

# 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.  $T \in B(H)$  is called generalized projection if  $T^2 = T^*$ , where  $T^*$  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 B(H) be \* - algebra of all bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space H. A real \* - algebra R in B(H) is called a real von Neumann algebra if it is closed in weak operator topology and satisfies the condition  $R \cap iR = \{0\}$ . The least von Neumann algebra U(R)=R+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 UV=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  $T^*T = TT^*$ , an orthogonal projection if  $T^2 = T = T^*$ .



#### 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  $\sigma(T)$  such that T has the following spectral representation (see[9]). T =  $\int_{\sigma(T)} \lambda dE(\lambda)$ 

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  $\sigma(T) \subseteq \{0, 1, e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi}, e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi}\}$ . In this case, T has the following spectral representation

$$T = 0E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi} E(e^{i\frac{2}{3}}) \oplus e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi} E(e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi}) . ...(1)$$

where  $E(\lambda)$  denotes the spectral projection associated with a spectral point  $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$  and  $E(\lambda) = 0$  if  $\lambda \notin \sigma(T)$ .

Proof : Let T be generalized projection, then,  $T^2 = T^*$  and  $TT^* = T^3 = T^2T = T^*T$ , hence T is normal operator.

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

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

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

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

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

Denote by  $E(\lambda)$  the spectral projection of the normal operator T associated with a spectral point  $\{\lambda\}$ , then  $E(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$  are orthogonal projections and mutual orthogonal, and

$$\begin{split} T &= 0 E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi} E(e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi}) \oplus e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi} E(e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi}) , \text{ where } E(\lambda) \neq 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ , } E(\lambda)$$



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

$$\begin{split} T &= 0 E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{\frac{i^2}{3}} E(e^{\frac{i^2}{3}}) \oplus e^{-\frac{i^2}{3}} E(e^{-\frac{i^2}{3}}) , \text{ where } E(\lambda) \neq 0 \quad \text{ if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) , E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{ if } \lambda \in$$

$$T^{2} = 0E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{i\frac{4}{3}\pi}E(e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi}) \oplus e^{-i\frac{4}{3}\pi}E(e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi})$$

$$= 0 E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi} E(e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi}) \oplus e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi} E(e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi}) = T^* .$$

Hence T is generalized projection.

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

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).  $T^4 = T$  and  $T^3$  is an orthogonal projection on R(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  $UT^*U$  is a diagonal matrix and  $UT^*U = 0I_{n_1} \oplus I_{n_2} \oplus e^{i\frac{2}{3}}I_{n_3} \oplus e^{-i\frac{2}{3}}I_{n_4}$ , where  $n = \sum_{i=1}^4 n_i$ ,  $0 \le n_i \le n$  and  $I_n$  is the identity on a suitable  $n_i$ -dimensional complex space, i = 1, 2, 3, 4.

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

1. 
$$R^{GP} = \{ T \in R : T^2 = T^* \}$$
.

2.  $R^{QP}$  = {  $T \in R : T^4$  = T } .



3.  $R^{PI} = \{ T \in R : T \text{ is a partial isometry } \}.$ 

4. 
$$R^{N} = \{ T \in R : T T^{*} = T^{*}T \}$$
.

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.  $T \in R^{GP}$ .
- 2.  $T \in R^{QP} \cap R^{PI} \cap R^{N}$ .
- 3.  $T \in R^{QP} \cap R^{N}$

Proof: (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let T  $\in \mathbb{R}^{GP}$ , then by theorem (2.1) T has the following from

 $T = 0E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi} E(e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi}) \oplus e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi} E(e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi}), \text{ where } E(\lambda) \neq 0 \text{ if } \lambda \in \sigma(T) \text{ and } E(\lambda) = 0 \text{ if } \lambda \in \{0, 1, e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi}, e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi}\} \setminus \sigma(T) \text{ hence we have } T^4 = 0E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{i\frac{8}{3}\pi} E(e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi}) \oplus e^{-i\frac{8}{3}\pi} E(e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi})$ 

$$= 0 E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi} E(e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi}) \oplus e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi} E(e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi}) = T$$

We observe that  $T^* = 0 E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi} E(e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi}) \oplus e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi} E(e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi})$ , then

 $T^{*}T = 0E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus E(e^{i\frac{2}{3}}) \oplus E(e^{-i\frac{2}{3}})$  which is an orthogonal projection on the subspace  $E(1) \oplus E(e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi}) \oplus E(e^{-i\frac{2}{3}\pi})$ , hence T is a partial isometry.

Now T T<sup>\*</sup> = 0 E (0)  $\oplus$  E (1)  $\oplus$  E (e<sup> $i\frac{2}{3}\pi$ </sup>)  $\oplus$  E (e<sup> $-i\frac{2}{3}\pi$ </sup>) = T<sup>\*</sup>T.

 $\Rightarrow$  T is normal . Hence T  $\in~R^{_{\rm QP}}\cap~R^{_{\rm PI}}\cap~R^{_{\rm N}}$  .

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ . Clearly.

 $\begin{array}{lll} (3) \Rightarrow (1) & . & \text{Let} & T \in R^{QP} \cap R^{N} & , & \text{then} & T & \text{is normal and} & T^{4} = T & , & \text{hence} \\ \\ \sigma(T) \subseteq \{\lambda : \lambda^{4} = \lambda\} = \{0, 1, e^{\frac{i^{2} - \pi}{3}}, e^{-i\frac{2}{3} \pi}\}. \end{array}$ 

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



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