

Trace Estimate For The Determinant Operators

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Determinant Operator

- An operator $T : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ is said to be in trace-class if there is an orthonormal basis $\{e_n\}$ such that $\sum_n \langle |T| e_n, e_n \rangle < \infty$, where $|T|$ is the unique square root of $T^* T$.
- For $1 \leq i, j \leq d$, let $B_{ij} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ be a bounded linear operator on the complex separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Consequently, $\mathbf{B} := ((B_{ij}))$ defines a bounded linear operator from the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_2(d)$ to itself. The *determinant* $d\text{Et}(\mathbf{B})$ is the operator given by the formula:

$$d\text{Et}(\mathbf{B}) := \sum_{\sigma, \tau \in \mathfrak{S}_d} \text{Sgn}(\sigma) B_{\tau(1)\sigma(\tau(1))} B_{\tau(2)\sigma(\tau(2))} \cdots B_{\tau(n)\sigma(\tau(d))}.$$

- The determinant of the $d \times d$ block operator $[\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}] = (([T_j^*, T_i]))$ is then obtained by setting $B_{ij} = [T_j^*, T_i]$.

Determinant Operator

- \mathbf{T} is the commuting pair (T_1, T_2) , then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dEt}([\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}]) &= T_1^* T_1 T_2^* T_2 + T_2^* T_2 T_1^* T_1 + T_1 T_1^* T_2 T_2^* + T_2 T_2^* T_1 T_1^* \\ &\quad - T_1^* T_2 T_2^* T_1 - T_2^* T_1 T_1^* T_2 - T_1 T_2^* T_2 T_1^* - T_2 T_1^* T_1 T_2^*. \end{aligned}$$

- The map $\text{dEt} : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^d \times \cdots \times \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^d \mapsto \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is defined in analogy with the usual definition of the determinant, namely, $\det : \mathbb{C}^d \times \cdots \times \mathbb{C}^d \mapsto \mathbb{C}$, that is, dEt is a multi-linear alternating map. It is not clear if such a map is uniquely determined (up to a scalar multiple).
- The determinant of a positive matrix is positive. However, if $\mathbf{B} := ((B_{ij}))$ is a positive $d \times d$ block operator, then the determinant operator $\text{dEt}(\mathbf{B})$ need not be positive. For example let \mathbf{B} be the 2×2 block operator with $B_{ij} = E_{ij}$, where E_{ij} is the 2×2 matrix with 1 at the (i, j) entry and 0 everywhere else. The block matrix \mathbf{B} is self-adjoint and positive. But $\text{dEt}(\mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ is not positive.

Determinant Operator Associated to Different Classes of Operators

- If \mathbf{T} is a doubly commuting d - tuple of bounded linear operators on \mathcal{H} , then

$$\mathrm{dEt}([\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}]) = d! [T_1^*, T_1] \cdots [T_d^*, T_d].$$

In particular, if $[T_1^*, T_1]$ is compact, then $\mathrm{dEt}([\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}])$ is compact.

- **Hardy Space over \mathbb{D}^2**

Let P be the projection onto the subspace generated by the constant function in $H^2(\mathbb{D})$ and M_z be the multiplication operator on $H^2(\mathbb{D})$. Let $\mathbf{M} := (M_z \otimes I, I \otimes M_z)$. In this example, we have $\mathrm{dEt}([\mathbf{M}^*, \mathbf{M}]) = 2(P \otimes P)$. Although, none of the non-zero commutators are compact, we see that $\mathrm{dEt}([\mathbf{M}^*, \mathbf{M}])$ is positive with trace $(\mathrm{dEt}([\mathbf{M}^*, \mathbf{M}])) = 2$.

Determinant Operator Associated to Different Classes of Operators

- Hardy Space over Symmetrized Bidisk** The usual Hardy space $H^2(\mathbb{D}^2)$ is a module over the polynomial ring $\mathbb{C}[z_1, z_2]$ equipped with the module multiplication: $m_p(f) = pf$, $p \in \mathbb{C}[z_1, z_2]$, $f \in H^2(\mathbb{D}^2)$. We consider a different module multiplication defined by the commuting pair of operators $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, T_2)$:

$$T_1 = M_z \otimes I + I \otimes M_z \text{ and } T_2 = M_z \otimes M_z$$

acting on the Hardy space $H^2(\mathbb{D}^2)$. The Hardy space equipped with the module multiplication: $m_p(f) = p(\mathbf{T})f$, $f \in H^2(\mathbb{D}^2)$, $p \in \mathbb{C}([z_1, z_2])$, is the Hardy module on the symmetrized bidisc.

$$\text{dEt}([\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}]) = 2P \otimes P - PM_z^* \otimes M_z P - M_z P \otimes PM_z^*.$$

The operator $\text{dEt}([\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}])$ on Hardy Space over symmetrized bidisk is nonnegative definite and is in trace class.

Generalized Commutator

Definition 1 (Helton-Howe)

Let $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_d)$ be a d -tuple of bounded operators. The generalized commutator $GC(\mathbf{A})$ is defined to be the sum

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_d} \text{Sgn}(\sigma) A_{\sigma(1)} A_{\sigma(2)} \cdots A_{\sigma(d)}.$$

- For any d -tuple of operators $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_d)$ generalised commutator $GC(\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T})$ is defined by choosing $A_1 = T_1^*, A_2 = T_1, \dots, A_{2d-1} = T_d^*, A_{2d} = T_d$ in the above definition.

Proposition 2

For any d -tuple \mathbf{T} of commuting operators, the determinant

$$\text{dEt}([\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}]) = GC(\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}).$$

The Class $BS_{m,\vartheta}(\Omega)$

Definition 3

The d -tuple \mathbf{T} is said to be m -polynomially cyclic if the smallest cardinality of a linearly independent set of vectors $\xi \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ such that \mathcal{H} is the closed linear span of

$$\left\{ T_1^{i_1} T_2^{i_2} \dots T_d^{i_d} v \mid v \in \xi \text{ and } i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d \geq 0 \right\}$$

is equal to m . We let $\xi[m]$ denote any such set ξ of m linearly independent vectors.

For a m -cyclic d -tuple \mathbf{T} , let

$$\mathcal{H}_N := \bigvee \left\{ T_1^{i_1} T_2^{i_2} \dots T_d^{i_d} v \mid v \in \xi(m) \text{ and } 0 \leq i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_d \leq N \right\}$$

and P_N be the projection onto \mathcal{H}_N

Lemma 4

$P_N \uparrow_{SOT} I$ and $\text{rank}(P_N^\perp T_j P_N) \leq m \binom{N+d-1}{d-1}$ for $j = 1, \dots, d$.

The Class $BS_{m,\vartheta}(\Omega)$

Definition 5

Fix a bounded domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^d$. A m -cyclic commuting d -tuple of operators with $\sigma(\mathbf{T}) = \overline{\Omega}$ is said to be in the class $BS_{m,\vartheta}(\Omega)$, if

- (i) $P_N T_j P_N^\perp = 0, j = 1, \dots, d$.
- (ii) $d\text{Et}([\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}])$ is non-negative definite.
- (iii) For a fixed but arbitrary τ in the permutation group \mathfrak{S}_d of d symbols, there exists $\vartheta \in \mathbb{N}$, independent of N , such that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| P_N \left(\sum_{\eta \in \mathfrak{S}_d} \text{Sgn}(\eta) T_{\eta(1)}^* T_{\tau(1)} T_{\eta(2)}^* \cdots T_{\eta(d)}^* \right) P_N^\perp T_{\tau(d)} P_N \right\| \\ \leq \vartheta \binom{N+d-1}{d-1}^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^d \|T_i\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

For a single operator T on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , condition (iii) of the Definition reduces to $\|P_N T^* P_N^\perp T P_N\| \leq \vartheta \|T\|^2$, which is true with $\vartheta = 1$. It follows that a m -cyclic hyponormal operator T with $\sigma(T) = \overline{\Omega}$ is in the class $BS_{m,1}(\Omega)$, if $P_N T P_N^\perp = 0$.

Operators In $BS_{m,\vartheta}(\Omega)$

- Let $\mathbb{B}_{2,1} = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^2 : |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 < 1\}$. The volume measure ν restricted to $\mathbb{B}_{2,1}$ is of the form $d\nu(z) = r_1 r_2 dr_1 dr_2 d\theta_1 d\theta_2$, $z_k = r_k \exp(i\theta_k)$, $k = 1, 2$ and set

$$d\mu_\lambda(z) := (1 - r_1^2 - r_2^2)^{\lambda-4} r_1 r_2 dr_1 dr_2 d\theta_1 d\theta_2.$$

The measure $d\mu_\lambda$ defines an inner product on the space $\mathbb{C}[z]$ of polynomials in two variables by integration over $\mathbb{B}_{2,1}$:

$$\langle p, q \rangle_\lambda := \int_{\mathbb{B}_{2,1}} p \bar{q} d\mu_\lambda.$$

Let $\mathbb{A}^{(\lambda)}(\mathbb{B}_{2,1})$ denote the Hilbert space obtained by taking the completion of the inner product space $(\mathbb{C}[z], \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\lambda)$.

Theorem 6

Let $\mathbf{M} = (M_{z_1}, M_{z_2})$ be a pair of multiplication operators on $\mathbb{A}^{(\lambda)}(\mathbb{B}_{2,1})$. If $\lambda \geq 4$, then \mathbf{M} is in $BS_{1,2}(\mathbb{B}_{2,1})$.

Operators in $BS_{m,\vartheta}(\Omega)$

The group of unitary linear transformations $\mathcal{U}(d)$ acts on any commuting d -tuple of operators \mathbf{T} , namely,

$U \cdot \mathbf{T} := \left(\sum_{j=1}^d U_{1j} T_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^d U_{dj} T_j \right)$, $U = ((U_{ij})) \in \mathcal{U}(d)$. The d -tuple \mathbf{T} is said to be *spherical* if there is a map $\Gamma : \mathcal{U}(d) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$ such that

$$\Gamma_U \mathbf{T} \Gamma_U^* := (\Gamma_U T_1 \Gamma_U^*, \dots, \Gamma_U T_d \Gamma_U^*) = U \cdot \mathbf{T} \text{ for all } U \in \mathcal{U}(d). \quad (1)$$

Theorem 7

Let \mathbf{T} be a d -tuple of spherical joint weighted shift operators and T_δ be the one variable weighted shift corresponding to \mathbf{T} . If T_δ is hyponormal, then \mathbf{T} is in $BS_{1,1}(\mathbb{B}[r])$, where $\mathbb{B}[r] = \{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^d : \|\mathbf{z}\|_2 < r\}$, $r > 0$.

Theorem 8

For the d -tuple \mathbf{S} of multiplication by the coordinate functions on the Hardy space $H^2(\mathbb{B}_d)$, the operator $dEt([\mathbf{S}^*, \mathbf{S}])$ is non negative definite and $\text{trace}(dEt([\mathbf{S}^*, \mathbf{S}])) = 1$.

Main Theorem

Theorem 9

Let $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_d)$ be a commuting tuple of operators on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} such that \mathbf{T} is in the class $BS_{m,\vartheta}(\Omega)$. Then the determinant operator $dEt([\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}])$ is in trace-class and

$$\text{trace}(dEt([\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}])) \leq m \vartheta d! \prod_{i=1}^d \|T_i\|^2.$$

Conjecture 10

Let $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_d)$ be a commuting tuple of operators on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} such that \mathbf{T} is in the class $BS_{m,\vartheta}(\Omega)$. Then the determinant operator $dEt([\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}])$ ($= GC(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{T}^*)$) is in trace-class, moreover, we have

$$\text{trace}(dEt([\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}])) \leq \frac{md!}{\pi^d} \nu(\bar{\Omega})$$

where ν is the Lebesgue measure.

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