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$\begin{array}{c} \text{COMMUTING CONTRACTIONS} \ \textit{\mathcal{O}}\\ \text{SIMULTANEOUS UNITARY DILATION} \end{array}$

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The following matter is realy fundamental:

Sz.-Nagy's Unitary Dilation Theorem. Let T be a contraction on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Then, there exist an enlarged Hilbert space $\mathcal{K} \supseteq \mathcal{H}$ and a unitary U, called a unitary dilation of T, on \mathcal{K} , such that

 $T^m = PU^m | \mathcal{H} \quad \text{for} \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \cdots,$

where P is the projection on \mathcal{K} onto \mathcal{H} .

This yields, and, is yielded by, the so-called

von Neumann Inquality. Let T be a contraction on a Hilbert space. Then,

$$||p(T)|| \le ||p|| = \sup_{z \in \mathbf{T}} |p(z)|$$

holds for any polynomial p with complex coefficients.

The "logical equivalence" is accompanied by the the following

Theorem [6]. If a set of commuting contractions on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n , admits a simultaneous unitary dilation, namely, there exist a Hilbert space $\mathcal{K} \supseteq \mathcal{H}$ and commuting unitaries U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n on \mathcal{K} , such that

$$T_1^{m_1}T_2^{m_2}\cdots T_n^{m_n} = PU_1^{m_1}U_2^{m_2}\cdots U_n^{m_n}|\mathcal{H}|$$

for $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, where P is the projection on \mathcal{K} onto \mathcal{H} , then T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n enjoys the von Neumann inequality, namely,

$$||(p_{ij}(T_1, T_2, \cdots, T_n))|| \le ||(p_{ij})|| = \sup_{z_1, z_2, \cdots, z_n \in \mathbf{T}} ||(p_{ij}(z_1, z_2, \cdots, z_n))||$$

holds for any $m \times m$ matrix (p_{ij}) whose entries are polynomials with complex coefficients; and *vice versa*.

On the other hand, the following theorems are known:

Andô's Theorem [1]. Any pair of commuting contractions on a Hilbert space admits a simultaneous unitary dilation.

Andô's Theorem [2]. Any triple of commuting contractions on a Hilbert space, one of which duoble commutes with others, admits a simultaneous unitary dilation.

We, aside, have examples of triples of commuting contractions which do not admit a simultaneous unitary dilation, [4], [8] and [9].

In [6] we gave the following theorem and corollary:

Theorem. Suppose each of sets of commuting contractions, S_1, S_2, \dots , S_m and T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n , on a Hilbert space, admits a simultaneous unitary dilation, and every S_j double commutes with all T_k . If the set S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m generates a nuclear C^* algebra, then the set $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m, T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$ admits a simultaneous unitary dilation.

Collorary. Suppose S is a GCR contraction, i.e., a contraction which generates a GCR (postliminal) algebra, T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n commuting contractions, on a Hilbert space, the set T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n admits a simultaneous unitary

dilation. and S double commutes with all T_k . Then the set S, T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n admits a simultaneous unitary dilation.

The following, furtheremore, turned out to be true [7]:

Theorem. Suppose each of sets of commuting contractions, S_1 , S_2 , \cdots , S_m and T_1 , T_2 , \cdots , T_n , on a Hilbert space, admits a simultaneous unitary dilation, and every S_j double commutes with all T_k . If the set S_1, S_2, \cdots, S_m generates an injective von Neumann algebra, then the set $S_1, S_2, \cdots, S_m, T_1, T_2, \cdots, T_n$ admits a simultaneous unitary dilation.

Collorary. Suppose S is a type I contraction, i.e., a contraction which generates a type I von Neumann algebra, T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n commuting contractions, on a Hilbert space, the set T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n admits a simultaneous unitary dilation and S double commutes with all T_k . Then, the set S, T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n admits a simultaneous unitary dilation.

We here will improve the theorem, by making the assumption thin as the following

Theorem. Suppose each of sets of commuting contractions, S_1 , S_2 , \cdots , S_m and T_1, T_2, \cdots, T_n , on a Hilbert space, admits a simultaneous unitary dilation, and every S_j double commutes with all T_k . Then, the set $S_1, S_2, \cdots, S_m, T_1, T_2, \cdots, T_n$ admits a simultaneous unitary dilation.

This is the aimed theorem of ours. A proof of this is given, on acount of the Steinspring representation of completely positive maps, by the preceding theorem and the

Arveson Theorem [3, Theorem 1.3.1]. Let \mathcal{H} , \mathcal{K} be Hilbert spaces, V a bounded operator from \mathcal{H} into \mathcal{K} , and \mathcal{B} a *subalgebra of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$, the full operator algebra, which satisfies that $[\mathcal{B}V\mathcal{H}] = \mathcal{K}$. Then, for every $T \in (V^*\mathcal{B}V)'$ there exists a unique $\tilde{T} \in \mathcal{B}'$ such that $\tilde{T}V = VT$, and the mapping (): $(V^*\mathcal{B}V)' \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}'$ is a σ weakly continuous *homomorphism.

We have as well

Collorary. Suppose each of pairs of commuting contractions, S_1 , S_2 , and T_1, T_2 , on a Hilbert space, admits a simultaneous unitary dilation, and each of S_1 , S_2 double commutes with T_1, T_2 . Then, the set S_1, S_2, T_1, T_2 admits a simultaneous unitary dilation.

Our theorem, of course, gives a good understanding to Andô's "triple" assertion; on the Andô's "pair" assertion, the next matter sheds light:

Theorem [5, Theorem 6]. Let T be a contraction on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , U the minimal unitary dilation of T. Then for every $S \in \{T\}'$ there exists $\tilde{S} \in \{U\}'$ such that $S = P\tilde{S}|\mathcal{H}$ and $||\tilde{S}|| = ||S||$.

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