

INTERPOLATION PROBLEMS IN CSL-ALGEBRA $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$

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ABSTRACT. Given vectors x and y in a Hilbert space, an interpolating operator is a bounded operator T such that $Tx = y$. In this paper we obtained a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a solution A which is in CSL-algebra $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$.

1. Introduction. Let \mathcal{C} be a collection of operators acting on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , and let x and y be vectors in \mathcal{H} . An *interpolation question* for \mathcal{C} asks for which x and y is there a bounded operator $T \in \mathcal{C}$ such that $Tx = y$. A variation, the ‘ n -vector interpolation problem’, asks for an operator T such that $Tx_i = y_i$ for fixed finite collections $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ and $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$. The n -vector interpolation problem was considered for a C^* -algebra \mathcal{U} by Kadison [6]. In case \mathcal{U} is a nest algebra, the interpolation problem was solved by Lance [7]; his result was extended by Hopenwasser [2] to the case that \mathcal{U} is a CSL-algebra. More recently, Munch [8] obtained conditions for interpolation in case T is required to lie in the ideal of Hilbert-Schmidt operators in a nest algebra. Hopenwasser [3] once again extended the interpolation condition to the ideal of Hilbert-Schmidt operators in a CSL-algebra. Hopenwasser’s paper also contain a sufficient condition for interpolation of n -vectors, although necessity was not proved in that paper.

First, we establish some notations and conventions. A commutative subspace lattice \mathcal{L} , or CSL \mathcal{L} is a strongly closed lattice of (self-adjoint) pairwise-commuting projections acting on a separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . We assume that the projections 0 and I lie in \mathcal{L} . We usually identify projections and their ranges so that it makes sense to speak of an operator as leaving a projection invariant. If \mathcal{L} is CSL, $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ is called a CSL-algebra. The algebra $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ is the algebra of all bounded linear operators on \mathcal{H} that leave invariant all projections in \mathcal{L} . Let x and y

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be vectors in a Hilbert space. Then $\langle x, y \rangle$ means the inner product of vectors x and y . In this paper, we use the convention $\frac{0}{0} = 0$, when necessary.

2. Interpolation problems in CSL-algebra $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$. Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space and \mathcal{L} a commutative subspace lattice of orthogonal projections acting on \mathcal{H} containing 0 and 1. Let \mathcal{M} be a subset of a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Then $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ means the closure of \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M}^\perp the orthogonal complement of \mathcal{M} . Let f be a vector in a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and $\{f_n\}$ a sequence of vectors in \mathcal{H} . Then $f_n \rightarrow f$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = f$ means that the sequence $\{f_n\}$ converges to f on the norm topology on \mathcal{H} . Let N be the set of all natural numbers, and let \mathbf{C} be the set of all complex numbers.

Theorem 1. *Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space and \mathcal{L} a commutative subspace lattice on \mathcal{H} . Let x and y be vectors in \mathcal{H} . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

(1) *There is an operator A in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ such that $Ax = y$ and every E in \mathcal{L} reduces A .*

$$(2) \sup \left\{ \frac{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y\|}{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x\|} : l \in N, \alpha_i \in \mathbf{C} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L} \right\} < \infty.$$

Proof. Suppose that there is an operator A in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ such that $Ax = y$ and every E in \mathcal{L} reduces A . Then $\alpha E A x = A \alpha E x = \alpha E y$ for every E in \mathcal{L} and for every α in \mathbf{C} . So $A(\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x) = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y$ for $l \in N$, $\alpha_i \in \mathbf{C}$ and $E_i \in \mathcal{L}$. Thus $\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y\| = \|A(\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x)\| \leq \|A\| \|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x\|$.

$$\text{If } \|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x\| \neq 0, \text{ then } \frac{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y\|}{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x\|} \leq \|A\|.$$

$$\text{Hence, } \sup \left\{ \frac{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y\|}{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x\|} : l \in N, \alpha_i \in \mathbf{C} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L} \right\} \leq \|A\|.$$

$$\text{If } \sup \left\{ \frac{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y\|}{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x\|} : l \in N, \alpha_i \in \mathbf{C} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L} \right\} < \infty, \text{ then,}$$

without loss of generality, we may assume that

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y\|}{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x\|} : l \in N, \alpha_i \in \mathbf{C} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L} \right\} = 1.$$

So $\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y\| \leq \|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x\|$, $l \in N$, $\alpha_i \in \mathbf{C}$ and $E_i \in \mathcal{L} \dots (*)$. Let $\mathcal{M} = \{ \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x : l \in N, \alpha_i \in \mathbf{C} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L} \}$. Then \mathcal{M} is a linear manifold. Define $A : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ by $A(\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x) = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y$. Then A is well defined. For, if $\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j E_j x$, then $\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x + \sum_{j=1}^m (-\beta_j) E_j x = 0$. So $\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x + \sum_{j=1}^m (-\beta_j) E_j x\| = 0$ and hence $\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y + \sum_{j=1}^m (-\beta_j) E_j y\| = 0$ by $(*)$. Thus $\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j E_j y$, i.e., $A(\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x) = A(\sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j E_j x)$. Extend A to $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ by continuity, and define $A|_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}^\perp} = 0$. Clearly, $Ax = y$ and $\|A\| \leq 1$.

Now we must show that E reduces A or $AE = EA$ for every E in \mathcal{L} . Let f be in \mathcal{H} , and let $f = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x \oplus g$, where $g \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}^\perp$. Then, for every E in \mathcal{L} ,

$$\begin{aligned} AEf &= AE \left(\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x + g \right) \\ &= A \left(\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i EE_i x \right) + A Eg \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i EE_i y \quad \text{because } Eg \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}^\perp \\ &= E \left(\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y \right) \\ &= EA \left(\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x + g \right) \quad \text{because } Ag = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So $AE = EA$ for every $E \in \mathcal{L}$.

If we modify the proof of Theorem 1 a little, we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 2. *Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space and \mathcal{L} a commutative subspace lattice on \mathcal{H} . Let $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ and $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ be two sequences of vectors in \mathcal{H} . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

(1) *There is an operator A in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ such that $Ax_i = y_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, and every E in \mathcal{L} reduces A .*

(2)

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i \|}{\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i \|} : m_i \in N, l \leq n, E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } \alpha_{k,i} \in \mathbf{C} \right\} < \infty.$$

Proof. Suppose that there is an operator A in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ such that $Ax_i = y_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and every E in \mathcal{L} reduces A . Then $\alpha EAx_i = A\alpha Ex_i = \alpha Ey_i$ for every E in \mathcal{L} and for every α in $\mathbf{C}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. So $A(\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i) = \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i, m_i \in N, l \leq n, E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L}$ and $\alpha_{k,i} \in \mathbf{C}$. Thus $\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i \| \leq \| A \| \| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i \|$. If $\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i \| \neq 0$, then

$$\frac{\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i \|}{\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i \|} \leq \| A \|.$$

Hence

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i \|}{\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i \|} : m_i \in N, l \leq n, E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } \alpha_{k,i} \in \mathbf{C} \right\} < \infty.$$

If

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i \|}{\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i \|} : m_i \in N, l \leq n, E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } \alpha_{k,i} \in \mathbf{C} \right\} < \infty,$$

then, without loss of generality, we may assume that

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i \|}{\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i \|} : m_i \in N, l \leq n, E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } \alpha_{k,i} \in \mathbf{C} \right\} = 1.$$

So

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i \right\| \leq \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i \right\|, \quad m_i \in N, l \leq n, E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L}$$

and $\alpha_{k,i} \in \mathbf{C} \cdots (*)$. Let $\mathcal{M} = \{ \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i : m_i \in N, l \leq n, \alpha_{k,i} \in \mathbf{C} \text{ and } E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \}$. Then \mathcal{M} is a linear manifold. Define $A : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ by $A(\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i) = \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i$. Then A is well defined.

For, if $\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i = \sum_{k=1}^{m_j} \sum_{j=1}^t \beta_{k,j} E_{k,j} x_j$, then $\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i + \sum_{k=1}^{m_j} \sum_{j=1}^t (-\beta_{k,j}) E_{k,j} x_j \| = 0$ and hence $\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i + \sum_{k=1}^{m_j} \sum_{j=1}^t (-\beta_{k,j}) E_{k,j} y_j \| = 0$ by $(*)$. Thus, $\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i = \sum_{k=1}^{m_j} \sum_{j=1}^t \beta_{k,j} E_{k,j} y_j$.

Extend A to $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ by continuity and define $A|_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}^\perp} = 0$. Clearly, $Ax_i = y_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and $\|A\| \leq 1$.

Now we must show that E reduces A or $AE = EA$ for every E in \mathcal{L} . Let f be in \mathcal{H} , and let $f = (\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i) \oplus g$, where $g \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}^\perp$. Then, for every E in \mathcal{L} ,

$$\begin{aligned} AEf &= AE \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i + g \right) \\ &= A \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} EE_{k,i} x_i \right) + Aeg \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} EE_{k,i} y_i \quad \text{because } Eg \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}^\perp \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} EAf &= EA \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i + g \right) \\ &= E \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i \right) + Ag \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} EE_{k,i} y_i \quad \text{because } Ag = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So $AE = EA$ for every $E \in \mathcal{L}$.

If we modify the proof of Theorem 2 a little, we can get the following theorem. So we omit its proof.

Theorem 3. *Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space, and let \mathcal{L} be a commutative subspace lattice on \mathcal{H} . Let $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ be two infinite sequences of vectors in \mathcal{H} . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

(1) *There is an operator A in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ such that $Ax_n = y_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$, and every E in \mathcal{L} reduces A .*

(2)

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\left\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i \right\|}{\left\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i \right\|} : m_i, l \in N, E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } \alpha_{k,i} \in \mathbf{C} \right\} < \infty.$$

Theorem 4. *Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space, and let \mathcal{L} be a subspace lattice on \mathcal{H} . Let x_1, \dots, x_n and y be vectors in \mathcal{H} . If there are operators A_1, \dots, A_n in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ such that $\sum_{k=1}^n A_k x_k = y$ and every E in \mathcal{L} reduces $A_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then*

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\left\| \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y \right\|}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left\| \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x_k \right\|} : l \in N, E_i \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } \alpha_i \in \mathbf{C} \right\} < \infty.$$

Proof. Since $\sum_{k=1}^n A_k x_k = y$ and $A_k E = EA_k$ for every $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and every E in \mathcal{L} , $\sum_{k=1}^n A_k (\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x_k) = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y, l \in N, \alpha_i \in \mathbf{C}$ and $E_i \in \mathcal{L}$. So

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y \right\| \leq \left[\sup_k \|A_k\| \right] \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \left\| \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x_k \right\| \right).$$

If $\sum_{k=1}^n \left\| \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x_k \right\| \neq 0$, then

$$\frac{\left\| \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y \right\|}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left\| \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x_k \right\|} < \sup_k \|A_k\|.$$

Hence,

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y\|}{\sum_{k=1}^n \|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x_k\|} : l \in N, E_i \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } \alpha_i \in \mathbf{C} \right\} < \infty.$$

Theorem 5. *Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space, and let \mathcal{L} be a commutative subspace lattice on \mathcal{H} . Let x_1, \dots, x_n and y be vectors in \mathcal{H} . If*

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y\|}{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x_k\|} : l \in N, E_i \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } \alpha_i \in \mathbf{C} \right\} < \infty$$

for all $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then there are operators A_1, \dots, A_n in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ such that $\sum_{k=1}^n A_k x_k = y$ and $EA_k = A_k E$ for every E in \mathcal{L} and $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Proof. Put $y/n = y_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \sup \left\{ \frac{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y\|}{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x_k\|} : l \in N, E_i \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } \alpha_i \in \mathbf{C} \right\} < \infty, \\ \sup \left\{ \frac{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i y_k\|}{\|\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i E_i x_k\|} : l \in N, E_i \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } \alpha_i \in \mathbf{C} \right\} < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

and hence there is an operator A_k in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ such that $A_k x_k = y_k$ and $EA_k = A_k E$ for every E in \mathcal{L} and all $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ by Theorem 1. So $A_1 x_1 + A_2 x_2 + \dots + A_n x_n = y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n = y$.

We want to apply Theorem 2 to concrete examples.

Example 1. Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space with an orthonormal base $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ and $\mathcal{L} = \{[0], [e_1], [e_1 e_2], [e_1 e_2 e_3], \dots, [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n]\}$.

Let $\mathbf{A} = \text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$. Then B is in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ if and only if B has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & \cdots & * \\ & * & * & \cdots & * \\ & & * & \cdots & * \\ & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & * \end{pmatrix}$$

with respect to the basis $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$, where all nonstarred entries are zero.

Let $\{x_1, \dots, x_t\}$ and $\{y_1, \dots, y_t\}$ be two sequences of vectors in \mathcal{H} . Assume that

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\|\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i\|}{\|\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i\|} : m_i \in N, l \leq t, \alpha_{k,i} \in \mathbf{C} \text{ and } E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \right\} < \infty.$$

Then there is an operator A in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ such that (i) $Ax_i = y_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$, (ii) every E reduces A , (iii) A is diagonal, and (iv) $\beta_{ji} = \alpha_{jj} \alpha_{ji}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where $x_i = (\alpha_{1i}, \alpha_{2i}, \dots, \alpha_{ni})^t$ and $y_i = (\beta_{1i}, \beta_{2i}, \dots, \beta_{ni})^t$. For, by arguments similar to those of the proof of Theorem 2, we can get the above results.

Example 2. Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space with an orthonormal base $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2n+1}\}$. Let $\mathcal{L} = \{[0], [e_1], [e_1 e_2 e_3], [e_1 e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5], \dots, [e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{2n+1}]\}$.

Let B be in $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. Then B is in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ if and only if B has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * & * & \cdots & * & * \\ & * & * & * & * & \cdots & * & * \\ & & * & * & * & \cdots & * & * \\ & & & * & * & \cdots & * & * \\ & & & & * & \cdots & * & * \\ & & & & & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ & & & & & & * & * \\ & & & & & & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

with respect to the basis $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2n+1}\}$, where all nonstarred entries are zero.

Let $\{x_1, \dots, x_t\}$ and $\{y_1, \dots, y_t\}$ be two sequences of vectors in \mathcal{H} . Assume that

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\|\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i\|}{\|\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i\|} : m_i \in N, l \leq t, \alpha_{k,i} \in \mathbf{C} \text{ and } E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \right\} < \infty.$$

Let B be a $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. Then B is in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ if and only if B has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & & * & * & * \\ & & * & & * & * & * \\ & & & * & * & * & * \\ & & & * & * & * & * \\ & & & & * & * & * \\ & & & & * & * & * \\ & & & & * & * & * \\ & & & & * & * & * \\ & & & & & & * \end{pmatrix}$$

with respect to the basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_9\}$, where all nonstarred entries are zero.

Let $\{x_1, \dots, x_t\}$ and $\{y_1, \dots, y_t\}$ be two sequences of vectors in \mathcal{H} , $t \leq 9$. Assume that

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\|\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} y_i\|}{\|\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_{k,i} E_{k,i} x_i\|} : m_i \in \mathbf{N}, l \leq t, \alpha_{k,i} \in \mathbf{C} \text{ and } E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \right\} < \infty.$$

Then there is an operator A in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ such that

(i) $Ax_i = y_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$, (ii) every E in \mathcal{L} reduces A , (iii) A has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & & & & & & & \\ * & * & & & & & & & \\ & & * & & & & & & \\ & & & * & * & & & & \\ & & & * & * & & & & \\ & & & & & * & * & * & \\ & & & & & * & * & * & \\ & & & & & * & * & * & \\ & & & & & & & & * \end{pmatrix}$$

with respect to the basis $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_9\}$, where all nonstarred entries are zero, and

(iv)

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_{1j} &= a_{11}\alpha_{1j} + a_{12}\alpha_{2j}, \beta_{2j} = a_{21}\alpha_{1j} + a_{22}\alpha_{2j}, \\
\beta_{3j} &= a_{33}\alpha_{3j}, \\
\beta_{4j} &= a_{44}\alpha_{4j} + a_{45}\alpha_{5j}, \\
\beta_{5j} &= a_{54}\alpha_{4j} + a_{55}\alpha_{5j}, \\
\beta_{6j} &= a_{66}\alpha_{6j} + a_{67}\alpha_{7j} + a_{68}\alpha_{8j}, \\
\beta_{7j} &= a_{76}\alpha_{6j} + a_{77}\alpha_{7j} + a_{78}\alpha_{8j} \\
\beta_{8j} &= a_{86}\alpha_{6j} + a_{87}\alpha_{7j} + a_{88}\alpha_{8j} \text{ and} \\
\beta_{9j} &= a_{99}\alpha_{9j}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, 9.
\end{aligned}$$

For, by arguments similar to those of the proof of Examples 1 and 2, we can get the above results.

We can get much information from Examples 1, 2 and 3 about A , x_i and y_i .

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