

# Nilpotent Completely Positive Maps

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- What happens if  $\alpha$  is nilpotent ?
- We want to define “nilpotency type” of  $\alpha$ .
- We will show that nilpotency order is not bigger than  $n$

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# Invariant subspaces and majorization

- $\alpha : B(H) \rightarrow B(H)$  nilpotent CP map.
- Let  $M$  be a subspace of  $H$ . Take  $N = M^\perp$ . Then  $H = M \oplus N$ .
- Consider  $B(M) \subseteq B(H)$  via  $X \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- We say that  $M$  is invariant under  $\alpha$ , if  $\alpha$  leaves  $B(M)$  invariant.
- This happens iff every Choi-Kraus coefficient leaves  $N$  invariant.
- We get  $\alpha(X) = \sum L_i^* X L_i$  with  $L_i = \begin{bmatrix} B_i & 0 \\ D_i & C_i \end{bmatrix} \in B(M \oplus N)$  for some operators  $B_i \in B(M), C_i \in B(N), D_i \in B(M, N), 1 \leq i \leq d$ .
- Define CP-maps  $\beta : B(M) \rightarrow B(M)$  and  $\gamma : B(N) \rightarrow B(N)$  by
$$\beta(X) = \sum B_i^* X B_i \text{ and } \gamma(Y) = \sum C_i^* Y C_i.$$
- Note that for any  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p$ ,

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- Thus if  $\alpha$  is nilpotent of order  $p$ , then  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are nilpotent of order at most  $p$ .



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## Proof:

- For the inequality part, first consider the case  $k = 1$ .  
Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r\}$  be a basis for  $(\bigcap_i \ker(B_i)) \cap (\bigcap_i \ker(D_i))$ .
- Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{c_1}\}$  be a basis for  $\bigcap_i \ker(C_i)$ .

## Proof continues:

- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} u_r \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_{c_1} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is linearly independent in  $\bigcap_i \ker(L_i)$ .

- Extend this collection to:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} u_r \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_{c_1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}, \dots \right\}$$

a basis of  $\bigcap_i \ker(L_i)$ .

- In particular,  $a_1 = r + c_1 + s$ .
- Now we observe that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s$  are vectors in  $\bigcap_i \ker(B_i)$ .
- We claim that  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s\}$  are linearly independent in  $\bigcap_i \ker(B_i)$ .
- We have  $r + s \leq b_1$  and hence  $a_1 \leq b_1 + c_1$ .

## Proof continues:

- Suppose  $\sum_j p_j u_j + \sum_j q_j x_j = 0$  for some scalars  $p_j, q_j$ .
- Fix  $1 \leq i \leq d$ .
- Then as  $u_j \in \bigcap_i \ker(D_i)$  for all  $j$ ,  $\sum_j q_j x_j \in \ker(D_i)$ . Further as  $\begin{pmatrix} x_j \\ y_j \end{pmatrix}$  is in  $\ker(L_i)$ , we have  $D_i x_j + C_i y_j = 0$  or  $C_i y_j = -D_i x_j$  for all  $j$ .
- Consequently  $\sum_j C_i q_j y_j = -\sum_j D_i q_j x_j = 0$ . Therefore,  $\sum_j q_j y_j \in \bigcap_i \ker(C_i)$ .
- So there exist scalars  $t_i, 1 \leq i \leq c_1$ , such that  $\sum_i t_i v_i = -\sum_j q_j y_j$ .
- Then,  $\sum_j p_j \begin{pmatrix} u_j \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \sum_j t_j \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_j \end{pmatrix} + \sum_j q_j \begin{pmatrix} x_j \\ y_j \end{pmatrix} = 0$ .
- Now due to linear independence of these vectors,  $p_j \equiv 0, q_j \equiv 0$  and  $t_j \equiv 0$ .
- Consider  $\alpha^k(1), \beta^k(1)$  and  $\gamma^k(1)$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^k a_j \leq \sum_{j=1}^k b_j + \sum_{j=1}^k c_j$  for  $1 \leq k < p$  as  $\sum_{j=1}^k a_j = \dim \ker(\alpha^k(1))$ .

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Let  $\tau : B(H) \rightarrow B(H)$  be a unital CP-map such that  $\tau^p(X) = \langle u, Xu \rangle I$  where  $u$  is a unit vector of  $H$ . Set  $H_0 = \{x \in H : \langle x, u \rangle = 0\}$  so that  $H = \mathbb{C}u \oplus H_0$ . Suppose  $\alpha : B(H_0) \rightarrow B(H_0)$  is the compression of  $\tau$  to  $B(H_0)$ , then  $\alpha$  is nilpotent CP map of order at most  $p$ .






## Theorem

Let  $\alpha : \mathcal{B}(H_0) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(H_0)$  be a contractive CP-map such that  $\alpha^p(Y) = 0$  for all  $Y \in \mathcal{B}(H_0)$ . Take  $H = \mathbb{C} \oplus H_0$  and  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Suppose  $\tau : \mathcal{B}(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(H)$  is a map defined by

$$\tau\left(\begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha(X_{22}) + X_{11}(I - \alpha(I)) \end{pmatrix}$$

for all  $X = [X_{ij}] \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C} \oplus H_0)$ . Then  $\tau$  is a CP-map and  $\tau^p(X) = \langle u, Xu \rangle I$  for all  $X \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ .

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