One-parameter semigroups of endomorphisms of a symmetric cone

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Let *C* be a closed cone in a Euclidean space *V*. A linear map $A: V \to V$ is called an endomorphism of the cone *C* or a positive map if $A(C) \subseteq C$. Let $\{e^{tA}; t \ge 0\}$ be a one-parameter semigroup of endomorphisms of the cone *C*. If *C* is polyhedral, then it is well-known that the generator *A* of the semigroup can be written as a sum of an endomorphism of *C* and a generator of one-parameter group of automorphisms of *C*. It is known that such a decomposition does not exist in general, but it is not known whether it exists if the cone *C* is symmetric. i.e. homogeneous and self-dual. We answer this question negatively. Explicitly, for each symmetric cone *C* of rank at least 3 we find a generator of a one-parameter semigroup of endomorphisms of *C* that cannot be written as a sum of an endomorphism of *C*. The work is motivated by the study of affine processes on symmetric cones.

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