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

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

where $E(\lambda)$ denotes the spectral projection associated with a spectral point $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$ and $E(\lambda) = 0$ if $\lambda \not\in \sigma(T)$.

**Proof :** Let $T$ be generalized projection, then, $T^2 = T^*$ and $T^*T = T^3 = T^2T = T^*T$, 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 $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$, then $e^{2i\theta} = re^{-i\theta}$ and $r \neq 0$, so $re^{i\theta} = e^{-2i\theta}$.

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

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

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

$$T = 0E(0) \oplus E(1) \oplus e^{\frac{2\pi}{3}}E(e^{\frac{2\pi}{3}}) \oplus e^{-\frac{2\pi}{3}}E(e^{-\frac{2\pi}{3}}), \quad \text{where} \quad E(\lambda) \neq 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \lambda \in \sigma(T), \quad E(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \lambda \in \{0, 1, e^{\frac{2\pi}{3}}, e^{-\frac{2\pi}{3}}\} \setminus \sigma(T) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{\lambda \in \sigma(T)} E(\lambda) = 1 \quad \text{(see [8])}.$$
Conversely, assume that the operator $T$ is normal and $\sigma(T) \subseteq \{0, 1, e^{3\pi i}, e^{-3\pi i}\}$. Then $T$ has the following form

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

where $E(\lambda) \neq 0$ if $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$, $E(\lambda) = 0$ if $\lambda \in \{0, 1, e^{3\pi i}, e^{-3\pi i}\} \setminus \sigma(T)$ and $\sum_{\lambda \in \sigma(T)} E(\lambda) = 1$. Thus

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

Hence $T$ is generalized projection.

Note: Let be generalized projection, in general $\sigma(T)$ is not necessarily equal to the whole set $\{0, 1, e^{3\pi i}, e^{-3\pi i}\}$.

If a number $\lambda \in \{0, 1, e^{3\pi i}, e^{-3\pi i}\}$ is not belong to $\sigma(T)$, for example $\sigma(T) = \{1, e^{3\pi i}\}$, then formula (1) has been changed by $T = E(1) \oplus e^{3\pi i} E(e^{3\pi i})$, where $E(1) \oplus E(e^{3\pi i}) = I$.

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 its 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 $UT^*U = 0 \oplus I_{n_1} \oplus e^{3\pi i} I_{n_2} \oplus e^{-3\pi i} I_{n_3} \oplus \ldots \oplus e^{3\pi i} I_{n_k}$, where $n = \sum_{i=1}^{k} n_i$, $0 \leq n_i \leq n$ and $I_{n_i}$ 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. $R_{PI}^P = \{ T \in R : T \text{ is a partial isometry} \}$.

4. $R_N = \{ T \in R : T^* = T \} \backslash R^P$.

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. $T \in R_{OP} \cap R^P \cap R^N$.

3. $T \in R_{OP} \cap R^N$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$\Rightarrow$ $T$ is normal. Hence $T \in R_{OP} \cap R^P \cap R^N$.

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

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let $T \in R_{OP} \cap R^N$, then $T$ is normal and $T^4 = T$, hence

$\sigma(T) \subseteq \{ \lambda : \lambda^4 = \lambda \} = \{0,1,e^{\frac{2}{3}},e^{-\frac{2}{3}}\}$.

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