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## Abstract

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a finite direct sum of full matrix algebras over the complex field. We prove that if F is a holomorphic map of the open spectral unit ball of  $\mathcal{A}$  into itself such that F(0) = 0 and F'(0) = I, the identity of  $\mathcal{A}$ , then a and F(a) have always the same spectrum. As an application, we obtain a new proof, purely function-theoretic, of the fact that unital spectral isometries on finite-dimensional algebras are Jordan morphisms.