

Extreme Points, Exposed Points and Smooth Points of the Space $\mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^3)$

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ABSTRACT. We present a complete description of all the extreme points of the unit ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^3)$ which leads to a complete formula for $\|f\|$ for every $f \in \mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^3)^*$. We also show that $\text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^3)} \subset \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^n)}$ for every $n \geq 4$. Using the formula for $\|f\|$ for every $f \in \mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^3)^*$, we show that every extreme point of the unit ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^3)$ is exposed. We also characterize all the smooth points of the unit ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^3)$.

1. Introduction

We denote by B_E the closed unit ball of a real Banach space E and by E^* the dual space of E . A point $x \in B_E$ is called an *extreme point* of B_E if the equation $x = \frac{1}{2}(y + z)$ for some $y, z \in B_E$ implies $x = y = z$. A point $x \in B_E$ is called an *exposed point* of B_E if there is $f \in E^*$ so that $f(x) = 1 = \|f\|$ and $f(y) < 1$ for every $y \in B_E \setminus \{x\}$. A point $x \in B_E$ is called a *smooth point* of B_E if there is a unique $f \in E^*$ so that $f(x) = 1 = \|f\|$. It is easy to see that every exposed point of B_E is an extreme point. We denote by $\text{ext}B_E, \text{exp}B_E$ and $\text{sm}B_E$ the set of extreme points, the set of exposed points and the set of smooth points of B_E , respectively. A mapping $P : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous 2-homogeneous polynomial if there exists a continuous bilinear form L on the product $E \times E$ such that $P(x) = L(x, x)$ for every $x \in E$. We denote by $\mathcal{L}(^2E)$ the Banach space of all continuous bilinear forms on E endowed with the norm $\|L\| = \sup_{\|x\|=\|y\|=1} |L(x, y)|$. The subspace of all continuous symmetric bilinear forms on E is denoted by $\mathcal{L}_s(^2E)$. We denote by $\mathcal{P}(^2E)$ the Banach space of all continuous 2-homogeneous polynomials from E into \mathbb{R} endowed with the norm $\|P\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |P(x)|$. For more details about the theory of multilinear mappings and polynomials on a Banach space, we refer to [7].

In 1998, Choi *et al.* [2, 3] initiated the classification of the extreme points

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of the unit ball of $\mathcal{P}(^2l_1^2)$ and $\mathcal{P}(^2l_2^2)$. Kim classified the exposed 2-homogeneous polynomials in $\mathcal{P}(^2l_p^2)$ ($1 \leq p \leq \infty$) [11] and the extreme points, exposed points, and smooth points of the unit ball of $\mathcal{P}(^2d_*(1, w)^2)$ [13, 15, 19], where $d_*(1, w)^2 = \mathbb{R}^2$ with the octagonal norm of weight w . Recently, Kim [25, 26, 28] classified all the extreme points, exposed points, and smooth points of the unit ball of $\mathcal{P}(^2\mathbb{R}_{h(\frac{1}{2})}^2)$, where $\mathbb{R}_{h(\frac{1}{2})}^2$ is the plane \mathbb{R}^2 with the hexagonal norm of weight $\frac{1}{2}$.

In 2009, Kim [12] initiated the classification of the extreme points, exposed points, and smooth points of the unit ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^2)$. Kim [14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24] classified the extreme points, exposed points, and smooth points of the unit balls of the spaces

$$\mathcal{L}_s(^3l_\infty^2), \mathcal{L}(^3l_\infty^2), \mathcal{L}_s(^2d_*(1, w)^2), \mathcal{L}(^2d_*(1, w)^2), \mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{h(w)}^2) \text{ and } \mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{h(w)}^2),$$

where $\mathbb{R}_{h(w)}^2$ is the plane \mathbb{R}^2 with the hexagonal norm of weight w , $\|(x, y)\|_{h(w)} = \max\{|y|, |x| + (1 - w)|y|\}$. Recently, Kim [25] characterized the extreme points of the spaces $\mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^n)$ and $\mathcal{L}(^2l_\infty^n)$ for $n \geq 2$.

Let $n \geq 2$ and $l_\infty^n := \mathbb{R}^n$ with the supremum norm. Given $\{a_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n \subset \mathbb{R}$, let $T \in \mathcal{L}(^2l_\infty^n)$ be defined by the rule

$$T((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) = \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} a_{ij} x_i y_j.$$

If $n = 2$, for simplicity, we will write

$$T = (a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{12}, a_{21})^t$$

as a 4×1 column vector. If $T \in \mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^2)$, we will write

$$T = (a_{11}, a_{22}, 2a_{12})^t$$

as a 3×1 column vector. If $n = 3$, for simplicity, we will write

$$T = (a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{13}, a_{31}, a_{23}, a_{32})^t$$

as a 9×1 column vector. If $T \in \mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^3)$, we will write

$$T = (a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, 2a_{23})^t$$

as a 6×1 column vector.

In [12] it was shown:

- (a) $extB_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^2)} = \{\pm(1, 0, 0)^t, \pm(0, 1, 0)^t, \pm(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 1)^t, \pm(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -1)^t\}$;
- (b) $expB_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^2)} = extB_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2l_\infty^2)}$.

We refer to ([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32]) for some recent works about extremal properties of multilinear mappings and homogeneous polynomials on some classical Banach spaces.

In this paper we present a complete description of the 42 extreme points of the unit ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$ which leads to a complete formula of $\|f\|$ for every $f \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$. We also show that $extB_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} \subset extB_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)}$ for every $n \geq 4$. Using the formula of $\|f\|$ for every $f \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$, we show that every extreme point of the unit ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$ is exposed. The main result about smooth points is known to "the Mazur density theorem." Recall that the Mazur density theorem says that the set of all the smooth points of a solid closed convex subset of a separable Banach space is a residual subset of its boundary. Motivated by the Mazur density theorem we characterize all the smooth points of the unit ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$.

2. The Extreme Points of the Unit Ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$

Recently, Kim [22] showed the following: Let

$$\Omega = \{(1, 1, 1, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1, 0, 1, 0), (1, 1, -1, 1, 0, 0), (-1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1), \\ (1, 1, 1, -1, 1, -1), (1, -1, -1, 0, 0, 1), (-1, -1, 1, 1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -1), \\ (-1, 1, -1, 0, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1, -1, -1, 1)\}$$

and

$$\Gamma = \{[(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)], [(1, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1)], [(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, -1)], [(1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, 1)], \\ [(1, -1, 1), (1, -1, 1)], [(1, -1, 1), (1, 1, -1)], [(1, -1, 1), (-1, 1, 1)], \\ [(1, 1, -1), (1, 1, -1)], [(1, 1, -1), (-1, 1, 1)], [(-1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, 1)]\}.$$

The following statements hold true.

- (a) Let $T = (a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, 2a_{23})^t \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$ with $\|T\| = 1$. Then, $T \in extB_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$ if and only if there exist at least 6 linearly independent vectors $W_1, \dots, W_6 \in \Omega$ and $Z_1, \dots, Z_6 \in \Gamma$ such that

$$W_j \cdot S = S(Z_j) \text{ for all } S \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3) \text{ and } |T(Z_j)| = 1 \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, 6.$$

Let A be the invertible 6×6 matrix such that the j -row vector of A as $[Row(A)]_j = W_j$ for $j = 1, \dots, 6$. Then, $AS = (S(Z_1), \dots, S(Z_6))^t$ for all $S \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$.

- (b) $expB_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} = extB_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$.

Theorem 2.1. ([22]) Let $T = (a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, 2a_{23})^t \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$. Then,

$$\|T\| = \max\{2|a_{12}| + |a_{11} + a_{22} - a_{33}|, 2|a_{13}| + |a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33}|, \\ 2|a_{23}| + |-a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}|, 2|a_{12} + a_{13}| + |a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23}|, \\ 2|a_{12} - a_{13}| + |a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} - 2a_{23}|\}.$$

Note that if $\|T\| = 1$, then $|a_{ii}| \leq 1$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$ and $|a_{ij}| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ for $1 \leq i \neq j \leq 3$. With the aid of Wolfram Mathematica 8, we present a complete description of the 42 extreme points of the unit ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$.

Theorem 2.2.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} = \{ & \pm(1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)^t, \pm(0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0)^t, \pm(0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)^t, \\ & \pm\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1, 0, 0\right)^t, \pm\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, -1, 0, 0\right)^t, \pm\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1, 0\right)^t, \\ & \pm\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, -1, 0\right)^t, \pm\left(0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 1\right)^t, \pm\left(0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, -1\right)^t, \\ & \pm\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)^t, \pm\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)^t, \pm\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)^t, \\ & \pm\left(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)^t, \pm\left(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)^t, \pm\left(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)^t, \\ & \pm\left(0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)^t, \pm\left(0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)^t, \pm\left(0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)^t, \\ & \pm\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)^t, \pm\left(0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)^t, \pm\left(0, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)^t\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Claim: $T = (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1, 0, 0)^t \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$. Let

$$T_1 = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon_{11}, -\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon_{22}, \epsilon_{33}, 1 + \epsilon_{12}, \epsilon_{13}, \epsilon_{23}\right)^t$$

and

$$T_2 = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon_{11}, -\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon_{22}, -\epsilon_{33}, 1 - \epsilon_{12}, -\epsilon_{13}, -\epsilon_{23}\right)^t$$

with $\|T_1\| = \|T_2\| = 1$ for some $\epsilon_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ for $i, j = 1, 2, 3$. By Theorem 2.1, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \epsilon_{12} = \epsilon_{13} = \epsilon_{23} \\ 0 &= \epsilon_{11} + \epsilon_{22} + \epsilon_{33}, \\ 0 &= -\epsilon_{11} + \epsilon_{22} + \epsilon_{33}, \\ 0 &= \epsilon_{11} - \epsilon_{22} + \epsilon_{33}, \end{aligned}$$

which show that $\epsilon_{ij} = 0$ for $i, j = 1, 2, 3$. Hence, $T \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}(2l_\infty^3)}$.

Claim: $T = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$. Let

$$T_1 = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon_{11}, \epsilon_{22}, \epsilon_{33}, -\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon_{12}, \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon_{13}, \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon_{23}\right)^t$$

and

$$T_2 = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon_{11}, -\epsilon_{22}, -\epsilon_{33}, -\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon_{12}, \frac{1}{2} - \epsilon_{13}, \frac{1}{2} - \epsilon_{23}\right)^t$$

with $\|T_1\| = \|T_2\| = 1$ for some $\epsilon_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ for $i, j = 1, 2, 3$. By Theorem 2.1, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \epsilon_{12} - \epsilon_{13} = \epsilon_{12} + \epsilon_{13} \\ 0 &= \epsilon_{11} + \epsilon_{22} + \epsilon_{33} - \epsilon_{23}, \\ 0 &= \epsilon_{11} + \epsilon_{22} + \epsilon_{33} + \epsilon_{23}, \\ 0 &= -\epsilon_{11} + \epsilon_{22} + \epsilon_{33}, \\ 0 &= \epsilon_{11} - \epsilon_{22} + \epsilon_{33}, \end{aligned}$$

which show that $\epsilon_{ij} = 0$ for $i, j = 1, 2, 3$. Hence, $T \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}(2l_\infty^3)}$.

The other 40 bilinear forms in the list of Theorem 2.2 can be proved to be extreme in a similar way. We leave this to the reader.

Let $T = (a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, 2a_{23})^t \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$ with $\|T\| = 1$. By the comments made right before Theorem 2.1, $T \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$ if and only if $T = A^{-1}(T(Z_1), \dots, T(Z_6))^t$ for some $Z_1, \dots, Z_6 \in \Gamma$ with $|T(Z_j)| = 1$ ($j = 1, \dots, 6$). Therefore, we may classify all the extreme points of $B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$ by the following steps: There are 210 choices of 6 vectors among the 10 elements of Ω , that is ${}_{10}C_6 = 210$. First, among 210 cases, find $W_1, \dots, W_6 \in \Omega$ such that the corresponding matrix A with rows W_1, \dots, W_6 is invertible, and next solve A^{-1} and using Theorem 2.1, obtain $T = A^{-1}(b_1, \dots, b_6)^t$ satisfying

$$\|A^{-1}(b_1, \dots, b_6)^t\| = 1$$

for some $b_1, \dots, b_6 = \pm 1$.

Those $T = A^{-1}(b_1, \dots, b_6)^t$ are all the extreme points of $B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$. With the aid of Wolfram Mathematica 8, we may check the 42 bilinear forms in the list of Theorem 2.2 are all the extreme points of the unit ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$. \square

Theorem 2.3. *We have $\text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} \subset \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)}$ for every $n \geq 4$.*

Proof. Let

$$\begin{aligned} T((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) &= \frac{1}{2}x_3y_3 - \frac{1}{4}(x_1y_2 + x_2y_1) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4}(x_1y_3 + x_3y_1) + \frac{1}{4}(x_2y_3 + x_3y_2) \\ &:= (0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t. \end{aligned}$$

Claim 1: for $n \geq 4$, $T \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)}$. Use induction on n .

Case 1: $n = 4$.

Suppose that $T = \frac{1}{2}(S_1 + S_2)$ for some $S_1, S_2 \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^4)$ with $\|S_1\| = 1 = \|S_2\|$.

Write

$$\begin{aligned}
& S_1((x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)) \\
&= \epsilon_1 x_1 y_1 + \epsilon_2 x_2 y_2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + a_1\right) x_3 y_3 + \left(-\frac{1}{4} + a_2\right) (x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1) \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{1}{4} + a_3\right) (x_1 y_3 + x_3 y_1) + \left(\frac{1}{4} + a_4\right) (x_2 y_3 + x_3 y_2) \\
&\quad + b_1(x_4 y_1 + x_1 y_4) + b_2(x_2 y_4 + x_4 y_2) + b_3(x_3 y_4 + x_4 y_3) + b_4 x_4 y_4
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& S_2((x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)) \\
&= \epsilon_1 x_1 y_1 - \epsilon_2 x_2 y_2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} - a_1\right) x_3 y_3 + \left(-\frac{1}{4} - a_2\right) (x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1) \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{1}{4} - a_3\right) (x_1 y_3 + x_3 y_1) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - a_4\right) (x_2 y_3 + x_3 y_2) \\
&\quad - b_1(x_4 y_1 + x_1 y_4) - b_2(x_2 y_4 + x_4 y_2) - b_3(x_3 y_4 + x_4 y_3) - b_4 x_4 y_4
\end{aligned}$$

for some $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, a_j, b_j \in \mathbb{R}$ for $j = 1, \dots, 4$.

Note that, for $i = 1, 2$,

$$S_i((x_1, x_2, x_3, 0), (y_1, y_2, y_3, 0)) \in \mathcal{L}_s({}^2l_\infty^3), \|S_i((x_1, x_2, x_3, 0), (y_1, y_2, y_3, 0))\| \leq 1,$$

and

$$T = \frac{1}{2}(S_1((x_1, x_2, x_3, 0), (y_1, y_2, y_3, 0)) + S_2((x_1, x_2, x_3, 0), (y_1, y_2, y_3, 0))).$$

Since $T \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s({}^2l_\infty^3)}$, $T((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) = S_1((x_1, x_2, x_3, 0), (y_1, y_2, y_3, 0))$, which shows that $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = a_j = 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, 4$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
S_1((x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)) &= T((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) + b_1(x_4 y_1 + x_1 y_4) \\
&\quad + b_2(x_2 y_4 + x_4 y_2) + b_3(x_3 y_4 + x_4 y_3) + b_4 x_4 y_4
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
S_2((x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)) &= T((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) - (b_1(x_4 y_1 + x_1 y_4) \\
&\quad + b_2(x_2 y_4 + x_4 y_2) + b_3(x_3 y_4 + x_4 y_3) + b_4 x_4 y_4).
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &\geq \max\{|S_i((1, 1, 1, x_4), (1, -1, 1, y_4))|, |S_i((1, 1, 1, x_4), (1, 1, -1, y_4))| : \\
&\quad |x_4| \leq 1, |y_4| \leq 1, i = 1, 2\} \\
&= \max\{1 + |b_1(y_4 + x_4) + b_2(y_4 - x_4) + b_3(y_4 + x_4) + b_4 x_4 y_4|, \\
&\quad 1 + |b_1(y_4 + x_4) + b_2(y_4 + x_4) + b_3(y_4 - x_4) + b_4 x_4 y_4| : |x_4| \leq 1, |y_4| \leq 1\},
\end{aligned}$$

which imply that, for all $|x_4| \leq 1, |y_4| \leq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= b_1(y_4 + x_4) + b_2(y_4 - x_4) + b_3(y_4 + x_4) + b_4x_4y_4 \\ 0 &= b_1(y_4 + x_4) + b_2(y_4 + x_4) + b_3(y_4 - x_4) + b_4x_4y_4, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that $b_j = 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, 4$. Therefore, $T \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^4)}$.

Suppose that for $n = k$, $T \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^k)}$. We will show that $T \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^{k+1})}$. Suppose that $T = \frac{1}{2}(W_1 + W_2)$ for some $W_1, W_2 \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^{k+1})$ with $\|W_1\| = 1 = \|W_2\|$. By the above argument, we may assume that

$$\begin{aligned} W_1((x_1, \dots, x_{k+1}), (y_1, \dots, y_{k+1})) &= T((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} W_2((x_1, \dots, x_{k+1}), (y_1, \dots, y_{k+1})) &= T((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) \\ &\quad - \sum_{1 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) - dx_{k+1} y_{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

for some $c_j, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ($j = 1, \dots, k$). It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\geq \max\{|W_i((1, 1, 1, x_4, \dots, x_{k+1}), (1, -1, 1, y_4, \dots, y_{k+1}))|, \\ &\quad |W_i((1, 1, 1, x_4, \dots, x_{k+1}), (1, 1, -1, y_4, \dots, y_{k+1}))|, \\ &\quad |W_i((1, 1, 1, x_4, \dots, x_{k+1}), (1, -1, -1, y_4, \dots, y_{k+1}))| : |x_j| \leq 1, |y_j| \leq 1, \\ &\quad j = 4, \dots, k+1, i = 1, 2\} \\ &= \max\{1 + |c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}|, \\ &\quad 1 + |c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}|, \\ &\quad 1 + |c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}| \\ &\quad : |x_j| \leq 1, |y_j| \leq 1, j = 4, \dots, k+1\}, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that, for $|x_j| \leq 1, |y_j| \leq 1, j = 4, \dots, k+1$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}, \\
 0 &= c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

If $x_j = y_j = 0$ for $j = 4, \dots, k$, then, for $|x_{k+1}| \leq 1, |y_{k+1}| \leq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}, \\
 0 &= c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}, \\
 0 &= c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

which shows that $c_j = 0 = d$ for $j = 1, 2, 3$. Hence,

$$(*) \quad 0 = \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) \text{ for } |x_j| \leq 1, |y_j| \leq 1, j = 4, \dots, k + 1.$$

We claim that $c_j = 0$ for all $j = 4, \dots, k$. Let $4 \leq j_0 \leq k$ be fixed. Let $x_j = y_j = 1$ for $4 \leq j \neq j_0 \leq k$ and $y_{k+1} = -y_{j_0} = 1 = -x_{k+1} = x_{j_0}$. By (*), we have $c_{j_0} = 0$. Hence, $W_1 = T = W_2$, so $T \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^{k+1})}$. Therefore, we have shown that $T \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)}$ for $n \geq 4$.

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 S((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) &= \frac{1}{2}x_1 y_1 - \frac{1}{2}x_2 y_2 + \frac{1}{2}(x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1) \\
 &:= \left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1, 0, 0\right)^t.
 \end{aligned}$$

Claim 2: for $n \geq 4$, $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)}$. Use induction on n .

Case 1: $n = 4$

Suppose that $S = \frac{1}{2}(T_1 + T_2)$ for some $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^4)$ with $\|T_1\| = 1 = \|T_2\|$. Write

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_1((x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)) &= \left(\frac{1}{2} + a_1\right)x_1 y_1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + a_2\right)x_2 y_2 + a_3 x_3 y_3 \\
 &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{2} + b_1\right)(x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1) + b_2(x_2 y_3 + x_3 y_2) \\
 &\quad + b_3(x_3 y_1 + x_1 y_3) + c_1(x_1 y_4 + x_4 y_1) \\
 &\quad + c_2(x_2 y_4 + x_4 y_2) + c_3(x_3 y_4 + x_4 y_3) + c_4 x_4 y_4
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T_2((x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)) &= \left(\frac{1}{2} - a_1\right)x_1y_1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2} - a_2\right)x_2y_2 - a_3x_3y_3 \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{2} - b_1\right)(x_1y_2 + x_2y_1) - b_2(x_2y_3 + x_3y_2) \\ &\quad - b_3(x_3y_1 + x_1y_3) - c_1(x_1y_4 + x_4y_1) \\ &\quad - c_2(x_2y_4 + x_4y_2) - c_3(x_3y_4 + x_4y_3) - c_4x_4y_4 \end{aligned}$$

for some $a_i, b_i, c_j \in \mathbb{R}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, 4$. Note that, for $i = 1, 2$,

$$T_i((x_1, x_2, x_3, 0), (y_1, y_2, y_3, 0)) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3), \|T_i((x_1, x_2, x_3, 0), (y_1, y_2, y_3, 0))\| \leq 1$$

and

$$S = \frac{1}{2}(T_1((x_1, x_2, x_3, 0), (y_1, y_2, y_3, 0)) + T_2((x_1, x_2, x_3, 0), (y_1, y_2, y_3, 0))).$$

Since $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$, $S((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) = T_1((x_1, x_2, x_3, 0), (y_1, y_2, y_3, 0))$, which shows that $a_i = b_i = 0$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} T_1((x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)) &= S((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) + c_1(x_1y_4 + x_4y_1) \\ &\quad + c_2(x_2y_4 + x_4y_2) + c_3(x_3y_4 + x_4y_3) + c_4x_4y_4 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} S_2((x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)) &= T((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) - (c_1(x_1y_4 + x_4y_1) \\ &\quad + c_2(x_2y_4 + x_4y_2) + c_3(x_3y_4 + x_4y_3) + c_4x_4y_4). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\geq \max\{|T_i((1, 1, 1, x_4), (1, -1, 1, y_4))|, |T_i((1, 1, 1, x_4), (1, 1, -1, y_4))|\} : \\ &\quad |x_4| \leq 1, |y_4| \leq 1, i = 1, 2\} \\ &= \max\{1 + |c_1(y_4 + x_4) + c_2(y_4 - x_4) + c_3(y_4 + x_4) + c_4x_4y_4|, \\ &\quad 1 + |c_1(y_4 + x_4) + c_2(y_4 + x_4) + c_3(y_4 - x_4) + c_4x_4y_4| : \\ &\quad |x_4| \leq 1, |y_4| \leq 1\}, \end{aligned}$$

which imply that, for all $|x_4| \leq 1, |y_4| \leq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= c_1(y_4 + x_4) + c_2(y_4 - x_4) + c_3(y_4 + x_4) + c_4x_4y_4 \\ 0 &= c_1(y_4 + x_4) + c_2(y_4 + x_4) + c_3(y_4 - x_4) + c_4x_4y_4, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that $c_j = 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, 4$. Therefore, $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^4)}$.

Suppose that for $n = k$, $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^k)}$. We will show that $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^{k+1})}$. Suppose that $S = \frac{1}{2}(W_1 + W_2)$ for some $W_1, W_2 \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^{k+1})$ with $\|W_1\| = 1 =$

$\|W_2\|$. By the above argument, we may assume that

$$W_1((x_1, \dots, x_{k+1}), (y_1, \dots, y_{k+1})) = S((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) \\ + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}$$

and

$$W_2((x_1, \dots, x_{k+1}), (y_1, \dots, y_{k+1})) = S((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) \\ - \sum_{1 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) - dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}$$

for some $c_j, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ($j = 1, \dots, k$). It follows that

$$1 \geq \max\{|W_i((1, 1, 1, x_4, \dots, x_{k+1}), (1, -1, 1, y_4, \dots, y_{k+1}))|, \\ |W_i((1, 1, 1, x_4, \dots, x_{k+1}), (1, 1, -1, y_4, \dots, y_{k+1}))|, \\ |W_i((1, 1, 1, x_4, \dots, x_{k+1}), (1, -1, -1, y_4, \dots, y_{k+1}))| : \\ |x_j| \leq 1, |y_j| \leq 1, j = 4, \dots, k+1, i = 1, 2\} \\ = \max\{1 + |c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) \\ + \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}|, \\ 1 + |c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) \\ + \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}|, \\ 1 + |c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) \\ + \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}| : \\ |x_j| \leq 1, |y_j| \leq 1, j = 4, \dots, k+1\},$$

which shows that, for $|x_j| \leq 1, |y_j| \leq 1, j = 4, \dots, k+1$,

$$0 = c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) \\ + \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}, \\ 0 = c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) \\ + \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}, \\ 0 = c_1(y_{k+1} + x_{k+1}) + c_2(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) + c_3(y_{k+1} - x_{k+1}) \\ + \sum_{4 \leq j \leq k} c_j(x_j y_{k+1} + x_{k+1} y_j) + dx_{k+1} y_{k+1}.$$

By Claim 1, we conclude that $c_j = 0 = d$ for $j = 1, \dots, k$. Hence, $W_1 = S = W_2$, so $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^{k+1})}$. Therefore, we have shown that $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)}$ for $n \geq 4$.

Let

$$S((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) = x_1 y_1 := (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)^t.$$

Claim 3: for $n \geq 4$, $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)}$.

Suppose that $S = \frac{1}{2}(T_1 + T_2)$ for some $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)$ with $\|T_1\| = 1 = \|T_2\|$. Write

$$\begin{aligned} T_1((x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n)) &= (1 + a_1)x_1 y_1 \\ &\quad + \sum_{2 \leq j \leq n} a_j x_j y_j + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} b_{ij}(x_i y_j + x_j y_i) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T_2((x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n)) &= (1 - a_1)x_1 y_1 \\ &\quad - \sum_{2 \leq j \leq n} a_j x_j y_j - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} b_{ij}(x_i y_j + x_j y_i) \end{aligned}$$

for some $a_i, b_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ for $i, j = 1, \dots, n$. It follows that

$$1 \geq \max\{|T_l(e_1, e_1)| : l = 1, 2\} = 1 + |a_1|,$$

which imply that $a_1 = 0$. Let $2 \leq j \leq n$ be fixed. Since

$$1 \geq \max\{|T_l(e_1 + te_j, e_1 + te_j)| : l = 1, 2, |t| \leq 1\} = 1 + |a_j t^2 + 2b_{1j} t|$$

and

$$0 = a_j t^2 + 2b_{1j} t$$

for every $|t| \leq 1$. Hence, $0 = a_j = b_{1j}$ for every $2 \leq j \leq n$. Let $2 \leq i < j \leq n$ be fixed. Since

$$1 \geq \max\{|T_l(e_1 + e_i + e_j, e_1 + e_i + e_j)| : l = 1, 2\} = 1 + 2|b_{ij}|,$$

$b_{ij} = 0$. Hence, $S = T_1$, so $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)}$ for $n \geq 4$.

Notice that the other 39 cases are similar since, essentially there are three groups of extreme points, those having an 1, those having two $\frac{1}{2}$'s and those having four $\frac{1}{2}$'s. Therefore, the other 39 extreme points in the list of Theorem 2.2 are extreme in the unit ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)$. We complete the proof. \square

3. The Exposed Points of the Unit Ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$

Theorem 2.2 leads to a complete formula of $\|f\|$ for every $f \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $f \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$ with $\alpha_{11} := f(x_1x_2)$, $\alpha_{22} := f(y_1y_2)$, $\alpha_{33} := f(z_1z_2)$, $\beta_{12} := f(x_1y_2 + x_2y_1)$, $\beta_{13} := f(x_1z_2 + x_2z_1)$, $\beta_{23} := f(y_1z_2 + y_2z_1)$. Then,*

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\| = \max_{j=1,2,3} \{ & |\alpha_{jj}|, \frac{1}{2}|\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{22}| + \frac{1}{2}|\beta_{12}|, \frac{1}{2}|\alpha_{22} - \alpha_{33}| + \frac{1}{2}|\beta_{23}|, \\ & \frac{1}{2}|\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{33}| + \frac{1}{2}|\beta_{13}|, \frac{1}{4}(|2\alpha_{jj} + \beta_{12}| + |\beta_{13} - \beta_{23}|), \\ & \frac{1}{4}(|2\alpha_{jj} - \beta_{12}| + |\beta_{13} + \beta_{23}|)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By the Krein-Milman Theorem, $\|f\| = \sup_{T \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}} |f(T)|$. By Theorem 2.2, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\| = \max \{ & |f((1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)^t)|, |f((0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0)^t)|, |f((0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)^t)|, \\ & |f((\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1, 0, 0)^t)|, |f((\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, -1, 0, 0)^t)|, |f((\frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1, 0)^t)|, \\ & |f((\frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, -1, 0)^t)|, |f((0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 1)^t)|, |f((0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, -1)^t)|, \\ & |f((\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t)|, |f((\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t)|, |f((\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})^t)|, \\ & |f((0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t)|, |f((0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t)|, |f((0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})^t)|, \\ & |f((0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t)|, |f((0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t)|, |f((0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})^t)|, \\ & |f((-\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t)|, |f((0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t)|, |f((0, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t)| \} \\ = \max_{j=1,2,3} \{ & |\alpha_{jj}|, \frac{1}{2}|\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{22}| + \frac{1}{2}|\beta_{12}|, \frac{1}{2}|\alpha_{22} - \alpha_{33}| + \frac{1}{2}|\beta_{23}|, \\ & \frac{1}{2}|\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{33}| + \frac{1}{2}|\beta_{13}|, \frac{1}{4}(|2\alpha_{jj} + \beta_{12}| + |\beta_{13} - \beta_{23}|), \\ & \frac{1}{4}(|2\alpha_{jj} - \beta_{12}| + |\beta_{13} + \beta_{23}|)\}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Note that if $\|f\| = 1$, then $|\alpha_{jj}| \leq 1$ for $j = 1, 2, 3$ and $|\beta_{12}| \leq 2$, $|\beta_{13}| \leq 2$ and $|\beta_{23}| \leq 2$.

Theorem 3.2. ([17]) *Let E be a real finite dimensional Banach space such that $\text{ext}B_E$ is finite. Suppose that $x \in \text{ext}B_E$ satisfies that there exists an $f \in E^*$ with $f(x) = 1 = \|f\|$ and $|f(y)| < 1$ for every $y \in \text{ext}B_E \setminus \{\pm x\}$. Then, $x \in \text{exp}B_E$.*

We give another proof of the following theorem which was shown in [22].

Theorem 3.3. ([22]) $\text{exp}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} = \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$.

Proof. It suffices to show that if $T \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$, then it is exposed.

Claim: $T = (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)^t$ is exposed.

Let $f = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$. Then, by Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, $\|f\| = 1 = f(T)$ and $|f(S)| < 1$ for $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} \setminus \{\pm T\}$. Similarly, $-(1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)^t, \pm(0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0)^t, \pm(0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)^t$ are exposed.

Claim: $T = (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1, 0, 0)^t$ is exposed.

Let $f = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (\frac{1}{4}, 0, 0, \frac{7}{4}, 0, 0) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$. Then, by Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, $\|f\| = 1 = f(T)$ and $|f(S)| < 1$ for $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} \setminus \{\pm T\}$. Similarly, $-(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1, 0, 0)^t$ is exposed.

Claim: $T = (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, -1, 0, 0)^t$ is exposed.

Let $f = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (\frac{1}{4}, 0, 0, -\frac{7}{4}, 0, 0) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$. Then, by Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, $\|f\| = 1 = f(T)$ and $|f(S)| < 1$ for $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} \setminus \{\pm T\}$. Similarly, $-(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, -1, 0, 0)^t$ is exposed.

Claim: $T = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1, 0)^t$ is exposed.

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Claim: $T = (0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 1)^t$ is exposed.

Let $f = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (0, \frac{1}{4}, 0, 0, 0, \frac{7}{4}) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$. Then, by Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, $\|f\| = 1 = f(T)$ and $|f(S)| < 1$ for $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} \setminus \{\pm T\}$. Similarly, $-(0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 1)^t$ is exposed.

Claim: $T = (0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, -1)^t$ is exposed.

Let $f = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (0, \frac{1}{4}, 0, 0, 0, -\frac{7}{4}) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$. Then, by Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, $\|f\| = 1 = f(T)$ and $|f(S)| < 1$ for $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} \setminus \{\pm T\}$. Similarly, $-(0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, -1)^t$ is exposed.

Claim: $T = (-\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t$ is exposed.

Let $f = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (-\frac{1}{4}, 0, 0, \frac{5}{4}, 1, \frac{5}{4}) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$. Then, by Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, $\|f\| = 1 = f(T)$ and $|f(S)| < 1$ for $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} \setminus \{\pm T\}$. Similarly, $-(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t, \pm(0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t, \pm(0, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t$ are exposed.

Claim: $T = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t$ is exposed.

Let $f = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (\frac{1}{4}, 0, 0, -\frac{5}{4}, 1, \frac{5}{4}) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$. Then, by Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, $\|f\| = 1 = f(T)$ and $|f(S)| < 1$ for $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} \setminus \{\pm T\}$. Similarly, $-(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t, \pm(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t, \pm(0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t$ are exposed.

Claim: $T = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t$ is exposed.

Let $f = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (\frac{1}{4}, 0, 0, \frac{5}{4}, -1, \frac{5}{4}) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$. Then, by Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, $\|f\| = 1 = f(T)$ and $|f(S)| < 1$ for $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} \setminus \{\pm T\}$. Similarly, $-(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t, \pm(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t, \pm(0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^t$ are exposed.

Claim: $T = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})^t$ is exposed.

Let $f = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (\frac{1}{4}, 0, 0, \frac{5}{4}, 1, -\frac{5}{4}) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$. Then, by Theorems 3.1 and Theorem 3.2, $\|f\| = 1 = f(T)$ and $|f(S)| < 1$ for $S \in \text{ext}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} \setminus \{\pm T\}$. Similarly, $(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})^t, \pm(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})^t, \pm(0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})^t$ are exposed. \square

4. The Smooth Points of the Unit Ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$

In this section we will characterize all the smooth points of the unit ball of $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$.

Theorem 4.1. *Let $T = (a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, 2a_{23})^t \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$. Then, $T \in \text{sm}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$ if and only if*

- $(|T((1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1))| = 1, 0 < |a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23}| < 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)\})$
- or $(|T((-1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, 1))| = 1, 0 < |a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23}| < 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(-1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, 1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, -1, 1), (1, -1, 1))| = 1, 0 < |a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{13}| < 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, -1, 1), (1, -1, 1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, 1, -1), (1, 1, -1))| = 1, 0 < |a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{12}| < 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, -1), (1, 1, -1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1))| = 1, 0 < |a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33}| < 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, 1, 1), (1, 1, -1))| = 1, 0 < |a_{11} + a_{22} - a_{33}| < 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, -1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, 1))| = 1, 0 < |-a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}| < 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, 1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, -1, 1), (1, 1, -1))| = 1, 0 < |-a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}| < 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, -1, 1), (1, 1, -1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, -1, 1), (-1, 1, 1))| = 1, 0 < |a_{11} + a_{22} - a_{33}| < 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, -1, 1), (-1, 1, 1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, 1, -1), (-1, 1, 1))| = 1, 0 < |a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33}| < 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, -1), (-1, 1, 1)\})$.

Proof. (\Leftarrow): **Case 1:** $|T((1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1))| = 1, 0 < |a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23}| < 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1$ for all $Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}$.

By Theorem 2.1, $\|T\| = 1, |a_{jj}| < 1$ for $j = 1, 2, 3, |a_{12}| < \frac{1}{2}, |a_{13}| < \frac{1}{2}, |a_{23}| < \frac{1}{2}$.
 Let $l := T((1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)) = a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{12} + 2a_{13} + 2a_{23}$ for some $l \in \{1, -1\}$.

Without loss of generality, we may assume that $l = 1$. Obviously,

$$2(a_{12} + a_{13}) > 0 \text{ and } a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23} > 0.$$

Let $f \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$ be such that $f(T) = 1 = \|f\|$ with $\alpha_{11} := f(x_1x_2), \alpha_{22} := f(y_1y_2), \alpha_{33} := f(z_1z_2), \beta_{12} := f(x_1y_2+x_2y_1), \beta_{13} := f(x_1z_2+x_2z_1), \beta_{23} := f(y_1z_2+y_2z_1)$.

We claim that $\alpha_{jj} = 1$ ($j = 1, 2, 3$) and $\beta_{12} = \beta_{13} = \beta_{23} = 2$. Let $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that, for $j = 1, 2, 3$,

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{jj}| + \frac{1}{n_1} < 1, |a_{12}| + \frac{1}{n_1} < \frac{1}{2}, |a_{13}| + \frac{1}{n_1} < \frac{1}{2}, |a_{23}| + \frac{1}{n_1} < \frac{1}{2}, \\ |T(Y)| + \frac{10}{n_1} < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2.1, for $n > n_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \|(a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, a_{22} \mp \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{23}, a_{33})^t\|, \\ 1 &= \|(a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, a_{22}, 2a_{23}, a_{33} \mp \frac{1}{n})^t\|, \\ 1 &= \|(a_{11}, 2a_{12} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{13} \mp \frac{1}{n}, a_{22}, 2a_{23}, a_{33})^t\|, \\ 1 &= \|(a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, a_{22}, 2a_{23} \mp \frac{1}{n}, a_{33})^t\|. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that for $n > n_1$,

- (1) $1 \geq |f((a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, a_{22} \mp \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{23}, a_{33})^t)| = |1 \pm \frac{1}{n}(\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{22})|,$
- (2) $1 \geq |f((a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, a_{22}, 2a_{23}, a_{33} \mp \frac{1}{n})^t)| = |1 \pm \frac{1}{n}(\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{33})|,$
- (3) $1 \geq |f((a_{11}, 2a_{12} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{13} \mp \frac{1}{n}, a_{22}, 2a_{23}, a_{33})^t)| = |1 \pm \frac{1}{2n}(\beta_{12} - \beta_{13})|,$
- (4) $1 \geq |f((a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, a_{22}, 2a_{23} \mp \frac{1}{n}, a_{33})^t)| = |1 \pm \frac{1}{n}(\alpha_{11} - \frac{1}{2}\beta_{23})|.$

By (1) – (4), $\alpha_{11} = \alpha_{22} = \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12} = \beta_{13}, \alpha_{11} = \frac{1}{2}\beta_{23}$. Let $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $n_2 > n_1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < 2(a_{12} + a_{13}) - \frac{1}{n_2} < 2(a_{12} + a_{13}) + \frac{1}{n_2} < 1, \\ 0 < a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23} - \frac{1}{n_2} < a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23} + \frac{1}{n_2} < 1. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2.1, for $n > n_2$,

$$1 = \|(a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12} \mp \frac{1}{2n}, 2a_{13} \mp \frac{1}{2n}, a_{22} \pm \frac{1}{2n}, 2a_{23} \mp \frac{1}{n}, a_{33} \pm \frac{1}{2n})^t\|.$$

Since

$$1 \geq |f((a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12} \mp \frac{1}{2n}, 2a_{13} \mp \frac{1}{2n}, a_{22} \pm \frac{1}{2n}, 2a_{23} \mp \frac{1}{n}, a_{33} \pm \frac{1}{2n})^t)| = |1 \pm \frac{1}{n}(\alpha_{11} - \frac{1}{2}\beta_{12})|,$$

so, $\alpha_{11} = \frac{1}{2}\beta_{12}$, hence, $\beta_{12} = \beta_{13} = \beta_{23}$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 = f(T) &= \sum_{j=1}^3 a_{jj}\alpha_{jj} + a_{12}\beta_{12} + a_{13}\beta_{13} + a_{23}\beta_{23} \\ &= (a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{12} + 2a_{13} + 2a_{23})\alpha_{11} \\ &= \alpha_{11}, \end{aligned}$$

hence, $\alpha_{jj} = 1$ for $j = 1, 2, 3$ and $\beta_{12} = \beta_{13} = \beta_{23} = 2$. Hence, T would be smooth in $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$.

Case 2: $|T((1, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1))| = 1, 0 < |a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33}| < 1, |T(Y)| < 1$ for all $Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1)\}$

By Theorem 2.1, $\|T\| = 1, |a_{jj}| < 1$ for $j = 1, 2, 3, |a_{12}| < \frac{1}{2}, |a_{23}| < \frac{1}{2}$. Let $l := T((1, -1, 1), (1, 1, 1)) = a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{13}$ for some $l \in \{1, -1\}$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $l = 1$. Obviously,

$$2a_{13} > 0, a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33} > 0.$$

Let $f \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$ be such that $f(T) = 1 = \|f\|$ with $\alpha_{11} := f(x_1x_2), \alpha_{22} := f(y_1y_2), \alpha_{33} := f(z_1z_2), \beta_{12} := f(x_1y_2 + x_2y_1), \beta_{13} := f(x_1z_2 + x_2z_1), \beta_{23} := f(y_1z_2 + y_2z_1)$. We claim that $\alpha_{jj} = 1 = -\alpha_{22}$ for $j = 1, 3$ and $\beta_{12} = \beta_{23} = 0, \beta_{13} = 2$. Let $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that, for $j = 1, 2, 3$,

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{jj}| + \frac{1}{n_1} &< 1, |a_{12}| + \frac{1}{n_1} < \frac{1}{2}, |a_{23}| + \frac{1}{n_1} < \frac{1}{2}, \\ |T(Y)| + \frac{10}{n_1} &< 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, -1, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that, $n_2 > n_1$ and for $j = 1, 2, 3$,

$$0 < 2a_{13} - \frac{1}{n_2} < 2a_{13} + \frac{1}{n_2} < 1$$

and

$$0 < a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33} - \frac{1}{n_2} < a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33} + \frac{1}{n_2} < 1.$$

By Theorem 2.1, for $n > n_2$,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \|(a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, a_{22} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{23}, a_{33})^t\|, \\ 1 &= \|(a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, a_{22}, 2a_{23}, a_{33} \mp \frac{1}{n})^t\|, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \|(a_{11}, 2a_{12} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{13}, a_{22}, 2a_{23} \mp \frac{1}{n}, a_{33})^t\|, \\ 1 &= \|(a_{11}, 2a_{12} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{13}, a_{22}, 2a_{23} \pm \frac{1}{n}, a_{33})^t\|, \\ 1 &= \|(a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13} \mp \frac{1}{n}, a_{22}, 2a_{23}, a_{33})^t\|. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that for $n > n_2$,

$$\begin{aligned} (1') \quad & 1 \geq |f((a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, a_{22} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{23}, a_{33})^t)| = |1 \pm \frac{1}{n}(\alpha_{11} + \alpha_{22})|, \\ (2') \quad & 1 \geq |f((a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13}, a_{22}, 2a_{23}, a_{33} \mp \frac{1}{n})^t)| = |1 \pm \frac{1}{n}(\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{33})|, \\ (3') \quad & 1 \geq |f((a_{11}, 2a_{12} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{13}, a_{22}, 2a_{23} \mp \frac{1}{n}, a_{33})^t)| = |1 \pm \frac{1}{2n}(\beta_{12} - \beta_{23})|, \\ (4') \quad & 1 \geq |f((a_{11}, 2a_{12} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{13}, a_{22}, 2a_{23} \pm \frac{1}{n}, a_{33})^t)| = |1 \pm \frac{1}{2n}(\beta_{12} + \beta_{23})|, \\ (5') \quad & 1 \geq |f((a_{11} \pm \frac{1}{n}, 2a_{12}, 2a_{13} \mp \frac{1}{n}, a_{22}, 2a_{23}, a_{33})^t)| = |1 \pm \frac{1}{n}(\alpha_{11} - \frac{1}{2}\beta_{13})|. \end{aligned}$$

By (1') - (5'), $\alpha_{11} = -\alpha_{22} = \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12} = \beta_{23} = 0, \alpha_{11} = \frac{1}{2}\beta_{13}$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= f(T) = \sum_{j=1}^3 a_{jj}\alpha_{jj} + a_{12}\beta_{12} + a_{13}\beta_{13} + a_{23}\beta_{23} \\ &= (a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33})\alpha_{11} + 2a_{13}\alpha_{11} \\ &= (1 - 2a_{13})\alpha_{11} + 2a_{13}\alpha_{11} \\ &= \alpha_{11}, \end{aligned}$$

hence, $\beta_{13} = 2$ and $\alpha_{jj} = 1 = -\alpha_{22}$ for $j = 1, 3$. Hence, T would be smooth in $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$. Since the proofs of other cases are similar as those in the cases 1 and 2, we omit the proofs.

(\Rightarrow): If not, then we have two cases.

Case 1: $Norm(T)$ is a singleton, where

$$Norm(S) := \{X \in \Gamma : |S(X)| = \|S\|\}$$

for $S \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)$.

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\geq |a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{12}|, \\ 1 &\geq |a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{13}|, \\ 1 &\geq |a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23}|, \\ 1 &\geq |-a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}|, \\ 1 &\geq |a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33}|, \\ 1 &\geq |a_{11} + a_{22} - a_{33}|. \end{aligned}$$

We have ten subcases as follows:

- $(|T((1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1))| = 1, a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23} = 0 \text{ or } \pm 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)\})$
- or $(|T((-1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, 1))| = 1, a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23} = 0, \text{ or } \pm 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(-1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, 1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, -1, 1), (1, -1, 1))| = 1, a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{13} = 0, \text{ or } \pm 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, -1, 1), (1, -1, 1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, 1, -1), (1, 1, -1))| = 1, a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{12} = 0, \text{ or } \pm 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, -1), (1, 1, -1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1))| = 1, a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33} = 0 \text{ or } \pm 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, 1, 1), (1, 1, -1))| = 1, a_{11} + a_{22} - a_{33} = 0 \text{ or } \pm 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, -1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, 1))| = 1, -a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} = 0 \text{ or } \pm 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, 1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, -1, 1), (1, 1, -1))| = 1, -a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} = 0 \text{ or } \pm 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, -1, 1), (1, 1, -1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, -1, 1), (-1, 1, 1))| = 1, a_{11} + a_{22} - a_{33} = 0 \text{ or } \pm 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, -1, 1), (-1, 1, 1)\})$
- or $(|T((1, 1, -1), (-1, 1, 1))| = 1, a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33} = 0 \text{ or } \pm 1,$
 $|T(Y)| < 1 \text{ for all } Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, -1), (-1, 1, 1)\}).$

Subcase 1: $|T((1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1))| = 1, a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23} = 0 \text{ or } \pm 1, |T(Y)| < 1$ for all $Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}$.

Suppose that $a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23} = 0$. Let

$$f_1 = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (0, 0, 0, 2, 2, 0)$$

and

$$f_2 = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*.$$

By Theorem 3.1, $\|f_k\| = 1 = f_k(T)$ for $k = 1, 2$. Hence, $T \notin \text{sm}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$. This is a contradiction.

Suppose that $a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23} = 1$. For $|t| \leq 2$, let

$$f_t = (1, 1, 1, t, t, 0) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*.$$

By Theorem 3.1, $\|f_t\| = 1 = f_t(T)$ for $|t| \leq 2$. Hence, $T \notin \text{sm}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$. This is a contradiction.

Suppose that $a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + 2a_{23} = -1$. For $|t| \leq 2$, let

$$f_t = (-1, -1, -1, t, t, 0) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*.$$

By Theorem 3.1, $\|f_t\| = 1 = f_t(T)$ for $|t| \leq 2$. Hence, $T \notin \text{sm}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$. This is a contradiction.

Subcase 2: $|T((1, 1, -1), (-1, 1, 1))| = 1, a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33} = 0$ or $\pm 1, |T(Y)| < 1$ for all $Y \in \Gamma \setminus \{(1, 1, -1), (-1, 1, 1)\}$.

Suppose that $a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33} = 0$. Then $a_{13} = \frac{1}{2}$. Let

$$f_1 = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (1, -1, 1, 0, 2, 0)$$

and

$$f_2 = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*.$$

By Theorem 3.1, $\|f_k\| = 1 = f_k(T)$ for $k = 1, 2$. Hence, $T \notin \text{sm}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$.

Suppose that $a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33} = 1$. Let

$$f_1 = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (1, -1, 1, 0, 0, 0)$$

and

$$f_2 = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = (1, -1, 1, 0, 1, 0) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*.$$

By Theorem 3.1, $\|f_k\| = 1 = f_k(T)$ for $k = 1, 2$. Hence, $T \notin \text{sm}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$.

Suppose that $a_{11} - a_{22} + a_{33} = -1$. Let

$$f_1 = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = -(1, -1, 1, 0, 0, 0)$$

and

$$f_2 = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{23}) = -(1, -1, 1, 0, 1, 0) \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*.$$

By Theorem 3.1, $\|f_k\| = 1 = f_k(T)$ for $k = 1, 2$. Hence, $T \notin \text{sm}B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$.

Since the proofs of other subcases are similar as those of the above, we omit the proofs.

Case 2: $|Norm(T)| \geq 2$.

There exist $X_1 \neq X_2 \in \Gamma$ such that $|T(X_k)| = 1$ for $k = 1, 2$. Note that $sign(T(X_k))\delta_{X_k} \in \mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)^*$ and

$$\|sign(T(X_k))\delta_{X_k}\| = 1 = sign(T(X_k))\delta_{X_k}(T)$$

for $k = 1, 2$, which shows that T is not smooth. This is a contradiction. Therefore, we complete the proof. \square

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