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# On the Epsilon Hypercyclicity of a Pair of Operators

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**Abstract.** In this paper we prove that if a pair of operators is  $\epsilon$ -hypercyclic for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , then it is topologically transitive.

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### 1. Introduction

From now on, let  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  be commutative bounded linear operators on an infinite dimensional Banach space X and consider the pair  $T = (T_1, T_2)$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Put  $\mathcal{F} = \{T_1^m T_2^n : m, n \ge 0\}$ . For  $x \in X$ , the orbit of x under T is the set  $Orb(T, x) = \{Sx : S \in \mathcal{F}\}$ . The vector x is called a hypercyclic vector for the pair T if Orb(T, x) is dense in X.

**Definition 1.2.** We say that the pair  $T = (T_1, T_2)$  is topologically transitive if for every nonempty open subsets U and V of X there exists  $S \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $S(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $\epsilon \in (0,1)$  and  $x \in X$ . If for every non-zero vector  $y \in X$ , there exist integers m, n such that

$$\parallel T_1^m T_2^n x - y \parallel < \epsilon \parallel y \parallel,$$

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then the vector x is called  $\epsilon$ -hypercyclic for the pair  $T = (T_1, T_2)$ . A pair of operators is  $\epsilon$ -hypercyclic if it admits an  $\epsilon$ -hypercyclic vector. For some sources on these topics see [1–18].

## 2. Main Results

In this section we prove that if a pair is  $\epsilon$ -hypercyclic for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , then it is topologically transitive and consequently it is hypercyclic. We will extend Theorem 1.4 in [1] for a pair of operators and we will use the idea of it's proof. We will denote  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  by  $\mathbb{N}_0$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let X be a separable infinite dimensional Banach space and  $T = (T_1, T_2)$  be the pair of operators  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . If for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , T is  $\epsilon$ -hypercyclic, then T is topologically transitive.

**Proof.** Suppose that U and V are nonempty open subsets of X. Let  $u \in U$  and  $v \in V$  be two nonzero vectors, and consider

$$0 < \delta < min\{||u||, ||v||\}$$

small enough such that  $B(u, \delta) \subset U$  and  $B(v, \delta) \subset V$ . Choose

$$\epsilon < \delta/(6max\{||u||, ||v||\}),$$

and let  $x \in X$  be an  $\epsilon$ -hypercyclic vector for T. This implies that there exist nonnegative integers  $m_0$  and  $n_0$  such that

$$||T_1^{m_0}T_2^{n_0}x - u|| < \epsilon ||u|| < \delta.$$

Hence

$$T_1^{m_0}T_2^{n_0}x \in B(u,\delta) \subset U.$$

We want to show that

$$V \cap \{T_1^m T_2^n x : m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$$

contain infinitely many elements. Suppose on the contrary that it contains only the elements  $T_1^{n_i^{(1)}}T_2^{n_i^{(2)}}x$  for i = 1, ..., k. As we saw earlier, for each  $v' \in B(v, \frac{2\delta}{3})$  there exist integers m(v') and n(v') which satisfies

$$\parallel T_1^{m(v')}T_2^{n(v')}x - v' \parallel \leqslant \epsilon \parallel v' \parallel \leqslant 2\epsilon \parallel v \parallel < \frac{\delta}{3}.$$

Hence

$$T_1^{m(v')}T_2^{n(v')}x \in \{T_1^{n_i^{(1)}}T_2^{n_i^{(2)}}x : i = 1, ..., k\},\$$

because

$$\|T_1^{m(v')}T_2^{n(v')}x - v\| \leq \|T_1^{m(v')}T_2^{n(v')}x - v'\| + \|v' - v\| < \delta.$$

Therefore

$$B(v, \frac{2\delta}{3}) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{k} B(T_1^{n_i^{(1)}} T_2^{n_i^{(2)}} x, \frac{\delta}{3}),$$

that is a contradiction since X is infinite dimensional. Thus indeed the set

 $V \cap \{T_1^m T_2^n x : m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$ 

contain infinitely many elements and so the set

$$B(v,\delta) \cap \{T_1^m T_2^n x : m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$$

has infinite elements. In particular, there exist  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  satisfying  $m \ge m_0$  and  $n \ge n_0$  such that  $T_1^m T_2^n x \in V$ . Thus we get

$$T_1^{m-m_0}T_2^{n-n_0}T_1^{m_0}T_2^{n_0}x = T_1^m T_2^n x,$$

which belongs to

$$T_1^{m-m_0}T_2^{n-n_0}(U) \cap V.$$

This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

In the proof of the following lemma, we use a method of the proof of Theorem 1.2 in [5] to extend the results for tuples . We will use HC(T) for the collection of hypercyclic vectors for the pair of operator T.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let X be a separable infinite dimensional Banach space and  $T = (T_1, T_2)$  be the pair of operators  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . Then T is topologically transitive if and only if HC(T) is dense in X.

**Proof.** Fix an enumeration  $\{B_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of the open balls in X with rational radii, and centers in a countable dense subset of X. By the continuity of the operators  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , the sets

$$G_k = \bigcup \{ T_1^{-m} T_2^{-n}(B_k) : m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \}$$

are open. Clearly HC(T) is equal to

$$\bigcap \{G_k : k \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Now let T be topologically transitive and let W be an arbitrary nonempty open set in X. Then for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exist m(k) and n(k) in  $\mathbb{N}$  such that

$$T_1^{m(k)}T_2^{n(k)}W \cap B_k \neq \emptyset$$

which implies that  $W \cap G_k \neq \emptyset$  for all k. Thus each  $G_k$  is dense in X and so by the Bair Category Theorem HC(T) is also dense in X. Conversely, if HC(T) is dense in X, then each set  $G_k$  is so. This implies clearly that T is topologically transitive.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let X be a separable infinite dimensional Banach space and  $T = (T_1, T_2)$  be the pair of operators  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . If for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , T is  $\epsilon$ -hypercyclic, then T is hypercyclic.

**Proof.** If for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , T is  $\epsilon$ -hypercyclic then by Theorem 2.1, T is topologically transitive. Now, by the Lemma 2.2, HC(T) is dense in X and this implies clearly that the pair T is hypercyclic.  $\Box$ 

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