

Lemma: If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ ,  $K$  Hilbert subspace of  $H$ , then  $T, T^*$  leave  $K$  invariant  $\Leftrightarrow \text{proj}_K$  commutes with  $T$ .

need unital b.c.  $M'$  always contains  $I$

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Bicommutant Thm: If  $M \subseteq \mathcal{B}(H)$  is a unital  $*$ -alg., then  $M = \overline{M'}^{s.o.} \Leftrightarrow M = M''$ .

or is clear b.c. any  $x'$  is s.o. closed  $\forall x \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ .

We show:  $M = \overline{M'}^{s.o.} \Rightarrow M = M''$ .  $M \subseteq M''$  always holds, so we just need to worry about  $M' \subseteq M$ . So, let  $x \in M'$ . To show  $x \in M$ ,

we must use  $M = \overline{M'}^{s.o.}$ , so we will probably have an easier time showing  $x \in \overline{M'}^{s.o.}$ . A basis of neighborhoods of  $x$  in the

s.o. topology is given by  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n > 0$  s.t.  $\{y \in \mathcal{B}(H) : \|y_i - x_i\| < \epsilon_i \forall i=1, \dots, n\}$ . We must show:  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n \in H, \exists y \in M$  s.t.  $\|y_i - x_i\| < \epsilon_i \forall i$ .

Consider the case  $n=1$ :  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon$ . E.g.,  $x \in M'$  are given, want  $y \in M$  w/  $\|y - x\| < \epsilon$ . Let  $k = \overline{M'} = \overline{\{y_i : y_i \in M\}} \subseteq H$ . Must show  $x \in k$ .

Note that  $k$  is invariant to all operators in  $M$  (and in  $M' = M'$ )  $Cy \in M \Rightarrow Ty \in M \Rightarrow Ty \in k \forall y \in M$ , so  $P_k$  commutes with  $M$ ,

hence  $P_k \in M'$ . But  $x \in M' = (M')'$  and  $P_k \in M'$ , so  $x P_k = P_k x \Rightarrow x P_k = P_k x \Rightarrow x \in P_k(H) \Rightarrow x \in k$ . Done!

The general case: Given  $\epsilon > 0, \exists \epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n \in H, x \in M'$ , want:  $y \in M, \|y_i - x_i\| < \epsilon_i \forall i$ . Observe  $H^n = \underbrace{H \oplus \dots \oplus H}_n = \{(u_1, \dots, u_n) \in H^n\}$  w/

$\langle (u_1, \dots, u_n), (v_1, \dots, v_n) \rangle = \sum \langle u_i, v_i \rangle$ . Note  $\mathcal{B}(H^n) \cong M_n(\mathcal{B}(H))$ .  $\begin{matrix} H & \xrightarrow{\tau} & H \\ \oplus & & \oplus \\ H & & H \end{matrix}, \tau = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & \tau_2 \\ \tau_3 & \tau_4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \in H^n$ , and let

$\tilde{M} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} y & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & y \end{pmatrix} : y \in M \right\} \subseteq M_n(\mathcal{B}(H)) = \mathcal{B}(H^n)$ . In other words we identify  $y \in M$  to an operator  $\tilde{y} \in \tilde{M}$  w/  $\tilde{y}$  acting on  $H^n$ :

$\tilde{y}(u_1, \dots, u_n) = (y u_1, \dots, y u_n)$ ,  $\tilde{M} = \{\tilde{y} : y \in M\} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(H^n)$  (this is still s.o. closed).

or Exercise

We show:  $x \in M' \Rightarrow \tilde{x} \in \tilde{M}'$ ,  $\tilde{M}' = M_n(M') \subseteq M_n(\mathcal{B}(H^n))$ . So,  $\tilde{M}' = (M_n(M'))' = \tilde{M}'' = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & x \end{pmatrix} : x \in M' \right\}$ . Now, use part 1 of the proof

(for one vector) for  $\tilde{M}, \epsilon > 0, \xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) : \tilde{x} \in \tilde{M}' \Rightarrow \exists \tilde{y} \in \tilde{M}, \|\tilde{y}\xi - \tilde{x}\xi\| < \epsilon$ . So  $\tilde{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n), y_i \in M$ , and  $\|(y_1 \xi_1, \dots, y_n \xi_n) - (x_1 \xi_1, \dots, x_n \xi_n)\| < \epsilon \Rightarrow$

$\sum \|y_i \xi_i - x_i \xi_i\|^2 < \epsilon^2 \Rightarrow \|y_i \xi_i - x_i \xi_i\| < \epsilon \forall i$ .  $\square$

Notation: If  $\xi, \eta \in H$ , denote by  $\omega_{\xi, \eta}$  the map  $\omega : \mathcal{B}(H) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \omega_{\xi, \eta}(x) = \langle x \xi, \eta \rangle \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Thm: Let  $\omega: B(H) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be linear. TFAE:

(1)  $\omega$  is w.o. cont.

(2)  $\omega$  is s.o. cont.

(3)  $\omega = \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_{\xi_i, \eta_i}$  for some  $\xi_i, \eta_i \in H$

Proof: (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): If  $x_i \rightarrow x$ , then  $x_i \rightarrow 0$ , so by (1),  $\omega(x_i) \rightarrow \omega(0) = 0$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is clear.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $\omega: B(H) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be s.o. cont.  $\Rightarrow \omega$  is s.o. cont. at 0 so  $\omega^{-1}(\{t \in \mathbb{C} : |t| \leq 1\})$  must contain an open nbhd of 0 in  $(B(H), s.o.)$ .

So, it must contain  $\{x \in B(H) : \|x\| \leq \epsilon, \forall\}$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , i.e. If  $\|x\| \leq \epsilon, \forall$  for some  $x \in B(H)$ , then  $|\omega(x)| \leq 1$ .

Let  $x$  be arbitrary in  $B(H)$ .  $\|x\|$  may be  $\geq 1$ , but there is  $t = t(x) > 0$  s.t.  $\forall y, \|xy\| \leq \epsilon, \forall y$ , i.e.  $\|(t^{-1}x)\| \leq \epsilon, \forall y \Rightarrow \|t^{-1}x\| \leq 1$ .

$|\omega(x)| \leq t = \epsilon^{-1} \sum \|x\| = \sum \|x\eta_i\|$  w/  $\eta_i = \epsilon^{-1} f_i$ .

Will finish next time!