

## Normal Interpolation on $AX = Y$ in CSL-algebra $\text{Alg}\mathcal{L}$

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a commutative subspace lattice on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $X$  and  $Y$  be operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let

$$\mathcal{M}_X = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n E_i X f_i : n \in \mathbb{N}, f_i \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L} \right\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{M}_Y = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n E_i Y f_i : n \in \mathbb{N}, f_i \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L} \right\}.$$

Then the following are equivalent.

(i) There is an operator  $A$  in  $\text{Alg}\mathcal{L}$  such that  $AX = Y$ ,  $Ag = 0$  for all  $g$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$ ,  $A^*A = AA^*$  and every  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  reduces  $A$ .

(ii)  $\sup \{K(E, f) : n \in \mathbb{N}, f_i \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L}\} < \infty$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_Y} \subset \overline{\mathcal{M}_X}$  and there is an operator  $T$  acting on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $\langle EXf, Tg \rangle = \langle EYf, Xg \rangle$  and  $\langle ETf, Tg \rangle = \langle EYf, Yg \rangle$  for all  $f, g$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ , where  $K(E, f) = \|\sum_{i=1}^n E_i Y f_i\| / \|\sum_{i=1}^n E_i X f_i\|$ .

### 1. Introduction

A commutative subspace lattice or CSL  $\mathcal{L}$  is a strongly closed lattice of commutative projections on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . We assume that the projections  $0$  and  $I$  lie in  $\mathcal{L}$ . We usually identify projections and their ranges, so that it makes sense to speak of an operator as leaving a projection invariant.  $\text{Alg}\mathcal{L}$  is the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$  that leave invariant all the projections in  $\mathcal{L}$ . If  $\mathcal{L}$  is CSL, then  $\text{Alg}\mathcal{L}$  is called a CSL-algebra.

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a subset of a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$  means the closure of  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}^\perp$  the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of all natural numbers and let  $\mathbb{C}$  be the set of all complex numbers. In this paper, we use the convention  $\frac{0}{0} = 0$ , when necessary.

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Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and  $\mathcal{L}$  be a commutative subspace lattice of orthogonal projections on  $\mathcal{H}$  containing 0 and  $I$  through this paper.

**Theorem A ([3]).** *Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a commutative subspace lattice on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i) *There is an operator  $A$  in  $\text{Alg}\mathcal{L}$  such that  $AX = Y$  and every  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  reduces  $A$ .*
- (ii)  $\sup \{K(E, f) : n \in \mathbb{N}, f_i \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L}\} < \infty$ .

**Theorem B ([4]).** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and  $\mathcal{L}$  be a subspace lattice on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Assume that the range of  $X$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (i) *There exists a normal operator  $A$  in  $\text{Alg}\mathcal{L}$  such that  $AX = Y$  and every  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  reduces  $A$ .*
- (ii)  $\sup \{K(E, f) : n \in \mathbb{N}, f_i \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L}\} < \infty$  and there is an operator  $T$  acting on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $\langle Xf, Tg \rangle = \langle Yf, Xg \rangle$  and  $\langle Tf, Tg \rangle = \langle Yf, Yg \rangle$  for all  $f$  and  $g$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

In Theorem B, we investigated to find a necessary and sufficient condition for normal interpolation problem in  $\text{Alg}\mathcal{L}$  and we assumed the density of the range of  $X$ . In this paper, we tried to delete the range dense condition.

## 2. Results

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be operators acting on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let

$$\mathcal{M}_X = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n E_i X f_i : n \in \mathbb{N}, f_i \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L} \right\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{M}_Y = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n E_i Y f_i : n \in \mathbb{N}, f_i \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L} \right\}.$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $A$ ,  $X$  and  $Y$  be operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . If  $Y = AX$ ,  $Af = 0$  for all  $f$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$  and  $AE = EA$  for all  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_Y} \subset \overline{\mathcal{M}_X}$ .
- (ii) For all  $f$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$ ,  $A^*f$  is in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Let  $f$  be a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$ . Then  $\langle A^*f, EXg \rangle = \langle f, AEXg \rangle = \langle f, EYg \rangle = 0$  for all  $g$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  because  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_Y} \subset \overline{\mathcal{M}_X}$ . So  $A^*f$  is a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Let  $f$  be a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$ . Then  $0 = \langle A^*f, EXh \rangle = \langle f, EYh \rangle$  for all  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $h$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ . So  $f$  is a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_Y}^\perp$ . Hence  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_Y} \subset \overline{\mathcal{M}_X}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $A$ ,  $X$  and  $Y$  be operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Assume that  $AX = Y$ ,  $Af = 0$  for all  $f$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$ ,  $AE = EA$  for all  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $A^*A = AA^*$ . If  $f$  is a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$ , then  $A^*f$  is a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$  and  $EXh = A^*g_1 + g_2$  for  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ , where  $g_2$  is a vector in  $\overline{\text{range } A^*}^\perp$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A^*f, EXh \rangle &= \langle A^*f, A^*g_1 + g_2 \rangle = \langle A^*f, A^*g_1 \rangle + \langle A^*f, g_2 \rangle \\ &= \langle A^*f, A^*g_1 \rangle = \langle Af, Ag_1 \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So  $A^*f$  is a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$ . □

**Theorem 2.3.** *The following statements are equivalent.*

(i) *There is an operator  $A$  in  $\text{Alg}\mathcal{L}$  such that  $Y = AX$ ,  $Ag = 0$  for all  $g$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$ ,  $AE = EA$  for all  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $AA^* = A^*A$ .*

(ii)  *$\sup \{K(E, f) : n \in \mathbb{N}, f_i \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L}\} < \infty$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_Y} \subset \overline{\mathcal{M}_X}$  and there is an operator  $T$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $Tf \in \overline{\mathcal{M}_X}$ ,  $\langle EXf, Tg \rangle = \langle EYf, Xg \rangle$  and  $\langle ETf, Tg \rangle = \langle EYf, Yg \rangle$  for all  $f, g$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ .*

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). If we assume that (i) holds, then by Theorem A,  $\sup \{K(E, f) : n \in \mathbb{N}, f_i \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_i \in \mathcal{L}\} < \infty$ . And by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2,  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_Y} \subset \overline{\mathcal{M}_X}$ . Let  $A^*X = T$ . Then

$$\langle EXf, Tg \rangle = \langle EXf, A^*Xg \rangle = \langle AEXf, Xg \rangle = \langle EYf, Xg \rangle$$

and

$$\langle ETf, Tg \rangle = \langle EA^*Xf, A^*Xg \rangle = \langle AEXf, AXg \rangle = \langle EYf, Yg \rangle$$

for all  $f, g$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Since

$$\langle Tf, g \rangle = \langle A^*Xf, g \rangle = \langle Xf, Ag \rangle = \langle Xf, 0 \rangle = 0$$

for all  $f$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $g$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$ ,  $Tf \in \overline{\mathcal{M}_X}$ .

Conversely, by Theorem A, there is an operator  $A$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $AX = Y$ ,  $Ag = 0$  for all  $g$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$  and every  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  reduces  $A$ . Since  $\langle EXf, Tg \rangle = \langle EYf, Xg \rangle$ , we have

$$\left\langle A\left(\sum_{i=1}^n E_i X f_i\right), Xg \right\rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n A E_i X f_i, Xg \right\rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n E_i Y f_i, Xg \right\rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n E_i X f_i, Tg \right\rangle.$$

So  $\langle Ah, Xg \rangle = \langle h, Tg \rangle$  for all  $h$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}$  and  $g$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Since  $\langle Ah, Xg \rangle = 0 = \langle h, Tg \rangle$  for  $h \in \overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$  and  $g$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $A^*X = T$ . Since  $\langle EYf, Yg \rangle = \langle ETf, Tg \rangle$  for all  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $f, g$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle A\left(\sum_{i=1}^n E_i X f_i\right), Yg \right\rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n E_i Y f_i, Yg \right\rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n E_i T f_i, Tg \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n E_i A^* X f_i, Tg \right\rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n E_i X f_i, ATg \right\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $g$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $E_i \in \mathcal{L}$ . So  $\langle Af, Yg \rangle = \langle f, ATg \rangle$  for all  $f$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}$  and  $g$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Since  $\langle Af, Yg \rangle = 0$  and  $\langle f, ATg \rangle = \langle A^*f, Tg \rangle = 0$  for all  $f$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$  and  $g$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  ( $A^*f \in \overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$  and  $Tg \in \overline{\mathcal{M}_X}$ ). Hence  $A^*Y = AT$ . Thus  $AA^*X = A^*AX$ . So  $AA^*f = A^*Af$  for all  $f$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}$ . Since  $AE = EA$ ,  $A^*E = EA^*$  for all  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Since  $A^*Ag = 0 = AA^*g$  for all  $g$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_X}^\perp$  by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2,  $AA^* = A^*A$ .  $\square$

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be operators acting on  $\mathcal{H}$  ( $n$  is a fixed natural number). Let

$$\mathcal{N}_X = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} X_i f_{k,i} : m_i \in \mathbb{N}, l \leq n, f_{k,i} \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \right\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{N}_Y = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} Y_i f_{k,i} : m_i \in \mathbb{N}, l \leq n, f_{k,i} \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \right\}.$$

**Theorem C ([3]).** *Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a commutative subspace lattice on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Assume that the range of one of the  $X_p$ 's is dense in  $\mathcal{H}$  ( $p = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ). Let*

$$K(E, f, m) = \frac{\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} Y_i f_{k,i} \|}{\| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} X_i f_{k,i} \|}.$$

Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) *There exists an operator  $A$  in  $\text{Alg}\mathcal{L}$  such that  $AX_i = Y_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ),  $Ag = 0$  for all  $g$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$  and every  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  reduces  $A$ .*
- (ii)  $\sup \{K(E, f, m) : m_i \in \mathbb{N}, l \leq n, f_{k,i} \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L}\} < \infty$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $A, X_i$  and  $Y_i$  be operators on  $\mathcal{H}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $AX_i = Y_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ),  $Ag = 0$  for all  $g$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$  and  $AE = EA$  for all  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ , then the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_Y} \subset \overline{\mathcal{N}_X}$ .
- (ii) *For all  $f$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$ ,  $A^*f$  is a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$ .*

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Let  $f$  be a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$ . Then

$$\langle A^*f, EX_i f_i \rangle = \langle f, AE_i X_i f_i \rangle = \langle f, E_i Y_i f_i \rangle = 0$$

for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and for all  $E_i$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  because  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_Y} \subset \overline{\mathcal{N}_X}$ . So  $A^*f$  is a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Let  $f$  be a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$ . Then

$$0 = \langle A^*f, E_i X_i h_i \rangle = \langle f, AE_i X_i h_i \rangle = \langle f, E_i Y_i h_i \rangle$$

for all  $E_i$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $h_i$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . So  $f$  is a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_Y}^\perp$ . Hence  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_Y} \subset \overline{\mathcal{N}_X}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $A$ ,  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$  be operators on  $\mathcal{H}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Assume that  $AX_i = Y_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ),  $Ag = 0$  for all  $g$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$ ,  $AE = EA$  for all  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $A^*A = AA^*$ . Then  $A^*f$  is a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$  for all  $f$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$  and  $E_i X_i f_i = A^*g_{i_1} + g_{i_2}$  for  $E_i$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $f_i$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ , where  $g_{i_2}$  is a vector in  $\overline{\text{range } A^*}^\perp$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A^*f, E_i X_i f_i \rangle &= \langle A^*f, A^*g_{i_1} + g_{i_2} \rangle = \langle A^*f, A^*g_{i_1} \rangle + \langle A^*f, g_{i_2} \rangle \\ &= \langle A^*f, A^*g_{i_1} \rangle = \langle Af, Ag_{i_1} \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So  $A^*f$  is a vector in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6.** *The following are equivalent.*

(i) *There is an operator  $A$  in  $\text{Alg}\mathcal{L}$  such that  $Y_i = AX_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ),  $Ag = 0$  for all  $g$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$ ,  $AE = EA$  for all  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $AA^* = A^*A$ .*

(ii)  *$\sup \{K(E, f, m) : m_i \in \mathbb{N}, l \leq n, f_{k,i} \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L}\} < \infty$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_Y} \subset \overline{\mathcal{N}_X}$  and there are operators  $T_p$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that*

$$\langle E_q X_q f_q, T_p g_p \rangle = \langle E_q Y_q f_q, X_p g_p \rangle, \quad \langle E_q T_q f_q, T_p g_p \rangle = \langle E_q Y_q f_q, Y_p g_p \rangle$$

and  $T_p f_p \in \overline{\mathcal{N}_X}$  for  $f_p, g_p$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $E_q$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $p, q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). By Theorem C,  $\sup \{K(E, f, m) : m_i \in \mathbb{N}, l \leq n, f_{k,i} \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L}\} < \infty$ . By Lemmas 2.4 and 2.5,  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_Y} \subset \overline{\mathcal{N}_X}$ . Let  $A^*X_p = T_p$  ( $p = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle E_q X_q f_q, T_p g_p \rangle &= \langle E_q X_q f_q, A^*X_p g_p \rangle \\ &= \langle AE_q X_q f_q, X_p g_p \rangle \\ &= \langle E_q Y_q f_q, X_p g_p \rangle \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle E_q T_q f_q, T_p g_p \rangle &= \langle E_q A^*X_q f_q, A^*X_p g_p \rangle \\ &= \langle AE_q X_q f_q, AX_p g_p \rangle \\ &= \langle E_q Y_q f_q, Y_p g_p \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\langle T_p f_p, g \rangle = \langle A^*X_p f_p, g \rangle = \langle X_p f_p, Ag \rangle = \langle X_p f_p, 0 \rangle = 0$  for all  $f_p$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $g$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$ ,  $T_p f_p \in \overline{\mathcal{N}_X}$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). By Theorem C, there is an operator  $A$  in  $\text{Alg}\mathcal{L}$  such that  $AX_i = Y_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ),  $Af = 0$  for all  $f$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$  and every  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  reduces  $A$ . Since  $\langle E_q X_q f_q, T_p g_p \rangle = \langle E_q Y_q f_q, X_p g_p \rangle$  for all  $E_q$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  and all  $p, q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle A \left( \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} X_i f_{k,i} \right), X_p g_p \right\rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} Y_i f_{k,i}, X_p g_p \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} X_i f_{k,i}, T_p g_p \right\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

$m_i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $l \leq n$ ,  $f_{k,i} \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $p = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . So  $\langle Ah, X_p g_p \rangle = \langle h, T_p g_p \rangle$  for all  $h$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}$ ,  $g_p$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $p = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Since  $\langle Ah, X_p g_p \rangle = 0 = \langle h, T_p g_p \rangle$  for all  $h$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$ ,  $g_p$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $p = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $A^* X_p = T_p$ . Since  $\langle E_q Y_q f_q, Y_p g_p \rangle = \langle E_q T_q f_q, T_p g_p \rangle$ ,  $E_q \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $f_q, g_q \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $p, q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle A \left( \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} X_i f_{k,i} \right), Y_p g_p \right\rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} Y_i f_{k,i}, Y_p g_p \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} T_i f_{k,i}, T_p g_p \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} A^* X_i f_{k,i}, T_p g_p \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} X_i f_{k,i}, AT_p g_p \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

So  $\langle Af, Y_p g_p \rangle = \langle f, AT_p g_p \rangle$  for all  $f$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}$  and  $g_p$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  ( $p = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ). Since  $\langle Af, Y_p g_p \rangle = 0$  and  $\langle f, AT_p g_p \rangle = \langle A^* f, T_p g_p \rangle = 0$  for all  $f$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$ ,  $g_p$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $p = 1, 2, \dots, n$  by Lemmas 2.4 and 2.5. So  $A^* Y_p = AT_p$  ( $p = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ). Thus  $A^* A X_p = AA^* X_p$  ( $p = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ). Hence  $A^* A f = AA^* f$  for all  $f$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}$ . Since  $A^* A g = 0 = AA^* g$  for all  $g$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{N}_X}^\perp$  by Lemmas 2.4 and 2.5,  $A^* A = AA^*$ .  $\square$

Let  $\{X_n\}$  and  $\{Y_n\}$  be two infinite sequences of operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let

$$\mathcal{K}_X = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} X_i f_{k,i} : m_i, l \in \mathbb{N}, f_{k,i} \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \right\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{K}_Y = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \sum_{i=1}^l E_{k,i} Y_i f_{k,i} : m_i, l \in \mathbb{N}, f_{k,i} \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L} \right\}.$$

With the similar proof as Lemmas 2.4, 2.5 and Theorem 2.6, we can get the following Theorem.

**Theorem 2.7.** *The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i) *There is an operator  $A$  in  $\text{Alg}\mathcal{L}$  such that  $AX_n = Y_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ),  $Ag = 0$  for all  $g$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{K}_X}^\perp$ , every  $E$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  reduces  $A$  and  $AA^* = A^*A$ .*
- (ii)  *$\sup\{K(E, f, m) : m_i, l \in \mathbb{N}, f_{k,i} \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } E_{k,i} \in \mathcal{L}\} < \infty$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{K}_Y} \subset \overline{\mathcal{K}_X}$  and there are operators  $T_n$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) such that  $\langle E_q X_q f_q, T_p g_p \rangle = \langle E_q Y_q f_q, X_p g_p \rangle$ ,  $\langle E_q T_q f_q, T_p g_p \rangle = \langle E_q Y_q f_q, Y_p g_p \rangle$  and  $T_p f_p \in \overline{\mathcal{N}_X}$  for  $f_p, g_p$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $E_q$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $p, q = 1, 2, \dots$ .*

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