# On Generalized Projection of Real von Neumann Algebras 

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#### Abstract

In this work, the spectral characterization of generalized projections in a prime real von Neumann algebra analogy to the work in [6] are investigated.


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## INTRODUCTION

The subject that studied and investigated here is of the theory of algebra von Neumann, spicily Jordan algebra. Let H be a complex Hilbert space and $B(H)$ the * - algebra of all bounded linear operator on $H$.

Definition 1.1. : $\mathrm{T} \in \mathrm{B}(\mathrm{H})$ is called generalized projection if $\mathrm{T}^{2}=\mathrm{T}^{*}$, where $\mathrm{T}^{*}$ is the adjoint of T .
The notation of generalized projections on a finite dimensional Hilbert space introduced by GroB and Trenkler [5] . In this work, the concept of generalized projections is extended on a prime real von- Neumann algebra R of operators on a Hilbert space $H$, where $H$ is not necessarily finite dimensional, the spectral characterization of generalized projections are obtained by using spectral theory of operators (see [9] and [7]).

Definition 1.2. : Let $\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{H})$ be ${ }^{*}$ - algebra of all bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space H . A real * - algebra R in $\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{H})$ is called a real von Neumann algebra if it is closed in weak operator topology and satisfies the condition $\mathrm{R} \cap \mathrm{i} \mathrm{R}=\{0\}$. The least von Neumann algebra $\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{R})=\mathrm{R}+\mathrm{iR}$ (complex) which contains R is called the enveloping of R . JW-algebra is a good example of a real von Neumann algebra.

We employ [1] , [2] , [8] and [10] a standard background references for the objects in this work. We recall that an algebra $R$ is said to be prime if for ideals $U$ and $V$ of $R$ with $U V=0$ implies either $U=0$ or $V=0$. For an operator $T$, the range, the null space and the spectrum of T are denoted by $R(T), N(T)$ and $\sigma(T)$ respectively.

By (theorems one and two [3]) we see that, if $R$ is prime real von Neumann algebra, then $U(R)$ is prime von Neumann algebra. Furthermore the mapping from $U(R)$ onto $R$ is a C-algebra isomorphism.

Definition 1.3. : Let $R$ be prime real von Neumann algebra, an operator $T \in R$ is said to be normal if $T^{*} T=T T^{*}$, an orthogonal projection if $\mathrm{T}^{2}=\mathrm{T}=\mathrm{T}^{*}$.

## 2. THE SPECTRAL CHARACTERIZATION

If T is a normal operator, then there exists a unique resolution of the identity E on the Borel subset of $\sigma(\mathrm{T})$ such that T has the following spectral representation ( see[9] ) . $\mathrm{T}=\int_{\sigma(\mathrm{T})} \lambda \mathrm{dE}(\lambda)$ The following facts are the main results .

Theorem 2.1 : Let $R$ be prime real von Neumann algebra and $T \in R$, then $T$ is a generalized projection if and only if $T$ is a normal operator and $\sigma(T) \subseteq\left\{0,1, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right\}$. In this case, T has the following spectral representation
$T=0 E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{i \frac{2}{3} \pi} E\left(e^{i \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \oplus e^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} E\left(e^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right)$.
where $\mathrm{E}(\lambda)$ denotes the spectral projection associated with a spectral point $\lambda \in \sigma(\mathrm{T})$ and $\mathrm{E}(\lambda)=0$ if $\lambda \notin \sigma(\mathrm{T})$.

Proof: Let T be generalized projection, then, $\mathrm{T}^{2}=\mathrm{T}^{*}$ and $\mathrm{T} \mathrm{T}^{*}=\mathrm{T}^{3}=\mathrm{T}^{2} \mathrm{~T}=\mathrm{T}^{*} \mathrm{~T}$, hence T is normal operator.

Let $\mathrm{T}=\int_{\sigma(\mathrm{T})} \lambda \mathrm{dE}(\lambda)$, then $\mathrm{T}^{*}=\int_{\sigma(\mathrm{T})} \bar{\lambda} \mathrm{dE}(\lambda)$.

Now $\mathrm{T}^{2}=\mathrm{T}^{*}$ implies that $\mathrm{T}^{2}-\mathrm{T}^{*}==\int_{\sigma(\mathrm{T})}\left(\lambda^{2}-\bar{\lambda}\right) \mathrm{dE}(\lambda)=0$.

Hence, $\lambda^{2}=\bar{\lambda}$, for all $\lambda \in \sigma(\mathrm{T})$. If $\lambda \in \sigma(\mathrm{T})$ and $\lambda \neq 0$, we denote $\lambda=\mathrm{re}^{\mathrm{i} \theta}$, where $-\pi<\theta \leq \pi$, then $r^{2} e^{2 i \theta}=r e^{-i \theta}$ and $r \neq 0$, so re ${ }^{r i \theta}=e^{-2 i \theta}$.

Hence, $\mathrm{r}=1$ and $1=\mathrm{e}^{-3 i \theta}$. This show that $-3 \theta=2 \mathrm{k} \pi$ for an integer k , hence we obtain $-3 \pi<3 \theta \leq 3 \pi$, thus $\mathrm{k} \in\{0,1,-1\}$. If $\mathrm{k}=-1$, then $3 \theta=2 \pi$, so $\theta=\frac{2}{3} \pi$. If $\mathrm{k}=1$, then $3 \theta=-2 \pi$, so $\theta=-\frac{2}{3} \pi$. If $\mathrm{k}=0$, then $3 \theta=0$, so $\theta=0$

Therefore $\sigma(\mathrm{T}) \subseteq\left\{0,1, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right\}$.

Denote by $\mathrm{E}(\lambda)$ the spectral projection of the normal operator T associated with a spectral point $\{\lambda\}$, then $\mathrm{E}(\lambda), \lambda \in \sigma(\mathrm{T})$ are orthogonal projections and mutual orthogonal, and
$\mathrm{T}=0 \mathrm{E}(0) \oplus \mathrm{E}(1) \oplus \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \oplus \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right)$, where $\mathrm{E}(\lambda) \neq 0 \quad$ if $\lambda \in \sigma(\mathrm{T}), \mathrm{E}(\lambda)=0 \quad$ if $\lambda \in\left\{0,1, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right\} \backslash \sigma(\mathrm{T})$ and $\sum_{\lambda \in \sigma(\mathrm{T})} \oplus \mathrm{E}(\lambda)=\mathrm{I}$ (see [8]).

Conversely, assume that the operator $T$ is normal and $\sigma(T) \subseteq\left\{0,1, e^{i \frac{2}{3} \pi}, e^{-\frac{i}{3} \frac{2}{3}}\right\}$. Then $T$ has the following form

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\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{T} & =0 \mathrm{E}(0) \oplus \mathrm{E}(1) \oplus \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3}}\right) \oplus \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \text {, where } \mathrm{E}(\lambda) \neq 0 \quad \text { if } \lambda \in \sigma(\mathrm{T}), \mathrm{E}(\lambda)=0 \text { if } \\
\lambda & \in\left\{0,1, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3}-\pi}\right\} \backslash \sigma(\mathrm{T}) \text { and } \sum_{\lambda \in \sigma(\mathrm{T})} \oplus \mathrm{E}(\lambda)=\mathrm{I} \text {. Thus } \\
\mathrm{T}^{2} & =0 \mathrm{E}(0) \oplus \mathrm{E}(1) \oplus \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{4}{3}} \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \oplus \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{4}{3} \pi} \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \\
& =0 \mathrm{E}(0) \oplus \mathrm{E}(1) \oplus \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \oplus \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right)=\mathrm{T}^{*} .
\end{aligned}
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Hence T is generalized projection.

Note: Let be generalized projection, in general $\sigma(T)$ is not necessarily equal to the whole set $\left\{0,1, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right\}$.
If a number $\lambda \in\left\{0,1, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right\}$ is not belong to $\sigma(\mathrm{T})$, for example $\sigma(\mathrm{T})=\left\{1, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right\}$, then formula (1) has been changed by $T=E(1) \oplus e^{i \frac{2}{3} \pi} E\left(e^{i \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right)$, where $E(1) \oplus E\left(e^{i \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right)=I$.

Corollary 2.2: Let $R$ be prime real von Neumann algebra and $T \in R$ be generalized projection, then we have
(1). The range $R(T)$ is closed .
(2). $\mathrm{T}^{4}=\mathrm{T}$ and $\mathrm{T}^{3}$ is an orthogonal projection on $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{T})$.

Proof :
(1). Since T a generalized projection, by theorem (2.1) we have that T is normal and it's spectrum is finite, so O is not a limit point of the spectrum of the normal operator $T$, then $R(T)$ is closed .
(2). Clearly .

If H is a finite dimensional space, then we have the following consequence .

Corollary 2.3: Let $T \in M_{n \times n}$ be a $n \times n$ matrix. If $T^{2}=T^{*}$, then there exists a unitary matrix $U \in M_{n \times n}$ such that $\mathrm{UT}^{*} \mathrm{U}$ is a diagonal matrix and $\mathrm{UT}^{*} \mathrm{U}=0 \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{n}_{1}} \oplus \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{n}_{2}} \oplus \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{n}_{3}} \oplus \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{n}_{4}}$, where $\mathrm{n}=\sum_{\mathrm{i}=1}^{4} \mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}}$, $0 \leq \mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}} \leq \mathrm{n}$ and $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}}}$ is the identity on a suitable $\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}}$ - dimensional complex space, $\mathrm{i}=1,2,3,4$.

Definition 2.4: Let R be prime real von Neumann algebra, by the following symbols we denote :

1. $R^{G P}=\left\{T \in R: T^{2}=T^{*}\right\}$.
2. $R^{Q P}=\left\{T \in R: T^{4}=T\right\}$.
3. $R^{\text {PI }}=\{T \in R: T$ is a partial isometry $\}$.
4. $\mathrm{R}^{\mathrm{N}}=\left\{\mathrm{T} \in \mathrm{R}: \mathrm{T}^{*}=\mathrm{T}^{*} \mathrm{~T}\right\}$.

The theorem in [4] is proved for a finite dimensional Hilbert spaces, here the same result also holds for an infinite dimensional Hilbert space the proof is different from [4] and based on the spectral representation ( see [9] ).

Theorem 2.5: Let $R$ be prime real von Neumann algebra and $T \in R$, then the following statements are equivalent .

1. $T \in R^{G P}$.
2. $T \in R^{Q P} \cap R^{P I} \cap R^{N}$.
3. $T \in R^{Q P} \cap R^{N}$

Proof: (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let $T \in R^{G P}$, then by theorem (2.1) $T$ has the following from
$T=0 \mathrm{E}(0) \oplus \mathrm{E}(1) \oplus \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \oplus \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right)$, where $\mathrm{E}(\lambda) \neq 0 \quad$ if $\lambda \in \sigma(\mathrm{T})$ and $\mathrm{E}(\lambda)=0$ if $\lambda \in\left\{0,1, e^{i \frac{2}{3} \pi}, e^{-i \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right\} \backslash \sigma(T)$ hence we have $T^{4}=0 E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{i \frac{8}{3} \pi} E\left(e^{i \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \oplus e^{-i \frac{8}{3} \pi} E\left(e^{-i \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right)$
$=0 E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{i \frac{2}{3} \pi} E\left(e^{i \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \oplus e^{-i \frac{2}{3} \pi} E\left(e^{-i \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right)=T$

We observe that $T^{*}=0 \mathrm{E}(0) \oplus \mathrm{E}(1) \oplus \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \oplus \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi} \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right)$, then
$\mathrm{T}^{*} \mathrm{~T}=0 \mathrm{E}(0) \oplus \mathrm{E}(1) \oplus \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \oplus \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \quad$ which $\quad$ is an orthogonal projection on the subspace $E(1) \oplus E\left(e^{\frac{i}{3} \frac{2}{3}}\right) \oplus E\left(e^{-i \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right)$, hence $T$ is a partial isometry .

Now T T ${ }^{*}=0 E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus E\left(\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right) \oplus \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right)=\mathrm{T}^{*} \mathrm{~T}$.
$\Rightarrow T$ is normal. Hence $T \in R^{Q P} \cap R^{P I} \cap R^{N}$.
(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Clearly .
(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) . Let $T \in R^{Q P} \cap R^{N}$, then $T \quad$ is normal and $T^{4}=T$, hence $\sigma(\mathrm{T}) \subseteq\left\{\lambda: \lambda^{4}=\lambda\right)=\left\{0,1, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{2}{3} \pi}\right\}$.

Using theorem (2.1) we get $T \in \mathrm{R}^{\mathrm{GP}}$.

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