

## Decomposable positive map from $\mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{C})$ to $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{C}))$

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### Abstract

In most literature, the decomposition of positive maps from  $\mathbb{M}_3$  to  $\mathbb{M}_2$  are discussed where the matrix elements are complex numbers. In this paper we construct a positive maps  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  from  $\mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{C})$  to  $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{C}))$ . The Choi matrices for complete positivity and complete copositivity are visualized as tensor matrix  $\mathbb{M}_3 \otimes \mathbb{M}_2$  with  $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{C})$  as the entry elements. The construction allows us to describe decomposability on positive semidefinite matrices.

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### 1. Introduction

Positive linear maps on  $C^*$ -algebras, particularly those of finite dimensions have been very important in quantum information theory and quantum channels. Stinespring [6] initiated the concept of completely positive maps with his representation(or dilation) theorem. Arveson in [1] and [2] found the application of completely positive maps in operator theory and further developed extensively in operator algebra and mathematical physics. Woronowicz [11], Theorem 3.1.6 showed that every positive linear map  $\phi$  form  $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{C})$  to  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is decomposable if and only if  $n \leq 3$ . In [7], [8] and [9] Theorem 1, Størmer gives conditions for decomposability of positive maps; For  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and linear map  $\phi$  is decomposable if and only if for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  whenever  $(x_{ij})$  and  $(x_{ji})$  belong to  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathcal{A})^+$ . Choi [4] gave the first example of indecomposable map, for a 3-dimension case.

Yang, Leung and Tang [12] showed that every 2-positive linear map from  $\mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{C})$  to  $\mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{C})$  is decomposable. Though we are motivated by the question in [12] that enquire if there exist indecomposable 2-positive maps from  $\mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{C})$  to  $\mathbb{M}_4(\mathbb{C})$ , we show there is a decomposable positive map from  $\mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{C})$  to  $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{C}))$ .

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In most literature, the authors have studied case  $\mathbb{M}_3$  to  $\mathbb{M}_2$  where the matrix elements are complex numbers. In this paper we construct a positive maps  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  from  $\mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{C})$  to  $\mathbb{M}_2$  where the matrix elements of  $\mathbb{M}_2$  is a  $2 \times 2$  positive matrix  $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{C})$ . We find conditions on the triplet  $\mu, c_1, c_2$  for which the map is positive, completely positive, 2-positive and decomposable.

A matrix  $X \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is called positive semi-definite if it is hermitian and all its eigenvalues are positive. It is denoted as  $X \geq 0$ . The set of all positive semi-definite matrices in  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is denoted by  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})^+$ . Let the identity map on and the transpose map on  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})^+$  be denoted by  $\mathcal{I}_n$  and  $\tau_n$  respectively. A linear map  $\phi$  is from  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  to  $\mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C})$  is called positive if  $\phi(\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})^+) \subseteq \mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C})^+$ . A map  $\phi$  from  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  to  $\mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C})$  is  $k$ -positive if  $\mathcal{I} \otimes \phi : \mathbb{M}_k \otimes \mathbb{M}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_k \otimes \mathbb{M}_m$  is positive. On the other hand,  $\phi$  from  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  to  $\mathbb{M}_m(\mathbb{C})$  is  $k$ -copositive if the map  $\tau_n \otimes \phi : \mathbb{M}_k \otimes \mathbb{M}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_k \otimes \mathbb{M}_m$  is positive. The Choi result in [3] affirms that the positive map  $\phi$  is completely positive if and only if it's Choi matrix is positive semidefinite.

## 2. Positivity

Let  $X \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  be a positive semidefinite matrix denoted by  $X = [x_i \bar{x}_j]$ , where  $x_i = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is a column vector and  $\bar{x}_j$  is the transpose conjugate (row vector) of  $x_i$ . We denote the diagonal entries  $x_n \bar{x}_n$  by  $\alpha_n$ .

Let  $X \in \mathbb{M}_3$  be a positive semidefinite matrix with complex entries. Let  $0 < \mu \leq 1$ ,  $c_1, c_2 > 0$  and  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then we define the family of positive maps  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  as follows:

$$\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)} : \mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{C})^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{C}))^+.$$

$$X \mapsto \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} p_1^\mu & -c_1 x_1 \bar{x}_2 & 0 & -\mu x_1 \bar{x}_3 \\ -c_1 x_2 \bar{x}_1 & p_2^\mu & -c_2 x_2 \bar{x}_3 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & -c_2 x_3 \bar{x}_2 & p_3^\mu & 0 \\ -\mu x_3 \bar{x}_1 & 0 & 0 & p_4^\mu \end{array} \right), \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} p_1^\mu &= \mu^{-r}(\alpha_1 + c_1 \alpha_2 \mu^r + c_2 \alpha_3 \mu^r) \\ p_2^\mu &= \mu^{-r}(\alpha_2 + c_1 \alpha_3 \mu^r + c_2 \alpha_1 \mu^r) \\ p_3^\mu &= \mu^{-r}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3) \\ p_4^\mu &= \mu^{-r}(\alpha_3 + c_1 \alpha_1 \mu^r + c_2 \alpha_2 \mu^r) \end{aligned}$$

The matrix  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}(X)$  is visualized as a  $2 \times 2$  block matrix in  $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{C}))$ .

The linear map  $\phi$  is uniquely determined by the polynomial function;

$$F(z, x) := v \phi(x_i \bar{x}_j) v^T$$

as a biquadratic function in  $x := (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $v := (v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4)$ . The map  $\phi$  is positive if and only if the biquadratic form  $F(z, x)$  is a sum of squares (positive semi-definite).

We characterize of the positivity of the map  $\phi$  for  $v = (v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $0 < \mu < 1$  and  $c_1, c_2 \geq 0$ . Then the function*

$$\begin{aligned} F(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, t) = & \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1\mu^r + c_2|t|\mu^r)v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1|t|\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_2^2 + \mu^{-r}(2 + |t|)v_3^2 \\ & + \mu^{-r}(|t| + c_1\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_4^2 - 2c_1v_1v_2 - 2c_2\Re(t)v_2v_3 - 2\mu\Re(t)v_1v_4 \end{aligned}$$

*is positive semidefinite for every  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}$  if and only if the following two conditions are satisfied:*

$$\mu^{-r} > c_1. \quad (2.2)$$

$$\mu^{-r} > c_2. \quad (2.3)$$

*Proof.* If  $v_1 = 0$ . Then,

$$F(0, v_2, v_3, v_4, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} = & \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1|t|\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_2^2 + \mu^{-r}(2 + |t|)v_3^2 + \mu^{-r}(|t| + c_1\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_4^2 - 2c_2\Re(t)v_2v_3 \\ = & (c_1|t| + c_2)v_2^2 + 2\mu^{-r}v_3^2 + \mu^{-r}(|t| + c_1\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_4^2 + (\mu^{-r}v_2^2 - 2v_2v_3c_2\Re(t) + \mu^{-r}|t|v_3^2) \\ = & (c_1|t| + c_2)v_2^2 + \mu^{-r}(|t| + c_1\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_4^2 + \mu^{-r}(v_2 - \mu^r c_2\Re(t)v_3)^2 \\ + & (2\mu^{-r} + \mu^{-r}|t| - \mu^r c_2^2\Re(t)^2)v_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

$F(0, v_2, v_3, v_4, t)$  is positive when the coefficient of  $v_3^2$  satisfy the inequality,

$$\mu^{-2r}(2 + |t|) - c_2^2\Re(t)^2 \geq 0. \quad (2.4)$$

Letting  $t = x + iy$ . We have that,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^{-r}(2 + |t|) - \mu^r c_2^2\Re(t)^2 &= 2\mu^{-2r} + (\mu^{-2r}(|x|^2 + |y|^2) - x^2 c_2^2) \\ &= 2\mu^{-2r} + \mu^{-2r}|y|^2 + |x|^2(\mu^{-2r} - c_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

is positive whenever  $\mu^{-r} \geq c_2$  hold.

If  $v_2 = 0$ . Then ,

$$F(v_1, 0, v_3, v_4, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} = & \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1\mu^r + c_2|t|\mu^r)v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}(2 + |t|)v_3^2 + \mu^{-r}(|t| + c_1\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_4^2 - 2\mu\Re(t)v_1v_4 \\ = & \mu^{-r}(c_1\mu^r + c_2|t|\mu^r)v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}(2 + |t|)v_3^2 + \mu^{-r}(c_1\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_4^2 + (\mu^{-r}v_1^2 - 2v_1v_4\mu\Re(t) + \mu^{-r}|t|v_4^2) \\ = & \mu^{-r}(c_1\mu^r + c_2|t|\mu^r)v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}(2 + |t|)v_3^2 + \mu^{-r}(c_1\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_4^2 \\ + & \mu^{-r}(v_1 - \mu^{1+r}\Re(t)v_4)^2 + \mu^{-r}(|t| - \mu^{2+2r}\Re(t)^2)v_4^2 \\ \geq & 0. \end{aligned}$$

If  $v_3 = 0$ . Then,

$$F(v_1, v_2, 0, v_4, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} = & \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1\mu^r + c_2|t|\mu^r)v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1|t|\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_2^2 + \mu^{-r}(|t| + c_1\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_4^2 \\ - & 2c_1v_1v_2 - 2\mu\Re(t)v_1v_4 \\ = & c_2|t|v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}(1 + c_2\mu^r)v_2^2 + (c_1 + c_2)v_4^2 + (\mu^{-r}v_1^2 - 2v_1v_4\mu\Re(t) + \mu^{-r}|t|v_4^2) + c_1(v_1^2 - 2v_1v_2 + |t|v_2^2) \\ = & c_2|t|v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}(1 + c_2\mu^r)v_2^2 + (c_1 + c_2)v_4^2 + \mu^{-r}(v_1 - \mu^{1+r}\Re(t)v_4)^2 \\ + & \mu^{-r}(|t| - \mu^{2+2r}\Re(t)^2)v_4^2 + c_1(v_1 - v_2)^2 + c_1(|t|^2 - 1)v_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

$F(v_1, v_2, 0, v_4, t)$  is positive whenever  $\mu^{-r} - c_1 \geq 0$  hold. That is, the coefficients of  $v_2^2$  is such that,

$$\mu^{-r} + c_2 + c_1(|t| - 1) = (\mu^{-r} - c_1) + c_2 + c_1|t| \geq 0. \quad (2.5)$$

If  $v_4 = 0$ . Then,

$$F(v_1, v_2, v_3, 0, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1\mu^r + c_2|t|\mu^r)v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1|t|\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_2^2 + \mu^{-r}(2 + |t|)v_3^2 - 2c_1v_1v_2 - 2c_2\Re(t)v_2v_3 \\ &= \mu^{-r}(1 + c_2|t|\mu^r)v_1^2 + c_2v_2^2 + 2\mu^{-r}v_3^2 + c_1(v_1^2 - 2v_1v_2 + |t|v_2^2) + (\mu^{-r}v_2^2 - 2c_2\Re(t)v_2v_3 + \mu^{-r}|t|v_3^2) \\ &= \mu^{-r}(1 + c_2|t|\mu^r)v_1^2 + c_2v_2^2 + 2\mu^{-r}v_3^2 + c_1(v_1 - v_2)^2 + c_1(|t|^2 - 1)v_2^2 \\ &+ \mu^{-r}(v_2 - \mu^rc_2\Re(t)v_3)^2 + (\mu^{-r}|t| - \mu^rc_2^2\Re(t)^2)v_3^2 \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

whenever the inequalities (2.4) and (2.5) hold.

Now let  $v_i \neq 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and assume that there exist  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $v_1 \neq 0$  and  $F(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, t) < 0$ . Since  $0 < \mu < 1$  and  $c_1, c_2 \geq 0$ . Then,

$$F(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1\mu^r + c_2|t|\mu^r)v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1|t|\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_2^2 + \mu^{-r}(2 + |t|)v_3^2 + \mu^{-r}(|t| + c_1\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_4^2 \\ &- 2c_1v_1v_2 - 2c_2\Re(t)v_2v_3 - 2\mu\Re(t)v_1v_4 \\ &= \mu^{-r}v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}v_2^2 + 2\mu^{-r}v_3^2 + (c_1 + c_2)\mu^{-r}v_4^2 + c_1(v_1 - v_2)^2 + c_1(|t|^2 - 1)v_2^2 + \mu^{-r}(v_2 - \mu^rc_2\Re(t)v_3)^2 \\ &+ (\mu^{-r}|t| - \mu^rc_2^2\Re(t)^2)v_3^2 + \mu^{-r}(v_1 - \mu^{1+r}\Re(t)v_4)^2 + (\mu^{-r}|t| - \mu^{2+2r}\Re(t)^2)v_4^2 \\ &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

is a contradiction when the inequalities (2.4) and (2.5) hold. Thus  $F(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, t) \geq 0$  for every  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.2.** *The linear map  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  is positive provided Lemma 2.1 is satisfied. are satisfied.*

*Proof.* We need to show that,

$$\phi \left( \begin{pmatrix} q \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{q} & \bar{s} & \bar{t} \end{pmatrix} \right) \in \mathbb{M}_4^+$$

for every  $q, s, t \in \mathbb{C}$ .

That is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{pmatrix}^T \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} P_1^\mu & -c_1q\bar{s} & 0 & -\mu q\bar{t} \\ -c_1s\bar{q} & P_2^\mu & -c_2s\bar{t} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & -c_2t\bar{s} & P_3^\mu & 0 \\ -\mu t\bar{q} & 0 & 0 & P_4^\mu \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (2.6)$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} P_1^\mu &= \mu^{-r}(|q|^2 + c_1|s|^2\mu^r + c_2|t|\mu^r) \\ P_2^\mu &= \mu^{-r}(|s|^2 + c_1|t|\mu^r + c_2|q|^2\mu^r) \\ P_3^\mu &= \mu^{-r}(|q|^2 + |s|^2 + |t|) \\ P_4^\mu &= \mu^{-r}(|t| + c_1|q|^2\mu^r + c_2|s|^2\mu^r) \end{aligned}$$

for every  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $q, s, t \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Taking  $q = s = 0$ .

$$F(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, t) = c_1\mu^{-r}|t|v_1^2 + c_1|t|v_2^2 + \mu^{-r}|t|v_3^2 + \mu^{-r}|t|v_4^2 \geq 0.$$

If  $q = 0$ . Since  $0 < \mu \leq 1$ , by inequality (2.4),

$F(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, t)$

$$= (c_1 + c_2|t|)v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1|t|)v_2^2 + \mu^{-r}(1 + |t|)v_3^2 + (\mu^{-r}|t| + c_2)v_4^2 - 2c_2\Re(t)v_2v_3 \\ \geq 0.$$

If  $s = 0$ ,

$F(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, t)$

$$= \mu^{-r}(1 + c_2|t|)v_1^2 + (c_1|t| + c_2)v_2^2 + \mu^{-r}(1 + |t|)v_3^2 + \mu^{-r}(|t| + c_1\mu^r)v_4^2 - 2\mu\Re(t)v_1v_4 \\ = c_2|t|v_1^2 + (c_1|t| + c_2)v_2^2 + \mu^{-r}(1 + |t|)v_3^2 + c_1v_4^2 + \mu^{-r}(v_1 - \mu^{1+r}\Re(t)v_4)^2 \\ + (\mu^{-r}|t| - \mu^{2+r}\Re(t)^2)v_4^2 \\ \geq 0.$$

If  $q$  and  $s$  are not equal to zero. Assume that  $q = s = 1$ . Then, by Lemma 2.1

$$z^T \Phi \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \bar{t} \end{pmatrix} \right) z \geq 0$$

since the polynomial,

$$F(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, t) = \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1\mu^r + c_2|t|\mu^r)v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}(1 + c_1|t|\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_2^2 + \mu^{-r}(2 + |t|)v_3^2 \\ + \mu^{-r}(|t| + c_1\mu^r + c_2\mu^r)v_4^2 - 2c_1v_1v_2 - 2c_2\Re(t)v_2v_3 - 2\mu\Re(t)v_1v_4 \\ = \mu^{-r}v_1^2 + \mu^{-r}v_2^2 + c_1(v_1 - v_2)^2 + c_1(|t|^2 - 1)v_2^2 + (2\mu^{-r} + \mu^{-r}|t| \\ - \mu^r c_2^2 \Re(t)^2)v_3^2 + \mu^{-r}(v_2 - \mu^r c_2 \Re(t)v_3)^2 \\ + \mu^{-r}(v_1 - \mu^{1+r}\Re(t)v_4)^2 + (\mu^{-r}(c_1 + c_2 + |t|) - \mu^{2+2r}\Re(t)^2)v_4^2 \\ \geq 0$$

for every  $v = (v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ . □

### 3. Complete (co)positivity

The structure of the Choi matrix  $C_{\Phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}} \in \mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{M}_2))$  is visualized as a block matrix whose entries are  $2 \times 2$  matrices within the  $6 \times 6$  matrix.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\Phi_{((\mu, c_1, c_2))}$  be a map given by (2.1). The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\Phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  is completely positive,
- (ii)  $\Phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  is 2-positive and,
- (iii)  $\mu^{-r} \geq c_1$  and  $\mu^{-2r} \geq c_1^2 + c_2^2$ .

*Proof.* (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii).

Assume  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  is 2-positive. Then

$$\mathcal{I}_2 \otimes \phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}(P) = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc||cc|cc} \mu^{-r} & . & . & . & . & -c_1 & . & -\mu \\ . & c_2 & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ \hline . & . & \mu^{-r} & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & c_1 & . & . & . & . \\ \hline . & . & . & . & c_1 & . & . & . \\ -c_1 & . & . & . & . & \mu^{-r} & -c_2 & . \\ \hline . & . & . & . & . & -c_2 & \mu^{-r} & . \\ -\mu & . & . & . & . & . & . & \mu^{-r} \end{array} \right) \in \mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{M}_2)) \quad (3.1)$$

is positive semidefinite, where dots replace zeros. Since  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  is 2-positive, the above matrix is positive definite. Therefore,

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mu^{-r} & -c_1 & 0 & -\mu \\ -c_1 & \mu^{-r} & -c_2 & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 & \mu^{-r} & 0 \\ -\mu & 0 & 0 & \mu^{-r} \end{vmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (3.2)$$

and  $\mu^{-r} \geq c_1$  and  $\mu^{-2r} \geq c_1^2 + c_2^2$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i).

The Choi matrix of  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  is of the form,

$$C_{\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}} = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc||cc|cc||cc|cc} \mu^{-r} & . & . & . & . & -c_1 & . & . & . & . & . & -\mu \\ . & c_2 & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ \hline . & . & \mu^{-r} & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & c_1 & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ \hline . & . & . & . & c_1 & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ -c_1 & . & . & . & . & \mu^{-r} & . & . & . & . & -c_2 & . \\ \hline . & . & . & . & . & . & \mu^{-r} & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & c_2 & . & . & . & . \\ \hline . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & c_2 & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & c_1 & . & . \\ \hline . & . & . & . & . & -c_2 & . & . & . & . & \mu^{-r} & . \\ -\mu & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & \mu^{-r} \end{array} \right) \in \mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{M}_2)) \quad (3.3)$$

Since (iii) is satisfied, the inequality (3.2) holds, and consequently  $C_{\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}}$  is positive definite. Hence, complete positivity of  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  follows.  $\square$

*Remark 3.2.* The transposition in this case imply the Partial Positive transpose of the Choi matrix  $C_{\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}} \in \mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{M}_2)$ . The transposition is operated with respect to a  $2 \times 2$  matrix

as the elements of  $\mathbb{M}_3 \otimes \mathbb{M}_2$  matrix. This leads to the Partial Positive transpose Choi matrix  $C_{\Phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}}^\Gamma \in \mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{M}_2)$  with the structure. By  $\Gamma$  we denote partial transpose.

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $\phi_{((\mu, c_1, c_2))}$  be a map given by (2.1). The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  is completely copositive,
- (ii)  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  is 2-copositive and,
- (iii)  $\mu^{-r} \geq c_1$  and  $c_1 \mu^{-r} \geq c_2^2$

*Proof.* (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii).

Assume  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  is 2-copositive. Then

$$\tau_2 \otimes \phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}(P) = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc|cc} \mu^{-r} & . & . & . & . & -c_1 & . & . \\ . & c_2 & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ \hline . & . & \mu^{-r} & . & . & -\mu & . & . \\ . & . & . & c_1 & . & . & . & . \\ \hline . & . & . & . & c_1 & . & . & -c_2 \\ -c_1 & . & -\mu & . & . & \mu^{-r} & . & . \\ \hline . & . & . & . & . & . & \mu^{-r} & . \\ . & . & . & . & -c_2 & . & . & \mu^{-r} \end{array} \right) \in \mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{M}_2)) \quad (3.4)$$

is positive semidefinite with the minors positive when conditions in (iii) hold.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)

The choi matrix,

$$C_{\Phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}}^\Gamma = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc|cc|cc} \mu^{-r} & . & . & . & . & -c_1 & . & . & . & . \\ . & c_2 & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ \hline . & . & \mu^{-r} & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & c_1 & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ \hline . & . & . & . & c_1 & . & . & . & . & . \\ -c_1 & . & . & . & . & \mu^{-r} & . & . & . & . \\ \hline . & . & . & . & . & . & \mu^{-r} & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & c_2 & -c_2 & . \\ \hline . & . & . & . & . & . & . & -c_2 & c_2 & . \\ . & . & -\mu & . & . & . & . & . & . & c_1 \\ \hline . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & \mu^{-r} \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & \mu^{-r} \end{array} \right) \quad (3.5)$$

in  $\mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{M}_2))$ .

Since (iii) is satisfied, by calculation of the minor,  $C_{\Phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}}^\Gamma$  is positive semidefinite when  $\mu^{-r} \geq c_1$  hold. Hence, complete copositivity follows.  $\square$

**Example 3.4.** When  $r = 3, \mu = \frac{1}{2}, c_1 = 1$  and  $c_2 = 2$ . Then,

$$C_{\Phi_{(\frac{1}{2}, 1, 2)}} = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc|cc|cc} 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 \end{array} \right)$$

with eigenvalues

$$\{10.2477, 8.4449, 8., 8., 7.5551, 5.75232, 2., 2., 2., 1., 1., 1.\}$$

and

$$C_{\Phi_{(\frac{1}{2}, 1, 2)}}^{\Gamma} = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc|cc|cc} 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 \end{array} \right)$$

with eigenvalues

$$\{9., 8.03553, 8., 8., 8., 7., 4., 2., 1., 1., 0.964466, 0.\}$$

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#### 4. Decomposability of $\Phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$

A positive linear map is decomposable if it is the sum of a completely positive linear map and a completely copositive linear map. The result of Choi [3] shows that a positive linear map  $\phi$  from  $M_n$  to  $M_m$  is decomposable if and only if there exist  $n \times m$  matrices  $v_i$  and  $W_j$  such that,

$$\phi(X) = V_i X V_i^* + W_j X^T W_j^*$$

for every  $X$  in  $M_n$ , where  $T$  is the transpose of  $X$ .



**Proposition 4.1.** *The linear map  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  is decomposable.*

*Proof.* Let  $\eta, \xi \in (0, 1)$  and  $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}^+$  for  $i = 1, 2$  such that  $\eta^{-r} + \xi^{-r} = \mu^{-r}$  and  $a_i + b_i = c_i$ . We show that there exist 2-positive map  $\phi_{(\eta, a_1, a_2)}$  and 2-copositive map  $\phi_{(\xi, b_1, b_2)}$  whose sum is  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$ . Let  $C_{\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}}$  be

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc|cc|cc} \beta & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -\beta_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -q\mu \\ \cdot & \beta_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \beta & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -(1-q)\mu & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \beta_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \beta_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ -\beta_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \beta & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -a_2 & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \beta & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \beta_2 & -b_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -b_2 & \beta_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & -(1-q)\mu & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \beta_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -a_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \beta & \cdot \\ -q\mu & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \beta \end{array} \right) \quad (4.1)$$

(where  $\beta = \eta^{-r} + \xi^{-r}$ ,  $\beta_1 = a_1 + b_1$ ,  $\beta_2 = a_2 + b_2$ ) in  $M_3(M_2(M_2)\mathbb{C})$  give be the sum of;

$$C_{\phi_{(\eta, a_1, a_2)}} = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc|cc|cc} \eta^{-r} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -a_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -q\mu \\ \cdot & a_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \eta^{-r} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ -a_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \eta^{-r} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -a_2 & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \eta^{-r} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -a_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \eta^{-r} & \cdot & \cdot \\ -q\mu & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \eta^{-r} & \cdot \end{array} \right)$$

and

$$C_{\phi_{(\xi, b_1, b_2)}} = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc|cc|cc} \xi^{-r} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -b_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & b_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \xi^{-r} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -(1-q)\mu & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & b_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & b_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ -b_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \xi^{-r} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \xi^{-r} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & b_2 & -b_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -b_2 & b_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & -(1-q)\mu & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & b_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \xi^{-r} & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \xi^{-r} & \cdot \end{array} \right)$$

When  $q = 1$ . Then, from the Choi matrices  $C_{\phi(\eta, a_1, a_2)}$  and  $C_{\phi(\xi, b_1, b_2)}$  the linear maps  $\phi(\eta, a_1, a_2)$  is completely positive and  $\phi(\xi, b_1, b_2)$  is completely copositive. On the other hand, when  $q = 0$ . Then  $\phi(\eta, a_1, a)$  is completely copositive and  $\phi(\xi, b_1, b_2)$  is completely positive. Hence,  $\phi(\mu, c_1, c_2)$  is decomposable.  $\square$

Note that the decomposition of these maps is not unique.

## 5. Conclusion

It is known that every positive linear map  $\phi$  from  $M_2(\mathbb{C})$  to  $M_m(\mathbb{C})$  is decomposable if and only if  $m \leq 3$ . The map  $\phi_{(\mu, c_1, c_2)}$  from  $M_3(\mathbb{C})$  to  $M_2(M_2(\mathbb{C}))$  is also decomposable with  $2 \times 2$  matrices as the entry elements of the Choi matrix in  $M_3(M_2(\mathbb{C}))$ . However, a look at the example by Woronowicz [11] and Tang' [10] of a map from  $M_2(\mathbb{C})$  to  $M_4(\mathbb{C})$  when approached as a map from  $M_2(\mathbb{C})$  to  $M_2(M_2(\mathbb{C}))$  fails to be decomposable with  $2 \times 2$  matrices as the elements of its Choi matrix.

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