

A localization of Hilbert C^* -modules over C^* -algebras

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Abstract

We introduce the notion of the separated pair of closed submodules in the setting of Hilbert C^* -modules. We demonstrate that even in the case of Hilbert spaces this concept has several nice characterizations enriching the theory of separated pairs of subspaces in Hilbert spaces. Let \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{K} be orthogonally complemented closed submodules of a Hilbert C^* -module \mathcal{E} . We establish that $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ is a separated pair in \mathcal{E} if and only if there are idempotents Π_1 and Π_2 such that $\Pi_1\Pi_2 = \Pi_2\Pi_1 = 0$ and $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1) = \mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_2) = \mathcal{K}$. We utilize the localization of Hilbert C^* -modules to define the angle between closed submodules. We prove that if $(\mathcal{H}^\perp, \mathcal{K}^\perp)$ is concordant, then $(\mathcal{H}^{\perp\perp}, \mathcal{K}^{\perp\perp})$ is a separated pair if the cosine of this angle is less than one.

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Let A be a C^* -algebra.

Idea

Take the definition of a Hilbert space and replace the field of scalars by \mathcal{A} .

Note that scalars play a two-fold role for Hilbert spaces:

- Hilbert spaces are linear spaces (modules) over scalars.
- Inner product takes values in scalars.

Some basics from C^* -algebra theory

An involutive Banach algebra \mathcal{A} is called a C^* -algebra if the equality $\|a^*a\| = \|a\|^2$ holds for each $a \in \mathcal{A}$. Any C^* -algebra can be realized as a norm-closed subalgebra of the algebra of all bounded operators $\mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$ on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} .

An element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ is positive ($a \geq 0$) if it is selfadjoint and $Sp(a) \subseteq [0, 1)$.

$a \geq 0$ iff $\phi(a) \geq 0$ for any positive linear functional ϕ on \mathcal{A} . We write $a \geq b$ if $a - b \geq 0$ is positive.

By $S(\mathcal{A})$ we denote the set of all states on \mathcal{A} .

Pre-Hilbert C^* -modules over C^* -algebra \mathcal{A}

A pre-Hilbert C^* -module over a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} is a right \mathcal{A} -module \mathcal{H} equipped with an \mathcal{A} -valued inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$.

- $\langle x, x \rangle$ is a positive element in \mathcal{A} for any $x \in \mathcal{H}$.
- $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ implies that $x = 0$.
- $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$ for any $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$.
- $\langle x, y \cdot a \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle a$ for any $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ and any $a \in \mathcal{A}$. The map $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is called an \mathcal{A} -valued inner product.

If a pre-Hilbert C^* -module over a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} \mathcal{H} is complete with respect to the induced norm $\|x\| = \|\langle x, x \rangle\|^{\frac{1}{2}}$, then \mathcal{H} is called a Hilbert C^* -module.

Hilbert C^* -modules over C^* -algebra \mathcal{A}

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Adjointable Operators

We say that an operator $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ is adjointable if there is an operator $A^* : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ such that

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle = \langle x, A^*y \rangle, \quad x \in \mathcal{H}, y \in \mathcal{K}.$$

Let $\mathcal{R}(A)$ and $\mathcal{N}(A)$ denote the range and the null space of a linear operator A , respectively. Throughout this note, a capital letter means a linear operator.

Adjointable Operators

We assume that \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{F} are Hilbert C^* -modules over \mathcal{A} . The set of all adjointable operators from \mathcal{E} to \mathcal{F} is represented by $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})$, with the abbreviation $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E})$ if $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F}$. In the context of a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , we denote $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ by $\mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$. The identity element of an algebra is denoted by I .

Orthogonally Complemented Submodules

A submodule $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{E}$ is said to be *orthogonally complemented* in \mathcal{E} if $\mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^\perp = \mathcal{E}$, where $\mathcal{M}^\perp = \{x \in \mathcal{E} : \langle x, y \rangle = 0, \text{ for all } y \in \mathcal{M}\}$. In this case, \mathcal{M} is closed, and we refer to the projection from \mathcal{E} onto \mathcal{M} as $P_{\mathcal{M}}$. Unlike Hilbert spaces, a closed submodule is not necessarily orthogonally complemented. If $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})$ has a closed range, then $\mathcal{R}(T)$ and $\mathcal{N}(T)$ are orthogonally complemented

Operator Range

A subspace \mathcal{M} of a Hilbert space \mathcal{E} is said to be an *operator range* if there exists a bounded linear operator A such that $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{R}(A)$. The set \mathcal{L} of all operator ranges forms a lattice with respect to vector addition and set intersection. An operator range $\mathcal{R}(A)$ is complemented in the lattice \mathcal{L} if there exists an operator range $\mathcal{R}(B)$ such that $\mathcal{R}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(B) = 0$ and $\mathcal{R}(A) + \mathcal{R}(B)$ is closed.

Theorem

An operator range $\mathcal{R}(A)$ is complemented in the lattice \mathcal{L} if and only if $\mathcal{R}(A)$ is closed, see [3, Theorem 2.3].

It is clear that for any idempotent $\Pi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E})$,

$$\mathcal{R}(\Pi) \cap \mathcal{R}(I - \Pi) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}(\Pi) + \mathcal{R}(I - \Pi) = \mathcal{E}. \quad (1)$$

Motivated by this, we give the following key concept.

Definition

Let \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{K} be closed submodules of \mathcal{E} . Then, we say that $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ is a *separated pair* if

$$\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{K} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{H} + \mathcal{K} \text{ is orthogonally complemented in } \mathcal{E}. \quad (2)$$

Lemma

Let $P, Q \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E})$ be projections. Then, the following statements are all equivalent:

- (i) $\mathcal{R}(P + Q)$ is closed in \mathcal{E} ;
- (ii) $\mathcal{R}(P) + \mathcal{R}(Q)$ is closed in \mathcal{E} ;
- (iii) $\mathcal{R}(I - P) + \mathcal{R}(I - Q)$ is closed in \mathcal{E} ;
- (iv) For every complex numbers λ_1 and λ_2 , $\mathcal{R}(\lambda_1 P + \lambda_2 Q)$ is closed in \mathcal{E} .

In each case, we have

$$\mathcal{R}(P) + \mathcal{R}(Q) = \mathcal{R}(P + Q).$$

Lemma

Let \mathcal{E} be a Hilbert module over the C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} , and let $P, Q \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E})$ be projections. Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) $\|PQ\| < 1$;
- (ii) $\mathcal{R}(P) \cap \mathcal{R}(Q) = 0$ and $\mathcal{R}(P) + \mathcal{R}(Q)$ is closed;
- (iii) $\mathcal{R}(I - P) + \mathcal{R}(I - Q) = \mathcal{E}$.

Theorem

Let \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{K} be orthogonally complemented closed submodules of \mathcal{E} . The following statements are equivalent:

- (i) $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ is a separated pair.
- (ii) There exist idempotents Π_1 and Π_2 in $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E})$ such that $\Pi_1\Pi_2 = \Pi_2\Pi_1 = 0$, $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1) = \mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_2) = \mathcal{K}$.
- (iii) There exists an idempotent $\Pi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E})$ such that $\mathcal{R}(\Pi) = \mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{N}(\Pi)$.

Corollary

Let \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{K} be orthogonally complemented closed submodules of \mathcal{E} . The following statements are equivalent:

- (i) $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ is a separated pair.
- (ii) There exist constants $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 > 0$ such that

$$|x + y| \geq \alpha_1|x| \text{ and } |x + y| \geq \alpha_2|y| \quad (x \in \mathcal{H}, y \in \mathcal{K}).$$

- (iii) There exist constants $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 > 0$ such that

$$\|x + y\| \geq \alpha_1\|x\| \text{ and } \|x + y\| \geq \alpha_2\|y\| \quad (x \in \mathcal{H}, y \in \mathcal{K}). \quad (3)$$

Given two arbitrary idempotents Π_1 and Π_2 on a Hilbert space, it is shown in [4] that the invertibility of the linear combination $\lambda_1\Pi_1 + \lambda_2\Pi_2$ is independent of the choice of $\lambda_i, i = 1, 2$, if $\lambda_1\lambda_2 \neq 0$ and $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \neq 0$. Such a result can be generalized as follows.

Theorem

Let $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ be a separated pair of orthogonally complemented submodules of \mathcal{E} . Let Π_1 and Π_2 be idempotents in $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E})$ such that $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1) = \mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_2) = \mathcal{K}$. Then, the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i) $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1 + \lambda\Pi_2)$ is closed in \mathcal{E} for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$;
- (ii) $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1 + \lambda\Pi_2)$ is closed in \mathcal{E} for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$;
- (iii) $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1 + \Pi_2)$ is closed in \mathcal{E} .

As an application of the previous Theorem, we introduce the formulas for the Moore–Penrose inverse associated with a separated pair. We recall some basic knowledge about the Moore–Penrose inverse of an operator. Suppose that $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$. The *Moore–Penrose inverse* of T , denoted by T^\dagger , is the unique element $X \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ satisfying

$$TXT = T, \quad XTX = X, \quad (TX)^* = TX, \quad \text{and} \quad (XT)^* = XT. \quad (4)$$

If such an operator T^\dagger exists, then T is said to be *Moore–Penrose invertible*.

Proposition

Let $\Pi_1, \Pi_2 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E})$ be idempotents satisfying $\Pi_1\Pi_2 = \Pi_2\Pi_1 = 0$. Then

$$(\Pi_1 + \lambda\Pi_2)^\dagger = (\Pi_1 + \Pi_2)^\dagger \left(\Pi_1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}\Pi_2 \right) (\Pi_1 + \Pi_2)^\dagger \quad (5)$$

for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.

The following example shows that there are idempotents Π_1 and Π_2 such that the pair $(\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1), \mathcal{R}(\Pi_2))$ is separated but $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1 + \Pi_2)$ is not closed.

Example

Let \mathcal{K} be a separable Hilbert space and let $\{e_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be its usual orthonormal basis. Let U be the unilateral shift given by $Ue_i = e_{i+1}$ for $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Define $T \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{K})$ by

$$Te_i = \frac{2}{i}e_i \quad (i \geq 1).$$

Put $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{K} \oplus \mathcal{K}$ and set

$$\Pi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} I & -T \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \Pi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ U & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example

Then both Π_1 and Π_2 are idempotents in $\mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$ such that $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1) \cap \mathcal{R}(\Pi_2) = 0$.

we have

$$\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1) + \mathcal{R}(\Pi_2) = \mathcal{K} \oplus \mathcal{R}(U),$$

which is obviously closed in \mathcal{H} . Thus, $(\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1), \mathcal{R}(\Pi_2))$ is a separated pair of subspaces in \mathcal{H} .

Example

We claim that $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1 + \Pi_2)$ is not closed. To see this, let

$$x_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} e_i \quad \text{and} \quad y_n = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

$$(\Pi_1 + \Pi_2)(x_n \oplus y_n) = 0 \oplus Ux_n \rightarrow 0 \oplus \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i} e_{i+1} := 0 \oplus \xi.$$

Example

We claim that $0 \oplus \xi \notin \mathcal{R}(\Pi_1 + \Pi_2)$. In fact, if there exist $x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i e_i, y = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \beta_i e_i \in \mathcal{K}$ such that $(\Pi_1 + \Pi_2)(x \oplus y) = 0 \oplus \xi$, then

$$2x - Ty = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad Ux = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i e_{i+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i} e_{i+1}.$$

It follows that $\alpha_i = \frac{1}{i}$ and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\beta_i}{i} e_i = Ty = 2x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{i} e_i.$$

Hence, $\beta_i = 1$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, which gives a contradiction, since $\|y\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\beta_i|^2 < \infty$. Thus, $\mathcal{R}(\Pi_1 + \Pi_2)$ is not closed.

Example

Note that if we set

$$\widetilde{\Pi}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} I & -U^* \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \widetilde{\Pi}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & U^* \\ 0 & UU^* \end{pmatrix},$$

Then, it is seen that $\widetilde{\Pi}_1$ and $\widetilde{\Pi}_2$ are idempotents such that $\mathcal{R}(\widetilde{\Pi}_1) = \mathcal{R}(\Pi_1)$, $\mathcal{R}(\widetilde{\Pi}_2) = \mathcal{R}(\Pi_2)$, and $\widetilde{\Pi}_1\widetilde{\Pi}_2 = \widetilde{\Pi}_2\widetilde{\Pi}_1 = 0$. Theorem 16 guarantees the existence of these idempotents. In addition, we seen that $\mathcal{R}(\widetilde{\Pi}_1 + \widetilde{\Pi}_2)$ is closed.

For a positive linear functional f on \mathcal{A} , we set

$$\mathcal{N}_f = \{x \in \mathcal{E} : f(\langle x, x \rangle) = 0\}.$$

Therefore, \mathcal{N}_f is a closed subspace of \mathcal{E} , and the quotient space $\mathcal{E}/\mathcal{N}_f$ is a pre-Hilbert space equipped with the inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_f$ defined by

$$\langle x + \mathcal{N}_f, y + \mathcal{N}_f \rangle_f = f(\langle x, y \rangle).$$

Let \mathcal{E}_f be the completion of $\mathcal{E}/\mathcal{N}_f$. Let $\iota_f : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_f$ be the natural map, that is, $\iota_f(x) = x + \mathcal{N}_f$. If \mathcal{H} is a closed submodule of \mathcal{E} , then we consider \mathcal{H}_f as the closure of $\iota_f(\mathcal{H}) = \{x + \mathcal{N}_f : x \in \mathcal{H}\}$.

Let $\text{PS}(\mathcal{A})$ be the set of all pure states on \mathcal{A} .

Lemma

Let \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{K} be closed submodules of \mathcal{E} . Then, $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{K}$ if and only if $\mathcal{H}_f = \mathcal{K}_f$ for each $f \in \text{S}(\mathcal{A})$, if and only if $\mathcal{H}_f = \mathcal{K}_f$ for each $f \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A})$.

Proposition

Let \mathcal{H} be a closed submodule of \mathcal{E} . Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) \mathcal{H} is orthogonally complemented in \mathcal{E} .
- (ii) $(\mathcal{H}_f)^\perp = (\mathcal{H}^\perp)_f$ for each $f \in S(\mathcal{A})$.
- (iii) $(\mathcal{H}_f)^\perp = (\mathcal{H}^\perp)_f$ for each $f \in PS(\mathcal{A})$.

Definition

The pair $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ of closed submodules of \mathcal{E} is said to be *concordant* if \mathcal{E} can be decomposed orthogonally as

$$\mathcal{E} = (\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{K}) \oplus \overline{\mathcal{H}^\perp + \mathcal{K}^\perp}. \quad (6)$$

Theorem

Let \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{K} be closed submodules of \mathcal{E} . Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) The pair $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ is concordant.
- (ii) For every $f \in S(\mathcal{A})$,

$$(\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{K})_f = ((\mathcal{H}^\perp)_f)^\perp \cap ((\mathcal{K}^\perp)_f)^\perp. \quad (7)$$

- (iii) For every $f \in PS(\mathcal{A})$,

$$(\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{K})_f = ((\mathcal{H}^\perp)_f)^\perp \cap ((\mathcal{K}^\perp)_f)^\perp. \quad (8)$$

Definition

Let \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{K} be closed submodules of \mathcal{E} . We define the *cosine of the local Friedrichs angle* between \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{K} by

$$\bar{c}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}) := \sup_{f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})} c(\mathcal{H}_f, \mathcal{K}_f).$$






Also, we define the *cosine of the local Dixmier angle* between \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{K} by

$$\bar{c}_0(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}) := \sup_{f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})} c_0(\mathcal{H}_f, \mathcal{K}_f).$$

Theorem

Let \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{K} be closed submodules of \mathcal{E} such that $(\mathcal{H}^\perp, \mathcal{K}^\perp)$ is concordant. Then, $(\mathcal{H}^{\perp\perp}, \mathcal{K}^{\perp\perp})$ is a separated pair if $\overline{c_0}(\mathcal{H}^{\perp\perp}, \mathcal{K}^{\perp\perp}) < 1$.

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