

SPHERICAL ISOMETRIES ARE HYPOREFLEXIVE

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ABSTRACT. The result from the title is shown.

Let $L(H)$ denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators on a complex Hilbert space, H . If $\mathcal{M} \subset L(H)$, then we denote by \mathcal{M}' the commutant of \mathcal{M} , $\mathcal{M}' = \{S \in L(H) : TS = ST \text{ for every } T \in \mathcal{M}\}$. The second commutant is denoted by $\mathcal{M}'' = (\mathcal{M}')'$. Denote further by $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{M})$ the smallest weakly closed subalgebra of $L(H)$ containing \mathcal{M} and by $\text{Alg Lat } \mathcal{M}$ the algebra of all operators leaving invariant all subspaces which are invariant for all operators from \mathcal{M} . Recall that \mathcal{M} is said to be *reflexive* if $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{M}) = \text{Alg Lat } \mathcal{M}$. For a commutative set \mathcal{M} , there is also a weaker version of the reflexivity: \mathcal{M} is called *hyporeflexive* if $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{M}) = \text{Alg Lat } \mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{M}'$.

Reflexivity and hyporeflexivity have been studied intensely by many authors. Deddens in [3] proved the reflexivity of a single isometry. The result was extended to sets of commuting isometries in [2], see also [6].

An analogy and, in some sense, a generalization of commuting N -tuples of isometries are spherical isometries. A *spherical isometry* is an N -tuple $T = (T_1, \dots, T_N)$ of mutually commuting operators on H satisfying $T_1^*T_1 + \dots + T_N^*T_N = I_H$.

The reflexivity of doubly commuting spherical isometries was mentioned in [7]. The aim of the paper is to show the hyporeflexivity of spherical isometries.

If μ is a positive Borel measure on the unit sphere

$$\partial \mathbf{B}_N = \{(z_1, \dots, z_N) \in \mathbf{C}^N : |z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_N|^2 = 1\},$$

then denote by $H^2(\mu)$ the closure of polynomials in $L^2(\mu)$. We start with the following

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