

## UNIT VECTORS IN FULL HILBERT $C(Z)$ -MODULES

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*Abstract.* In this paper, we show that full Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules, where  $Z$  is a compact Hausdorff space may fail to have unit vectors. We also show that while real Hilbert  $C_{\mathbb{R}}(Z)$ -modules may not have unit vectors, their complexifications as (complex) Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules may have unit vectors. In particular, we prove that: (i) the unit vectors in full Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules are precisely the extreme points of their unit balls; (ii) the extreme and the exposed points of the unit ball of full Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules with unit vectors coincide as  $Z$  has a diffuse measure; otherwise, their unit balls have no exposed points.

### 1. Introduction

A Hilbert  $C^*$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$  over a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  (or a Hilbert  $A$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$ ) is a right  $A$ -module equipped with an  $A$ -valued inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  which is  $A$ -linear in the second variable, fulfills  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle^*$  and is positive definite in the sense that  $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$  and  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ . Moreover, it is complete with respect to the norm

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{\|\langle x, x \rangle\|}, \quad (x \in \mathcal{M}).$$

The range ideal of a Hilbert  $A$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$  is the closed two-sided ideal  $\langle \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M} \rangle := \overline{\text{span}\{\langle x, y \rangle : x, y \in \mathcal{M}\}}$  in  $A$ . A Hilbert  $A$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$  is said to be full if  $\langle \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M} \rangle = A$ . The reader is referred to [8] and [11] for the general theory of Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules.

An element  $x$  in a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra with unit 1 is called a unit vector if  $\langle x, x \rangle = 1$ . Unit vectors in Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules play a crucial role in the construction of semigroups of endomorphisms from product systems (see [15]). Only full Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules may have unit vectors and they do not necessarily exist in full Hilbert modules over arbitrary noncommutative unital  $C^*$ -algebras (see [15, Example 3.3]). In this paper, we show by an example that the same is true even in full Hilbert modules over commutative unital  $C^*$ -algebras. Indeed, we give a Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -module which fails to have any unit vector (Example 1). We show in Example 2 that while real Hilbert  $C_{\mathbb{R}}(Z)$ -modules (introduced in [5]) may not have unit vectors, their complexifications as (complex) Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules may have unit vectors. We,

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in particular, show that the unit vectors of full Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules are precisely the extreme points of their unit balls (Proposition 1). In Proposition 2, we give a general form of [14, Proposition 2] in the setting of Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules. We show that if  $Z$  has a diffuse measure, then the extreme and the exposed points of the unit ball of full Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules with unit vectors coincide; otherwise, their unit balls have no exposed points.

## 2. Main results

Henceforth, we assume that  $Z$  is a compact Hausdorff space and  $C(Z)$  is the commutative unital  $C^*$ -algebra consisting of all complex-valued continuous functions on  $Z$ . Also, we assume that the inner product of Hilbert spaces are linear in the second variable and conjugate linear in the first variable.

A generalization of the Serre-Swan theorem [16] asserts that the category of Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules is equivalent to the category of continuous fields of Hilbert spaces over  $Z$  (see [4] and [17]). Let us give some basics about continuous fields of Hilbert spaces over  $Z$  which will be needed in this note. For more information on the continuous field of Banach spaces see [2] and [3, Remark 4.4, Proposition 4.8].

Let  $(H_z)_{z \in Z}$  be a family of Hilbert spaces. A vector field over  $Z$  is a function  $x$  defined on  $Z$  such that  $x(z) \in H_z$  for each  $z \in Z$ . Note that each vector field is an element of  $\prod_{z \in Z} H_z$ .

DEFINITION 1. A pair  $((H_z)_{z \in Z}, \Gamma)$ , where  $(H_z)_{z \in Z}$  is a family of Hilbert spaces and  $\Gamma$  is a subset of  $\prod_{z \in Z} H_z$  is said to be a continuous field of Hilbert spaces if it satisfies the following properties:

(i)  $\Gamma$  is a complex linear subspace of

$$C(Z) - \prod_{z \in Z} H_z = \left\{ x \in \prod_{z \in Z} H_z : [z \mapsto \|x(z)\|] \in C(Z) \right\};$$

(ii) For every  $z \in Z$ , the set  $\{x(z) | x \in \Gamma\}$  is equal to  $H_z$ ;

(iii) Let  $x \in \prod_{z \in Z} H_z$ . If for every  $z \in Z$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is an  $x' \in \Gamma$  such that  $\|x(z') - x'(z')\| < \varepsilon$ , for all  $z'$  in some neighborhood of  $z$ , then  $x \in \Gamma$ .

For any continuous field of Hilbert spaces  $((H_z)_{z \in Z}, \Gamma)$ , the space  $\Gamma$  can be considered as a Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -module equipped with the point-wise multiplication

$$(x \cdot f)(z) = f(z)x(z),$$

and  $C(Z)$ -valued inner product

$$\langle x, y \rangle(z) = \langle x(z), y(z) \rangle,$$

for all  $f \in C(Z)$ ,  $x, y \in \Gamma$ , and  $z \in Z$ . Note that, by [2, 10.7.1], the function  $z \mapsto \langle x, y \rangle(z)$  belongs to  $C(Z)$ . Moreover,  $\Gamma$  is a Banach space with the norm  $\|x\| = \sup_{z \in Z} \|x(z)\|$ . In general, every Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$  is isomorphic to some continuous field of Hilbert spaces  $((H_z)_{z \in Z}, \Gamma)$  as Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules (see [3] and [17, Theorem

3.12]). It is worth mentioning that a Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$  is full if and only if each Hilbert space  $H_z = \{x(z) : x \in \Gamma\}$  in the corresponding continuous field of Hilbert spaces  $(\{H_z\}_{z \in Z}, \Gamma)$  is nontrivial.

Note that  $C(Z)$  itself as a Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -module has unit vectors as well as Hilbert  $\mathbb{C}$ -modules (Hilbert spaces) have unit vectors while they are not identified with  $C(Z)$ , for any compact Hausdorff space  $Z$ . By the following example, we show that not every full Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over a commutative unital  $C^*$ -algebra has unit vectors. For  $n \geq 1$ , let  $S^n$  denote the  $n$ -sphere (or  $n$ -dimensional unit sphere) in euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .

EXAMPLE 1. Consider the real differentiable manifold  $S^2$ . According to a well-known result of Borel and Serre,  $S^2$  admits an almost complex structure  $J$ , i.e., a linear bundle morphism  $J$  of the tangent bundle  $T(S^2)$  satisfying  $J^2 = -Id$ . It is worth mentioning that an explicit structure  $J$  can be constructed on  $S^2$ . To see this, consider the sphere  $S^2$  as embedded into the imaginary part  $\text{Im}(\mathbb{H})$  of the quaternions  $\mathbb{H}$ , i.e.,

$$S^2 \cong \{z \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{H}) : \|z\| = 1\}.$$

A cross product  $\times$  is defined on  $\text{Im}(\mathbb{H})$  relative to the standard orientation determined by the basic quaternions  $i, j$  and  $k$  (namely,  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$ ) as

$$u \times v \mapsto \text{Im}(uv) = \frac{1}{2}(uv - vu),$$

where  $uv$  and  $vu$  are the quaternion products of  $u$  and  $v$ . Now, define  $J \in \text{End}(T(S^2))$  as

$$J_z(v) := z \times v,$$

where  $z \in S^2$ ,  $v \in T_z(S^2) \subset \text{Im}(\mathbb{H})$ . Then,  $J$  is an almost complex structure on  $S^2$ , that is,

$$J_z^2 = -Id_{T_z(S^2)},$$

for all  $z \in S^2$  (see [7, Proposition 2.1], and see also [6, Comments, p. 112] for  $S^6$ ). Note that  $z \times v = zv$  as  $z \perp v$  and an easy application of three dimensional case of the Binet-Cauchy identity yields

$$\langle J_z(u), J_z(v) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^3} = \langle u, v \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^3},$$

for all  $z \in S^2$ , and  $u, v \in T_z(S^2)$ . Moreover, each tangent space  $T_z(S^2)$  can be considered as a complex vector space if we define complex scalar multiplication as

$$(a + ib)v \mapsto av + bJ_z(v).$$

Now, for each  $z \in S^2$ , define a functional  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_z : T_z(S^2) \times T_z(S^2) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  as

$$\langle u, (a + ib)v \rangle_z = \langle u, av + bJ_z(v) \rangle_z := (a + ib)\langle u, v \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^3},$$

for all  $u, v \in T_z(S^2)$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . We have

$$\langle J_z(u), J_z(v) \rangle_z = \langle u, v \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^3},$$

for all  $z \in S^2$ , and  $u, v \in T_z(S^2)$ . In particular,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_z$  is a complex inner product on  $T_z(S^2)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  consist of all continuous sections of the tangent bundle  $T(S^2) \rightarrow S^2$ , i.e, all continuous vector fields  $x : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\langle x(z), z \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^3} = 0$ , for all  $z \in S^2$ . Now, considering the complex scalar multiplication and the complex inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_z$  defined as above on each tangent space  $T_z(S^2)$ ,  $\mathcal{M}$  equipped with the module action

$$(x \cdot f)(z) := f(z)x(z)$$

and  $C(S^2)$ -valued inner product

$$\langle x, y \rangle(z) := \langle x(z), y(z) \rangle_z,$$

for all  $f \in C(S^2)$ ,  $x, y \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $z \in S^2$ , is a full (complex) Hilbert  $C(S^2)$ -module. But,  $\mathcal{M}$  has no unit vector. Indeed, suppose on the contrary that  $\mathcal{M}$  has a unit vector  $x_0$ . Then,

$$\langle x_0, x_0 \rangle(z) = \langle x_0(z), x_0(z) \rangle_z = \langle x_0(z), x_0(z) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^3} = 1,$$

for all  $z \in S^2$ . This implies that  $x_0(z) \neq 0$ , for all  $z \in S^2$  which is a contradiction by the hairy ball theorem which states that there is no non-vanishing continuous tangent vector field on even-dimensional unit spheres.

Real Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules are the same as complex Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules except that the underlying field is  $\mathbb{R}$  (For the definition of real  $C^*$ -algebras and real Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules see [9] and [5], respectively). The next example gives a class of full real Hilbert  $C_{\mathbb{R}}(Z)$ -modules without unit vectors, where  $C_{\mathbb{R}}(Z)$  denotes the real  $C^*$ -algebra consisting of all continuous real-valued functions on  $Z$ . It also shows that while real Hilbert  $C_{\mathbb{R}}(Z)$ -modules may not have unit vectors, their complexification as (complex) Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules may have unit vectors. In particular, unlike the full Hilbert  $C(S^2)$ -module given in Example 1 which lacks any unit vector, the Hilbert  $C(S^2)$ -module given below possesses unit vectors.

EXAMPLE 2. Let  $Z = S^n$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  be the (real) vector space consisting of all continuous tangent vector fields  $x : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , i.e., all continuous vector fields  $x : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  such that  $\langle x(z), z \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} = 0$ , for all  $z \in Z$ . Given  $x \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $f \in C_{\mathbb{R}}(Z)$ ,  $x \cdot f$  defined as  $z \mapsto f(z)x(z)$  is an element of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Moreover,  $\mathcal{M}$  equipped with a  $C_{\mathbb{R}}(Z)$ -valued inner product  $(x, y) \mapsto \langle x, y \rangle$  defined as  $z \mapsto \langle x(z), y(z) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}}$  has the structure of a full real Hilbert  $C_{\mathbb{R}}(Z)$ -module (for real Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules, see [5]).

(i) Let  $n$  be even. Then,  $\mathcal{M}$  does not have any unit vector. In fact, suppose on the contrary that  $\mathcal{M}$  has a unit vector  $x$ . Then,  $x(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in Z$ , which is a contradiction by the hairy ball theorem. Consequently,  $\mathcal{M}$  as a real Hilbert  $C_{\mathbb{R}}(Z)$ -module has no unit vector. Now, consider the complex Hilbert module  $\mathcal{M}_c := \mathcal{M} + i\mathcal{M}$  over complex  $C^*$ -algebra  $C(Z) = C_{\mathbb{R}}(Z) + iC_{\mathbb{R}}(Z)$  in which the module action and  $C(Z)$ -valued inner product is defined as

$$(x + iy)(f + ig) := (x \cdot f - y \cdot g) + i(x \cdot g + y \cdot f)$$

and

$$\langle x + iy, u + iv \rangle := \langle x, u \rangle + \langle y, v \rangle + i(\langle y, u \rangle - \langle x, v \rangle),$$

respectively, for all  $f, g \in C_{\mathbb{R}}(Z)$  and  $x, y, u, v \in \mathcal{M}$  (see [5, Proposition 2.5]). Choose  $x, y \in \mathcal{M}$  with no common zero on  $Z$ , for example,

$$x(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n, z_{n+1}) = (-z_2, z_1, -z_4, z_3, \dots, -z_n, z_{n-1}, 0)$$

and

$$y(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n, z_{n+1}) = (0, -z_3, z_2, -z_5, z_4, \dots, -z_{n+1}, z_n).$$

Define

$$x_0(z) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\|x(z)\|^2 + \|y(z)\|^2}} x(z)$$

and

$$y_0(z) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\|x(z)\|^2 + \|y(z)\|^2}} y(z),$$

where  $z \in Z$ . We have

$$\langle x_0 + iy_0, x_0 + iy_0 \rangle(z) = \langle x_0, x_0 \rangle(z) + \langle y_0, y_0 \rangle(z) = 1,$$

for all  $z \in Z$ . That is,  $x_0 + iy_0$  is a unit vector of the complexified Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -module  $\mathcal{M}_c$  of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

(ii) Let  $n$  be odd, say  $n = 2k - 1$ . Then,  $\tilde{x} : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  defined as

$$(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{2k-1}, z_{2k}) \mapsto (-z_2, z_1, \dots, -z_{2k}, z_{2k-1})$$

is a nowhere vanishing continuous tangent vector field on  $S^n$  which is also a unit vector in  $\mathcal{M}$ . In particular,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\tilde{x} + i\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\tilde{x}$  is a unit vector in the complexified Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -module  $\mathcal{M}_c$  of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Our next two results reveal the role that unit vectors in full Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules may play in determining the extremal structure of their unit balls. Let us recall two concepts: A point  $x$  in a convex set  $\mathcal{C}$  of a normed space  $\mathcal{E}$  is called an extreme point if for every  $y, z \in \mathcal{C}$ , the equation  $x = \lambda y + (1 - \lambda)z$  with  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  implies that  $x = y = z$ . A point  $x \in \mathcal{C}$  is called an exposed point if there exists a bounded  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear functional  $f : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , called exposing functional of  $\mathcal{C}$  at  $x$ , such that  $f(x) > f(y)$ , for all  $y \in \mathcal{C} \setminus \{x\}$ . Any exposed point of  $\mathcal{C}$  is an extreme point of  $\mathcal{C}$  but in general the converse need not be true.

The following result relates the existence of unit vectors in full Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules to the extreme points in their unit balls. It shows that full Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules without extreme points of their unit ball are exactly those without unit vectors. For the special case of the  $C^*$ -algebra  $C(Z)$  see, e.g., [13, Lemma] and [1, Corollary].

**PROPOSITION 1.** *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a full Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -module. Then,  $x \in \mathcal{M}$  is a unit vector if and only if  $x$  is an extreme point of the unit ball of  $\mathcal{M}$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $((H_z)_{z \in Z}, \Gamma)$  is the continuous field of Hilbert spaces corresponding to  $\mathcal{M}$ . We show that an element  $x$  is an extreme point of the unit ball  $\Gamma_1$  of the  $C(Z)$ -module  $\Gamma$  if and only if  $x$  is a unit vector. Suppose that  $x \in \Gamma_1$  is a unit vector, i.e.,  $\langle x, x \rangle = 1$ . It is enough to look only at  $x = \frac{1}{2}y + \frac{1}{2}w$ , for some vectors  $y, w \in \Gamma_1$ . Choose  $z_0 \in Z$  arbitrarily. We have  $x(z_0) = \frac{1}{2}y(z_0) + \frac{1}{2}w(z_0)$ , and therefore  $\|y(z_0) + w(z_0)\| = 2\|x(z_0)\| = 2$ . This implies that  $\|y(z_0)\| = \|w(z_0)\| = \|x(z_0)\| = 1$ . Since the vector  $x(z_0)$  is an extreme point of the unit ball of the Hilbert space  $H_{z_0}$ , we have  $x(z_0) = y(z_0) = w(z_0)$ . That  $z_0$  was arbitrary yields that  $x = y = w$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $x \in \Gamma_1$  is not a unit vector. Hence,  $\|x(z_0)\| < 1$  for some  $z_0 \in Z$ . We have two cases: (i)  $x(z_0) = 0$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ . By the continuity of the function  $z \mapsto \|x(z)\|$  at  $z_0$ , there is some open subset  $U_{z_0}$  containing  $z_0$  such that  $\|x(z)\| < \varepsilon$ , for all  $z \in U_{z_0}$ . And, by Urysohn's lemma, there is  $f \in C(Z)$  such that

$$\|f\| = 1, \quad f(z_0) = 1, \quad f|_{U_{z_0}^c} = 0.$$

Moreover, since  $\mathcal{M}$  is full, there is some  $y_0 \in \Gamma$  such that  $y_0(z_0) \neq 0$ , and  $\|y_0\| < \frac{1}{2}$ . Now, consider the equation

$$x = \frac{1}{2}(x + y_0 \cdot f) + \frac{1}{2}(x - y_0 \cdot f).$$

It is straightforward to see that  $x + y_0 \cdot f \neq x - y_0 \cdot f$  and both  $x + y_0 \cdot f$  and  $x - y_0 \cdot f$  belong to  $\Gamma_1$ . This implies that  $x$  is not an extreme point of  $\Gamma_1$ . (ii)  $x(z_0) \neq 0$ . Choose  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\|x(z_0)\| < \frac{1}{1+\varepsilon}$ . Again, by the continuity of the map  $z \mapsto \|x(z)\|$  there is some open subset  $U_{z_0}$  containing  $z_0$  such that

$$\|x(z)\| < \frac{1}{1+\varepsilon} \quad (z \in U_{z_0}).$$

Also, let  $V$  be an open subset of  $Z$  containing  $z_0$  such that  $V \subset \bar{V} \subset U_{z_0}$ . By Urysohn's lemma there exists  $f_0 \in C(Z)$  such that  $\|f_0\| = 1$ ,  $f_0|_{\bar{V}} = 1$ , and  $f_0|_{U_{z_0}^c} = 0$ . Putting  $f = \varepsilon f_0 + 1$ , we have  $\|f\| \leq 1 + \varepsilon$  and  $f|_{\bar{V}} = 1 + \varepsilon$ ,  $f|_{U_{z_0}^c} = 1$ . Consider

$$x = x \cdot f + x \cdot (1 - f) = (1 - \frac{1}{1+\varepsilon})x \cdot f + \frac{1}{1+\varepsilon}(x \cdot f + (1 + \varepsilon)x \cdot (1 - f)).$$

Let  $y_1 = x \cdot f$  and  $y_2 = x \cdot f + (1 + \varepsilon)x \cdot (1 - f)$ . Since  $x(z_0) \neq 0$ , we have  $y_1 \neq y_2$ . In addition,  $y_1, y_2 \in \Gamma_1$ . In fact,  $\|y_1(z)\| = \|f(z)x(z)\| \leq 1$  as  $z \in U_{z_0}$ . Also, if  $z \in U_{z_0}^c$ , we have  $\|y_1(z)\| \leq 1$ . Hence,  $\|y_1\| \leq 1$ . Similarly, if  $z \in U_{z_0}$ , then

$$\|y_2(z)\| \leq |1 + \varepsilon(1 - f(z))| \|x(z)\| = |1 - \varepsilon^2 f_0(z)| \|x(z)\| < \frac{1 + \varepsilon^2}{1 + \varepsilon} < 1.$$

And, if  $z \in U_{z_0}^c$ ,  $\|y_2(z)\| \leq \|x(z)\| \leq 1$ . Therefore,  $\|y_2\| \leq 1$ . Consequently,  $x$  is not an extreme point of  $\Gamma_1$ .  $\square$

In the following, we give a general form of [14, Proposition 2] (and [12, Corollary 1]) in the setting of Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -modules. By a diffuse measure  $\mu$  on  $Z$  we mean a nonnegative measure  $\mu$  such that  $\mu(V) > 0$ , for all nonempty open subset  $V$  of  $Z$  (see [14] and examples therein).

PROPOSITION 2. Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a full Hilbert  $C(Z)$ -module with unit vectors. If there is no diffuse measure on  $Z$ , then the unit ball  $\mathcal{M}_1$  of  $\mathcal{M}$  has no exposed points. Otherwise,  $\text{Ext}(\mathcal{M}_1) = \text{Exp}(\mathcal{M}_1)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that there is no diffuse measure on  $Z$ . Also, suppose on the contrary that  $y \in \text{Exp}(\mathcal{M}_1)$ , i.e.,  $y$  is an exposed point of  $\mathcal{M}_1$ . Hence, there is a bounded linear functional  $L : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\text{Re}L(y) > \text{Re}L(x) \quad (x \in \mathcal{M}_1 \setminus \{y\}).$$

Define a functional  $\tilde{L} : C(Z) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  as

$$\tilde{L}(f) = L(y \cdot f) \quad (f \in C(Z)).$$

It is clear that  $\tilde{L}$  is a linear functional. Also,  $\tilde{L}$  is bounded. In fact,

$$|\tilde{L}(f)| = |L(y \cdot f)| \leq \|L\| \|y \cdot f\| \leq \|L\| \|f\| \|y\|,$$

for all  $f \in C(Z)$ . Now, let  $g \in C(Z)_1 \setminus \{1\}$ . Since  $y$  is an extreme point of  $\mathcal{M}_1$ , by Proposition 1,  $y(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in Z$ . This implies that  $y \cdot g \neq y$ . Moreover, since  $\|y \cdot g\| \leq 1$ , we have

$$\text{Re}\tilde{L}(g) = \text{Re}L(y \cdot g) < \text{Re}L(y) = \text{Re}\tilde{L}(1).$$

That is, 1 is an exposed point of  $C(Z)_1$  which contradicts [14, Proposition 2].

On the other hand, suppose that there is a diffuse measure  $\mu$  on  $Z$  with  $\mu(Z) = 1$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the continuous field of Hilbert spaces on  $Z$  which is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{M}$ . Again, by Proposition 1,  $\text{Ext}(\Gamma_1) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $y \in \text{Ext}(\Gamma_1)$  and define a functional  $f_y : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  as

$$f_y(x) = \int_Z \langle y, x \rangle d\mu \quad (x \in \Gamma).$$

It is clear that  $f_y$  is linear. Note that  $\|\langle y, x \rangle\| = \sup_{z \in Z} |\langle y(z), x(z) \rangle| \leq 1$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma_1$ . We have

$$|f_y(x)| = \left| \int_Z \langle y, x \rangle d\mu \right| \leq \int_Z \|\langle y, x \rangle\| d\mu \leq 1 \quad (x \in \Gamma_1).$$

Hence,  $f_y$  is a bounded linear functional. Since  $y$  is a unit vector, we have  $f_y(y) = 1$ . We show that  $f_y$  is an exposing functional, i.e.,

$$\text{Re}f_y(x) < \text{Re}f_y(y) = 1, \quad (x \in \Gamma_1 \setminus \{y\}).$$

Let  $x \in \Gamma_1 \setminus \{y\}$ . There is some  $z_0 \in Z$  such that  $x(z_0) \neq y(z_0)$ . We show that  $\langle y(z_0), x(z_0) \rangle \neq 1$ . Suppose on the contrary that

$$\langle y(z_0), x(z_0) \rangle = \langle y(z_0), y(z_0) \rangle = 1. \quad (1)$$

By the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality,

$$1 = \langle y(z_0), x(z_0) \rangle \leq \|y(z_0)\| \|x(z_0)\| \leq 1. \quad (2)$$

Consequently, there is some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $x(z_0) = \lambda y(z_0)$ . Moreover, by the equation 1, since  $\langle y(z_0), x(z_0) \rangle = \langle y(z_0), \lambda y(z_0) \rangle = 1$ , we have  $\lambda = 1$ . This contradicts  $y(z_0) \neq x(z_0)$ . Therefore,  $\operatorname{Re} \langle y(z_0), x(z_0) \rangle < 1$ . Now, by the continuity of the map

$$z \mapsto \operatorname{Re} \langle y(z), x(z) \rangle$$

there is some open set  $U_{z_0}$  containing  $z_0$  such that  $\operatorname{Re} \langle y(z), x(z) \rangle < 1$ , for all  $z \in U_{z_0}$ . Moreover, since  $\mu$  is a diffuse measure,  $\mu(U_{z_0}) > 0$ . Thus,  $\operatorname{Re} f_y(x) = \int_Z \operatorname{Re} \langle y, x \rangle d\mu < 1$ .  $\square$

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