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ABSTRACT. Let $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_X)$ be the Banach space of all bounded and continuous functions on the closed unit ball B_X of a complex Banach space X and holomorphic on the open unit ball, with sup norm, and let $\mathcal{A}_u(B_X)$ be the subspace of $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_X)$ of those functions which are uniformly continuous on B_X . A subset $B \subset B_X$ is a boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_X)$ if $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in B} |f(x)|$ for every $f \in \mathcal{A}_\infty(B_X)$. We prove that for the cases $X = d(w, 1)$ (the Lorentz sequence space) and for $X = C_1(H)$, the trace class operators, there is a minimal closed boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_X)$. For a change, for the cases $X = \mathcal{S}$, the Schreier space and $X = K(\ell_p, \ell_q)$ ($1 \leq p \leq q < \infty$), there is no minimal closed boundary for the corresponding spaces of holomorphic functions.

1. INTRODUCTION

A result of Šilov asserts that if \mathfrak{A} is a unital separating algebra of $\mathcal{C}(K)$ (K is a compact Hausdorff topological space), there is a smallest closed subset $S \subset K$ such that every function of \mathfrak{A} attains its norm at some point of S [6, Theorem I.4.2]. Bishop [4] proved that if K is metrizable, in fact, there is a minimal subset of K satisfying the above condition for every separating algebra of $\mathcal{C}(K)$. That subset is the set of peak points for \mathfrak{A} (see definition below).

Globevnik introduced the corresponding concepts for a subalgebra of $\mathcal{C}_b(\Omega)$, the space of bounded continuous functions on a topological space Ω not necessarily compact [9]. In fact, he considered the case $\Omega = B_X$, where X is a Banach space. If \mathfrak{A} is a subspace of $\mathcal{C}_b(\Omega)$, we will say that a subset $B \subset \Omega$ is a boundary for \mathfrak{A} if

$$\|f\| = \sup_{b \in B} |f(b)|, \quad \forall f \in \mathfrak{A}.$$

If there is a minimal closed boundary B for \mathfrak{A} , we will say that B is the Šilov boundary of \mathfrak{A} .

If X is a complex Banach space, we will denote by $\mathcal{A}_u(B_X)$ the space of uniformly continuous functions on the closed unit ball of X which are holomorphic on

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the open unit ball. Globevnik [9] described the boundaries of $\mathcal{A}_u(B_\infty)$. As a consequence of the description, he showed that this algebra has no Šilov boundary. Aron, Choi, Lourenço and Paques [3] gave examples of boundaries for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{\ell_\infty})$ and proved that there is no Šilov boundary for this algebra. They also showed that the unit sphere of ℓ_1 is the Šilov boundary for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{\ell_1})$.

Moraes and Romero [14] gave a characterization of the boundaries of $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{d_*(w,1)})$, where $d_*(w,1)$ is the canonical predual of the Lorentz sequence space $d(w,1)$ when $w = \{\frac{1}{n}\}$. Later Acosta, Moraes and Romero [2] generalized that characterization proving it for any space $d_*(w,1)$ and obtained another one in terms of the strong peak sets of the unit ball. In this case, there is no Šilov boundary. Choi, García, Kim and Maestre [5] proved that there is no Šilov boundary for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{C(K)})$, when K is infinite and scattered. Acosta showed the same result for every infinite K and also proved that for this space the subset of extreme points of the unit ball of $C(K)$ is a boundary for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{C(K)})$ [1].

Before going on it is convenient to recall some definitions. Let \mathcal{A} be a function space on a metric space Ω . An element $y \in \Omega$ is called a **peak point** for \mathcal{A} if there is some $f \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $f(y) = 1$ and $|f(x)| < 1, \forall x \in \Omega \setminus \{y\}$. In this case we say that f **peaks** at y . An element $y \in \Omega$ is called a **strong peak point** for \mathcal{A} if there is some $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfying $f(y) = 1$ and such that given any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is some $\delta > 0$ such that $\text{dist}(x, y) > \varepsilon$ implies that $|f(x)| < 1 - \delta$. It is clear that every closed boundary for \mathcal{A} contains all the strong peak points.

In this paper we prove that there is no Šilov boundary for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_X)$ when X is the Schreier space or the space $K(\ell_p, \ell_q)$ ($1 \leq p \leq q < \infty$). For the spaces $X = C_1(H)$, the trace class operators on a complex Hilbert space H or $X = d(w,1)$, there is Šilov boundary for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_X)$. In fact, all the points in the unit sphere of $d(w,1)$ are strong peak points for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{d(w,1)})$ and so, in this case the Šilov boundary is the unit sphere. For ℓ_1 the same result also holds. That fact was proved in [3] for the finite supported sequences in the unit sphere. If K is infinite, we also prove that there is no strong peak points for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{C(K)})$. The subset of the peak points for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{C(K)})$ is the set of extreme points of $B_{C(K)}$ if K is separable.

Throughout this paper, all the Banach spaces considered are complex. For a Banach space X , B_X and S_X will be the closed unit ball and the unit sphere of X , respectively. We will denote by $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_X)$, the Banach space of all bounded and continuous functions on B_X which are holomorphic on the open unit ball and $\mathcal{A}_u(B_X)$ the space of all functions in $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_X)$ which are uniformly continuous.

2. EXISTENCE OF ŠILOV BOUNDARY ON THE LORENTZ SEQUENCE SPACE

Given a decreasing sequence w of positive real numbers satisfying $w \in c_0 \setminus \ell_1$, the complex Lorentz sequence space $d(w, 1)$ is given by

$$d(w, 1) = \left\{ x : \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} : \sup \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x(\sigma(n))| w_n : \sigma : \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N} \text{ injective} \right\} < +\infty \right\}.$$

The norm is given by

$$\|x\| = \sup \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} w_n |x(\sigma(n))| : \sigma : \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N} \text{ injective} \right\} \quad (x \in d(w, 1)).$$

It is well-known and easy to verify that the above supremum is attained for the decreasing rearrangement of x . The usual vector basis $\{e_n\}$ is a monotone Schauder basis (see [12]).

A canonical predual $d_*(w, 1)$ of $d(w, 1)$ is given by

$$d_*(w, 1) = \left\{ x \in c_0 : \lim_n \frac{\sum_1^n x^*(k)}{W_n} = 0 \right\}$$

where $W_n = \sum_1^n w_k$ and x^* is the decreasing rearrangement of x . This space is a Banach space endowed with the norm

$$\|x\| = \sup_n \left\{ \frac{\sum_1^n x^*(k)}{W_n} \right\}.$$

(see [16] and [7]). $d_*(w, 1)$ has a Schauder basis whose sequence of biorthogonal functionals is, in fact, the canonical basis of $d(w, 1)$.

We begin presenting some useful lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. *If $\{z_n\}$ is a bounded sequence of complex numbers such that the sequence $\{1 + |z_n| - |1 + z_n|\}$ converges to zero, then the sequence $\{|z_n| - z_n\}$ also converges to zero.*

Proof. We consider the following identity for a complex number z

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + |z| - |1 + z|)^2 &= \\ 1 + |z|^2 + 2|z| + |1 + z|^2 - 2(1 + |z|)|1 + z| &= \\ 2(\operatorname{Re} z - |z|) + 2(1 + |z|)(1 + |z| - |1 + z|). \end{aligned}$$

If we apply the above identity to the sequence $\{z_n\}$ and use the assumption, we obtain that the sequence $\{|z_n| - \operatorname{Re} z_n\}$ converges to zero.

Now if we consider the following expression

$$\begin{aligned} (|z| - \operatorname{Re} z)^2 &= \\ 2\operatorname{Re}^2 z + \operatorname{Im}^2 z - 2|z|\operatorname{Re} z &= \\ = \operatorname{Im}^2 z + 2(\operatorname{Re} z - |z|)\operatorname{Re} z, \end{aligned}$$

and we apply the identity to the sequence $\{z_n\}$, we deduce that $\{\operatorname{Im} z_n\} \rightarrow 0$. Hence

$$\{|z_n| - z_n\} = \{|z_n| - \operatorname{Re} z_n - i \operatorname{Im} z_n\} \rightarrow 0.$$

Lemma 2.2. ([3, Lemma 9]) *Let $0 < a < 1$. The real valued function given by*

$$g_a(x) = \left(1 + \frac{x}{1-a}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1-x}{a}\right) \quad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

attains its maximum at $x = a$ and

$$g_a(x) < g_a(a) = \frac{1}{a(1-a)}, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{a\}.$$

Lemma 2.3. *The subset of peak points in S_X for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_X)$ is invariant under surjective linear isometries on X . The same result also holds for the subset of strong peak points in S_X .*

Theorem 2.4. *The set of strong peak points for the space of the polynomials of degree less or equal than 2 on $d(w, 1)$ contains the unit sphere of $d(w, 1)$.*

Proof. Let $y_0 \in S_{d(w,1)}$. By Lemma 2.3 we can assume that $\operatorname{supp} y_0$ is an interval of positive integers containing $\{1\}$ and it is also satisfied that

$$(1) \quad y_0(j) \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad \forall j \in \operatorname{supp} y_0, \quad \text{and} \quad y_0(n) \geq y_0(n+1) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

We will prove that y_0 is a strong peak for $\mathcal{A}_u(d(w, 1))$.

If the support of y_0 contains just one element, then $y_0 = e_1$ and it is sufficient to consider the 1-degree polynomial given by

$$f(x) = 1 + x(1) \quad (x \in d(w, 1)).$$

Clearly $\|f\| = 2 = f(y_0)$. By using that in $S_{d(w,1)}$ the weak and the $\sigma(d(w, 1), d_*(w, 1))$ convergence coincide ([16, Proposition 2.2] and [10, Corollary III.2.15]) and that every point of the unit sphere is a point of continuity of the unit ball [13, Proposition 4], then it is easily checked that f strongly peaks the unit ball at y_0 .

Otherwise we will assume that $J := \operatorname{supp} y_0$ has at least two elements. Since $\|y_0\| = 1$, by (1), we know that $\sum_{i \in J} w_i y_0(i) = 1$ and so $0 < w_i y_0(i) < 1$ for every $i \in J$.

For every $k \in J$ we define the function given by

$$f_k(x) = \frac{1}{M_k} \left(1 + \frac{w_k x(k)}{1 - w_k y_0(k)}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{w_k y_0(k)} \sum_{j \in J \setminus \{k\}} w_j x(j)\right) \quad (x \in d(w, 1)),$$

where $M_k = \frac{1}{w_k y_0(k)(1 - w_k y_0(k))}$. Then f_k is clearly a non-homogeneous polynomial on $d(w, 1)$ with degree 2 and satisfies that $f_k(y_0) = 1$. We will check that $\|f_k\| = 1$.

If $x \in B_{d(w,1)}$, then it is satisfied that

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} |f_k(x)| &= \frac{1}{M_k} \left| 1 + \frac{w_k x(k)}{1 - w_k y_0(k)} \right| \left| 1 + \frac{1}{w_k y_0(k)} \sum_{j \in J \setminus \{k\}} w_j x(j) \right| \leq \\ &= \frac{1}{M_k} \left(1 + \frac{w_k |x(k)|}{1 - w_k y_0(k)} \right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{w_k y_0(k)} \sum_{j \in J \setminus \{k\}} |w_j x(j)| \right) \leq \quad (\text{since } x \in B_X) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{M_k} \left(1 + \frac{w_k |x(k)|}{1 - w_k y_0(k)} \right) \left(1 + \frac{1 - w_k |x(k)|}{w_k y_0(k)} \right) \leq \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.2}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{M_k} \left(1 + \frac{w_k y_0(k)}{1 - w_k y_0(k)} \right) \left(1 + \frac{1 - w_k y_0(k)}{w_k y_0(k)} \right) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\|f_k\| = 1$.

Our intention is to show that y_0 is a strong peak for the space of 2-degree polynomials. For this reason, we will prove the following

$$(3) \quad x_n \in B_{d(w,1)}, \quad \forall n, \quad \{|f_k(x_n)|\}_n \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow \{x_n(k)\} \rightarrow y_0(k).$$

For every k fixed, we will write $u_n = \frac{w_k x_n(k)}{1 - w_k y_0(k)}$ and $v_n = \sum_{j \in J, j \neq k} \frac{w_j x_n(j)}{w_k y_0(k)}$.

We rewrite the inequality (2) in terms of the above sequences

$$\begin{aligned} |f_k(x_n)| &= \frac{1}{M_k} |1 + u_n| |1 + v_n| \leq \\ &= \frac{1}{M_k} (1 + |u_n|) (1 + |v_n|) \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

If we assume that $\{f_k(x_n)\}_n \rightarrow 1$, then, let us note that the sequence $\{1 + v_n\}$ has no subsequence converging to zero. Because of the above inequality we deduce that

$$\{|1 + u_n| - 1 - |u_n|\} \rightarrow 0.$$

Since k is fixed, in view of Lemma 2.1 that condition implies that $\{|u_n| - u_n\}$ converges to zero, that is, $\{|x_n(k)| - x_n(k)\}_n \rightarrow 0$. Also by Lemma 2.2, we know that

$$\{w_k |x_n(k)|\}_n \rightarrow w_k y_0(k).$$

Hence we deduce that $\{x_n(k)\}_n \rightarrow y_0(k)$.

Now we choose a sequence $\{\alpha_n\}$ in ℓ_1 such that $\text{supp } \alpha = J$, $\alpha_n > 0, \forall n \in J$ and $\sum_{n \in J} \alpha_n = 1$. Let us define the function given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{k \in J} \alpha_k f_k(x) \quad (x \in B_{d(w,1)}).$$

Then f is a polynomial of degree at most 2 in $d(w, 1)$ and satisfies $\|f\| \leq 1 = f(y_0)$.

We will prove now that this function strongly peaks the unit ball of $d(w, 1)$ at y_0 . So assume that for some sequence $\{x_n\}$ in the unit ball it happens that $\{|f(x_n)|\} \rightarrow 1$. That clearly implies that $\{f_k(x_n)\}_n \rightarrow 1$ for every $k \in J$.

Since $y_0 \in S_{d(w, 1)}$, by condition (3), we know that $\{x_n\}$ converges pointwise to y_0 . All the elements involved in the argument are in the unit ball of $d(w, 1)$ and so the sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges to y_0 in the $\sigma(d(w, 1), d_*(w, 1))$ -topology. Since $d_*(w, 1)$ is M-ideal in its dual (see [16, Proposition 2.2] or [10, Examples III.1.4c]), in the unit ball of $d(w, 1)$, the weak and weak*-topologies coincides on points of the unit sphere, in view of [10, Corollary III.2.15]. By applying that fact to the element y_0 , which is the w^* -limit of the sequence $\{x_n\}$, then we obtain that in fact $\{x_n\}$ converges weakly to y_0 . Since all the points of the unit sphere of $d(w, 1)$ are points of continuity [13, Proposition 4], then we obtain that $\{x_n\}$ converges in norm to y_0 and y_0 is a strong peak point, as we wanted to show. ■

Corollary 2.5. *The Šilov boundary for the space of 2-degree polynomials on $d(w, 1)$ is $S_{d(w, 1)}$. Hence $S_{d(w, 1)}$ is also the Šilov boundary for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{d(w, 1)})$ and $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{d(w, 1)})$.*

It is known that all the finite supported elements in S_{ℓ_1} are strong peak points for the space of 2-degree polynomials on ℓ_1 [3, Theorem 10]. We will extend such result.

Theorem 2.6. *S_{ℓ_1} is the subset of strong peak points for the space of 2-degree polynomials on ℓ_1 .*

Proof. If $y_0 \in S_{\ell_1}$, by Lemma 2.3, we can assume that $y_0(n) \geq 0$ for every n . If $|\text{supp } y_0| = 1$ and $\{n\} = \text{supp } y_0$, the function $x \mapsto 1 + x(n)$ strongly peaks the unit ball of ℓ_1 at y_0 . Otherwise, if we assume that $J := \text{supp } y_0$ satisfies that $\|J\| \geq 2$, then the 2-degree polynomial given by

$$f_k(x) := \frac{1}{y_0(k)(1 - y_0(k))} \left(1 + \frac{x(k)}{1 - y_0(k)}\right) \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i \neq k} x(i)}{y_0(k)}\right) \quad (x \in \ell_1)$$

satisfies that $f(y_0) = 1$. In view of Lemma 2.1, it also satisfies that $\|f_k\| = 1$ and now we can follow the same argument in the proof of Theorem 2.4. ■

3. BOUNDARIES ON THE SCHREIER SPACE AND $C(K)$.

A subset $E = \{n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k\}$ of the natural numbers \mathbb{N} is said to be *admissible* if $k \leq n_1$. The Schreier space \mathcal{S} is the completion of the space c_{00} of all scalar sequence of finite support with respect the norm $\|x\| = \sup \sum_{j \in E} |x_j|$, where the supremum is taken over all admissible sets of natural numbers E .

The following theorem shows in particular that the intersection of all boundaries for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_S)$ is empty.

Theorem 3.1. *Let \mathcal{S} be the Schreier space and B a boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_S)$. If $x_0 \in B$ and $0 < r < 1$, then $B \setminus (x_0 + rB_S)$ is a boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_S)$. As a consequence, there is no Šilov boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_S)$.*

Proof. Assume that $h \in \mathcal{A}_\infty(B_S)$. For every $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1-r}{2}$, there is $y_0 \in c_{00}$ such that $\|y_0\| < 1$ and

$$|h(y_0)| > \|h\| - \varepsilon.$$

We write $k = \max \text{supp } y_0$. If we choose a positive integer n such that $n > \frac{k}{1-\|y_0\|}$ and $\|(I - P_n)(x_0)\| < \varepsilon$, we will check that the element $y_0 + zy \in B_S$, for every $z \in \mathbb{C}, |z| = 1$ and $y = \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} \frac{1}{n} e_j$.

Let $A = E \cup F$ be an admissible set such that $E \subset \{1, \dots, k\}$ and $\min F > k$. If $E \neq \emptyset$, then $|E| + |F| \leq k$ and

$$\sum_{i \in E \cup F} |y_0 + zy(i)| \leq$$

$$\sum_{i \in E} |y_0(i)| + \sum_{i \in F} |y(i)| \leq \|y_0\| + \frac{k}{n} \leq 1.$$

If $E = \emptyset$, then $\sum_{i \in F} |y_0 + zy(i)| = \sum_{i \in F} |y(i)| \leq 1$. So $\|y_0 + zy\| \leq 1$.

Since $\|y\| = 1$, there is $y^* \in S_S$ such that $y^*(y) = 1$, $y^*(e_j) = 0, \forall j \leq n$.

Let $z \in \mathbb{C}$, such that $|z| = 1$ and $|h(y_0) + zy^*(y)| = |h(y_0)| + 1$. Now, we define the holomorphic function g given by

$$g(x) := h(x) + zy^*(x) \quad (x \in B_S).$$

It easy to see that the function g belongs to $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_S)$ and satisfies that

$$1 + \|h\| - \varepsilon < \|g\| \leq \|h\| + 1.$$

Since B is an boundary there is $z_0 \in B$, such that

$$|g(z_0)| > \|h\| - \varepsilon + 1.$$

On the other hand

$$|g(z_0)| \leq |h(z_0)| + |y^*(z_0)| \leq \|h\| + |y^*(z_0)| \leq \|h\| + 1.$$

So, it implies $|y^*(z_0)| > 1 - \varepsilon$. Hence

$$\|(I - P_n)(z_0)\| \geq |y^*(z_0)| > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_0 - x_0\| &\geq \|(I - P_n)(z_0 - x_0)\| \geq \\ &\|(I - P_n)(z_0)\| - \|(I - P_n)x_0\| \geq 1 - 2\varepsilon > r. \end{aligned}$$

Also z_0 satisfies that $|h(z_0)| + 1 \geq \|h\| + 1 - \varepsilon$ and so $|h(z_0)| > \|h\| - \varepsilon$. Therefore $z_0 \in B \setminus (x_0 + rB_S)$ and this set is a boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_S)$. As a consequence, there is no Šilov boundary for this space. This completes the proof. ■

We will recall that a point $x \in B_X$ is a \mathbf{C} -extreme point of the unit ball if it satisfies that

$$(y \in X, \|x + \lambda y\| \leq 1, \forall \lambda \in \mathbf{C}, |\lambda| = 1) \Rightarrow y = 0.$$

Theorem 3.2. *If K is any infinite compact Hausdorff topological space, then there is no strong peak points for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{\mathcal{C}(K)})$.*

If K is separable, then all the extreme points in $B_{\mathcal{C}(K)}$ are peak points for the space of 1-degree polynomials on $\mathcal{C}(K)$.

Proof. It is known that every peak point is a \mathbf{C} -extreme point [8, Theorem 4]. So we will prove that the \mathbf{C} -extreme points of $B_{\mathcal{C}(K)}$ are no strong peak points. Assume that $x_0 \in S_{\mathcal{C}(K)}$ is an extreme point of the unit ball. Since K is infinite, then there is a sequence $\{x_n\}$ of functions on $\mathcal{C}(K)$ satisfying that

$$0 \leq x_n \leq 1, \|x_n\| = 1, \forall n, \quad \text{supp } x_n \cap \text{supp } x_m = \emptyset, \forall n \neq m.$$

Assume that $h \in B_{\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{\mathcal{C}(K)})}$ is such that $h(x_0) = 1$. Since $\{x_n\}$ is equivalent to the c_0 -basis, then it converges weakly to zero. By Rainwater Theorem, the sequence $\{x_0(1 - x_n)\}$ is in the unit ball of $\mathcal{C}(K)$ and converges weakly to x_0 . Since $\mathcal{C}(K)$ has the Dunford-Pettis property, then it has also the polynomial Dunford-Pettis property [15], and so, if we follow the argument in the proof of [1, Proposition 4.1], then

$$\{h(x_0(1 - x_n))\} \rightarrow 1\}.$$

Since x_n are nonnegative elements in the unit sphere, then for every n there is $t_n \in K$ such that $x_n(t_n) = 1$ and so

$$\|x_0(1 - x_n) - x_0\| \geq \|x_0 x_n\| \geq |x_0(t_n)x_n(t_n)| = 1.$$

Hence x_0 is not a strong peak point for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{\mathcal{C}(K)})$.

If K is separable and $\{t_n : n \in \mathbf{N}\}$ is a dense set in K , we will prove that the function u such that $u(K) = \{1\}$ is a peak point for the space of 1-degree polynomials. In view of Lemma 2.3, this proves the stated assertion.

Just define the function f given by

$$f(x) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n (1 + x(t_n)) \quad (x \in \mathcal{C}(K)),$$

where $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in S_{ℓ_1} such that $\alpha_n > 0$ for every n . Then f is clearly a 1-degree polynomial on $\mathcal{C}(K)$ and satisfies that $f(u) = \|f\| = 2$. If $x \in B_{\mathcal{C}(K)}$ and $|f(x)| = 2$, then $|1 + x(t_n)| = 2$ for every n and so $x(t_n) = 1$ for all n , that is, $x = u$. ■

Since ℓ_{∞} has a countable subset of functionals that separates points and attains the norm at the same element of the unit ball, we can also obtain:

Corollary 3.3. ([3]) *All the extreme points in $B_{\ell_{\infty}}$ are peak points for the space of 1-degree polynomials on ℓ_{∞} .*

4. ŠILOV BOUNDARY ON THE TRACE CLASS OPERATORS

Let H be a complex Hilbert space. An operator $T : H \rightarrow H$ is called a trace class operator if there is an orthonormal basis B such that $\sum_{e \in B} \langle T^*(Te), e \rangle < \infty$, where T^* is the adjoint operator of T . We denote by $C_1(H)$ the Banach space of all trace class operators on H with the trace norm $\|T\|_1 = \sum_{e \in B} \langle T^*(Te), e \rangle$.

Theorem 4.1. *If H is a complex Hilbert space, there is a Šilov boundary for $\mathcal{A}_u(C_1(H))$ and $\mathcal{A}_{\infty}(C_1(H))$ and both coincide.*

Proof. Assume that $\{e_i : i \in I\}$ is an orthonormal basis of H and $F \subset I$ is a subset, then the operator Π_F given by

$$\Pi_F(T) := P_F T P_F, \quad (T \in C_1(H)),$$

where $P_F(x) = \sum_{i \in F} x(i) e_i$, ($x \in H$) is a norm one projection on $C_1(H)$. Since $\text{Lin}\{e_i \otimes e_j : i, j \in I\}$ is dense in $C_1(H)$, then for every $h \in \mathcal{A}_{\infty}(B_{C_1(H)})$, it holds that

$$\|h\| := \sup_{F \subset I \text{ finite}} \|h \circ \Pi_F\|.$$

For every complex finite dimensional space Y , it holds that the subset of peak points of B_Y is a boundary for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_Y)$ [4, Theorem 1]. We will prove that for every $F \subset I$ finite subset, every peak point of the unit ball of $\Pi_F(C_1(H))$ for the space of bounded and continuous functions on the unit ball of $\Pi_F(C_1(H))$ which are holomorphic on the open unit ball, is a strong peak point for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{C_1(H)})$.

Let $T_0 \in S_{C_1(H)} \cap \Pi_F(C_1(H))$ be a peak point. Hence there is a function g defined on the unit ball of $\Pi_F(C_1(H))$ such that

$$g(T_0) = \|g\| = 1 \text{ and } |g(T)| < 1, \forall T \in (B_{C_1(H)} \cap \Pi_F(C_1(H))) \setminus \{T_0\}.$$

Now we extend g to $B_{C_1(H)}$ by

$$\tilde{g}(T) = g(\Pi_F(T)) \quad (T \in B_{C_1(H)}).$$

We clearly have that $\tilde{g} \in \mathcal{A}_u(B_{C_1(H)})$ and it is satisfied that $\|\tilde{g}\| \leq \|g\| = 1$ and $\tilde{g}(T_0) = 1$. Assume that $\{T_n\}$ is a sequence in $B_{C_1(H)}$ such that $\{\|\tilde{g}(T_n)\|\} \rightarrow 1$, that is $\{|g(\Pi_F(T_n))|\} \rightarrow 1$. Since $\Pi_F(C_1(H))$ is a finite-dimensional space and T_0 is a peak point, then $\{\Pi_F(T_n)\} \rightarrow T_0$. Since $\|T_0\| = 1$, then $\{\|\Pi_F(T_n)\|\} \rightarrow 1$. By using [11, Proposition 2.2], it holds that

$$\|P_F T_n P_F\|^2 + \|P_F T_n (I - P_F)\|^2 + \|(I - P_F) T_n P_F\|^2 + \|(I - P_F) T_n (I - P_F)\|^2 \leq \|T_n\|^2 \leq 1,$$

and so $\|\Pi_F T_n - T_n\| = \|P_F T_n P_F - T_n\| \rightarrow 0$. Since we knew that $\{\Pi_F(T_n)\}$ converges to T_0 , then $\{T_n\}$ also converges to T_0 and T_0 is a strong peak point, as we wanted to show. Since the strong peak points are contained in any closed boundary and in this case the subset of strong peak points is a boundary for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{C_1(H)})$, then the Šilov boundary for this space is the closure of the strong peak points of $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{C_1(H)})$. We can follow the same argument for the space $\mathcal{A}_\infty(C_1(H))$. ■

5. BOUNDARIES ON $K(\ell_p, \ell_q)$

We now restrict our attention to study properties of the boundaries for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_X)$, where the Banach space X is the space of all compact operators on ℓ_p , for $1 \leq p < \infty$.

Theorem 5.1. *If $1 \leq p \leq q < \infty$, there is no Šilov boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$. In fact, if B is a boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$, $0 < r < 1$ and $S_0 \in B$, the set $B \setminus (S_0 + r B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$ is also a boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$.*

There are closed boundaries A, B for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$ such that $\text{dist}(A, B) \geq 1$.

The same assertions also hold for $\mathcal{A}_u(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$.

Proof. We will denote by $\{P_n\}$ and $\{Q_n\}$ the sequences of canonical projections associated to the usual basis of ℓ_p and ℓ_q , respectively.

Assume that $B \subset B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)}$ is a boundary of $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$, $0 < r < 1$ and $S_0 \in B$. If $h \in \mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$ and $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1-r}{2}$, there is $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $F \in B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)}$ such that $Q_N F P_N = F$ and

$$|h(F)| > \|h\| - \varepsilon.$$

Since S_0 is a compact operator, then there is $n > N$ such that

$$\|(I - Q_n)S_0(I - P_n)\| < \varepsilon.$$

Now we choose an operator $R \in S_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)}$ such that

$$(I - Q_n)R(I - P_n) = R$$

and an element $x \in S_{\ell_p}$ such that $P_n x = 0$ and $\|R(x)\| = 1$ and $y^* \in S_{\ell_q^*}$ such that $Q_n^*(y^*) = 0$ and $y^*(R(x)) = 1$. By using the Maximum Modulus Theorem, there is $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $|z_0| = 1$ and

$$\sup_{|z|=1} |h(F + z_0 R)| = |h(F + z_0 R)|.$$

If $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is a modulus one scalar such that

$$|h(F + z_0 R) + \lambda y^*(R x)| = |h(F + z_0 R)| + 1,$$

we define the holomorphic function g given by

$$g(T) := h(T) + \lambda y^*(T x).$$

Clearly the function g belongs to $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$ and satisfies that

$$\|g\| \geq |g(F + z_0 R)| \geq |h(F)| + |y^*(R x)| > \|h\| - \varepsilon + 1.$$

Since B is a boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$, then there is $S \in B$ such that $|g(S)| > \|g\| - \varepsilon$. Hence

$$(4) \quad \|h\| - 2\varepsilon + 1 \leq \|g\| - \varepsilon < |g(S)| \leq |h(S)| + |y^*(S x)|,$$

and so,

$$|y^*(S x)| \geq 1 - \varepsilon.$$

By the choice of x and y^* , then

$$\|(I - Q_n)S(I - P_n)\| \geq |y^*(I - Q_n)S(I - P_n)x| = |y^*(S x)| \geq 1 - \varepsilon.$$

Finally, we deduce that

$$\|S - S_0\| \geq \|(I - Q_n)(S - S_0)(I - P_n)\| \geq$$

$$\|(I - Q_n)S(I - P_n)\| - \|(I - Q_n)S_0(I - P_n)\| \geq 1 - 2\varepsilon > \tau.$$

From inequality (4), we also obtain that

$$|h(S)| \geq \|h\| - 2\varepsilon.$$

We just proved that $B \setminus (S_0 + \tau B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$ is a boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$. As a consequence, there is no Šilov boundary for this space.

Now we will show a procedure to construct boundaries for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$. Since $\text{Lin}\{x \otimes y : x \in (\ell_p)^*, y \in \ell_q, \text{supp } x, \text{supp } y \text{ is finite}\}$ is dense in $K(\ell_p, \ell_q)$, then for every $h \in \mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$, it is satisfied that

$$\|h\| = \sup\{\|h_F\| : F \subset \mathbb{N} \text{ finite}\},$$

where $h_F(T) := h(Q_F T P_F)$ for $T \in K(\ell_p, \ell_q)$ and Q_F, P_F are the projections given by

$$P_F(x) = \sum_{n \in F} x(n) e_n, \quad (x \in \ell_p), \quad Q_F(x) = \sum_{n \in F} x(n) e_n, \quad (x \in \ell_q).$$

Note also that for $F \subset G$, then $\|h_F\| \leq \|h_G\|$.

Assume that $\{F_n\}$ is an increasing sequence of finite sets of \mathbb{N} such that $G_n := F_{n+1} \setminus F_n$ is non empty and $\cup_n F_n = \mathbb{N}$. We consider the subsets A_n whose elements are those operators $T \in B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)}$ such that T admits a decomposition as sum of two operators $T = R + S$ satisfying the following

$$\|R\| = \|S\| = 1, \quad R = Q_{F_n} R P_{F_n}, \quad Q_{F_n} S P_{F_n} = 0, \quad Q_{G_n} S P_{G_n} = S.$$

Let us note that A_n is closed for every n .

We will check that $B = \cup_n A_n$ is a closed boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$. Given $h \in \mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, there is some finite set $F \subset \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|h_F\| > \|h\| - \varepsilon$. If m satisfies that $F \subset F_m$, then also $\|h_{F_m}\| \geq \|h\| - \varepsilon$. Hence there is an operator $R \in S_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)}$ such that $Q_{F_m} R P_{F_m} = R$ where h_{F_m} attains its norm and so

$$|h(R)| \geq \|h\| - \varepsilon.$$

If $S \in S_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)}$ satisfies that $Q_{F_m} S P_{F_m} = 0$ and $Q_{G_m} S P_{G_m} = S$, then the operator $R + zS$ is in the unit ball of $K(\ell_p, \ell_q)$, for every complex number z in the unit disk. If we apply the Maximum Modulus Theorem to the function $z \mapsto h(R + zS)$ defined on the complex unit disk, then there is a complex number z_0 with $|z_0| = 1$ and such that

$$|h(R + z_0 S)| \geq |h(R)| \geq \|h\| - \varepsilon.$$

Since the element $R + z_0 S \in A_m$, then B is a boundary for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$.

Let us note that for two positive integers $n < m$, if $T_n \in A_n, T_m \in A_m$, then

$$(5) \quad \|T_m - T_n\| \geq \|Q_{G_m}(T_m - T_n)P_{G_m}\| = \|Q_{G_m}T_mP_{G_m}\| = 1.$$

Since every A_n is closed, from the above inequality, it follows that B is also closed.

By using the same argument, then the subsets $\cup_n A_{2n}$ and $\cup_n A_{2n-1}$ are also closed boundaries for $\mathcal{A}_\infty(B_{K(\ell_p, \ell_q)})$. In view of (5), then the distance between both sets is at least 1. ■

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