

Corrigendum to “On Numerical Radius and Crawford Number Attainment Sets of a Bounded Linear Operator”

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The purpose of this article is to present correct versions of Theorems 2.4 and 2.8 of a previous article of the authors [*On numerical radius and Crawford number attainment sets of a bounded linear operator*, J. Convex Analysis 28 (2021) 67–80].

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In the original article, Theorem 2.4 is stated incorrectly. The following theorem is a correct version of [1, Th. 2.4].

Theorem 1. *Let $\mathbb{H}$ be a complex Hilbert space. Let $T \in \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{H})$ be such that $c(T) > 0$. Suppose $x \in c_T$ and $y \in x^\perp \cap S_{\mathbb{H}}$. Then $|\langle Tx, y \rangle| = |\langle Ty, x \rangle|$. In particular, if $\Re(\langle Tx, x \rangle) = 0$, then $\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, Ty \rangle$ and if $\Im(\langle Tx, x \rangle) = 0$, then $\langle Tx, y \rangle = -\langle x, Ty \rangle$.*

Proof. Suppose that $\langle Tx, x \rangle = a + ib$, $\langle Tx, y \rangle = \alpha + i\beta$, $\langle x, Ty \rangle = \gamma + i\delta$. Without loss of generality, assume that $c(T) = 1$. From [1, Th. 2.2], it follows that x is an eigenvector of $\langle \Re(T)x, x \rangle \Re(T) + \langle \Im(T)x, x \rangle \Im(T)$ corresponding to the eigenvalue $c(T) = 1$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Re(T)x, x \rangle \Re(T)x + \langle \Im(T)x, x \rangle \Im(T)x &= x \\ \Rightarrow \langle \Re(T)x, x \rangle \langle \Re(T)x, y \rangle + \langle \Im(T)x, x \rangle \langle \Im(T)x, y \rangle &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \langle Tx + T^*x, x \rangle \langle Tx + T^*x, y \rangle - \langle Tx - T^*x, x \rangle \langle Tx - T^*x, y \rangle &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \Re(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \{ \langle Tx, y \rangle + \langle x, Ty \rangle \} - i \Im(\langle Tx, x \rangle) \{ \langle Tx, y \rangle - \langle x, Ty \rangle \} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow a \{ \alpha + \gamma + i(\beta + \delta) \} - ib \{ \alpha - \gamma + i(\beta - \delta) \} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $a(\alpha + \gamma) + b(\beta - \delta) = 0$ and $a(\beta + \delta) - b(\alpha - \gamma) = 0$. (1)

Note that, if $b = 0$, then $a \neq 0$, which implies that $\alpha + \gamma = 0 = \beta + \delta$. Thus, in this case $\langle Tx, y \rangle + \langle x, Ty \rangle = 0$.

Similarly, if $a = 0$, then $b \neq 0$, which gives $\beta - \delta = 0 = \alpha - \gamma$. Thus, in this case $\langle Tx, y \rangle - \langle x, Ty \rangle = 0$.

Let $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$. Then solving (1), we get $(\beta^2 - \delta^2 + \alpha^2 - \gamma^2) = 0$. Hence, $|\langle Tx, y \rangle| = |\langle Ty, x \rangle|$. This completes the proof. $\square$

Remark 2. Theorem 1 does not hold if $c(T) = 0$. Consider $T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then there exists $x \in c_T$ and $y \in x^\perp \cap S_{\mathbb{H}}$ such that $|\langle Tx, y \rangle| \neq |\langle Ty, x \rangle|$.

The next theorem is a correct version of [1, Th. 2.8].

Theorem 3. Let $\mathbb{H}$ be a complex Hilbert space. Let $T \in \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{H})$ be a non-zero operator. Suppose $x \in M_{w(T)}$ and $y \in x^\perp \cap S_{\mathbb{H}}$. Then $|\langle Tx, y \rangle| = |\langle Ty, x \rangle|$. In particular, if $\Re(\langle Tx, x \rangle) = 0$, then $\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, Ty \rangle$ and if $\Im(\langle Tx, x \rangle) = 0$, then $\langle Tx, y \rangle = -\langle x, Ty \rangle$.

Proof. Without loss of generality, assume that $w(T) = 1$. Assume $\langle \Re(T)x, x \rangle = \cos \theta$ and $\langle \Im(T)x, x \rangle = \sin \theta$ for some $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$. From [1, Th. 2.6], it follows that x is an eigenvector of $\cos \theta \Re(T) + \sin \theta \Im(T)$ corresponding to the eigenvalue $w(T) = 1$. Therefore, $\cos \theta \Re(T)x + \sin \theta \Im(T)x = x$ and so

$$\frac{e^{-i\theta}T + e^{i\theta}T^*}{2}x = x.$$

Now consider $y \in x^\perp \cap S_{\mathbb{H}}$. Then

$$\left\langle \frac{e^{-i\theta}T + e^{i\theta}T^*}{2}x, y \right\rangle = 0$$

and so $\langle e^{-i\theta}Tx, y \rangle = -\langle e^{i\theta}T^*x, y \rangle$. Thus $|\langle Tx, y \rangle| = |\langle x, Ty \rangle|$. The remaining part of the proof follows trivially. $\square$

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