

# Loewner's theorem in several variables

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## Introduction

In this talk,  $E$  will denote a Hilbert space;  $n, k$  are integers,  $n$  denotes dimension of matrices,  $k$  denotes number of variables.

- ▶  $\mathbb{S}(E)$  denote the space of self-adjoint operators
- ▶  $\mathbb{S}_n$  is its finite  $n$ -by- $n$  dimensional part
- ▶  $\mathbb{P} \subseteq \mathbb{S}$  denotes the cone of invertible positive definite and  $\hat{\mathbb{P}}$  the cone of positive semi-definite operators
- ▶  $\mathbb{P}_n$  and  $\hat{\mathbb{P}}_n$  denote the finite dimensional parts

$\mathbb{S}$  and  $\mathbb{P}$  are partially ordered cones with the positive definite order:

$$A \leq B \text{ iff } B - A \text{ is positive semidefinite}$$

## Loewner's theorem

### Definition

A real function  $f : (0, \infty) \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is operator monotone, if  $A \leq B$  implies  $f(A) \leq f(B)$  for  $A, B \in \mathbb{P}(E)$  and all  $E$ .

### Theorem (Loewner 1934)

*A real function  $f : (0, \infty) \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is operator monotone if and only if*

$$f(x) = \alpha + \beta x + \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda}{\lambda^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{\lambda + x} d\mu(\lambda),$$

*where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$  and  $\mu$  is a unique positive measure on  $[0, \infty)$  such that  $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\lambda^2 + 1} d\mu(\lambda) < \infty$ ; if and only if it has an analytic continuation to the open upper complex half-plane  $\mathbb{H}^+$ , mapping  $\mathbb{H}^+$  to  $\mathbb{H}^+$ .*

Some real operator monotone functions on  $\mathbb{P}$ :

- ▶  $x^t$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$ ;
- ▶  $\log x$ ;
- ▶  $\frac{x-1}{\log x}$ .

Theorem (a variant of Loewner's theorem)

A real function  $f : (0, \infty) \mapsto [0, \infty)$  is operator monotone if and only if

$$f(x) = \alpha + \beta x + \int_0^\infty \frac{x(1+\lambda)}{\lambda+x} d\mu(\lambda),$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$  and  $\mu$  is a unique positive measure on  $(0, \infty)$ .

Many different proofs of Loewner's theorem exists:

- ▶ Bendat-Sherman '55, Hansen '13, Hansen-Pedersen '82, Korányi-Nagy '58, Sparr '90, Wigner-von Neumann '54, ...
- ▶ According to Barry Simon, the *hard part* of Loewner's theorem is to obtain the analytic continuation.

## Operator connections & means

### Definition (Kubo-Ando connection)

A two-variable function  $M: \mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{P} \mapsto \mathbb{P}$  is called an operator connection if

1. if  $A \leq A'$  and  $B \leq B'$ , then  $M(A, B) \leq M(A', B')$ ,
2.  $CM(A, B)C \leq M(CAC, CBC)$  for all Hermitian  $C$ ,
3. if  $A_n \downarrow A$  and  $B_n \downarrow B$  then  $M(A_n, B_n) \downarrow M(A, B)$ ,

where  $\downarrow$  denotes the convergence in the strong operator topology of a monotone decreasing net.

### Theorem (Kubo-Ando 1980)

*An  $M: \mathbb{P}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{P}$  is an operator connection if and only if  $M(A, B) = A^{1/2} f(A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2}) A^{1/2}$  where  $f: (0, \infty) \mapsto [0, \infty)$  is a real operator monotone function.*

## Operator connections & means: examples

Some operator connections on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ :

- ▶ Arithmetic mean:  $\frac{A+B}{2}$
- ▶ Parallel sum:  $A : B = (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}$
- ▶ Geometric mean:  $A \#_t B = A^{1/2} (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^t A^{1/2}$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$

The proof of Kubo-Ando's result relies on the original Loewner theorem.

*Our main question:*

What happens if we have multiple variables in general?

## Free functions

### Definition (Free function)

A several variable function  $F : D(E) \mapsto \mathbb{S}(E)$  for a domain  $D(E) \subseteq \mathbb{S}(E)^k$  defined for all Hilbert spaces  $E$  is called a *free* or *noncommutative function* (NC function) if for all  $E$  and all  $A, B \in D(E) \subseteq \mathbb{S}(E)^k$

$$(1) \quad F(U^* A_1 U, \dots, U^* A_k U) = U^* F(A_1, \dots, A_k) U \text{ for all unitary } U^{-1} = U^* \in \mathcal{B}(E),$$

$$(2) \quad F \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cc} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B_1 \end{array} \right], \dots, \left[ \begin{array}{cc} A_k & 0 \\ 0 & B_k \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} F(A_1, \dots, A_k) & 0 \\ 0 & F(B_1, \dots, B_k) \end{array} \right].$$

It follows: the domain  $D(E)$  is closed under direct sums and element-wise unitary conjugation, i.e.  $D = (D(E))$  is a *free set*.

## Operator monotone, concave functions

### Definition (Operator monotonicity)

An free function  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{P}$  is operator monotone if for all  $X, Y \in \mathbb{P}(E)^k$  s.t.  $X \leq Y$ , that is  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, k\} : X_i \leq Y_i$ , we have

$$F(X) \leq F(Y).$$

If this property is verified only (hence up to)  $\dim(E) = n$ , then  $F$  is  $n$ -monotone. Example: Karcher mean, ALM, BMP, etc.

### Definition (Operator concavity & convexity)

A free function  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{P}$  is operator concave if for all  $X, Y \in \mathbb{P}(E)^k$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$(1 - \lambda)F(X) + \lambda F(Y) \leq F((1 - \lambda)X + \lambda Y)$$

Similarly we define  $n$ -concavity.



## Operator monotone, concave functions: examples

- ▶ Karcher mean  $\Lambda(A)$ : for  $A \in \mathbb{P}(E)^k$ ,  $\Lambda(A)$  is the unique positive definite solution of  $\sum_{i=1}^k \log(X^{-1}A_i) = 0$ , if  $\dim(E) < \infty$ , then  $\Lambda(A) = \arg \min_{X \in \mathbb{P}(E)} \sum_{i=1}^k d^2(X, A_i)$ , where  $d^2(X, Y) = \text{tr}\{\log^2(X^{-1/2}YX^{-1/2})\}$
- ▶ Lambda-operator means  $\Lambda_f(A)$ : the unique positive definite solution of  $\sum_{i=1}^k f(X^{-1}A_i) = 0$  for  $A \in \mathbb{P}(E)^k$  and an operator monotone function  $f : (0, \infty) \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(1) = 0$ .
- ▶ Matrix power means  $P_t(A)$ : for  $A \in \mathbb{P}(E)^k$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $P_t(A)$  is the unique positive definite solution of  $\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{k} X \#_t A_i = X$
- ▶ Inductive mean:  $S(A) := (\cdots (A_1 \#_{1/2} A_2) \#_{1/3} \cdots) \#_{1/k} A_k$

## Recent multivariable results

- ▶ For an operator convex free function  $F : \mathbb{S}^k \mapsto \mathbb{S}$  that is rational - hence already free analytic and defined for general tuples of operators by virtue of non-commutative power series expansion - Helton, McCulloch and Vinnikov in 2006 proved a representation formula, that is superficially similar to our formula that we will obtain here later in full generality.
- ▶ For an operator monotone free function  $F : \mathbb{S}^k \mapsto \mathbb{S}$  Agler, McCarthy and Young in 2012 proved a representation formula valid for commutative tuples of operators, assuming that  $F$  as a multivariable real function is continuously differentiable. Using the formula they obtained the analytic continuation of the restricted  $F$  to  $(H^+)^k$  mapping  $(H^+)^k$  to  $H^+$ .

## Recent multivariable results

- ▶ In 2013 Pascoe and Tully-Doyle proved that a free function  $F : \mathbb{S}^k \mapsto \mathbb{S}$  that is free analytic, i.e. has a non-commutative power series expansion, thus already defined for general tuples of operators, is operator monotone if and only if it maps the upper operator poly-halfspace  $\Pi(E)^k$  to  $\Pi(E)$  for all finite dimensional  $E$ , where  $\Pi(E) := \{X \in \mathcal{B}(E) : \frac{X-X^*}{2i} > 0\}$ .

Our goal is to obtain a result that is valid *without* any additional assumptions, by establishing the *hard part* of Loewner's theorem, thus providing a full generalization.

## Proposition

*A concave free function  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{S}$  which is locally bounded from below, is continuous in the norm topology.*

## Proposition (Hansen type theorem)

*Let  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{S}$  be a  $2n$ -monotone free function. Then  $F$  is  $n$ -concave, moreover it is norm continuous.*

## Corollary

*An operator monotone free function  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{S}$  is operator concave and norm continuous, moreover it is strong operator continuous on order bounded sets over separable Hilbert spaces  $E$ .*

The reverse implication is also true if  $F$  is bounded from below:

## Theorem

*Let  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{P}$  be operator concave ( $n$ -concave) free function. Then  $F$  is operator monotone ( $n$ -monotone).*

## Supporting linear pencils and hypographs

### Definition (Matrix/Freely convex sets of Wittstock)

A graded set  $C = (C(E))$ , where each  $C(E) \subseteq \mathbb{S}(E)^k$ , is a bounded open/closed *matrix convex* or *freely convex* set if

- (i) each  $C(E)$  is open/closed;
- (ii)  $C$  respects direct sums, i.e. if  $(X_1, \dots, X_k) \in C(N)$  and  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_k) \in C(K)$  and  $Z_j := X_j \oplus Y_j$ , then  $(Z_1, \dots, Z_k) \in C(N \oplus K)$ ;
- (iii)  $C$  respects conjugation with isometries, i.e. if  $Y \in C(N)$  and  $T : K \mapsto N$  is an isometry, then  $T^*YT = (T^*Y_1T, \dots, T^*Y_kT) \in C(K)$ ;
- (iv) each  $C(E)$  is bounded.

The above definition has some equivalent characterizations under slight additional assumptions.

## Definition

A graded set  $C = (C(E))$ , where each  $C(E) \subseteq \mathbb{S}(E)^k$ , is *closed with respect to reducing subspaces* if for any tuple of operators  $(X_1, \dots, X_k) \in C(E)$  and any corresponding mutually invariant closed subspace  $K \subseteq E$ , the restricted tuple  $(\hat{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_k) \in C(K)$ , where each  $\hat{X}_i$  is the restriction of  $X_i$  to the invariant subspace  $K$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

## Lemma (Helton, McCulloch 2004)

Suppose that  $C = (C(E))$  is a free set, where each  $C(E) \subseteq \mathbb{S}(E)^k$ , i.e. respects direct sums and unitary conjugation. Then:

- (1) If  $C$  is closed with respect to reducing subspaces then  $C$  is matrix convex if and only if each  $C(E)$  is convex in the usual sense of taking scalar convex combinations.
- (2) If  $C$  is (nonempty and) matrix convex, then  $0 = (0, \dots, 0) \in C(\mathbb{C})$  if and only if  $C$  is closed with respect to simultaneous conjugation by contractions.

Given a set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{S}(E)$  we define its *saturation* as

$$\text{sat}(A) := \{X \in \mathbb{S}(E) : \exists Y \in A, Y \geq X\}.$$

Similarly for a graded set  $C = (C(E))$ , where each  $C(E) \subseteq \mathbb{S}(E)$ , its *saturation*  $\text{sat}(C)$  is the disjoint union of  $\text{sat}(C(E))$  for each  $E$ .

### Definition (Hypographs)

Let  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{S}$  be a free function. Then we define its *hypograph*  $\text{hypo}(F)$  as the graded union of the saturation of its image, i.e.

$$\text{hypo}(F) = (\text{hypo}(F)(E)) := (\{(Y, X) \in \mathbb{S}(E) \times \mathbb{P}(E)^k : Y \leq F(X)\}).$$

## Characterization of operator concavity

### Theorem

*Let  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{S}$  be a free function. Then its hypograph  $\text{hypo}(F)$  is a matrix convex set if and only if  $F$  is operator concave.*

### Corollary

*Let  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{S}$  be a free function. Then its hypograph  $\text{hypo}(F)$  is a matrix convex set if and only if  $F$  is operator monotone.*



## Linear pencils

### Definition (linear pencil)

A *linear pencil* for  $x \in \mathbb{C}^k$  is an expression of the form

$$L_A(x) := A_0 + A_1x_1 + \cdots + A_kx_k$$

where each  $A_i \in \mathbb{S}(K)$  and  $\dim(K)$  is the *size* of the pencil  $L_A$ .

The pencil is *monic* if  $A_0 = I$  and then  $L_A$  is a *monic linear pencil*.

We extend the evaluation of  $L_A$  from scalars to operators by tensor multiplication. In particular  $L_A$  evaluates at a tuple  $X \in \mathbb{S}(N)^k$  as

$$L_A(X) := A_0 \otimes I_N + A_1 \otimes X_1 + \cdots + A_k \otimes X_k.$$

We then regard  $L_A(X)$  as a self-adjoint element of  $\mathbb{S}(K \otimes N)$  and  $L_A$  becomes a free function.

## Representation of supporting linear functionals

Suppose  $C = (C(E)) \subseteq \mathbb{S}(E)^k$  is a norm closed matrix convex set that is closed with respect to reducing subspaces and  $0 \in C(C)$ . Then for each boundary point  $A \in C(N)$  where  $\dim(N) < \infty$ , by the Hahn-Banach theorem there exists a continuous supporting linear functional  $\Lambda \in (\mathbb{S}(N)^k)^*$  s.t.

$$\Lambda(C(N)) \leq 1 \text{ and } \Lambda(A) = 1$$

and since  $\mathbb{S}(N)^* \simeq \mathbb{S}(N)$  we have that for all  $X \in \mathbb{S}(N)^k$

$$\Lambda(X) = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{tr}\{B_i X_i\}$$

for some  $B_i \in \mathbb{S}(N)$ .

## Representation of supporting linear functionals

### Proposition

Let  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{P}$  be an operator monotone function and let  $N$  be a Hilbert space with  $\dim(N) < \infty$ . Then for each  $A \in \mathbb{P}(N)^k$  and each unit vector  $v \in N$  there exists a linear pencil

$$L_{F,A,v}(Y, X) := B(F, A, v)_0 \otimes I - vv^* \otimes Y + \sum_{i=1}^k B(F, A, v)_i \otimes (X_i - I)$$

of size  $\dim(N)$  which satisfies the following properties:

- (1)  $B(F, A, v)_i \in \hat{\mathbb{P}}(N)$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^k B(F, A, v)_i \leq B(F, A, v)_0$ ;
- (2) For all  $(Y, X) \in \text{hypo}(F)$  we have  $L_{F,A,v}(Y, X) \geq 0$ ;
- (3) If  $c_1 I \leq A_i \leq c_2 I$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and some fixed real constants  $c_2 > c_1 > 0$ , then  $\text{tr}\{B(F, A, v)_0\} \leq \frac{F(c_2, \dots, c_2)}{\min(1, c_1)}$ .

## Explicit LMI solution formula

### Theorem

Let  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{P}$  be an operator monotone function. Then for each  $A \in \mathbb{P}(N)^k$  with  $\dim(N) < \infty$  and each unit vector  $v \in N$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(A)v &= v^* B_{0,11}(F, A, v)v \otimes Iv + \sum_{i=1}^k v^* B_{i,11}(F, A, v)v \otimes (A_i - I)v \\
 &\quad - \left\{ (v^* \otimes I) \left[ B_{0,12}(F, A, v) \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,12}(F, A, v) \otimes (A_i - I) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \times \left[ B_{0,22}(F, A, v) \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,22}(A, v) \otimes (A_i - I) \right]^{-1} \\
 &\quad \left. \times \left[ B_{0,21}(F, A, v) \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,21}(F, A, v) \otimes (A_i - I) \right] (v \otimes I) \right\} v
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \left[ \bar{B}_{0,22}(A, v) \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,22}(A, v) \otimes A_i \right] \right. \\ & \left. - \left[ \bar{B}_{0,21}(A, v) \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,21}(A, v) \otimes A_i \right] \right\} (v^* \otimes v) \\ & = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}} \left[ \bar{B}_{0,22}(A, v) \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,22}(A, v) \otimes A_i \right] (e_j^* \otimes e_j), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{e_j\}_{j \in \mathcal{J}}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $N$  and

$$B_{i,11}(F, A, v) := vv^* B_i(F, A, v) vv^*,$$

$$B_{i,12}(F, A, v) := vv^* B_i(F, A, v) (I - vv^*),$$

$$B_{i,21}(F, A, v) := (I - vv^*) B_i(F, A, v) vv^*,$$

$$B_{i,22}(F, A, v) := (I - vv^*) B_i(F, A, v) (I - vv^*)$$

for all  $0 \leq i \leq k$  and  $x, y \in \{1, 2\}$ .

Moreover if  $c_1 I \leq A_i \leq c_2 I$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and some fixed real constants  $c_2 > c_1 > 0$ , then

$$\text{tr}\{B_0(A, v)\} \leq \frac{F(c_2, \dots, c_2)}{\min(1, c_1)}.$$

### Definition (Natural map)

A graded map  $F : \mathbb{S}(K)^k \times K \mapsto K$  defined for all Hilbert space  $K$  is called a *natural map* if it preserves direct sums, i.e.

$$F(X \oplus Y, v \oplus w) = F(X, v) \oplus F(Y, w)$$

for  $X \in \mathbb{S}(K_1)^k$ ,  $v \in K_1$  and  $Y \in \mathbb{S}(K_2)^k$ ,  $w \in K_2$ .

For a free function  $F : \mathbb{S}^k \mapsto \mathbb{S}$  we define the natural map  $\bar{F} : \mathbb{S}(K)^k \times K \mapsto K$  for any  $K$  by

$$\bar{F}(X, v) := F(X)v$$

for  $X \in \mathbb{S}(K)^k$  and  $v \in K$ .

The function below is free, hence induces a natural map:

$$\begin{aligned} F(X) &:= v^* B_{0,11} v \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k v^* B_{i,11} v \otimes X_i \\ &- (v^* \otimes I) \left[ B_{0,12} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,12} \otimes X_i \right] \\ &\times \left[ B_{0,22} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,22} \otimes X_i \right]^{-1} \\ &\times \left[ B_{0,21} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,21} \otimes X_i \right] (v \otimes I). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $S(E) := \{v \in E : \|v\| = 1\}$  denote the unit sphere of the Hilbert space  $E$ . For fixed real constants  $c_2 > c_1 > 0$ , let

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}_{c_1, c_2}(E) &:= \{X \in \mathbb{P}(E) : c_1 I \leq X \leq c_2 I\}, \\ \Omega_{c_1, c_2} &:= \mathbb{P}_{c_1, c_2}(E)^k \times S(E)\end{aligned}$$

and let

$$\mathcal{H} := \bigoplus_{\dim(E) < \infty} \bigoplus_{\omega \in \Omega_{c_1, c_2}} E.$$

We equip  $\mathcal{H}$  with the inner product

$$x^*y := \sum_{\dim(E) < \infty} \sum_{\omega \in \Omega_{c_1, c_2}} x(\omega)^* y(\omega).$$

Let  $\mathcal{B}^+(\mathcal{H})^*$  denote the state space of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\mathcal{B}^+(\mathcal{H})_*$  is the normal part.



## Definition

Let  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{P}$  be an operator monotone function. Now let

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_F(X) := & B_{0,11} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,11} \otimes (X_i - I) \\ & - \left[ B_{0,12} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,12} \otimes (X_i - I) \right] \\ & \times \left[ B_{0,22} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,22} \otimes (X_i - I) \right]^{-1} \\ & \times \left[ B_{0,21} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,21} \otimes (X_i - I) \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$B_{0,xy} := \bigoplus_{\dim(E) < \infty} \bigoplus_{(A,v) \in \Omega_{c_1, c_2}} B_{0,xy}(F, A, v),$$

$$B_{i,xy} := \bigoplus_{\dim(E) < \infty} \bigoplus_{(A,v) \in \Omega_{c_1, c_2}} B_{i,xy}(F, A, v)$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $x, y \in \{1, 2\}$ .

### Lemma

Let  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{P}$  be an operator monotone function and let  $\dim(E) < \infty$ . Let  $A_j \in \mathbb{P}_{c_1, c_2}(E)^k$  and  $v_j \in S(E)$  for  $j \in \mathcal{J}$  for some finite index set  $\mathcal{J}$ . Then there exists a  $w \in S(\mathcal{H})$  such that

$$F(A_j)v_j = (w^* \otimes I)\Psi_F(A_j)(w \otimes I)v_j$$

for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}$ .

## Theorem (Multivariable Loewner's theorem)

Let  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{P}$  be an operator monotone function. Then there exists a state  $\omega \in \mathcal{B}_1^+(\mathcal{H})^*$  such that for all  $\dim(E) < \infty$  and  $X \in \mathbb{P}(E)^k$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(X) = & (\omega \otimes I)(\Psi_F(X)) = \omega(B_{0,11}) \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k \omega(B_{i,11}) \otimes (X_i - I) \\
 & - (\omega \otimes I) \left\{ \left[ B_{0,12} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,12} \otimes (X_i - I) \right] \right. \\
 & \times \left[ B_{0,22} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,22} \otimes (X_i - I) \right]^{-1} \\
 & \left. \times \left[ B_{0,21} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,21} \otimes (X_i - I) \right] \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The upper operator half-space  $\Pi(E)$  consists of  $X \in \mathcal{B}(E)$  s.t.

$$\Im X := \frac{X - X^*}{2i} > 0.$$

### Theorem (Multivariable Loewner's theorem cont.)

Let  $F : \mathbb{P}^k \mapsto \mathbb{P}$  be a free function. Then the following are equivalent

- (1)  $F$  is operator monotone;
- (2)  $F$  is operator concave;
- (3)  $F$  is a conditional expectation of the Schur complement of a linear pencil  $L_B(X) := B_0 \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_i \otimes (X_i - I)$  over some auxiliary Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  with  $B_i \in \hat{\mathbb{P}}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $B_0 \geq \sum_{i=1}^k B_i$ ;
- (4)  $F$  admits a free analytic continuation to the upper operator poly-halfspace  $\Pi(E)^k$ , mapping  $\Pi(E)^k$  to  $\Pi(E)$  for all  $E$ .

## Further results

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a fixed Hilbert space.

### Definition (Free function relaxed)

A several variable function  $F : D(E) \mapsto \mathbb{S}(\mathcal{L} \otimes E)$  for a domain  $D(E) \subseteq \mathbb{S}(E)^k$  defined for all Hilbert spaces  $E$  is called a *free* if for all  $E$  and all  $A, B \in D(E) \subseteq \mathbb{S}(E)^k$

- (1)  $F(U^* A_1 U, \dots, U^* A_k U) = (I \otimes U^*) F(A_1, \dots, A_k) (I \otimes U)$  for all unitary  $U^{-1} = U^* \in \mathcal{B}(E)$ ,
- (2) 
$$F\left(\left[\begin{array}{cc} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B_1 \end{array}\right], \dots, \left[\begin{array}{cc} A_k & 0 \\ 0 & B_k \end{array}\right]\right) = \begin{bmatrix} F(A_1, \dots, A_k) & 0 \\ 0 & F(B_1, \dots, B_k) \end{bmatrix}.$$





We may define operator monotonicity of  $F$  in the same way:

$A \leq B$  implies  $F(A) \leq F(B)$ .

## Theorem (Multivariable Loewner's theorem II)

Let  $F : \mathbb{P}(E)^k \mapsto \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{L} \otimes E)$  be an operator monotone function. Then there exists a completely positive  $\omega : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \mapsto \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{L})$  such that for all  $\dim(E) < \infty$  and  $X \in \mathbb{P}(E)^k$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(X) &= (\omega \otimes I)(\Psi_F(X)) = \omega(B_{0,11}) \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k \omega(B_{i,11}) \otimes (X_i - I) \\
 &\quad - (\omega \otimes I) \left\{ \left[ B_{0,12} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,12} \otimes (X_i - I) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \times \left[ B_{0,22} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,22} \otimes (X_i - I) \right]^{-1} \\
 &\quad \left. \times \left[ B_{0,21} \otimes I + \sum_{i=1}^k B_{i,21} \otimes (X_i - I) \right] \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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