

## GEOMETRY OF BILINEAR FORMS ON A NORMED SPACE $\mathbb{R}^n$

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ABSTRACT. For every  $n \geq 2$ , let  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n$  be  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  such that its unit ball has finitely many extreme points more than  $2n$ . We devote to the description of the sets of extreme and exposed points of the closed unit balls of  $\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ , where  $\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  is the space of bilinear forms on  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n$ , and  $\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  is the subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  consisting of symmetric bilinear forms. Let  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  or  $\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ . First we classify the extreme and exposed points of the closed unit ball of  $\mathcal{F}$ . We also show that every extreme point of the closed unit ball of  $\mathcal{F}$  is exposed. It is shown that  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} \cap \mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  and  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} = \text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} \cap \mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ , which expand some results of [18, 23, 28, 29, 35, 38, 40, 41, 43].

### 1. Introduction

Throughout the paper, we let  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n, m \geq 2$ . We write  $B_E$  and  $S_E$  for the closed unit ball and sphere of a real Banach space  $E$ . The dual space of  $E$  is denoted by  $E^*$ . An element  $x \in B_E$  is called an *extreme point* of  $B_E$  if  $y, z \in B_E$  with  $x = \frac{1}{2}(y + z)$  implies  $x = y = z$ . An element  $x \in B_E$  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  $y \in B_E \setminus \{x\}$ . It is easy to see that every exposed point of  $B_E$  is an extreme point. An element  $x \in B_E$  is called a *smooth point* of  $B_E$  if there is unique  $f \in E^*$  so that  $f(x) = 1 = \|f\|$ . 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  $n$ -homogeneous polynomial if there exists a continuous  $n$ -linear form  $T$  on the product  $E \times \cdots \times E$  such that  $P(x) = T(x, \dots, x)$  for every  $x \in E$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{P}(^n E)$  the Banach space of all continuous  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials from  $E$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  endowed with the norm  $\|P\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |P(x)|$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{L}(^n E)$  the Banach space of all continuous  $n$ -linear forms on  $E$  endowed with the norm

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$\|T\| = \sup_{\|x_k\|=1} |T(x_1, \dots, x_n)|$ .  $\mathcal{L}_s(^n E)$  denotes the closed subspace of all continuous symmetric  $n$ -linear forms on  $E$ . Notice that  $\mathcal{L}(^n E)$  is identified with the dual of  $n$ -fold projective tensor product  $\hat{\otimes}_{\pi, n} E$ . With this identification, the action of a continuous  $n$ -linear form  $T$  as a bounded linear functional on  $\hat{\otimes}_{\pi, n} E$  is given by

$$\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^k x^{(1),i} \otimes \dots \otimes x^{(n),i}, T \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k T(x^{(1),i}, \dots, x^{(n),i}).$$

Notice also that  $\mathcal{L}_s(^n E)$  is identified with the dual of  $n$ -fold symmetric projective tensor product  $\hat{\otimes}_{s, \pi, n} E$ . With this identification, the action of a continuous symmetric  $n$ -linear form  $T$  as a bounded linear functional on  $\hat{\otimes}_{s, \pi, n} E$  is given by

$$\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{n!} \left( \sum_{\sigma} x^{\sigma(1),i} \otimes \dots \otimes x^{\sigma(n),i} \right), T \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k T(x^{(1),i}, \dots, x^{(n),i}),$$

where  $\sigma$  goes over all permutations on  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . For more details about the theory of polynomials and multilinear mappings on Banach spaces, we refer to [8].

Let us sketch the history of classification problems of the extreme points, the exposed points and smooth points of the unit ball of continuous  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials on a Banach space.

We let  $l_p^n = \mathbb{R}^n$  for every  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  equipped with the  $l_p$ -norm. Choi and Kim [3] initiated and classified  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 l_2^2)}$  and  $\text{sm } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 l_2^2)}$ . Choi, Ki and Kim [7] classified  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 l_1^2)}$ . Choi and Kim [5, 6] classified  $\text{sm } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 l_1^2)}$  and  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 l_p^2)}$  for  $p = 1, 2, \infty$ . Greu [12] classified  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 l_p^2)}$  for  $1 < p < 2$  or  $2 < p < \infty$ . Kim and Lee [45] showed that if  $E$  is a separable real Hilbert space with  $\dim(E) \geq 2$ , then,  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 E)} = \text{exp } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 E)}$ . Kim [17] classified  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 l_p^2)}$  for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Kim [19, 21] characterized  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 d_*(1, w)^2)}$  and  $\text{sm } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 d_*(1, w)^2)}$ , where  $d_*(1, w)^2 = \mathbb{R}^2$  with the octagonal norm  $\|(x, y)\|_w = \max \left\{ |x|, |y|, \frac{|x|+|y|}{1+w} \right\}$  for  $0 < w < 1$ . Kim [26] classified  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 d_*(1, w)^2)}$  and showed that  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 d_*(1, w)^2)} \neq \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 d_*(1, w)^2)}$ . Recently, Kim [31, 34] classified  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 \mathbb{R}_{h(1/2)}^2)}$  and  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{P}(^2 \mathbb{R}_{h(1/2)}^2)}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}_{h(1/2)}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2$  with the hexagonal norm  $\|(x, y)\|_{h(1/2)} = \max \left\{ |y|, |x| + \frac{1}{2}|y| \right\}$ .

Parallel to the classification problems of  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{P}(^n E)}$ ,  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{P}(^n E)}$  and  $\text{sm } B_{\mathcal{P}(^n E)}$ , it seems to be very natural to study the classification problems of the extreme points, the exposed points and smooth points of the unit ball of continuous (symmetric) multilinear forms on a Banach space.

Kim [18] initiated and classified  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2 l_\infty^2)}$ ,  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2 l_\infty^2)}$  and  $\text{sm } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2 l_\infty^2)}$ . It was shown that  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2 l_\infty^2)} = \text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2 l_\infty^2)}$ . Kim [20, 22, 23, 25] classified  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2 d_*(1, w)^2)}$ ,  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2 d_*(1, w)^2)}$ ,  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2 d_*(1, w)^2)}$ , and  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2 d_*(1, w)^2)}$ .

Kim [29, 30] also classified  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$  and  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(3l_\infty^2)}$ . It was shown that  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)} = \text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^3)}$  and  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(3l_\infty^2)} = \text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(3l_\infty^2)}$ . Kim [33] characterized  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(2l_\infty^n)}$  and  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)}$ , and showed that  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}(2l_\infty^n)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(2l_\infty^n)}$  and  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^n)}$ . Kim [35] characterized  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(2l_\infty^3)}$  and  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}(2l_\infty^3)}$ . Kim [36] characterized  $\text{sm } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(nl_\infty^2)}$ . Kim [37] studied  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(2l_\infty^n)}$ . Cavalcante et al. [2] characterized  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(nl_\infty^m)}$ . Kim [40] classified  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(nl_\infty^2)}$  and  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(nl_\infty^2)}$ . It was shown that  $|\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(nl_\infty^2)}| = 2^{(2^n)}$  and  $|\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(nl_\infty^2)}| = 2^{n+1}$ , and that  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}(nl_\infty^2)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(nl_\infty^2)}$  and  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(nl_\infty^2)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(nl_\infty^2)}$ . Kim [39, 42] characterized  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(nl_\infty^m)}$ ,  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(nl_\infty^m)}$ ,  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(ml_\infty^m)}$ ,  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}(ml_\infty^m)}$ ,  $\text{sm } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(nl_\infty^m)}$  and  $\text{sm } B_{\mathcal{L}(nl_\infty^m)}$  for every  $n, m \geq 2$ . Kim [44] characterized  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(ml_1)}$ ,  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(ml_1)}$ ,  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(ml_1)}$ ,  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}(ml_1)}$ ,  $\text{sm } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(ml_1^n)}$  and  $\text{sm } B_{\mathcal{L}(ml_1^n)}$  for  $n, m \geq 2$ . Recently, Kim [43] characterized  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(n\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^m)}$ ,  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(n\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^m)}$ ,  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}(n\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^m)}$ , and  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(n\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^m)}$  if  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^m$  is  $\mathbb{R}^m$  with a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  such that  $|\text{ext } B_{\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^m}| = 2m$  for  $m \geq 2$ . It was shown that every extreme point is exposed in this case.

We refer to ([1–7, 9–15, 17–54] and references therein) for some recent work about extremal properties of homogeneous polynomials and multilinear forms on Banach spaces.

For every  $n \geq 2$ , let  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n$  be  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  such that its unit ball has finitely many extreme points more than  $2n$ . We devote to the description of the sets of extreme and exposed points of the closed unit balls of  $\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ . Let  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  or  $\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ . First we classify the extreme and exposed points of the closed unit ball of  $\mathcal{F}$ . We also show that every extreme point of the closed unit ball of  $\mathcal{F}$  is exposed. It is shown that  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} \cap \mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  and  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} = \text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} \cap \mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ . We expand some results of [18, 23, 28, 29, 35, 38, 40, 41, 43].

### 2. Extreme and exposed points of $\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$

Throughout the paper, we let  $n \geq 2$  and  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n = \mathbb{R}^n$  with a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  such that  $B_{\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n}$  has finitely many extreme points more than  $2n$ . Let  $\text{ext } B_{\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n} = \{\pm U_1, \dots, \pm U_m\}$  for some  $m \geq n$  and  $U_i \neq U_j$  for  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq m$ . Let

$$F_{ls} := \frac{x_l y_s + x_s y_l}{2} \text{ for } 1 \leq l \leq s \leq n.$$

Notice that  $\{F_{ls} : 1 \leq l \leq s \leq n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ . Hence,  $\dim(\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ . By Mazur's theorem,  $B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  is compact and convex. By the Krein-Milman theorem,  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  is nonempty.

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}_s(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ . Then

$$T((x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n)) = \sum_{1 \leq l, s \leq n} a_{ls} x_l y_s = \sum_{1 \leq l \leq n} a_{ll} F_{ll} + \sum_{1 \leq l < s \leq n} 2a_{ls} F_{ls}$$

for some  $a_{ls} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

For simplicity, we denote

$$T = \left( a_{11}, 2a_{12}, \dots, 2a_{1n}, a_{22}, 2a_{23}, \dots, 2a_{2n}, \dots, a_{n-1n-1}, 2a_{n-1n}, a_{nn} \right)^t \in \mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}.$$

For  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , we let  $U_j = \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} \lambda_k^{(j)} e_k$  for some  $\lambda_k^{(j)} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

It follows that for  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(U_i, U_j) &= T\left( \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} \lambda_k^{(i)} e_k, \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} \lambda_k^{(j)} e_k \right) = \sum_{1 \leq k_1, k_2 \leq n} \lambda_{k_1}^{(i)} \lambda_{k_2}^{(j)} T(e_{k_1}, e_{k_2}) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq k_1, k_2 \leq n} \lambda_{k_1}^{(i)} \lambda_{k_2}^{(j)} a_{k_1 k_2} = X_{(i,j)} \cdot T, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} X_{(i,j)} &= \left( \lambda_1^{(i)} \lambda_1^{(j)}, \frac{\lambda_1^{(i)} \lambda_2^{(j)} + \lambda_2^{(i)} \lambda_1^{(j)}}{2}, \dots, \frac{\lambda_1^{(i)} \lambda_n^{(j)} + \lambda_n^{(i)} \lambda_1^{(j)}}{2}, \lambda_2^{(i)} \lambda_2^{(j)}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\lambda_2^{(i)} \lambda_3^{(j)} + \lambda_3^{(i)} \lambda_2^{(j)}}{2}, \dots, \frac{\lambda_2^{(i)} \lambda_n^{(j)} + \lambda_n^{(i)} \lambda_2^{(j)}}{2}, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}^{(i)} \lambda_{n-1}^{(j)}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\lambda_{n-1}^{(i)} \lambda_n^{(j)} + \lambda_n^{(i)} \lambda_{n-1}^{(j)}}{2}, \lambda_n^{(i)} \lambda_n^{(j)} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

and  $X_{(i,j)} \cdot T$  denotes the dot product of  $X_{(i,j)}$  and  $T$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$ .

Let  $\Gamma := \{(i, j) : 1 \leq i \leq j \leq m\}$ . Then  $|\Gamma| = \frac{m(m+1)}{2} \geq \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ . Notice that there are at most  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  linearly independent vectors in  $\{X_{(i,j)} : (i, j) \in \Gamma\}$  since  $\{X_{(i,j)} : (i, j) \in \Gamma\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$ .

In this section we characterize  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  and  $\exp B_{\mathcal{L}_s(\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$ , which expand some results of [18, 23, 28, 29, 35, 38, 40, 41, 43]. First, we present some examples.

**Examples.** (a) Let  $n \geq 2$  and  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n = l_\infty^n$ . Then

$$\text{ext } B_{l_\infty^n} = \left\{ \pm(1, t_2, \dots, t_n) : t_j = \pm 1, j = 2, \dots, n \right\}.$$

Hence,  $2n \leq |\text{ext } B_{l_\infty^n}| = 2^n$ .

(b) Let  $0 < w < 1$  and  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^2 = \mathbb{R}_{*(w)}^2$  with the octagonal norm  $\|(x, y)\|_{*(w)} = \max\{|x|, |y|, \frac{|x|+|y|}{1+w}\}$ . Then  $2 \cdot 2 < |\text{ext } B_{\mathbb{R}_{*(w)}^2}| = 8$ .

(c) Let  $0 < w < 1$  and  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^2 = \mathbb{R}_{h(w)}^2$  with the hexagonal norm  $\|(x, y)\|_{h(w)} = \max\{|y|, |x| + w|y|\}$ . Then  $2 \cdot 2 < |\text{ext } B_{\mathbb{R}_{h(w)}^2}| = 6$ .

(d) Let  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^6 = \mathbb{R}^6$  with the  $\mathcal{L}(2l_\infty^2)$ -norm

$$\begin{aligned} \|(a, b, c, d, e, f)\|_{\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^2)} &:= \max\left\{ |a|, |b|, |d|, \frac{1}{2}(|a-d| + |e|), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}(|b-d| + |f|), \frac{1}{4}(|a+b-2d| + |c|) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \left| |a + b - 2d| - |c| \right| + \frac{1}{2} |e - f| \Big\}.$$

Kim [41, Theorem 2] showed that  $2 \cdot 6 < \left| \text{ext } B_{\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^6} \right| = 26$ .

We present an explicit formulae for the norm of  $T \in \mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  be such that*

$$\text{ext } B_{\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n} = \{\pm U_1, \dots, \pm U_m\}$$

for some  $m \geq n$  and  $U_i \neq U_j$  for  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq m$ .

(a) *If  $T \in \mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ , then*

$$\|T\| = \sup_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq m} |T(U_i, U_j)| = \sup_{1 \leq k \leq \frac{m(m+1)}{2}} |X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T|.$$

(b) *If  $c_{(i,j)} \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $(i,j) \in \Gamma$  with  $c_{(i,j)} = c_{(j,i)}$ , then there is a unique  $S \in \mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  such that  $S(U_i, U_j) = c_{(i,j)}$  for all  $(i,j) \in \Gamma$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from the Krein-Milman theorem and bilinearity of  $T$ .  $\square$

We are in position to prove the main result in this section.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  be such that*

$$\text{ext } B_{\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n} = \{\pm U_1, \dots, \pm U_m\}$$

for some  $m \geq n$  and  $U_i \neq U_j$  for  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq m$ . Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  with  $\|T\| = 1$ . Then  $T \in \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  if and only if there are  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  linearly independent vectors  $X_{(i_1, j_1)}, \dots, X_{(i_{n(n+1)/2}, j_{n(n+1)/2})}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$  for some  $(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_{n(n+1)/2}, j_{n(n+1)/2}) \in \Gamma$  such that  $|X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T| = 1$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $T$  is extreme.

*Claim:* There are  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  linearly independent vectors  $X_{(i_1, j_1)}, \dots, X_{(i_{n(n+1)/2}, j_{n(n+1)/2})}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$  for some  $(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_{n(n+1)/2}, j_{n(n+1)/2}) \in \Gamma$ .

Assume the contrary. Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  be the largest number of linearly independent vectors among  $\{X_{(i,j)} : (i,j) \in \Gamma\}$ . Then  $N < \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  and so there are  $\epsilon_{(i_k, j_k)} \in \mathbb{R}$  for some  $(i_k, j_k) \in \Gamma$  and  $k = 1, \dots, \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  such that

$$\mathcal{E} = (\epsilon_{(i_k, j_k)})_{1 \leq k \leq \frac{n(n+1)}{2}}^t \neq 0 \text{ and } X_{(i,j)} \cdot \mathcal{E} = 0 \text{ all } (i,j) \in \Gamma.$$

Let  $T^\pm = T \pm \mathcal{E}$ . We will show that  $\|T^\pm\| \leq 1$ . It follows that for  $(i,j) \in \Gamma$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |X_{(i,j)} \cdot T^\pm| &\leq \max \left\{ |X_{(i,j)} \cdot T + X_{(i,j)} \cdot \mathcal{E}|, |X_{(i,j)} \cdot T - X_{(i,j)} \cdot \mathcal{E}| \right\} \\ &= |X_{(i,j)} \cdot T| \leq \|T\| = 1. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2.1(a),  $\|T^\pm\| \leq 1$ . Since  $T^\pm \neq T$  and  $T = \frac{1}{2}(T^+ + T^-)$ ,  $T$  is not extreme. This is a contradiction.

*Claim:*  $|X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T| = 1$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2$ .

Assume the contrary. There is  $k_0 \in \{1, \dots, n(n+1)/2\}$  such that  $|X_{(i_{k_0}, j_{k_0})} \cdot T| < 1$ . Let  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $0 < t_0 < 1 - |X_{(i_{k_0}, j_{k_0})} \cdot T|$ .

By Theorem 2.1(b), there are  $L^\pm \in \mathcal{L}_s({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  such that

$$L^\pm(U_i, U_j) := T(U_i, U_j) \text{ for } (i, j) \in \Gamma \setminus \{(i_{k_0}, j_{k_0}), (j_{k_0}, i_{k_0})\} \text{ and}$$

$$L^\pm(U_{i_{k_0}}, U_{j_{k_0}}) := T(U_{i_{k_0}}, U_{j_{k_0}}) \pm t_0.$$

By Theorem 2.1(a),  $\|L^\pm\| \leq 1$  for  $l = 1, 2$ . Since  $L^\pm \neq T$  and  $T = \frac{1}{2}(L^+ + L^-)$ ,  $T$  is not extreme. This is a contradiction.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $S_1, S_2 \in \mathcal{L}_s({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  be such that  $\|S_l\| = 1$  for  $l = 1, 2$  and  $T = \frac{1}{2}(S_1 + S_2)$ .

*Claim:*  $T = S_l$  for  $l = 1, 2$ .

Since  $\|S_l\| = 1$  for  $l = 1, 2$ , by Theorem 2.1(a),

$$|X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot S_l| \leq 1 \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2.$$

Let  $M$  be the  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ -matrix such that the  $k$ -th row of  $M$  equals to  $X_{(i_k, j_k)}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2$ . Notice that  $M$  is an invertible  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ -matrix because rows vectors of  $M$  are linearly independent. Since  $MT = \frac{1}{2}(MS_1 + MS_2)$ ,  $X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T$  (which is the  $k$ -th component of  $MT$ ) equals to the middle point of the  $k$ -th components of  $MS_1$  and  $MS_2$ . Hence,

$$X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T = \frac{1}{2}(X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot S_1 + X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot S_2) \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2.$$

Since

$$|X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T| = 1 \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2,$$

we have

$$X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T = X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot S_l \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2 \text{ and } l = 1, 2.$$

Hence,  $MT = MS_l$  for  $l = 1, 2$ . Since  $M$  is invertible,  $T = S_l$  for  $l = 1, 2$ . Therefore,  $T$  is extreme.  $\square$

Using Theorem 2.2, we completely describe  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  be the same as in Theorem 2.2. Then*

$$\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} = \left\{ M^{-1}(c_1, \dots, c_{n(n+1)/2})^t \in \mathcal{L}_s({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n) : c_k = \pm 1, M \text{ is the invertible } n(n+1)/2 \times n(n+1)/2\text{-matrix such that the } k\text{-th row of } M \text{ equals to } X_{(i_k, j_k)} \text{ for } (i_k, j_k) \in \Gamma \text{ and } k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2 \right\}.$$

*Proof.* ( $\subseteq$ ) Let  $T \in \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$ . By Theorem 2.2, there are  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  linearly independent vectors

$$X_{(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_{n(n+1)/2}, j_{n(n+1)/2})} \in \mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$$

for some  $(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_{n(n+1)/2}, j_{n(n+1)/2}) \in \Gamma$ . Let  $c_k = X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n(n+1)/2$ . By Theorem 2.2,  $|c_k| = 1$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2$ . Notice that

$$T = M^{-1}(c_1, \dots, c_{n(n+1)/2})^t.$$

( $\supseteq$ ) Let  $L := M^{-1}(c_1, \dots, c_{n(n+1)/2})^t \in S_{\mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  such that  $c_k = \pm 1$  and  $M$  is the invertible  $n(n+1)/2 \times n(n+1)/2$ -matrix such that the  $k$ -th row of  $M$  equals to  $X_{(i_k, j_k)}$  for  $(i_k, j_k) \in \Gamma$  and  $k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2$ . It follows that

$$ML = M(M^{-1}(c_1, \dots, c_{n(n+1)/2})^t) = (c_1, \dots, c_{n(n+1)/2})^t,$$

which shows that

$$|X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot L| = |c_k| = 1 \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2.$$

By Theorem 2.2,  $L \in \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$ .  $\square$

Kim [23] showed the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $E$  be a real 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  $x \in \text{exp } B_E$ .*

Using Theorem 2.4, we show that every extreme point of  $B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  is exposed.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  be the same as in Theorem 2.2. Then the equality  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  holds.*

*Proof.* Let  $T \in \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$ . By Theorem 2.2, there are

$$(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_{n(n+1)/2}, j_{n(n+1)/2}) \in \Gamma$$

such that  $X_{(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_{n(n+1)/2}, j_{n(n+1)/2})}$  are linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$  and  $|X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T| = |T(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})| = 1$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2$ . Let  $M$  be the invertible  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ -matrix such that the  $k$ -th row of  $M$  equals to  $X_{(i_k, j_k)}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2$ . Let  $f \in \mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)^*$  be such that

$$f = \frac{2}{n(n+1)} \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \text{sign}(T(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})) \delta_{(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})},$$

where  $\delta_{(U_i, U_j)}(S) := S(U_i, U_j)$  for  $S \in \mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ . Then  $1 = \|f\| = f(T)$ . Let  $S \in \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  be such that  $|f(S)| = 1$ . We will show that  $S = T$  or

$S = -T$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 = |f(S)| &= \left| \frac{2}{n(n+1)} \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \text{sign}(T(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})) S(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k}) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{n(n+1)} \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} |S(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})| \leq 1, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that

$$S(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k}) = \text{sign}(T(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})) \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2$$

or

$$S(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k}) = -\text{sign}(T(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})) \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2.$$

Suppose that

$$S(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k}) = -\text{sign}(T(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})) \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2.$$

Since  $|S(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})| = 1 = |T(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})|$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2$ ,

$$S(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k}) = -T(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k}) \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2.$$

It follows that for all  $k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2$ ,

$$X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot S = S(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k}) = -T(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k}) = -X_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T,$$

which shows that  $MS = -MT$ . Since  $M$  is invertible,  $S = -T$ . Notice that if  $S(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k}) = \text{sign}(T(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k}))$  for  $k = 1, \dots, n(n+1)/2$ , then  $S = T$ . By Theorem 2.4,  $T$  is exposed.  $\square$

Kim [18, 23, 28, 29, 35, 38, 40, 41] showed that if  $n \geq 2$ ,  $0 < w < 1$  and  $X = l_\infty^n, \mathbb{R}_{*(w)}^2, \mathbb{R}_{h(w)}^2$  or  $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^2)$ , then  $\exp B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2X)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2X)}$ .

Using Theorem 2.5, we obtain the following:

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $n \geq 2$ ,  $0 < w < 1$  and  $X = l_\infty^n, \mathbb{R}_{*(w)}^2, \mathbb{R}_{h(w)}^2$  or  $\mathcal{L}_s(2l_\infty^2)$ . Then the equality  $\exp B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2X)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s(2X)}$  holds.*

### 3. Extreme and exposed points of $\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$

Let  $n \geq 2$  and  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n = \mathbb{R}^n$  with a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  such that  $B_{\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n}$  has finitely many extreme points more than  $2n$ . Let  $\text{ext } B_{\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n} = \{\pm U_1, \dots, \pm U_m\}$  for some  $m \geq n$  and  $U_i \neq U_j$  for  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq m$ . Notice that  $\{x_l y_s : 1 \leq l, s \leq n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ . Hence,  $\dim(\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)) = n^2$ . By Mazur's theorem,  $B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  is compact and convex. By the Krein-Milman theorem,  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  is nonempty.

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ . Then

$$T\left((x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n)\right) = \sum_{1 \leq l, s \leq n} a_{ls} x_l y_s$$

for some  $a_{ls} \in \mathbb{R}$ .



For simplicity, we denote

$$T = \left( a_{11}, \dots, a_{1n}, a_{21}, \dots, a_{2n}, \dots, a_{n1}, \dots, a_{nn} \right)^t \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}.$$

For  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , we let  $U_j = \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} \lambda_k^{(j)} e_k$  for some  $\lambda_k^{(j)} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

It follows that for  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(U_i, U_j) &= T\left( \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} \lambda_k^{(i)} e_k, \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} \lambda_k^{(j)} e_k \right) = \sum_{1 \leq k_1, k_2 \leq n} \lambda_{k_1}^{(i)} \lambda_{k_2}^{(j)} T(e_{k_1}, e_{k_2}) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq k_1, k_2 \leq n} \lambda_{k_1}^{(i)} \lambda_{k_2}^{(j)} a_{k_1 k_2} = Y_{(i,j)} \cdot T, \end{aligned}$$

where  $Y_{(i,j)} = \left( \lambda_1^{(i)} \lambda_1^{(j)}, \dots, \lambda_1^{(i)} \lambda_n^{(j)}, \lambda_2^{(i)} \lambda_1^{(j)}, \dots, \lambda_2^{(i)} \lambda_n^{(j)}, \dots, \lambda_n^{(i)} \lambda_1^{(j)}, \dots, \lambda_n^{(i)} \lambda_n^{(j)} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$  and  $Y_{(i,j)} \cdot T$  denotes the dot product of  $Y_{(i,j)}$  and  $T$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ .

Let  $\Lambda := \{(i, j) : 1 \leq i, j \leq m\}$ . Then  $|\Lambda| = m^2 \geq n^2$ . Notice that there are at most  $n^2$  linearly independent vectors in  $\{Y_{(i,j)} : (i, j) \in \Lambda\}$  since  $\{Y_{(i,j)} : (i, j) \in \Lambda\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ .

In this section we characterize  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  and  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$ , which expand some results of [25, 35, 38, 39, 43]. First, we present an explicit formulae for the norm of  $T \in \mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  be the same as in Theorem 2.2.*

(a) *If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ , then*

$$\|T\| = \sup_{1 \leq i, j \leq m} |T(U_i, U_j)| = \sup_{1 \leq k \leq m^2} |Y_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T|.$$

(b) *If  $c_{(i,j)} \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $(i, j) \in \Lambda$ , then there is a unique  $S \in \mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  such that  $S(U_i, U_j) = c_{(i,j)}$  for all  $(i, j) \in \Lambda$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from the Krein-Milman theorem and bilinearity of  $T$ .  $\square$

We are in position to prove the main result in this section.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  be the same as in Theorem 2.2. Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  with  $\|T\| = 1$ . Then  $T \in \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  if and only if there are  $n^2$  linearly independent vectors  $Y_{(i_1, j_1)}, \dots, Y_{(i_{n^2}, j_{n^2})}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n^2}$  for some  $(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_{n^2}, j_{n^2}) \in \Lambda$  such that  $|Y_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T| = 1$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, n^2$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $T$  is extreme.

By similar arguments as in Theorems 2.2 and 3.1(b), there are  $n^2$  linearly independent vectors  $Y_{(i_1, j_1)}, \dots, Y_{(i_{n^2}, j_{n^2})}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n^2}$  for some  $(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_{n^2}, j_{n^2}) \in \Lambda$  such that  $|Y_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T| = 1$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, n^2$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $S_1, S_2 \in \mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  be such that  $\|S_l\| = 1$  for  $l = 1, 2$  and  $T = \frac{1}{2}(S_1 + S_2)$ .

*Claim:*  $T = S_l$  for  $l = 1, 2$ .

Since  $\|S_l\| = 1$  for  $l = 1, 2$ , by Theorem 3.1(a),  $|Y_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot S_l| \leq 1$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, n^2$ . Let  $M_1$  be the  $n^2 \times n^2$ -matrix such that the  $k$ -th row of  $M_1$  equals to  $Y_{(i_k, j_k)}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, n^2$ . Notice that  $M_1$  is an invertible  $n^2 \times n^2$ -matrix because rows vectors of  $M_1$  are linearly independent. By similar arguments as in Theorem 2.2,  $M_1 T = M_1 S_l$  for  $l = 1, 2$ . Since  $M_1$  is invertible,  $T = S_l$  for  $l = 1, 2$ . Therefore,  $T$  is extreme.  $\square$

Using Theorem 3.2, we completely describe  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  be the same as in Theorem 2.2. Then*

$$\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} = \left\{ M^{-1}(b_1, \dots, b_{n^2})^t \in S_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} : b_k = \pm 1, M \text{ is the invertible } n^2 \times n^2\text{-matrix such that the } k\text{-th row of } M \text{ equals to } Y_{(i_k, j_k)} \text{ for } (i_k, j_k) \in \Lambda \text{ and } k = 1, \dots, n^2 \right\}.$$

*Proof.* By similar arguments as in Theorems 2.3 and 3.2, it follows.  $\square$

Using Theorem 3.3, we show that every extreme point of  $B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  is exposed.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  be the same as in Theorem 2.2. Then  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $T \in \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$ . By Theorem 3.2, there are

$$(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_{n^2}, j_{n^2}) \in \Lambda$$

such that  $Y_{(i_1, j_1)}, \dots, Y_{(i_{n^2}, j_{n^2})}$  are linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^{n^2}$  and  $|Y_{(i_k, j_k)} \cdot T| = |T(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})| = 1$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, n^2$ . Let  $M_1$  be the invertible  $n^2 \times n^2$ -matrix such that the  $k$ -th row of  $M_1$  equals to  $Y_{(i_k, j_k)}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, n^2$ . Let  $f \in \mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)^*$  be such that

$$f = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^{n^2} \text{sign}(T(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})) \delta_{(U_{i_k}, U_{j_k})}.$$

Then  $1 = \|f\| = f(T)$ . Let  $S \in \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)}$  be such that  $|f(S)| = 1$ . By similar arguments as in Theorem 2.5,  $S = T$  or  $S = -T$ . By Theorem 2.4,  $T$  is exposed.  $\square$

Kim [25, 35, 38, 39] showed that if  $n \geq 2$ ,  $0 < w < 1$  and  $X = l_\infty^n$  or  $\mathbb{R}_{*(w)}^2$ , then  $\text{exp } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2X)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}(^2X)}$ .

Using Theorem 3.4, we obtain the following:

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $n \geq 2$ ,  $0 < w < 1$  and  $X = l_\infty^n, \mathbb{R}_{*(w)}^2, \mathbb{R}_{h(w)}^2$  or  $\mathcal{L}({}^2l_\infty^2)$ . Then the equality  $\exp B_{\mathcal{L}({}^2X)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}({}^2X)}$  holds.*

The following theorem shows a relation between the spaces  $\mathcal{L}_s({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$  and  $\mathcal{L}({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  be the same as in Theorem 2.2. Then the following equalities hold:*

- (a)  $\text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}_s({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} = \text{ext } B_{\mathcal{L}({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} \cap \mathcal{L}_s({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ .
- (b)  $\exp B_{\mathcal{L}_s({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} = \exp B_{\mathcal{L}({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)} \cap \mathcal{L}_s({}^2\mathbb{R}_{\|\cdot\|}^n)$ .

*Proof.* (a) It follows from Theorems 2.2 and 3.2.

(b) It follows from Theorems 2.5, 3.4 and (a). □

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