

# ON OPERATORS WITH SMALL SELF, COMMUTATORS

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## ABSTRACT

Let  $T$  be a bounded operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ . The self Commutator of  $T$ , denoted  $[T]$  is  $T^*T-TT^*$ . An operator is of commutator rank  $n$  if  $n$  the rank of  $[T]$  is  $n$ . In this Paper operators of commutator rank one are studied. Two particular subclasses are Investigated in detail.  $T$  is completely non – normal, or subnormal, if  $T$  does not Posses a non – Zero reducing subspace  $M$  such that  $T/M$  is normal, and  $T$  is of Commutator rank  $n$  if the rank of  $[T]$  is  $n$ .

## INTRODUCTION

Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. An operator from  $H$  to a Hilber space  $K$  is understood to Be a bounded linear transformation from  $H$  to  $K$ .if  $H=K$ , the operator is said to be on  $H$ . if  $T$  is an oparater on  $H$ , the self commutator of  $T$ , denoted  $[T]$ , is  $T^*T-TT^*$  is Completetly non – normal, or abnormal, if  $T$  does not possess a non – Zero reducing Subspace  $M$  such that  $T/M$  is norma,and  $T$  is of Commutator rank  $n$  if the rank of  $[T]$  Is  $n$ .

Let  $B(H)$  denote the set of all operators on  $H$ , and for each non –

Negative integer  $n$ ,

Let  $D_n(H) = \{T: T \in B(H) \text{ and Rank } [T] = n\}$ ,

And  $E_n(H) = \{T: T \in D_n(H) \text{ and } T^*T \text{ and } TT^* \text{ commute}\}$ .

These last two sets will often be written respectively as  $D_n$  and  $E_n$  when their

Application to the underlying space  $H$  is not to be emphasized . it is immediate

That the classes  $D_n$  and  $E_n$  consist entirely of normal operators if and only if  $n$

$=0$ . If  $T$  is an operator in  $D_1$ ,then by multiplying  $T$  by a non –Zero real  $\neq 0$ .If  $T$  is an oprater in  $D_1$ , then

by multiplying  $T$  by its adjoint, it may be assumed, without loss of generality, that  $[T] = p$ , WHERE  $p$  is a one – dimensional self adjoint projection. The purpose of this paper is to study operators  $T$  for which  $[T]$  has rank one. Some of the theorems stated require the additional condition that  $T^* T$  and  $TT^*$  commute.

Theoren(1) Let  $T$  is an operator on  $H$ . if  $K$  is the smallest reducing subspace of  $T$  containing the rang of  $[T]$ , then  $T/K$  is the completely non – normal component of  $T$ .

Proof:-Let  $K$  be as defined in the statement of this theorem by J.W DELALLE[1,TH1]  $T=T_1+T_2$  on  $M \oplus pM$ , where  $T_1$  is completely non-normal and  $T_2$  is normal.

since  $[T]=[T_1]+[T_2]$  and  $[T_2]=0$  and so it is clear that  $K \supseteq M$ ,because  $M$  is a reducing subspace of  $T$  containing the range of  $[T]$

then  $T_1$  itself could be further reduce into  $T_{11}+T_{12}$  on  $K+k^1$  where  $K^1$  is the orthogonal complement of  $K$  in  $M$ . but the definition of  $K$  implies that  $[T_{12}]=0$ , which is contradicts the fact that  $T_1$  is completely non-normal. Therefore  $K=M$ .

Theorem(2) Let  $T \in B(H)$  and suppose that  $T$  has the factorization  $T=U\sqrt{A}$ , where  $U$  is unitary and  $A=T^*T$ . (it is not being assumed that  $\text{Ker}(A)=\text{Ker}(U)$ ): that is, it is not necessary that  $U\sqrt{A}$  be the canonical polar factorization of  $T$ .) suppose  $T \in E_1$  then there is a reducing subspace  $M$  of  $T$  such that  $T/M$  has matrix  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $T/M$  is normal.

Proof:- Let  $[T]=P$ , a Projection of rank one.

$$\text{Then } T^*T - TT^* = P, \therefore \perp$$

$$\text{So } \sqrt{A}U^*U\sqrt{A} - U\sqrt{A}\sqrt{A}U^* = P,$$

$$\iff A - UAU^* = P \tag{1}$$

$U$  is unitary Since  $T \in E_1$ ,  $T^*T$  and  $TT^*$  commute, so that  $P$  commutes with both  $T^*T$  and  $TT^*$ .

Let  $e$  be a unit vector in Range ( $P$ ). By

Lemma (1),  $e$  is an eigenvector for both  $T^*T$  and  $TT^*$ . Since both of these operators are non-negative, real scalars  $a$  and  $b$  such that

$$T^*T e = ae$$

$$\text{and } TT^*e = be \text{ with } a = b+1 \tag{2}$$

$$\therefore (T^*T - TT^*) e = pe \quad (a-b)e = e \implies$$

$$U(T^*T)U^* = TT^* \text{ and } U^*(TT^*)U = T^*T \tag{3}$$

$(U^*)^n e$	<table style="border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;"><math>T^*T</math></td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;"><math>TT</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">b</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">b</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">a</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">b</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">a</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">b</td> </tr> </table>	$T^*T$	$TT$	b	b	a	b	a	b	$n > 0$		(4)
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The Proof is by induction on  $n$  for  $n \geq 0$ . The case  $n=0$  has been established in (2) Thus suppose  $n \geq 0$  and suppose the existence of the specified eigen values for this  $n$ . Then by (3) and (4)

$$\begin{aligned} (TT^*)(U^{n+1}e) &= (UU^*)(TT^*U)(U^n e) \\ &= U(U^*TT^*U)U^n e \\ &= U(T^*T)U^n e \\ &= U(aU^n e) \\ &= aU^{n+1}e \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$$\text{And } (T^*T)(U^{n+1}e) = (U^*U)(T^*TU^*)(U^n e)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &=U^*(UT^*TU^*)(U^{*n}e) \\
 &=U^*(TT^*)(U^{*n}e) \\
 &=U^*(bU^{*n}e) \\
 &=bU^{*n+1}e \tag{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

There exist constants c and d such that  $pU^{n+1}e=ce$  and  $PU^{*n+1}e=de$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Thus, by (5) } T^*T(U^{n+1}e) &=(TT^*+p)(U^{n+1}e) \\
 &=aU^{n+1}e+pu^{n+1}e \\
 &=aU^{n+1}e+ce \tag{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since p and  $T^*T$  commute,  $p(T^*T)U^{n+1}e=(T^*T)pU^{n+1}e$ ,

$$\text{So, } p(aU^{n+1}e+ce)=(T^*T)(ce),$$

$$a(pU^{n+1}e)+$$

$$p(ce)=C(T^*T)e,$$

$$ace+ce=cae.$$

Thus  $C=0$ , so that from

$$(T^*T)(U^{n+1}e)=aU^{n+1}e \tag{8}$$

Observe here that  $C=0$  also implies that  $pU^{n+1}e=0$ , i.e.  $epU^m e=0$  for all  $m>0$ . similarly, by (6),

$$\begin{aligned}
 TT^*(U^{*n+1}e) &=(T^*T-p)(U^{*n+1}e) \\
 &=bU^{*n+1}e-pU^{*n+1}e \\
 &=bU^{*n+1}e-de \tag{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

And Therefore,

$$P(T^*T)U^{*n+1}e=(T^*T)PU^{*n+1}e.$$

$$P(bU^{*n+1}e-de)=(TT^*)(de).$$

$$bde-de=dbe$$

$$\text{So that } d=0, \text{ and } (9)=(TT^*)(U^{*n+1}e)=bU^{*n+1}e \tag{10}$$

The induction is now complete from equation.(5),(6),(8)and(10)

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