

## RIESZ PROJECTIONS FOR A NON-HYPONORMAL OPERATOR

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ABSTRACT. J. G. Stampfli proved that if a bounded linear operator  $T$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  satisfies  $(G_1)$  property, then the Riesz projection  $P_\lambda$  associated with  $\lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$  is self-adjoint and  $P_\lambda \mathcal{H} = (T - \lambda)^{-1}(0) = (T^* - \bar{\lambda})^{-1}(0)$ .

In this note we show that Stampfli's result is generalized to an nilpotent extension of an operator having  $(G_1)$  property.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  denote the algebra of bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Recall that an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *hyponormal* if  $T^*T \geq TT^*$  and *normaloid* if  $\|T\| = r(T)$ , the spectral radius of  $T$ . It is well known that a hyponormal operator is normaloid. Recall that a projection  $P \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is called an *orthogonal projection* if the range of  $P$ , denoted by  $\text{ran}(P)$ , and the kernel of  $P$ , denoted by  $\text{ker}(P)$ , are orthogonal complements. It is well known [7, Proposition 63.1] that a projection is orthogonal if and only if it is self-adjoint. For an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , if  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of the spectrum of  $T$ ,  $\lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$ , the *Riesz projection*  $P_\lambda$  associated with  $\lambda$  is defined by

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Cauchy integral

$$(1.1) \quad P_\lambda = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} (T - z)^{-1} dz,$$

where  $D$  is a closed disk centered at  $\lambda$  and  $D \cap \sigma(T) = \{\lambda\}$ . The Riesz projection  $P_\lambda$  for  $\lambda$  is generally not orthogonal, that's not self-adjoint.

Stampfli ([11, Theorem 2]) proved that if  $T$  is hyponormal, then  $P_\lambda$  is self-adjoint and

$$(1.2) \quad P_\lambda \mathcal{H} = (T - \lambda)^{-1}(0) = (T^* - \bar{\lambda})^{-1}(0) \text{ for } \lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T).$$

This result has since been generalized by many mathematicians ([1], [6], [4], [13]). In particular we should recall Duggal's result ([2]; [3]) for an extended class of non-hyponormal operators.

A part of an operator is its restriction to an invariant subspace. We say that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is *totally hereditarily normaloid*, denoted  $T \in \mathcal{T}\mathcal{H}\mathcal{N}$ , if every part of  $T$ , and (also) invertible part of  $T$ , is normaloid.

**PROPOSITION 1.1.** [2, Theorem 1.1] *Suppose that an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  has a representation*

$$(1.3) \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \mathcal{H}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

such that  $T_3$  is nilpotent and  $\sigma(T_1) \subset \sigma(T) \subset \sigma(T_1) \cup \{0\}$ . If  $T_1 \in \mathcal{T}\mathcal{H}\mathcal{N}$ , non-zero isolated eigenvalues of  $T_1$  are normal and  $(T_1 - \lambda)^{-1}(0) \oplus 0 \subseteq (T^* - \bar{\lambda})^{-1}(0)$ , then the Riesz projection  $P_\lambda$  associated with  $\lambda$  is self-adjoint and  $P_\lambda \mathcal{H} = (T - \lambda)^{-1}(0) = (T^* - \bar{\lambda})^{-1}(0)$  for every non-zero  $\lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$ .

We say that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  has  $(G_1)$  property if

$$\|(T - \lambda)^{-1}\| = r((T - \lambda)^{-1}) \text{ for } \lambda \notin \sigma(T).$$

It is well known that a hyponormal operator satisfies  $(G_1)$  property, but an operator satisfying  $(G_1)$  property is generally not normaloid.

In [12, Theorem C], Stampfli also proved that if  $T$  has  $(G_1)$  property, then for  $\lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$

$$(1.4) \quad P_\lambda \text{ is self-adjoint and } P_\lambda \mathcal{H} = (T - \lambda)^{-1}(0) = (T^* - \bar{\lambda})^{-1}(0).$$

In this note we show that Stampfli's result is generalized to a nilpotent extension of an operator having  $(G_1)$  property.

## 2. Main results

In [8] M. Mbekhta introduced two important subspaces of  $\mathcal{H}$ . For an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , the *quasi-nilpotent part* of  $T$  is the set

$$(2.1) \quad H_0(T) = \{x \in \mathcal{H} : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0\}$$

and the *analytic core* of  $T$  is the set

$$K(T) = \{x \in \mathcal{H} : \text{there exist a sequence } \{x_n\} \subset \mathcal{H} \text{ and } \delta > 0 \\ \text{for which } x = x_0, Tx_{n+1} = x_n \text{ and } \|x_n\| \leq \delta^n \|x\| \\ \text{for all } n = 1, 2, \dots\},$$

which are generally not closed subspaces of  $\mathcal{H}$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad (T)^{-n}(0) \subseteq H_0(T) \text{ and } TK(T) = K(T).$$

It is well known ([8], [9], [10]) that

$$(2.3) \quad \lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T) \iff \mathcal{H} = H_0(T - \lambda) \oplus K(T - \lambda),$$

where  $H_0(T - \lambda)$  and  $K(T - \lambda)$  are closed subspaces. Moreover, (2.2) and (2.3) implies that if  $H_0(T - \lambda) = (T - \lambda)^{-d}(0)$ , then  $\lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$  is a pole of the resolvent of  $T$  of order  $d$ .

LEMMA 2.1. *If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  has  $(G_1)$  property, then  $\lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$  is a pole of the resolvent of  $T$  of order 1.*

*Proof.* From (1.4) we observe that

$$P_\lambda \mathcal{H} = H_0(T - \lambda) = (T - \lambda)^{-1}(0) \text{ for } \lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T).$$

Thus, from the above arguments,  $\lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$  is a pole of the resolvent of  $T$  of order 1.  $\square$

To prove the following Lemmas we fully adopt Duggal's arguments ([2], [3]).

LEMMA 2.2. *Suppose that an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  has a representation*

$$(2.4) \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \mathcal{H}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

*such that  $T_1 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_1)$  has  $(G_1)$  property and  $T_3$  is nilpotent. Then every non-zero  $\lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$  is a simple pole(i.e., order one pole) of the resolvent of  $T$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\lambda(\neq 0) \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$ . Then  $\lambda(\neq 0) \in \text{iso}\sigma(T_1)$  because  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(T_1) \cup \{0\}$  by [5, Corollary 8]. Since, by Stampfli's result (1.4),  $(T_1 - \lambda)^{-1}(0)$  reduces  $T$ , it follows that

$$T_1 - \lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T_{11} - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \text{ on } \mathcal{H}_1 = (T_1 - \lambda)^{-1}(0) \oplus (T_1 - \lambda)\mathcal{H}.$$

Set

$$(T_1 - \lambda)^{-1}(0) = \mathcal{H}'_1, \quad \mathcal{H}_1 \ominus \mathcal{H}'_1 = \mathcal{H}'_3 \text{ and } \mathcal{H}'_3 \oplus \mathcal{H}_2 = \mathcal{H}'_2.$$

Then it follows that

$$T - \lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & T_{21} \\ 0 & T_{11} - \lambda & T_{22} \\ 0 & 0 & T_3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}'_1 \\ \mathcal{H}'_3 \\ \mathcal{H}'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}'_1 \\ \mathcal{H}'_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & T_{21} \end{bmatrix}$ , and where

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} - \lambda & T_{22} \\ 0 & T_3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

is invertible. Since

$$\begin{aligned} H_0(T - \lambda) &= \left\{ x \in \mathcal{H} : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(T - \lambda)^n x\|^{1/n} = 0 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ x = x_1 \oplus x_2 \in \mathcal{H} : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} AB^{n-1}x_2 \\ B^n x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\|^{1/n} = 0 \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

the invertibility of  $B$  implies that

$$\|x_2\|^{1/n} \leq \|B^{-1}\| \|B^n x_2\|^{1/n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence,  $x_2 = 0$ , and

$$H_0(T - \lambda) = (T_1 - \lambda)^{-1}(0) \oplus \{0\} = (T - \lambda)^{-1}(0).$$

Therefore we have that

$$\mathcal{H} = (T - \lambda)^{-1}(0) \oplus (T - \lambda)\mathcal{H} \text{ for } \lambda(\neq 0) \in \text{iso}\sigma(T).$$

□

The following result is a slight improvement of [3, Theorem 2.7].

**LEMMA 2.3.** *If  $\lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$  is a simple pole of the resolvent of  $T$ , then the Riesz projection  $P_\lambda$  is self-adjoint if and only if*

$$(2.5) \quad (T - \lambda)^{-1}(0) \subseteq (T^* - \bar{\lambda})^{-1}(0).$$

*Proof.* Since  $\lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$  is a simple pole of the resolvent of  $T$ ,

$$(2.6) \quad \mathcal{H} = (T - \lambda)^{-1}(0) \oplus (T - \lambda)\mathcal{H}.$$

Observe that

$$P_\lambda \mathcal{H} = H_0(T - \lambda) = (T - \lambda)^{-1}(0) \text{ and } P_\lambda^{-1}(0) = (T - \lambda)\mathcal{H}.$$

If  $P_\lambda$  is self-adjoint, then

$$[P_\lambda^{-1}(0)]^\perp = P_\lambda \mathcal{H}.$$

Since

$$[P_\lambda^{-1}(0)]^\perp = [(T - \lambda)\mathcal{H}]^\perp = (T^* - \bar{\lambda})^{-1}(0),$$

it immediately implies that  $(T - \lambda)^{-1}(0) \subseteq (T^* - \bar{\lambda})^{-1}(0)$ . Conversely, assuming that

$$(T - \lambda)^{-1}(0) \subseteq (T^* - \bar{\lambda})^{-1}(0),$$

$P_\lambda \mathcal{H} = H_0(T - \lambda) = (T - \lambda)^{-1}(0)$  is a reducing subspace of  $T$ . From (2.6), we have

$$[P_\lambda \mathcal{H}]^\perp = [(T - \lambda)^{-1}(0)]^\perp = (T - \lambda)\mathcal{H} = P_\lambda^{-1}(0).$$

Therefore  $P_\lambda$  is self-adjoint.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Suppose that an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  has a representation*

$$(2.7) \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \mathcal{H}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

such that  $T_1 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_1)$  has  $(G_1)$  property and  $T_3$  is nilpotent. Then  $\lambda (\neq 0) \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$  is a simple pole of the resolvent of  $T$  and the Riesz projection  $P_\lambda$  is self-adjoint if and only if

$$(2.8) \quad (T - \lambda)^{-1}(0) \subseteq (T^* - \bar{\lambda})^{-1}(0).$$

*Proof.* Combining Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3 completes the proof.  $\square$

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