

## SPECTRUMS OF WEIGHTED LEFT REGULAR ISOMETRIES OF A STRONGLY PERFORATED SEMIGROUP

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ABSTRACT. We compute spectrums of left regular isometries and weighted left regular isometries of a strongly perforated semigroup  $P = \{0, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space,  $A$  a bounded linear operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ , and  $C^*(A)$  denote the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $A$  and the identity operator  $I$ . The operator  $A$  is called GCR, or postliminal, if  $C^*(A)$  is a GCR  $C^*$ -algebra. Recall that a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called CCR, or liminal, if for every irreducible representation  $\pi$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  on a Hilbert space and for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\pi(A)$  is compact [4, 4.2.1]. A  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called GCR if  $\mathcal{A}$  has an increasing family of closed two-sided ideals  $(\mathcal{I}_\rho)_{0 \leq \rho \leq \alpha}$  satisfying  $\mathcal{I}_0 = \{0\}$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha = \mathcal{A}$ , if  $\rho \leq \alpha$  is a limit ordinal, then  $\mathcal{I}_\rho$  is the uniform closure of  $\cup\{\mathcal{I}_{\rho'} : \rho' < \rho\}$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{\rho+1}/\mathcal{I}_\rho$  is CCR [4, 4.3.4]. Equivalently,  $\mathcal{A}$  is GCR if every irreducible representation of  $\mathcal{A}$  contains a nonzero compact operator [16, 4.6.4]. It has been known that this is equivalent to requiring that for every representation  $\pi$  on a Hilbert space,  $\pi(\mathcal{A})$  generates a type I  $W^*$ -algebra [16].

The basic examples of CCR algebras are commutative  $C^*$ -algebra, the algebras  $M_n$  of  $n \times n$  complex matrices, and the algebra  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$  of all compact operators on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Also  $C^*$ -subalgebras of GCR algebras are GCR [4, 4.3.5].

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An operator  $A$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is called  $n$ -normal [14] if

$$\sum sgn(\sigma)A_{\sigma(1)}A_{\sigma(2)}\cdots A_{\sigma(2n)} = 0$$

where  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{2n}$  are arbitrary elements of the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $A$ , and the summation is taken over all permutations  $\sigma$  of  $(1, 2, \dots, 2n)$ . It is clear that if  $A$  is  $n$ -normal, then every operator in  $C^*(A)$  is also  $n$ -normal. Every  $n$ -normal operator  $A$  can be written as the direct sum of  $\{A_k\}_{k=1}^n$  where each  $A_k$  is a  $k \times k$  operator-valued matrix whose entries belong to a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra [14]. Thus  $n$ -normal operators are CCR, since every irreducible representation is of dimension less than or equal to  $n$ . Let  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$  denote the ideal of compact operators in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , and let  $\phi$  denote the canonical homomorphism for  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  onto the Calkin algebra  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})/\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$ . We call an operator  $A$  essentially  $n$ -normal if  $\phi(A)$  is  $n$ -normal, or equivalent if

$$\sum sgn(\sigma)A_{\sigma(1)}A_{\sigma(2)}\cdots A_{\sigma(2n)} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$$

where  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{2n}$  are arbitrary elements of the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $A$ . We remark that essentially  $n$ -normal operators are GCR since  $C^*(A)/(C^*(A) \cap \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H}))$  is an  $n$ -normal algebra and hence CCR. A large class of essentially  $n$ -normal operators are those operators which can be written as direct sum of  $k \times k$  operator-valued matrices ( $k \leq n$ ) with entries in a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}_k$  such that  $\phi(\mathcal{A}_k)$  is commutative. As an important example we mention those  $n \times n$  operator-valued matrices whose entries are Toeplitz operators with continuous symbol [6].

Now fix a separable Hilbert space  $l^2(\mathbb{N})$  and an orthonormal basis  $\{e_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  for  $l^2(\mathbb{N})$ . A bounded linear operator  $S$  on  $l^2(\mathbb{N})$  is called a *weighted shift* with weights  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in l^\infty(\mathbb{N})$  if

$$S(e_n) = \alpha_{n+1}e_{n+1}$$

for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Since the weighted shift with weights  $\{|\alpha_n|\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , we assume that  $\alpha_n \geq 0$ . When  $\alpha_n = 1$  for all  $n$ , we obtain the unilateral shift  $U$  defined by  $U(e_n) = e_{n+1}$ . Notice that  $U$  is a pure isometry that is essentially normal hence GCR. In fact, it is known that  $\mathcal{K}(l^2(\mathbb{N})) \subset C^*(U)$  and  $C^*(U)/\mathcal{K}(l^2(\mathbb{N}))$  is  $*$ -isomorphic to  $C(\mathbb{T})$ , the continuous functions on the unit circle  $\mathbb{T}$ . If  $S$  is any weighted shift, then  $S = UD$  where  $D$  is the diagonal operator,  $D = \text{Diag}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots)$ , defined by  $De_n = \alpha_{n+1}e_n$ . Since we assume that  $\alpha_n \geq 0$ , we have that  $D = (S^*S)^{1/2} \in C^*(S)$ , and that  $S = UD$  is the polar decomposition of  $S$  if  $\alpha_n > 0$  for all  $n$ . A weighted shift  $S$  with weights  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is

called *periodic* if there exists an integer  $p$  such that  $\alpha_n = \alpha_{n+p}$  for all  $n$ . In this case  $S$  is said to be periodic of period  $p$ . It is known that a weighted shift with weights  $\{\alpha_n\}$  such that  $\alpha_n - \beta_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for some periodic sequence  $\{\beta_n\}$  is GCR.

In this paper we will study shifts on a Hilbert space  $l^2(P)$  when  $P = \{0, 2, 3, \dots\}$ . Though the natural number semigroup  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  is a totally and well ordered semigroup, the semigroup  $P = \{0, 2, 3, \dots\}$  is partially ordered semigroup and strongly perforated semigroup. That is, the order structure of  $P$  is very different from  $\mathbb{N}$ . Hence the shift on  $l^2(P)$  acts differently from the shift on  $l^2(\mathbb{N})$ .

We define an isometric representation of a semigroup  $M$  and also the left regular isometry  $\mathcal{L}_x$  as a generalized shift on a Hilbert space for each  $x \in M$ . We compute spectrums of left regular isometries and weighted left regular isometries on  $l^2(P)$ . And also we show that the operator  $\mathcal{L}_3\mathcal{L}_2^*$  can be perturbed as a GCR element for  $2, 3 \in P$ .

## 2. Isometric representation

Let  $M$  denote a semigroup with unit  $e$  and let  $B$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra with unit  $I_B$ . We call a map  $W : M \rightarrow B$ ,  $x \rightarrow W_x$  an isometric homomorphism if each  $W_x$  is an isometry and  $W_{xy} = W_x W_y$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $W_e = I_B$ . If  $B = B(\mathcal{H})$  for a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $(\mathcal{H}, W)$  is called an isometric representation of  $M$ .

If  $M$  is left cancellative, we can have a specific isometric representation. Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a non-zero Hilbert space and  $l^2(M, \mathcal{H})$  denote the Hilbert space of all norm-square summable maps  $f$  from  $M$  to  $\mathcal{H}$ , i.e.,

$$l^2(M, \mathcal{H}) = \{f \mid f : M \rightarrow \mathcal{H}, \sum_{x \in M} |f(x)|^2 < \infty\}.$$

The norm and scalar product on  $l^2(M, \mathcal{H})$  are given as follows;

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|^2 &= \sum_{x \in M} |f(x)|^2 < \infty \\ \langle f, g \rangle &= \sum_{x \in M} \langle f(x), g(x) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

For each  $x \in M$ , we define a map  $\mathcal{L}_x$  on  $l^2(M, \mathcal{H})$  by the equation ;

$$(\mathcal{L}_x f)(z) = \begin{cases} f(y), & \text{if } z = xy \text{ for some } y \in M \\ 0, & \text{if } z \notin xM. \end{cases}$$

By the definition of adjoint operator  $(\mathcal{L}_x^* f)(z) = f(zx)$  for  $x, z \in M$ , we have

$$(\mathcal{L}_x^* \mathcal{L}_x f)(z) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_x^* f(y), & \text{if } z = xy \text{ for some } y \in M \\ 0, & \text{if } z \notin xM, \end{cases}$$

so  $\mathcal{L}_x^* \mathcal{L}_x$  is the identity operator on  $l^2(M, H)$ . And

$$(\mathcal{L}_x \mathcal{L}_x^* f)(z) = f(zx) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_x f(y), & \text{if } z = xy \text{ for some } y \in M \\ 0, & \text{if } z \notin xM. \end{cases}$$

Thus  $\mathcal{L}_x \mathcal{L}_x^*$  is the orthogonal projection onto the subspace generated by  $\{z \in M \mid z \in xM\}$ , so  $\mathcal{L}_x$  is a non-unitary isometry on  $l^2(M, \mathcal{H})$  when  $x \neq e \in M$ .

Since  $\mathcal{L}_x$  is an isometry and  $\mathcal{L}_x \mathcal{L}_y = \mathcal{L}_{xy}$  for each  $x, y \in M$ , the map  $\mathcal{L} : M \rightarrow B(l^2(M, \mathcal{H}))$ ,  $x \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_x$  is an isometric representation. The map  $\mathcal{L}$  is called a *left regular isometric representation*.

If the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$ , then we have  $l^2(M, \mathcal{H}) = l^2(M)$ . In this case we can see more explicitly how  $\mathcal{L}_x$  acts for each  $x \in M$ . Let  $\{\delta_x \mid x \in M\}$  be the orthonormal basis of  $l^2(M)$  defined by

$$\delta_x(y) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = y \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{L}_x$  acts like a shift and translates the elements of the orthonormal basis of  $l^2(M, \mathcal{H})$  as follows:

$$(\mathcal{L}_x(\delta_y))(z) = \begin{cases} \delta_y(t), & z = xt \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1, & z = xy \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Hence  $\mathcal{L}_x(\delta_y) = \delta_{xy}$  for each  $x, y \in M$ . Clearly  $\mathcal{L}_x^* \mathcal{L}_x$  is the identity because  $\mathcal{L}_x^* \mathcal{L}_x(\delta_y) = \mathcal{L}_x^*(\delta_{xy}) = \delta_y$  for all  $y \in M$ . Furthermore, since

$$(\mathcal{L}_x \mathcal{L}_x^*(\delta_y)) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_x(\delta_y), & y = xz \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \delta_{xz} = \delta_y, & z = xy \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{L}_x \mathcal{L}_x^*$  is the projection onto the sub-Hilbert space generated by  $\{y \in M \mid y \in xM\}$ .

If  $M = \mathbb{N}$ , the semigroup of natural numbers,  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is the unilateral shift on  $l^2(\mathbb{N})$  with respect to the orthonormal basis  $\{\delta_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  because  $\mathcal{L}_1(\delta_n) = \delta_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This is why the left regular isometry can be called as a generalized shifts.

Assume that  $x \in M$  is invertible in  $M$ . Then we have  $(\mathcal{L}_x f)(z) = f(x^{-1}z)$  for  $x, z \in M$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_x$  is a unitary.

The  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $\{\mathcal{L}_x \mid x \in M\}$  is denoted by  $C_{red}^*(\mathcal{L}_M)$  [7]. The  $C^*$ -algebras generated by isometries is one of the interesting area of  $C^*$ -algebras [2, 3, 9,10,11,12, 13]

Let  $\alpha = (\alpha_x)_{x \in M}$ , and  $\alpha \in l^\infty(M)$ . Let  $D_\alpha$  be the diagonal operator acting as follows:

$$D_\alpha(\delta_x) = \alpha_x \delta_x$$

for all  $x \in M$ . Let  $W_x^\alpha = \mathcal{L}_x D_\alpha$  be the *weighted left regular isometry* for each  $x \in M$

### 3. Left regular isometric representation of $P = \{0, 2, 3, \dots\}$

Let  $M$  be a countable discrete semigroup. We can give an order on  $M$  as follows: if an element  $x$  in  $M$  is contained in  $yM$  for some element  $y \in M$ , then  $x$  and  $y$  are comparable and we denote this by  $y \leq x$ . This relation makes  $M$  a pre-ordered semigroup.

If  $M$  is abelian,  $M$  can be equipped with the algebraic order  $y \leq x$  if and only if  $x = y + z$  for some  $z \in M$ . An element  $x \in M$  is called positive if  $y \leq y + x$  for all  $y \in M$ , and  $M$  is positive if all elements in  $M$  are positive. If  $M$  has a zero element 0, then  $M$  is positive if and only if  $0 \leq x$  for all  $x \in M$ .

A positive ordered abelian semigroup  $W$  is said to be *almost unperforated* if for all  $x, y \in M$  and all  $n, m \in M$ , with  $nx \leq my$  and  $n > m$ , one has  $x \leq y$ . A partially ordered abelian group  $G$  with the positive cone  $M$  is said to be *almost unperforated* if the statement that  $x \in G$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $nx, (n+1)x \in M$  implies that  $x \in M$ . It is known that  $G$  is almost unperforated if and only if the positive semigroup  $M$  is almost unperforated for a partially ordered abelian group  $(G, M)$  [17].

If the condition that  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in G$  with  $nx \in M$  implies that  $x \in M$ , then the partially ordered abelian group  $(G, M)$  is *weakly unperforated*. Any weakly unperforated group is almost unperforated, but the converse is not true. The negation of almost unperforated property is *strongly perforated*.

The semigroup  $P = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, \dots\}$  is strongly perforated. In [8] we show that the reduced semigroup  $C^*$ -algebra  $C_{red}^*(P)$  of the semigroup  $P$  is isomorphic to the classical Toeplitz algebra and  $C_{red}^*(P)$  is not isomorphic to the semigroup  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(P)$ .

Let  $A \in B(H)$  be any bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ . We write  $\sigma(A)$ ,  $\sigma_p(A)$ , and  $\sigma_{ap}(A)$  for the spectrum, point spectrum, and approximate point spectrum of  $A$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}_2$  be a left regular isometry on  $l^2(P)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2^*$  be the adjoint operator of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ . Then we have the following results on the spectrums:*

1.  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_2) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq 1\}$ ;
2.  $\sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_2) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| = 1\}$ ;
3.  $\sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_2) = \emptyset$ ;
4.  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_2^*) = \sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_2^*) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq 1\}$ ;
5.  $\sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_2^*) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < 1\}$ .

*Proof.* We consider a non-zero element  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda = (x_n)_{n \in P}$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_2 \mathbf{x}_\lambda = \lambda \mathbf{x}_\lambda$ . Then we have

$$\mathcal{L}_2(\mathbf{x}_\lambda) = (0, x_0, 0, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots) = (\lambda x_0, \lambda x_2, \lambda x_3, \lambda x_4 \dots).$$

So we have  $0 = \lambda x_0$ ,  $x_0 = \lambda x_2$ ,  $0 = \lambda x_3, \dots$ . If  $0 \neq \lambda$ ,  $x_0 = x_2 = x_3 = \dots = 0$ . This contradicts to the fact  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda$  is non-zero vector. Since  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is isometry,  $\text{Ker} \mathcal{L}_2 = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . Hence  $\lambda = 0 \notin \sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_2)$ . Therefore  $\sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_2) = \emptyset$ .

Next, we will show that  $\sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_2^*) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < 1\}$ . We assume that  $|\lambda| < 1$ . We consider a non-zero element  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda = (x_n)$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_2^* \mathbf{x}_\lambda = \lambda \mathbf{x}_\lambda$ . Then we have

$$\mathcal{L}_2^*(\mathbf{x}_\lambda) = (x_2, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7 \dots) = (\lambda x_0, \lambda x_2, \lambda x_3, \lambda x_4, \lambda x_5 \dots).$$

So we have  $x_2 = \lambda x_0$ ,  $x_4 = \lambda x_2 = \lambda^2 x_0$ ,  $x_5 = \lambda x_3$ ,  $x_6 = \lambda x_4 = \lambda^3 x_0$ ,  $x_7 = \lambda x_5 = \lambda^2 x_3 \dots$ . Since  $|\lambda| < 1$ ,

$$\mathbf{x}_\lambda = (x_n) = (x_0, \lambda x_0, x_3, \lambda^2 x_0, \lambda x_3, \lambda^3 x_0, \lambda^2 x_3, \dots) \in l^2(P).$$

Hence  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda = (x_n) = (x_0, \lambda x_0, x_3, \lambda^2 x_0, \lambda x_3, \lambda^3 x_0, \lambda^2 x_3, \dots)$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathcal{L}_2^*$ . So we have that  $\sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_2^*) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < 1\}$ .

Since  $\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < 1\} = \sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_2^*) \subset \sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_2^*) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{L}_2^*)$ ,  $\|\mathcal{L}_2\| = 1$ , and both  $\sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_2^*)$  and  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_2^*)$  are closed,  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_2^*) = \sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_2^*) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq 1\}$ . And furthermore since  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_2^*) = \sigma(\mathcal{L}_2)^* = \{\bar{\lambda} \mid \lambda \in \sigma(\mathcal{L}_2)\}$ , we have  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_2) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq 1\}$ .

Assume that  $|\lambda| < 1$ .

$$\|(\mathcal{L}_2 - \lambda I)(\mathbf{x})\| \geq \|\mathcal{L}_2(\mathbf{x})\| - |\lambda| \|\mathbf{x}\| \geq (1 - |\lambda|) \|\mathbf{x}\| > 0$$

for any  $\mathbf{x} \in l^2(P)$ . So if  $|\lambda| < 1$ , then  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_2)$ . Therefore  $\sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_2) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| = 1\}$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}_3$  be a left regular isometry on  $l^2(P)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_3^*$  be the adjoint operator of  $\mathcal{L}_3$ . Then we have the following results on the spectrums:*

1.  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_3) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq 1\}$ ;
2.  $\sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_3) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| = 1\}$ ;
3.  $\sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_3) = \emptyset$ ;
4.  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_3^*) = \sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_3^*) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq 1\}$ ;
5.  $\sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_3^*) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < 1\}$ .

*Proof.* First, we will show that  $\sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_3^*) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < 1\}$ . We assume that  $|\lambda| < 1$ . We consider a non-zero element  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda = (x_n)$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_3^* \mathbf{x}_\lambda = \lambda \mathbf{x}_\lambda$ . Then we have

$$\mathcal{L}_3^*(\mathbf{x}_\lambda) = (x_3, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8, \dots) = (\lambda x_0, \lambda x_2, \lambda x_3, \lambda x_4, \lambda x_5, \dots).$$

So we have  $x_3 = \lambda x_0$ ,  $x_5 = \lambda x_2$ ,  $x_6 = \lambda^2 x_0$ ,  $x_7 = \lambda x_4$ ,  $x_8 = \lambda x_5 = \lambda^2 x_2 \dots$ . Since  $|\lambda| < 1$ ,  $(x_0, x_2, \lambda x_0, x_4, \lambda x_2, \lambda^2 x_0, \lambda x_4, \lambda^2 x_2, \dots) \in l^2(P)$ . Hence  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda = (x_n) = (x_0, x_2, \lambda x_0, x_4, \lambda x_2, \lambda^2 x_0, \lambda x_4, \lambda^2 x_2, \dots)$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathcal{L}_3^*$ . So we have that  $\sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_3^*) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < 1\}$ .

Since  $\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < 1\} = \sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_3^*) \subset \sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_3^*) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{L}_3^*)$ ,  $\|\mathcal{L}_3\| = 1$ , and both  $\sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_3^*)$  and  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_3^*)$  are closed,  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_3^*) = \sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_3^*) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq 1\}$ . And furthermore since  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_3^*) = \sigma(\mathcal{L}_3)^*$ , we have  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_3) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq 1\}$ .

We consider a non-zero element  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda = (x_n)$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_3 \mathbf{x}_\lambda = \lambda \mathbf{x}_\lambda$ . Then we have

$$\mathcal{L}_3(\mathbf{x}_\lambda) = (0, 0, x_0, 0, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots) = (\lambda x_0, \lambda x_2, \lambda x_3, \lambda x_4 \dots).$$

If  $0 \neq \lambda$ ,  $x_0 = x_2 = x_3 = \dots = 0$ . This contradicts to the fact  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Since  $\ker \mathcal{L}_3 = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ ,  $0 \notin \sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_3)$ . So, we have that  $\sigma_p(\mathcal{L}_3) = \emptyset$ . By the similar computation of the proof of the Theorem 3.1 we will see that if  $|\lambda| < 1$ , then  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_2)$ . Therefore  $\sigma_{ap}(\mathcal{L}_2) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| = 1\}$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Suppose that  $0 < |\alpha_0| \leq |\alpha_1| \leq |\alpha_2| \leq \dots$  and  $r = \sup |\alpha_n| < \infty$ . Let  $W_2^\alpha = \mathcal{L}_2 M_\alpha$  be a weighted left regular isometry on  $l^2(P)$  and  $W_2^{\alpha*}$  be the adjoint operator of  $W_2^\alpha$ . Then we have the following results on the spectrums:*

1.  $\sigma(W_2^\alpha) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq r\}$ ;
2.  $\sigma_{ap}(W_2^\alpha) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| = r\}$ ;
3.  $\sigma_p(W_2^\alpha) = \emptyset$ ;
4.  $\sigma(W_2^{\alpha*}) = \sigma_{ap}(W_2^{\alpha*}) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq r\}$ ;
5.  $\sigma_p(W_2^{\alpha*}) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < r\}$ .

*Proof.* First, we will show that  $\sigma_p(W_2^{\alpha*}) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < r\}$ . We assume that  $|\lambda| < r$ . We consider a non-zero element  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda = (x_n)$  such that  $W_2^{\alpha*} \mathbf{x}_\lambda = \lambda \mathbf{x}_\lambda$ . Then we have

$$W_2^\alpha(\mathbf{x}_\lambda) = (\alpha_0 x_2, \alpha_2 x_4, \alpha_3 x_5, \alpha_4 x_6, \dots) = (\lambda x_0, \lambda x_2, \lambda x_3, \lambda x_4 \dots).$$

So

$$\mathbf{x}_\lambda = (x_0, \frac{\lambda}{\alpha_0} x_0, x_3, \frac{\lambda^2}{\alpha_0 \alpha_2} x_0, \frac{\lambda}{\alpha_3} x_3, \frac{\lambda^3}{\alpha_0 \alpha_2 \alpha_4} x_0, \frac{\lambda^2}{\alpha_3 \alpha_5} x_3, \dots).$$

Since  $|\lambda| < r = \sup \alpha_n$ , we can see that  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda = (x_n) \in l^2(P)$ . Hence  $\sigma_p(W_2^{\alpha*}) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < r\}$ . Since  $\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < r\} = \sigma_p(W_2^{\alpha*}) \subset \sigma_{ap}(W_2^{\alpha*}) \subset \sigma(W_2^{\alpha*})$ , and both  $\sigma_{ap}(W_2^{\alpha*})$  and  $\sigma(W_2^{\alpha*})$  are closed,  $\sigma(W_2^{\alpha*}) = \sigma_{ap}(W_2^{\alpha*}) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq r\}$ . And furthermore since  $\sigma(W_2^{\alpha*}) = \sigma(W_2^\alpha)^*$ , we have  $\sigma(W_2^\alpha) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq r\}$ .

Suppose that  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots) \in l^2(P)$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Assume that  $W_2 \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$ . Then

$$(\lambda x_0, \lambda x_2, \lambda x_3, \dots) = (0, \alpha_0 x_0, 0, 0, \alpha_2 x_2, \alpha_3 x_3 \dots).$$

So  $0 = \lambda x_0$ ,  $x_0 = \lambda x_2$ ,  $\dots$ . Hence  $0 = x_0 = x_2 = x_3 = \dots$ . Therefore  $\lambda \notin \sigma_p(W_2^\alpha)$ . Since  $W_2^\alpha$  is isometry,  $\text{Ker} W_2^\alpha = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . Hence  $\lambda = 0 \notin \sigma_p(W_2^\alpha)$ . Hence  $\sigma_p(W_2^\alpha) = \emptyset$ .

Suppose that  $|\lambda| < r$ . Then there exists a real number  $q$  such that  $|\lambda| < q < r$ . Since  $r = \sup |\alpha_n| < \infty$ , there exists a integer number  $n_0$  such that  $\alpha_n \geq q$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Thus for any  $\mathbf{x} \in l^2(P)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \|W_2^\alpha(\mathbf{x})\| \\ &= |\alpha_0|^2 |x_0|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 |x_2|^2 + \dots + |\alpha_{n_0}|^2 |x_{n_0}|^2 + |\alpha_{n_0+1}|^2 |x_{n_0+1}|^2 + \dots \\ &> |\alpha_0|^2 |x_0|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 |x_2|^2 + \dots + |q|^2 |x_{n_0}|^2 + |q|^2 |x_{n_0+1}|^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Hence we can say that  $\|W_2^\alpha(\mathbf{x})\| \geq \mathbf{q} \|\mathbf{x}\|$  essentially. Thus  $\|(W_2^\alpha - \lambda I)(\mathbf{x}_n)\|$  dose not converge to 0 for any sequence  $\{\mathbf{x}_n\}$  with  $\|\mathbf{x}_n\| = 1$ . So if  $|\lambda| < r$ , then  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ap}(W_2^\alpha)$ . Therefore  $\sigma_{ap}(W_2^\alpha) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| = r\}$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.4.** *Suppose that  $\alpha = (\alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots)$  and  $0 < |\alpha_0| \leq |\alpha_2| \leq |\alpha_3| \leq \dots$ , and  $r = \sup |\alpha_n| < \infty$ . Let  $W_3^\alpha = \mathcal{L}_3 M_\alpha$  be a weighted left regular isometry on  $l^2(P)$  and  $W_3^{\alpha*}$  be the adjoint operator of  $W_3^\alpha$  on  $l^2(P)$ . Then we have the following results on the spectrums:*

1.  $\sigma(W_3^\alpha) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq r\}$ ;
2.  $\sigma_{ap}(W_3^\alpha) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| = r\}$ ;



3.  $\sigma_p(W_3^\alpha) = \emptyset$ ;
4.  $\sigma(W_3^{\alpha^*}) = \sigma_{ap}(W_3^{\alpha^*}) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq r\}$ ;
5.  $\sigma_p(W_3^{\alpha^*}) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < r\}$ .

*Proof.* We assume that  $|\lambda| < r$ . We consider a non-zero element  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda = (x_n)$  such that  $W_3^{\alpha^*} \mathbf{x}_\lambda = \lambda \mathbf{x}_\lambda$ . Then we have

$$W_3^\alpha(\mathbf{x}_\lambda) = (\alpha_0 x_3, \alpha_2 x_5, \alpha_3 x_6, \alpha_4 x_7, \dots) = (\lambda x_0, \lambda x_2, \lambda x_3, \lambda x_4 \dots).$$

So we get  $\lambda x_0 = \alpha_0 x_3$ ,  $\lambda x_2 = \alpha_2 x_5$ ,  $\lambda x_3 = \alpha_3 x_6$ ,  $\lambda x_4 = \alpha_4 x_7 \dots$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{x}_\lambda \\ &= (x_0, x_2, \frac{\lambda}{\alpha_0} x_0, \frac{\lambda}{\alpha_2} x_2, \frac{\lambda^2}{\alpha_0 \alpha_3} x_0, \frac{\lambda}{\alpha_4} x_4, \frac{\lambda^2}{\alpha_2 \alpha_5} x_2, \frac{\lambda^3}{\alpha_0 \alpha_3 \alpha_6} x_0, \frac{\lambda^2}{\alpha_4 \alpha_7} x_4, \\ & \frac{\lambda^3}{\alpha_2 \alpha_5 \alpha_8} x_2, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|\lambda| < r = \sup \alpha_n$ , we can see that  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda = (x_n) \in l^2(P)$ . Hence  $\sigma_p(W_3^{\alpha^*}) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < r\}$ . Since  $\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < r\} = \sigma_p(W_3^{\alpha^*}) \subset \sigma_{ap}(W_3^{\alpha^*}) \subset \sigma(W_3^{\alpha^*})$  and  $\sigma_{ap}(W_3^{\alpha^*})$ ,  $\sigma(W_3^{\alpha^*})$  are closed,  $\sigma(W_3^{\alpha^*}) = \sigma_{ap}(W_3^{\alpha^*}) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq r\}$ . And furthermore since  $\sigma(W_3^{\alpha^*}) = \sigma(W_3^\alpha)^*$ , we have  $\sigma(W_3^\alpha) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| \leq r\}$ .

Suppose that  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_2, x_3, \dots) \in l^2(P)$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Assume that  $W_3^\alpha \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$ . Then

$$(\lambda x_0, \lambda x_2, \lambda x_3, \dots) = (0, 0, \alpha_0 x_0, 0, \alpha_2 x_2, \alpha_3 x_3 \dots).$$

So  $0 = \lambda x_0$ ,  $0 = \lambda x_2$ ,  $\dots$ . Hence  $0 = x_0 = x_2 = x_3 = \dots$ . Since  $\mathbf{x}_\lambda$  is not zero-vector,  $\lambda \notin \sigma_p(W_3^\alpha)$ . Furthermore the fact  $\text{Ker} W_3^\alpha = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  implies that  $\lambda = 0 \notin \sigma_p(W_3^\alpha)$ . Hence  $\sigma_p(W_3^\alpha) = \emptyset$ .

Suppose that  $|\lambda| < r$ . Then there exists a real number  $q$  such that  $|\lambda| < q < r$ . Since  $r = \sup |\alpha_n| < \infty$ , there exists a integer number  $n_0$  such that  $\alpha_n \geq q$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Thus for any  $\mathbf{x} \in l^2(P)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \|W_2^\alpha(\mathbf{x})\| \\ &= |\alpha_0|^2 |x_0|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 |x_2|^2 + \dots + |\alpha_{n_0}|^2 |x_{n_0}|^2 + |\alpha_{n_0+1}|^2 |x_{n_0+1}|^2 + \dots \\ &> |\alpha_0|^2 |x_0|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 |x_2|^2 + \dots + |q|^2 |x_{n_0}|^2 + |q|^2 |x_{n_0+1}|^2 + \dots. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we can say that  $\|W_3^\alpha(\mathbf{x})\| \geq q \|\mathbf{x}\|$  essentially. Thus  $\|(W_3^\alpha - \lambda I)(\mathbf{x}_n)\|$  does not converge to 0 for any sequence  $\{\mathbf{x}_n\}$  with  $\|\mathbf{x}_n\| = 1$ . So if  $|\lambda| < r$ , then  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ap}(W_3^\alpha)$ . Therefore  $\sigma_{ap}(W_3^\alpha) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| = r\}$ .  $\square$

The semigroup  $P = \{0, 2, 3, \dots\}$  is generated by 2 and 3. Next we are going to consider a  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(\mathcal{L}_P)$ , which is generated by  $\{\mathcal{L}_x \mid x \in P\}$ . Then the  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(\mathcal{L}_P)$  is generated by  $\mathcal{L}_2$  and  $\mathcal{L}_3$  because every element in  $P$  is generated by 2 and 3. For any  $n, m \in P$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}_n(\delta_m) = \delta_{n+m}$$

where  $\{\delta_m \mid m \in P\}$  is the canonical orthonormal basis of  $l^2(M)$  defined by

$$\delta_m(l) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m = l, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_n^*(\delta_m) = \begin{cases} \delta_{m-n}, & \text{if } m \in P + n, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If we consider an operator  $\mathcal{L}_3\mathcal{L}_2^*$ , then we have

$$\mathcal{L}_3\mathcal{L}_2^*(\delta_m) = \begin{cases} \delta_{m+1}, & \text{if } m \in P + 2, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Hence  $\mathcal{L}_3\mathcal{L}_2^*(\delta_0) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_3\mathcal{L}_2^*(\delta_m) = \delta_{m+1}$  for all  $m \in P - \{0\}$ . That is,  $\mathcal{L}_3\mathcal{L}_2^*$  acts like a unilateral shift on the Hilbert  $l^2(P)$  except  $\delta_0$  with respect to the canonical basis  $\{\delta_m \mid m \in P\}$ . To exclude the gap of  $\delta_0$  we consider a rank one operator  $K_0$  defined by

$$K_0(\delta_n) = \begin{cases} \delta_2, & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(\mathcal{L}_3\mathcal{L}_2^* + K_0)(\delta_m) = \delta_{m+1}$  for all  $m \in P$ . Put  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{L}_3\mathcal{L}_2^* + K_0$ . Then  $\mathcal{S}$  acts like a unilateral shift on the Hilbert  $l^2(P)$  with respect to the canonical basis  $\{\delta_m \mid m \in P\}$ .

And  $\mathcal{L}_2\mathcal{L}_2^*$  is an orthogonal projection on the sub-Hilbert generated by  $\{\delta_2, \delta_4, \delta_5, \dots\}$ , so  $I - \mathcal{L}_2\mathcal{L}_2^*$  is the orthogonal projection on the subspace generated by  $\{\delta_0, \delta_2\}$ . We denote  $\mathcal{L}_n\mathcal{L}_n^*$  and  $I - \mathcal{L}_n\mathcal{L}_n^*$  by  $P_n$  and  $Q_n$ , respectively. Since by [8] the  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_3)$  acts irreducibly on  $l^2(P)$  and  $Q_2$  is the compact operator of rank two, the compact operator algebra  $\mathcal{K}(l^2(H))$  is contained in the  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(\mathcal{L}_3, \mathcal{L}_2)$ . Hence  $K_0 \in C^*(\mathcal{L}_3, \mathcal{L}_2)$  and  $\mathcal{S} \in C^*(\mathcal{L}_3, \mathcal{L}_2)$ . And we can see that  $\mathcal{L}_2$  and  $\mathcal{L}_3$  can be made by  $\mathcal{L}_3\mathcal{L}_2^*$  and some compact operators[8].

**THEOREM 3.5.** [8] *The  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(\mathcal{L}_P)$  is generated by  $\mathcal{S}$ .*

Since Coburn proved [1] that the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by single non-unitary isometry is isomorphic to the Toeplitz algebra, the  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(\mathcal{L}_3, \mathcal{L}_2) = C^*(\mathcal{L}_P)$  is isomorphic to the Toeplitz algebra.

**THEOREM 3.6.** *The operator  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $\mathcal{B}(l^2(P))$  is GCR.*

*Proof.* Since  $C^*(\mathcal{S}) = C^*(\mathcal{L}_3, \mathcal{L}_2^*) = C^*(\mathcal{L}_P)$  is isomorphic to the Toeplitz algebra,  $\mathcal{S}$  is GCR.  $\square$

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