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Suffridge and the speaker defined, (1999), an extension operator  $T$  that extends  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $Df(0) = I$ , a locally biholomorphic mapping of the complex  $n$ -ball,  $B(n)$ , to a locally biholomorphic mapping  $F = Tf$  of the  $(n+1)$ -ball into complex  $(n+1)$  space. In the present joint work with Ian Graham and Gabriela Kohr new properties of the  $T$  operator are obtained. In particular it is shown that:

(i) If  $f$  maps  $B(n)$  onto a starlike domain then  $F$  is starlike on  $B(n+1)$ ,  $T$  preserves starlikeness.

(ii) If  $f$  can be imbedded,  $f(z) = f(z, 0)$ , in a Loewner chain  $f(z, t)$ ,  $t > \text{ or } = 0$ , on  $B(n)$ , then  $F$  has the same property on  $B(n+1)$ ,  $T$  preserves parametric representation.

We have been unable to establish that  $T$  preserves convexity, but we have some partial results in this direction. Although the  $T$  operator coincides with the Roper-Suffridge operator for extensions from the unit disk,  $B(1)$ , to  $B(k)$ , it has the advantage of giving extensions from  $B(n)$ ,  $n > 1$ , where the R-S operator is not defined.

We also investigate problems related to extreme points and support points for biholomorphic mappings generated by using the Roper-Suffridge operator. (Received February 14, 2005)