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Let X be a complex Banach space. By E_X we denote the set of extreme functionals on X , i.e. the extreme points of the unit ball of X' .

Definition: An operator $T : X \rightarrow X$ is called a multiplier, if every $p \in E_X$ is an eigenvector for T' , i.e. if there is a function $a_T : E_X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $p \circ T = a_T(p)p$ for $p \in E_X$. $\text{Mult}(X)$ means the collection of all multipliers on X . For $T, S \in \text{Mult}(X)$ we say that S is an adjoint for T (and we write $S = T^*$ in this case) if $a_S = \overline{a_T}$ (complex conjugate).

In our talk we discuss conditions on T and/or X such that T^* exists (in general, T will not have an adjoint; consider for example $X :=$ the disk algebra and $T : f \mapsto gf$ with nonconstant g). Among other facts we show that $T \in \text{Mult}(X)$ has an adjoint T^* if any one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (1) X is finite-dimensional
- (2) X is smooth
- (3) X can be embedded as a self - adjoint subspace of a CK-space
- (4) $\sigma(T)$ is contained in the closure of the unbounded component of $\mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(T)$
- (5) X is an L^1 -predual space, and E_X^- (weak*-closure) is contained in the convex hull of E_X ; this is satisfied, for example, if X is an abstract G-space

- (6) X is an L^1 -predual space, and the unit ball of X has an extreme point
- (7) X can be represented as a space
- $$X = \{f \mid f \in CK, f(k_i) = \int f_i d\mu_i \text{ for } i=1, \dots, n\},$$
- where K is a compact Hausdorff space, k_1, \dots, k_n are distinct elements of K , μ_1, \dots, μ_n are (signed) measures on K such that $\|\mu_i\| \leq 1$, $|\mu_i|(\{k_1, \dots, k_n\}) = 0$ for $i=1, \dots, n$.

Problems:

1. Is it true that T^* exists whenever X is reflexive (or strictly convex) and $T \in \text{Mult}(X)$?
2. Has every $T \in \text{Mult}(X)$ an adjoint if X is an L^1 -predual space?

Basic facts concerning multipliers as well as a development of the theory of M -structure where multipliers and their adjoints are of interest can be found in the Lecture Notes volume of the author ("M-Structure and the Banach-Stone theorem"; Lecture Notes in Mathematics 736, Springer-Verlag 1979)