

SOME REMARKS ON PROPERTIES OF ELEMENTS
FROM COMPLEX BANACH ALGEBRAS

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In this work some properties related to von Neumann effect of commutators of elements from complex Banach algebras are discussed, as well as their “convexity”.

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I. Let τ be a local convex topology on a complex algebra \mathcal{A} with a unit and algebraic norm. Further, suppose the multiplication is continuous with respect on each coordinate and that identical map $\{\mathcal{A}, \|\cdot\|\} \rightarrow \{\mathcal{A}, \tau\}$ is also continuous. Let $\{P\}$ be the system defining algebraic seminorms, which generate topology τ [1].

Recall, that element $a \in \{\mathcal{A}, \tau\}$ belongs to the class $Gr(\{\mathcal{A}, \tau\})$, if there exists an element $b \in \{\mathcal{A}, \tau\}$ such that for every seminorm $\{P\}$:

$$\max \{P(\exp(-\lambda b) \cdot \exp(\bar{\lambda} a)), P(\exp(-\bar{\lambda} a) \cdot \exp(\lambda b))\} = o(|\lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}}) \quad (1.1)$$

when $|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ (see [2]).

Proposition 1.1. If element $a \in Gr(\{\mathcal{A}, \tau\})$, then element $b \in \{\mathcal{A}, \tau\}$ from the definition of the class $Gr(\{\mathcal{A}, \tau\})$ is unique.

Proof. Suppose there exists another element $\tilde{b} \in \{\mathcal{A}, \tau\}$ such that

$$\max \{P(\exp(-\lambda \tilde{b}) \cdot \exp(\bar{\lambda} a)), P(\exp(-\bar{\lambda} a) \cdot \exp(\lambda \tilde{b}))\} = o(|\lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}})$$

when $|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ for every P .

Consider $\{\mathcal{A}, \tau\}$ is valued entire function

$$f(\lambda) = \exp(-\lambda b) \exp(\lambda \tilde{b}).$$

Then, for each seminorm P :

$$P(f(\lambda)) = P(\exp(-\lambda b) \cdot \exp(\lambda \tilde{b})) = P(\exp(-\lambda b) \exp(\bar{\lambda} a) \cdot \exp(-\bar{\lambda} a) \exp(\lambda \tilde{b})) \leq$$

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$$\leq P(\exp(-\lambda b) \exp(\bar{\lambda} a)) \cdot P(\exp(-\bar{\lambda} a) \exp(\lambda \tilde{b})) = o(|\lambda|),$$

when $|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Applying (1.1) and Liouville's Theorem, we get $f(\lambda) \equiv f(0) = 1$, from which it follows $\exp(\lambda b) = \exp(\lambda \tilde{b})$ and, therefore, $b = \tilde{b}$.

The Proposition 1.1 is proved.

Proposition 1.2. If $a_1, a_2 \in Gr(\{\mathcal{A}, \tau\})$ and $[a_1, b_2] = 0$ or $[a_2, b_1] = 0$, then $[a_1, a_2] = 0$, $[b_1, b_2] = 0$.

Proof. Indeed, since

$$f(\lambda) = \exp(-\lambda b_1) b_2 \exp(\lambda b_1) = \exp(-\lambda b_1) \exp(\bar{\lambda} a_1) b_2 \exp(\bar{\lambda} b_1) - \\ - \exp(-\lambda b_1) (\exp(\bar{\lambda} a_1) b_2 - b_2 \exp(\bar{\lambda} a_1)) \exp(-\bar{\lambda} a_1) \exp(\bar{\lambda} b_1)$$

and

$$g(\lambda) = \exp(-\lambda b_2) b_1 \exp(\lambda b_2) = \exp(-\lambda b_2) \exp(\bar{\lambda} a_2) b_1 \exp(-\bar{\lambda} a_2) \exp(\lambda b_2) - \\ - \exp(-\lambda b_2) (\exp(\bar{\lambda} a_2) b_1 - b_1 \exp(\bar{\lambda} a_2)) \exp(-\bar{\lambda} a_2) \exp(\bar{\lambda} b_2),$$

then from (1.1) and the condition $[a_1, b_2] = 0$ or $[a_2, b_1] = 0$, we get that $[b_1, b_2] = 0$, changing $\lambda \rightarrow \mu = \bar{\lambda}$ gives $[a_1, a_2] = 0$.

The Proposition 1.2 is proved.

As was proved in [2], the following generalization of von Neumann's Theorem holds for the elements from the class $Gr(\{\mathcal{A}, \tau\})$ (see [1, 3]).

Theorem 1.1. [2]. Let $a \in Gr(\{\mathcal{A}, \tau\})$. Then, for every neighbourhood of zero $U \subset \{\mathcal{A}, \tau\}$, there exists a neighbourhood of zero $V \subset \{\mathcal{A}, \tau\}$ such, that if $x \in \mathcal{A}$, $\|x\| \leq 1$ and $[a, x] \in V$, then $[b, x] \in U$.

It is clear, that all normal and quasinormal elements belong to the class $Gr(\{\mathcal{A}, \tau\})$. For simplicity, in case of complex Banach algebra \mathcal{A} , let give an example of $a \in Gr(\mathcal{A})$ for which $[a, b] \neq 0$.

Fix $\sigma > 0$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Denote by $B_\sigma(\alpha)$ the Banach algebra of all entire functions f of the exponential type $\leq \sigma$, for which

$$\|f\| := \sup_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|f(\lambda)|}{(1+|\lambda|)^\alpha} < \infty. \quad (1.2)$$

If $\alpha = 0$, then $B_\sigma(\alpha)$ will be the classical Bernshtein space. If $\alpha \leq \beta$, then $B_\sigma(\alpha) \subset B_\sigma(\beta)$ [3]. Using Fragmente-Lindelof Theorem, we get

$$|f(\lambda)| \leq C_f (1+|\lambda|)^\alpha e^{\sigma |\operatorname{Im} \lambda|}. \quad (1.3)$$

From Cauchy's Theorem and inequalities (1.2) and (1.3) it follows that the operator $\delta = \frac{1}{i} \cdot \frac{d}{d\lambda}$ is acting continuously in space $B_\sigma(\alpha)$ and

$$\|\exp(it\delta)\| \sim (1+|t|)^{|\alpha|}, \quad t \rightarrow \pm\infty.$$

Consider the algebra $\mathcal{B} = M_2(BL(B_\sigma(\alpha)))$. With operator $\delta \in BL(B_\sigma(\alpha))$ and elements $a, b \in \mathcal{B}$, defined as follows:

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} \delta(1+i), & \delta(1+i) \\ 0, & \delta(1+i) \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} \delta(1-i), & 0 \\ \delta(1-i), & \delta(1-i) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, it is easy to see that

$$[a, b] = 2\delta^2 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1}, & 0 \\ 0, & -\mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} \neq 0.$$

Consider $\exp(-\lambda b) \cdot \exp(\bar{\lambda} a)$. We have

$$\exp(-\lambda b) \cdot \exp(\bar{\lambda} a) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\delta(\bar{\lambda}(1+i)-\lambda(1-i))}, & e^{\delta(\bar{\lambda}(1+i)-\lambda(1-i))} \\ e^{\delta(\bar{\lambda}(1+i)-\lambda(1-i))}, & e^{2\delta(\bar{\lambda}(1+i)-\lambda(1-i))} \end{bmatrix},$$

similarly,

$$\exp(-\lambda a) \cdot \exp(\bar{\lambda} b) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2\delta(\lambda(1-i)-\bar{\lambda}(1+i))}, & e^{\delta(\lambda(1-i)-\bar{\lambda}(1+i))} \\ e^{\delta(\lambda(1-i)-\bar{\lambda}(1+i))}, & e^{\delta(\lambda(1-i)-\bar{\lambda}(1+i))} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let $\lambda = s + it \in \mathbb{C}$, then $\lambda(1-i) - \bar{\lambda}(1+i) = 2i(t-s)$ and $\bar{\lambda}(1+i) - \lambda(1-i) = 2i(s-t)$. Therefore,

$$\|\exp(-\lambda b) \cdot \exp(\bar{\lambda} a)\| = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} e^{2i(s-t)\delta}, & e^{2i(s-t)\delta} \\ e^{2i(s-t)\delta}, & e^{4i(s-t)\delta} \end{bmatrix} \right\| \sim (1 + |\lambda|)^{4|\alpha|},$$

similarly,

$$\|\exp(-\bar{\lambda} a) \cdot \exp(\lambda b)\| \sim (1 + |\lambda|)^{4|\alpha|}.$$

We will get the desired example, if we take $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $|\alpha| < \frac{1}{8}$. For operator algebras the following theorem holds:

Theorem 1.2. Let X and Y are complex Banach algebras, $A \in Gr(BL(X))$, $B \in Gr(BL(Y))$. Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$, such that if $T \in BL(X, Y)$, $\|T\| \leq R$ and $\|AT - TB\| < \delta$, then $\|A^\oplus T - TB^\oplus\| < \varepsilon$.

Note, that operators $A^\oplus \in BL(X)$ and $B^\oplus \in BL(Y)$ are conjugates of operators $A \in BL(X)$ and $B \in BL(Y)$ in the sense of class $Gr(\cdot)$ defined by (1.1).

The Theorem 1.2 is proved by the same scheme as the Theorem 1 from [2]. Consider the operator-valued entire function

$$F(\lambda) = \exp(-\lambda A^\oplus) T \exp(\lambda B^\oplus) = \exp(-\lambda A^\oplus) \exp(\bar{\lambda} A) T \exp(-\bar{\lambda} B) \exp(\lambda B^\oplus) - \exp(-\lambda A^\oplus) (\exp(\bar{\lambda} A) T - T \exp(\bar{\lambda} B)) \exp(-\bar{\lambda} B) \exp(\lambda B^\oplus).$$

By Cauchy's integral formula

$$\|F'(0)\| \leq \frac{o(r)}{r} + \eta e^{4r}.$$

From here and the condition $\|AT - TB\| < \delta$ it follows that

$$\|A^\oplus T - TB^\oplus\| < \varepsilon.$$

The Theorem is proved.

The Theorem 1.2 has analogues corresponding to standard operators topologies, which satisfy the conditions of topology τ . Note, that by the definition of the class $SGr(\mathcal{A})$ in [4], the element $b \in \mathcal{B}$ from the definition of $SGr(\mathcal{A})$ is unique as it is in Proposition 1.1

II. Let \mathcal{A} be a complex Banach algebra with the unit $\mathbf{1}$, and let $\hat{a} = (a_k)_{k=0}^\infty \subset \mathcal{A}$ be a sequence of elements such that

$$\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{\|a_k\|} = \rho(\hat{a}) < \infty. \quad (2.1)$$

From (2.1) it follows that \mathcal{A} -valued function

$$E(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} z^k$$

is an entire \mathcal{A} -valued function of exponential type $\rho(\hat{a})$. The number $\rho(\hat{a})$ is called *generalized spectral radius* of the sequence (\hat{a}) , which is the radius of the smallest circle centered at the origin and outside of which the following \mathcal{A} -valued power series converge

$$e(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{\lambda^{k+1}}.$$

For \mathcal{A} -valued function $E(z)$ the convex hull of the set of singularities is called *conjugate diagram* of the function $E(z)$, which we denote by $\mathcal{D}(\hat{a})$. Actually this set is the smallest convex set, which contains all singularities of \mathcal{A} -valued function $e(\lambda)$ [4].

Recall (see [4–6]), that a functional $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}^*$ is called to be a state, if $\|\varphi\| = \varphi(\mathbf{1}) = 1$. The set $St(\mathcal{A})$ of all states is a $\sigma(\mathcal{A}^*, \mathcal{A})$ compact convex subset of the conjugate space \mathcal{A}^* . In contrast to the set of complex homomorphisms, which can be empty in case of non-commutative algebras, the set of states is always non-empty. Recall, that for each element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ the set $V(a) = \{\varphi(a) : \varphi \in St(\mathcal{A})\}$ is called (algebraic) numerical image of element $a \in \mathcal{A}$. Not hard to see that for each $a \in \mathcal{A}$, $sp(a) \subset V(a)$, where $sp(a)$ is a spectrum of the element a . Using Han-Banach's Theorem, it can be proved that \mathcal{A} -valued function $E(z)$ and $e(\lambda)$ are related with integral representation:

$$E(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e(\lambda) e^{\lambda z} d\lambda,$$

where γ is a closed contour containing $\mathcal{D}(\hat{a})$. If $K(\theta)$ is the support function of the set $\mathcal{D}(\hat{a})$ [7], then

$$\|E(re^{i\theta})\| \leq L(\varepsilon) e^{[K(-\theta) + \varepsilon]r}$$

for every $\varepsilon > 0$, where $L(\varepsilon) = \frac{L}{2\pi} \max_{\lambda \in \mathcal{D}_\varepsilon(\hat{a})} \|e(\lambda)\|$. Here L is the length of the contour γ , and $\mathcal{D}_\varepsilon(\hat{a})$ is the ε -extension of $\mathcal{D}(\hat{a})$. For the ray $\ell(\theta_0) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \arg(z) = \theta_0\}$ the integral given by the formula

$$e(\lambda) = \int_0^{\infty e^{i\theta_0}} E(z) e^{-\lambda z} dz \quad (2.2)$$

is an analytic \mathcal{A} -valued function in the half plane $Re(\lambda e^{-i\theta_0}) > \rho(\hat{a}) + \delta$, where $\delta > 0$. Consider the indicator of growth $h(\theta)$ for the \mathcal{A} -valued function $E(z)$ (i.e.

$h(\theta) = \overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \|E(re^{i\theta})\|}{r}$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$. Thus, the function $e(\lambda)$ is an \mathcal{A} -valued analytic function in the half-plane $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda e^{i\theta_0}) > h(\theta_0)$, for which the representation (2.2) holds, and, therefore, the \mathcal{A} -valued analogue of Polya's Theorem is hold too, $h(\theta) = K(-\theta)$.

Consider an important case when $a_k = a^k$, where $a \in \mathcal{A}$. In this case $E(z) = \exp(za)$ and $e(\lambda) = (\lambda \mathbf{1} - a)^{-1}$, $\rho(\hat{a}) = \rho(a)$, where $\rho(a)$ is the spectral radius of the element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{D}(\hat{a}) = \langle sp(a) \rangle$. Here $\langle sp(a) \rangle$ is the convex hull of the spectrum of the element $a \in \mathcal{A}$.

It is well known (see [8]), that

$$\begin{cases} \max\{\operatorname{Re}\lambda : \lambda \in sp(a)\} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \|\exp(ra)\|}{r}, \\ \max\{\operatorname{Re}\lambda : \lambda \in V(a)\} = \lim_{t \rightarrow +0} \frac{\ln \|\exp(ta)\|}{t}. \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

Let $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$. Since $sp(ae^{-i\theta}) = e^{-i\theta}sp(a)$, assuming that $\mu = \lambda e^{-i\theta}$, where $\lambda \in sp(a)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\operatorname{Re}\mu : \mu \in sp(ae^{-i\theta})\} &= \max\{\operatorname{Re}\mu : \mu \in e^{-i\theta}sp(a)\} = \\ &= \max\{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda e^{-i\theta}) : \lambda \in sp(a)\} = K_{\langle sp(a) \rangle}(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, since $V(e^{-i\theta}a) = e^{-i\theta}V(a)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\operatorname{Re}\mu : \mu \in V(e^{-i\theta}a)\} &= \max\{\operatorname{Re}\mu : \mu \in e^{-i\theta}V(a)\} = \\ &= \max\{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda e^{-i\theta}) : \lambda \in V(a)\} = K_{V(a)}(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

Using the first formula from (2.3), we get

$$K_{\langle sp(a) \rangle}(\theta) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \|\exp(re^{-i\theta}a)\|}{r} = \ln \rho(\exp(e^{-i\theta}a)).$$

Since $\langle sp(a) \rangle \subset V(a)$, then for every $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$, $K_{\langle sp(a) \rangle}(\theta) \leq K_{V(a)}(\theta)$.

Now consider conditions of "convexity" of the element $a \in \mathcal{A}$, i.e. when $\langle sp(a) \rangle = V(a)$.

Note, that all normal and subnormal elements are "convexoids".

Thus, if we want element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ be a "convexoid", we need to hold the condition $K_{\langle sp(a) \rangle}(\theta) \geq K_{V(a)}(\theta)$ for each $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$.

Proposition 2.1. If element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ is such that

$$\min_{0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi} \left\{ \ln \rho(\exp(e^{-i\theta}a)) - \lim_{t \rightarrow +0} \frac{\|\mathbf{1} + te^{-i\theta}a\| - 1}{t} \right\} \geq 0, \quad (2.4)$$

then $\langle sp(a) \rangle = V(a)$.

Proof. Since

$$K_{\langle sp(a) \rangle}(\theta) - K_{V(a)}(\theta) = \ln \rho(\exp(e^{-i\theta}a)) - \lim_{t \rightarrow +0} \frac{\ln \|\exp(te^{-i\theta}a)\|}{t}$$

then taking into consideration that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +0} \frac{\ln \|\exp(te^{-i\theta}a)\|}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow +0} \frac{\|\mathbf{1} + te^{-i\theta}a\| - 1}{t}$$

and $K_{\langle sp(a) \rangle}(\theta) \geq K_{V(a)}(\theta)$ for every $\theta \in [0; 2\pi]$, we get $\langle sp(a) \rangle = V(a)$. Note, that if $t = \frac{1}{n}$, the condition (2.4) can be written as

$$\min_{0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi} \left\{ \ln \rho \left(\exp(e^{-i\theta}a) \right) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left\| \sqrt[n]{\exp(e^{-i\theta}a)} \right\|^n \right\} \geq 0.$$

The Proposition is proved.

Let $a \in Gr(\mathcal{A})$ and $\theta \in [0; 2\pi]$. Then by virtue of the definition class $Gr(\mathcal{A})$, on the ray $\ell(\theta) = \{\lambda = te^{-i\theta} \in \mathbb{C} : \arg(\lambda) = \theta\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} K_{\langle sp(a) \rangle}(\theta) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \|\exp(te^{-i\theta}a)\|}{t} = \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \|\exp(te^{i\theta}b) \cdot \exp(-te^{i\theta}b) \cdot \exp(te^{-i\theta}a)\|}{t} \leq \\ &\leq \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \left[\frac{\ln \|\exp(te^{i\theta}b)\|}{t} + \frac{\ln \|\exp(-te^{i\theta}b) \exp(te^{-i\theta}a)\|}{t} \right] = \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \left[\frac{\ln \|\exp(te^{i\theta}b)\|}{t} + \frac{\ln o\left(t^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)}{t} \right] = \\ &= \ln \rho \left(\exp(e^{i\theta}b) \right) = K_{\langle sp(b) \rangle}(-\theta). \end{aligned}$$

Similar reasoning shows that

$$K_{\langle sp(b) \rangle}(-\theta) = \ln \rho \left(\exp(e^{i\theta}b) \right) \leq \ln \rho \left(\exp(e^{-i\theta}a) \right) = K_{\langle sp(a) \rangle}(\theta).$$

Thus, for every $\theta \in [0; 2\pi]$

$$K_{\langle sp(a) \rangle}(\theta) = K_{\langle sp(b) \rangle}(-\theta). \quad (2.5)$$

Taking into consideration (2.5), we get

$$K_{\langle sp(b) \rangle}(\theta) = K_{\langle sp(a) \rangle}(-\theta) = K_{\overline{\langle sp(a) \rangle}}(\theta).$$

Therefore, $\overline{\langle sp(a) \rangle} = \langle sp(b) \rangle$ and $\rho(a) = \rho(b)$. From (2.5) we get that for the indicators of growth $\langle sp(a) \rangle$ and $\langle sp(b) \rangle$, $h_{\langle sp(b) \rangle}(\theta) = K_{\langle sp(a) \rangle}(-\theta)$ by Polya's Theorem. Therefore, $h_{\langle sp(b) \rangle}(\theta) = h_{\langle sp(a) \rangle}(-\theta)$.

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