi-identity of a ring  $R$  is an element  $e \in R$  such that  $r = er + re - ere, \forall r \in R$ .

Theorem [2]: Let  $XX$  be a nonzero operator space and  $z \in \text{Ball}(QM(X))$ , and let  $(X, m_z)(X, m_z)$  be the corresponding operator algebra. Then the following assertions hold.

- (1)  $(X, m_z)(X, m_z)$  has a quasi-identity of norm 1 if  $z' \in \text{ext}(\text{Ball}(X))$ .
- (2)  $(X, m_z)(X, m_z)$  has a left identity of norm 1 if and only if  $z' \in \text{ext}(\text{Ball}(X))$  and  $z' \cdot z = 1_{11}$ .
- (3)  $(X, m_z)(X, m_z)$  has a right identity of norm 1 if and only if  $z' \in \text{ext}(\text{Ball}(X))$  and  $z \cdot z' = 1_{22}$ .
- (4)  $(X, m_z)(X, m_z)$  has a two-sided identity of norm 1 if and only if  $z' \in \text{ext}(\text{Ball}(X))$  and  $z' \cdot z = 1_{11}$  and  $z \cdot z' = 1_{22}$ .

Corollary [2]: Let  $XX$  be a nonzero operator space. Then the following assertions hold.

- (1) Some algebraization of  $XX$  has a quasi-identity of norm 1 iff  $\text{ext}(\text{Ball}(X)) \cap QM(X)' \neq \emptyset$ .
- (2) Some algebraization of  $XX$  has a left identity of norm 1 if and only if  $\text{ext}(\text{Ball}(X)) \cap \{z' \in QM(X)' \mid z' \cdot z = 1_{11}\} \neq \emptyset$ .
- (3) Some algebraization of  $XX$  has a right identity of norm 1 if and only if  $\text{ext}(\text{Ball}(X)) \cap \{z' \in QM(X)' \mid z \cdot z' = 1_{22}\} \neq \emptyset$ .
- (4) Some algebraization of  $XX$  has a two-sided identity of norm 1 if and only if  $\text{ext}(\text{Ball}(X)) \cap \{z' \in QM(X)' \mid z' \cdot z = 1_{11}, z \cdot z' = 1_{22}\} \neq \emptyset$ .

Theorem ([3]): Let  $XX$  be a TRO which is also a dual Banach space. Then  $XX$  can be decomposed into the direct sum of TRO's  $X_T X_T$ ,  $X_L X_L$ , and  $X_R X_R$ :

$$X = X_T \oplus_\infty X_L \oplus_\infty X_R$$

such that there is a complete isometry  $u$  from  $XX$  into a von Neumann algebra in which  $u(X_T)u(X_T)$ ,  $u(X_L)u(X_L)$ , and  $u(X_R)u(X_R)$  are weak\*-closed two-sided, left, and right ideals, respectively, and

$$u(X) = u(X_T) \oplus_\infty u(X_L) \oplus_\infty u(X_R).$$