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# Extreme Points of Certain Subsets of Hermitian Elements in Banach Algebras

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**Abstract:** We consider the real Banach spaces H(A) of all hermitian elements of a complex Banach algebra A. We prove that if an even power of a \in N(A) is hermitian, then a is an extreme point of the unit ball of H(A) if and only if $a^2 = 1$. Moreover, if an odd power of a \in H(A) is hermitian and a is an extreme point of the unit ball of H(A), then $a^3 = a$.

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