

# Operator Theory

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## Chapter II FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTIES OF BOUNDED LINEAR OPERATORS

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### Definition (1)

An operator  $U$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  is said to be an isometry operator if

$$\|Ux\| = \|x\| \text{ for any } x \in H.$$

This is equivalent to,

$$\langle Ux, Uy \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \text{ for any } x, y \in H. [\text{by polarization identity}]$$

### Definition

An operator  $U$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  is said to be a unitary operator if  $U$  is an isometry operator from  $H$  onto  $H$ .

### Theorem (1)

- (i) An operator  $U$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  is an isometry operator iff  $U^*U = I$ .
- (ii) An operator  $U$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  is a unitary operator iff  $U^*U = UU^* = I$ .

### Proof

#### To prove (i)

Let  $U$  be an isometry operator on  $H$

$$\Rightarrow \|Ux\| = \|x\|, \text{ for all } x \in H.$$

Hence by polarization identity,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle Ux, Uy \rangle &= \langle x, y \rangle, \forall x, y \in H \\ \Rightarrow \langle U^*Ux, y \rangle &= \langle x, y \rangle, \forall x, y \in H \\ \Rightarrow U^*U &= I\end{aligned}$$

Conversely, assume that  $U^*U = I$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\|Ux\|^2 &= \langle Ux, Ux \rangle = \langle U^*Ux, x \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle = \|x\|^2 \\ &\Rightarrow \|Ux\| = \|x\|.\end{aligned}$$

Hence an operator  $U$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  is an isometry operator iff  $U^*U = I$ .

To prove (ii)

Let  $U$  be an Unitary operator on  $H$ .

$\Rightarrow U$  is an isometry operator from  $H$  onto  $H$ .

$$\Rightarrow \|Ux\| = \|x\|, \forall x \in H.$$

From (i),  $U^*U = I$  (1)

Since  $U$  is onto, for any  $x \in H$ , there exists  $y \in H$  such that  $Uy = x$ .

$$\text{Therefore } U^*x = U^*Uy = y \text{ and } \|U^*x\| = \|y\| = \|Uy\| = \|x\|$$

Hence  $U^*$  is an isometry on  $H$ .



Hence by (i),  $(U^*)^*U^* = I$

$$\Rightarrow UU^* = I$$

(2)

From (1) and (2),

$$U^*U = UU^* = I$$

Conversely, if  $U^*U = UU^* = I$ , then  $U$  is isometry. (by (i))

For any  $x \in H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}x &= UU^*x = U(U^*x) \in R(U) \\&\Rightarrow R(U) = H\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $U$  is an isometry from  $H$  onto  $H$ .

Hence  $U$  is a unitary operator.

Hence the theorem.

### Definition (2)

An operator  $U$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  is said to be a partial isometry operator if there exists a closed subspace  $M$  such that

$$\|Ux\| = \|x\| \text{ for any } x \in M$$

and

$$Ux = 0 \text{ for any } x \in M^\perp,$$

where  $M$  is said to be the initial space of  $U$  and  $N = R(U)$  is said to be the final space of  $U$ .

The Projection onto the initial space is said to be the initial projection and the final space is said to be the final projection of  $U$ , respectively.

### Remark

- (1)  $U$  is isometry iff  $U$  is partial isometry and  $M = H$ .
- (2)  $U$  is unitary iff  $U$  is partial isometry and  $M = N = H$ .

## Theorem (2)

Let  $U$  be a partial isometry operator on a Hilbert space with the initial space  $M$  and the final space  $N$ . Then the following (i), (ii) and (iii) hold

- (i)  $UP_M = U$  and  $U^*U = P_M$
- (ii)  $N$  is a closed subspace of  $H$ .
- (iii)  $U^*$  is a partial isometry with the initial space  $N$  and the final space  $M$ , that is

$$U^*P_N = U^* \text{ and } UU^* = P_N$$

## Proof

Let  $U$  be a partial isometry operator on a Hilbert space  $H$  with the initial space  $M$  and the final space  $N$ .

$$\Rightarrow \|Ux\| = \|x\|, \forall x \in M \quad (1)$$

$$Ux = 0, \forall x \in M^\perp \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and } N = R(U) \quad (3)$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \langle Ux, Uy \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle, \forall x, y \in M \quad (4)$$

To prove (i)

For any  $x \in H$ ,  $x = P_M x \oplus z$ , for some  $z \in M^\perp$

Therefore  $Ux = UP_M x \oplus Uz = UP_M x$  [ $\because z \in M^\perp \Rightarrow Uz = 0$ ]

Hence for any  $x \in H$ ,  $UP_M x = Ux \Rightarrow UP_M = U$  (5)

Now for any  $x, y \in H$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle U^* U x, y \rangle &= \langle U x, U y \rangle \\ &= \langle UP_M x, UP_M y \rangle \quad [\text{from (5)}] \\ &= \langle P_M x, P_M y \rangle \quad [\because P_M x, P_M y \in M \text{ and (4)}] \\ &= \langle P_M^2 x, y \rangle \\ &= \langle P_M x, y \rangle \quad [\because P_M \text{ is projection}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow U^* U = P_M \quad (6)$$

Hence (i) is proved.

To prove (ii)

To prove that  $N$  is a closed subspace of  $H$ .

Let  $x$  be a limit point of  $N = R(U)$ . (i.e)  $x \in \overline{N}$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} N = R(U) &= R(UP_M) \quad [\text{by (5)}] \\ &= UR(P_M) \\ &= UM \end{aligned}$$

Hence there exists a sequence  $\{Uy_n\} \subseteq N$  such that  $Uy_n \rightarrow x$ , where  $\{y_n\} \subset M$  (7)

Hence  $\|y_n - y_m\| = \|U(y_n - y_m)\| = \|Uy_n - Uy_m\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\Rightarrow \{y_n\}$  is a cauchy sequence in  $M \subset N$ .

Since  $H$  is complete,  $\{y_n\}$  converges in  $H$ .

Let  $y_n \rightarrow y$ , Then  $Uy_n \rightarrow Uy$  (8)

From (7) and (8),

$$x = Uy \in R(U) = N$$

Hence  $N$  contains all its limit points. Hence  $N$  is a closed subspace  $H$ .

### To prove (iii)

Since  $N = R(U)$ , for any  $x \in N$ , there exists  $y \in M$  such that  $Uy = x$ ,

Since  $y \in M$ ,  $\|Uy\| = \|y\|$ .

Hence  $\|x\| = \|Uy\| = \|y\|$  and

$$\begin{aligned} U^*x &= U^*Uy = P_M y \quad [\text{by (5)}] \\ &= y \quad [\because y \in M] \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\|U^*x\| = \|y\| = \|x\|$

Hence  $\|U^*x\| = \|x\|, \forall x \in N$  (9)

For any  $x \in N^\perp$  and  $y \in H$ , Consider  $\langle U^*x, y \rangle = \langle x, Uy \rangle = 0$

( because  $x \in N^\perp$  and  $Uy \in R(U) = N$  )

$\Rightarrow U^*x = 0$ , for all  $x \in N^\perp$  (10)

$$\text{Now } R(U^*) = U^*N = U^*R(U) = U^*UH = P_M H = M$$

Hence  $R(U^*) = M$  (11)

From (9), (10), (11),  $U^*$  is a partial isometry with the initial space  $N$  and the final space  $M$ .

Hence by (1),  $U^*P_N = U^*$  and  $(U^*)^*U^* = P_N$ . (i.e)  $UU^* = P_N$

Hence (iii) is proved

### Theorem (3)

Let  $U$  be an operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ . Then the following statements are mutually equivalent.

- $(\alpha)$   $U$  is a partial isometry operator.
- $(\alpha^*)$   $U^*$  is a partial isometry operator.
- $(\beta)$   $UU^*U = U$ .
- $(\beta^*)$   $U^*UU^* = U^*$ .
- $(\gamma)$   $U^*U$  is a projection operator.
- $(\gamma^*)$   $UU^*$  is a projection.

### Proof

Assume  $(\alpha)$  i.e  $U$  is a partial isometry operator.

By theorem, " Let  $U$  be a partial isometry operator on a Hilbert space  $H$  with the initial space  $M$  and the final space  $N$ . Then

- (i)  $UP_M = U$  and  $U^*U = P_M$
- (ii)  $N$  is a closed subspace of  $H$ .
- (iii)  $U^*$  is a partial isometry with the initial space  $N$  and the final space  $M$ , that is

$$U^*P_N = U^* \text{ and } UU^* = P_N$$

$$UP_M = U \text{ and } U^*U = P_M$$

$$\Rightarrow UU^*U = UP_M = U$$

$$\text{Hence } (\alpha) \Rightarrow (\beta)$$

(1)



Assume  $(\gamma)$  i.e  $U^*U$  is a projection operator.

Put  $U^*U = P_M$  then for any  $x \in H$ ,

$$\|Ux\|^2 = \langle Ux, Ux \rangle = \langle U^*Ux, x \rangle = \langle P_Mx, x \rangle = \|P_Mx\|^2$$

$$\|Ux\|^2 = \|P_Mx\|^2 = \|x\|^2, \forall x \in M$$

$$\text{and } \|Ux\| = \|P_Mx\| = 0, \forall x \in M^\perp$$

$$\text{i.e } Ux = 0, \forall x \in M^\perp$$

$$\text{Hence } \|Ux\| = \|x\|, \forall x \in M \text{ and } \forall x \in M^\perp$$

Hence  $U$  is a partial isometry on  $M$ .

$$\text{Hence } (\gamma) \Rightarrow (\alpha) \tag{3}$$

From (1), (2) and (3),

$$(\alpha) \Rightarrow (\beta) \Rightarrow (\gamma) \Rightarrow (\alpha). \tag{a}$$

Similarly if  $U^*$  is a partial isometry operator,

by  $(\alpha) \Rightarrow (\beta)$ ,  $U^*(U^*)^*U^* = U^*$

i.e  $U^*UU^* = U^*$

Hence  $(\alpha^*) \Rightarrow (\beta^*)$  (4)

by  $(\beta) \Rightarrow (\gamma)$ ,  $U^*UU^* = U^* \Rightarrow UU^*$  is a projection

Hence  $(\beta^*) \Rightarrow (\gamma^*)$  (5)

by  $(\gamma) \Rightarrow (\alpha)$ ,  $UU^*$  is a projection operator

$\Rightarrow U^*$  is a partial isometry operator.

Hence  $(\gamma^*) \Rightarrow (\alpha^*)$  (6)

From (4), (5) and (6),

$(\alpha^*) \Rightarrow (\beta^*) \Rightarrow (\gamma^*) \Rightarrow (\alpha^*)$ . (b)

Assume  $(\beta) \quad UU^*U = U$

Taking adjoint on both sides

$$(UU^*U)^* = U^*$$

$$\Rightarrow U^*UU^* = U^*$$

$$\text{Hence } (\beta) \Rightarrow (\beta^*)$$

$$\text{Similarly } U^*UU^* = U^*$$

$$\Rightarrow (U^*UU^*)^* = (U^*)^*$$

$$\Rightarrow UU^*U = U$$

$$\text{Hence } (\beta^*) \Rightarrow (\beta)$$

$$\text{Hence } (\beta) \iff (\beta^*) \tag{c}$$

From (a), (b), (c), it is clear that,  $(\alpha)$ ,  $(\alpha^*)$ ,  $(\beta)$ ,  $(\beta^*)$ ,  $(\gamma)$  and  $(\gamma^*)$  are all equivalent.

## 2.2.2. Polar decomposition of an operator

### Theorem (1)

Let  $M$  be a dense subspace of a normed space  $X$ . Let  $T$  be a linear operator from  $M$  to a Banach space  $Y$ . If  $T$  is bounded, then there uniquely exists  $\bar{T}$  which is the extension of  $T$  from  $X$  to  $Y$ . i.e  $\bar{T}x = Tx$  for all  $x \in M$  and  $\|\bar{T}\| = \|T\|$

### Proof

Let  $M$  be a dense subspace of a normed space  $X$ .

Then  $\Rightarrow \bar{M} = X$

Hence for any  $x \in X$ , there exists  $\{x_n\} \subset M$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

$\Rightarrow \|Tx_m - Tx_n\| \leq \|T\|\|x_m - x_n\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$

$\Rightarrow \{Tx_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$ .

Since  $Y$  is a Banach space,  $Y$  is complete.

Hence  $\{Tx_n\}$  converges in  $Y$ .

Hence there exists  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $Tx_n \rightarrow y_0$ .

This limit point  $y_0$  is determined independently from its choice of  $\{x_n\}$  converging to  $x$ . i.e  $y_0$  depends only on  $x$ .

Put  $\overline{T}x = y_0$ .

This  $\overline{T}$  defines an operator  $\overline{T}$  from  $X$  to  $Y$ .

For any  $x \in M \subset X$ , we can choose  $x_n = x$ ,  $\forall n$ .

Then  $\overline{T}x = Tx$ .

Hence  $\overline{T}$  is an extension of  $T$ .

Claim: To show that  $\overline{T}$  is linear,  $\overline{T}$  is bounded and  $\|\overline{T}\| = \|T\|$

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  scalars.

By definition of  $\overline{T}$ ,

$\overline{T}(x_1) = y_1$ , where  $x_{n_1} \rightarrow x_1$  and  $Tx_{n_1} \rightarrow y_1$

$\overline{T}(x_2) = y_2$ , where  $x_{n_2} \rightarrow x_2$  and  $Tx_{n_2} \rightarrow y_2$

Now  $x_{n_1}, x_{n_2} \in M$  and  $T$  is linear on  $M$ .

$\therefore T(\alpha x_{n_1} + \beta x_{n_2}) = \alpha Tx_{n_1} + \beta Tx_{n_2} \rightarrow \alpha y_1 + \beta y_2$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{T}(\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2) &= \alpha y_1 + \beta y_2 \\ &= \alpha \overline{T}x_1 + \beta \overline{T}x_2\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\overline{T}$  is linear.

$$\|\bar{T}_X\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T_{X_n}\| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T\| \|x_n\| = \|T\| \|x\|$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\| &= \sup \|Tx\|/x \in M, \|x\| \leq 1 \\ &\leq \sup \|\bar{T}x\|/x \in X, \|x\| \leq 1 \\ &\leq \|\bar{T}\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(i.e)} \|\mathbf{T}\| \leq \|\overline{\mathbf{T}}\| \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2),  $\|\overline{T}\| = \|T\|$

Hence if  $T$  is bounded, there exists  $\overline{T}$  which is the extension of  $T$  from  $X$  to  $Y$  such that  $\|\overline{T}\| = \|T\|$

To prove that  $\bar{T}$  is unique

Let  $\hat{T}$  be a bounded linear operator and an extension of  $T$  from  $X$  to  $Y$ .

For any  $x \in X$ , take  $\{x_n\} \subset M$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$

By the continuity of  $\hat{T}$ ,

$$\hat{T}x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{T}x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \bar{T}x, \text{ (by definition of } \bar{T})$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{T}x = \bar{T}x, \forall x \in X.$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{T} = \bar{T}.$$

Hence  $\bar{T}$  is unique.

Hence the theorem.



## Theorem

2 Let  $S$  and  $T$  be bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space  $H$ . If  $T^*T = S^*S$ , then there exists a partial isometry operator  $U$  such that the initial space  $M = \overline{R(T)}$  and the final space  $N = \overline{R(S)}$  and  $S=UT$ .

## Proof

Let  $T^*T = S^*S$ . Then for any  $x \in H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \|Tx\|^2 &= \langle Tx, Tx \rangle = \langle T^*Tx, x \rangle \\ &= \langle S^*Sx, x \rangle \\ &= \langle Sx, Sx \rangle \\ &= \|Sx\|^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e } \|Tx\|^2 = \|Sx\|^2, \forall x \in H \quad (1)$$

Hence if  $Tx_1 = Tx_2$ , for  $x_1, x_2 \in H$  then

$$\begin{aligned}\|Sx_1 - Sx_2\| &= \|Tx_1 - Tx_2\| = 0 \Rightarrow Sx_1 = Sx_2 \\ \text{i.e } Tx_1 &= Tx_2 \Rightarrow Sx_1 = Sx_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in H.\end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Define an operator  $V : R(T) \rightarrow R(S)$  as

$$VTx = Sx$$

Then

$$V(Tx_1 + Tx_2) = V(T(x_1 + x_2)) = S(x_1 + x_2) = Sx_1 + Sx_2 = VTx_1 + VTx_2$$

$$V(\alpha Tx) = V(T(\alpha x)) = S(\alpha x) = \alpha Sx = \alpha VTx$$

Hence  $V$  is linear on  $R(T)$ .

Then  $\|VTx\| = \|Sx\| = \|Tx\|$  by (1).

Therefore if  $y \in R(T)$ , then  $\|Vy\| = \|y\|$  (3)

Hence  $V$  is a bounded linear operator and  $N = \overline{R(S)}$  is a Banach space.

Hence  $V$  can be extended to  $\bar{V}$  from  $M = \overline{R(T)}$  onto  $N$ .

i.e for  $y \in M$ ,  $\exists \{y_n\} \subset R(T) \ni y_n \rightarrow y$  and  $Vy_n \rightarrow \bar{V}y$

$$\text{and } \|\bar{V}y\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Vy_n\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_n\| = \|y\| \quad (4)$$

Now, define  $U$  as

$$Ux = \bar{V}P_Mx, \forall x \in H.$$

Then for  $x \in M = \overline{R(T)}$ ,

$$\|Ux\| = \|\bar{V}P_Mx\| = \|\bar{V}x\| = \|x\|$$

( $\because x \in M, P_Mx = x$  and  $\|\bar{V}y\| = \|y\|$  by (4) )

and for  $x \in M^\perp$ ,

$$\|Ux\| = \|\bar{V}P_Mx\| = \|P_Mx\| = 0$$

( $\because \|\bar{V}y\| = \|y\|$  by (4) and  $\because x \in M^\perp, P_Mx = 0$ )

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|Ux\| &= \|x\|, \forall x \in M \\ \text{and } Ux &= 0, \forall x \in M^\perp. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $U$  is a partial isometry with the initial space  $M$ .

For any  $x \in H$ , consider

$$UTx = \bar{V}P_MTx = \bar{V}Tx = VTx = Sx$$

Hence  $S=UT$

Moreover  $VR(T) = R(S)$ ,  $\bar{V}$  is an isometry and

$R(U) = \bar{V}M = \overline{R(S)} = N$ .

Hence  $N$  is the final space of  $U$ .

Hence the theorem.

### Theorem (3)

Let  $T$  be any operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ . Then there exists a partial isometry operator  $U$  such that  $T = U|T|$ , where  $|T| = (T^*T)^{1/2}$  and  $M$  and  $N$ , the initial and final space of  $U$  can be expressed as follows:

$$M = \overline{R(|T|)} = \overline{R(T^*)} \text{ and } N = \overline{R(T)}$$

Moreover  $N(U) = N(|T|)$  and  $U^*U|T| = |T|$

### Proof

Since  $|T|^2 = T^*T$ , replacing  $T$  by  $|T|$  and  $S$  by  $T$  in the theorem, "Let  $S$  and  $T$  be bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space  $H$ . If  $T^*T = S^*S$ , then there exists a partial isometry operator  $U$  such that the initial space  $M = \overline{R(T)}$  and the final space  $N = \overline{R(S)}$  and  $S = UT$ ." We get, there exists a partial isometry operator  $U$  such that  $M = \overline{R(|T|)}$ ,  $N = \overline{R(|T|)}$  and  $T = U|T|$ .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\|Ux\| &= \|x\|, \forall x \in M = \overline{R(|T|)} \\ Ux &= 0, \forall x \in M^\perp = \overline{R(|T|)}^\perp\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also } N(U)^\perp = \overline{R(|T|)} = N(|T|)^\perp$$

$$\Rightarrow N(U) = N(|T|)$$

$$\text{Since } U^*T = U^*U|T| = |T|,$$

$$T^*U = (U^*T)^* = |T|^* = |T|$$

$$\text{Hence } R(|T|) = R(T^*U) \subset R(T^*)$$

$$\text{On the other hand, since } T^* = (U|T|)^* = |T|U^*,$$

$$R(T^*) \subset R(|T|)$$

$$\text{Hence } R(|T|) = R(T^*)$$

Hence the theorem.

### Definition (1)

Let  $T$  be an operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ . When  $T = U|T|$  with  $N(U) = N(|T|)$ ,  $T = U|T|$  is said to be the polar decomposition of  $T$ . If the kernel condition  $N(U) = N(|T|)$  is not necessarily satisfied,  $T = U|T|$  is said to be a decomposition of  $T$ .

### Theorem (4)

Let  $T = U|T|$  be the polar decomposition of an operator  $T$  on a Hilbert space  $H$ . Then the following (i) and (ii) hold

- (i)  $N(|T|) = N(T)$
- (ii)  $|T^*|^q = U|T|^q U^*$  for any positive number  $q$ .

To prove (i)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in N(|T|) &\iff |T|x = 0 \\
 &\iff |T|^2 x = 0 & [\because \langle |T|^2 x, x \rangle = \langle |T|x, |T|x \rangle = \| |T|x \|^2] \\
 &\iff T^* T x = 0 \\
 &\iff \|T x\|^2 = 0 & [\because \|T x\|^2 = \langle T x, T x \rangle = \langle T^* T x, x \rangle] \\
 &\iff T x = 0 \\
 &\iff x \in N(T)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $N(|T|) = N(T)$

Hence (i) is proved.



To prove (ii)

For any positive operator  $S$  and for any positive number  $q$ ,

$$N(S^q) = N(S)(1)$$

Therefore, since  $|T|$  is a positive operator,

$$N(|T|^q) = N(|T|)$$

$$\text{i.e } \overline{R(|T|^q)}^\perp = \overline{R(|T|)}^\perp \implies \overline{R(|T|^q)} = \overline{R(|T|)} \quad (2)$$

Also  $U^*U$  is the initial projection on  $M = \overline{R(|T|)}$

$$\text{i.e } U^*U|T| = |T| \quad (3)$$

Hence

$$U^*U|T|^q = (U^*U|T|)|T|^{q-1} = |T||T|^{q-1} = |T|^q$$

$$\text{i.e } U^*U|T|^q = |T|^q \quad (4)$$

Using (3),

$$|T^*|^2 = TT^* = (U|T|)(U|T|)^* = U|T||T|U^* = U|T|U^*U|T|U^* = (U|T|U^*)^2$$

Therefore

$$f_n(|T^*|^2) = f_n(U|T|U^*)^2 = Uf_n(|T|^2)U^*$$

for any polynomial  $f_n(t)$ .

(6)

Take  $f_n(t) \rightarrow t^{1/2}$

Then by (6),  $|T^*| = U|T|U^*$

( since the square root  $S^{1/2}$  of a positive operator  $S$  is approximated uniformly by polynomials of  $S$ . )

By induction,

$|T^*|^{\frac{n}{m}} = U|T|^{\frac{n}{m}}U^*$  holds for any natural number  $m$  and  $n$

Let  $\frac{n}{m} \rightarrow q$ ,

then  $|T^*|^q = U|T|^qU^*$  for any positive number  $q$

Hence (ii) is proved.

## Theorem

Let  $T = U|T|$  be the polar decomposition of an operator  $T$  on a Hilbert space  $H$ . Then  $T^* = U^*|T^*|$  is also the polar decomposition of an operator  $T^*$

## Proof

Since  $T = U|T|$  is the polar decomposition of  $T$ ,  
 $N(U) = N(|T|)$  holds

(1)

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} T^* &= (U|T|)^* \\ &= |T|^*U^* \\ &= |T|U^* \quad [\because |T|^* = |T|] \\ &= U^*U|T|U^* \quad [\because U^*U|T| = |T|] \\ &= U^*|T^*| \quad [\because |T^*| = U|T|U^*] \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $T^* = U^*|T^*|$

Hence to prove that  $T^* = U^*|T^*|$  is the polar decomposition of  $T^*$ , it is sufficient to prove that  $N(U^*) = N(|T^*|)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } x \in N(U^*) &\iff U^*x = 0 \\
 &\iff \|U^*x\|^2 = 0 \\
 &\iff UU^*x = 0 \quad [\because \|U^*\|^2 = \langle U^*x, U^*x \rangle = \langle UU^*x, x \\
 &\iff |T|U^*x = 0 \quad [\because N(U) = N(|T|)] \\
 &\iff T^*x = 0 \quad [\because T^* = |T|U^*] \\
 &\iff |T^*|x = 0 \\
 &\iff x \in N(|T^*|)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $N(U^*) = N(|T^*|)$

Hence  $T^* = U^*|T^*|$  is the polar decomposition of  $T^*$ .

Hence the theorem

## 2.3 Polar Decomposition of an operator and its Application

## 2.3.1 Invariant subspace and reducing subspace

An operator  $T$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  can be decomposed into  $T = UP$ , where  $U$  is a partial isometry and  $P = |T| = (T^*T)^{1/2}$  with  $N(U) = N(P)$ ,  $N(X)$  denote the kernel of an operator  $X$ , the kernel condition  $N(U) = N(P)$  uniquely determines  $U$  and  $P$  of the polar decomposition  $T = UP$ .

### Definition (1)

If an operator  $T$  commutes  $S$  and  $S^*$ , then  $T$  is said to doubly commutes with  $S$ .

i.e  $TS = ST$ ,  $TS^* = S^*T$ .

### Definition (2)

Let  $T$  be an operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ .

- (i) A closed subspace  $M$  of a Hilbert space  $H$  is said to be invariant under  $T$  if  $TM \subset M$ .  
i.e  $Tx \in M$  whenever  $x \in M$
- (ii) A closed subspace  $M$  of a Hilbert space  $H$  is said to reduce  $T$  if  $TM \subset M$  and  $TM^\perp \subset M^\perp$ . i.e  $M$  and  $M^\perp$  are both invariant under  $T$ .



### Theorem (1)

Let  $T$  be an operator on Hilbert space  $H$  and  $M$  be a closed subspace of  $H$ . Then the following conditions are mutually equivalent:

- (i)  $TM \subset M$
- (ii)  $T^*M^\perp \subset M^\perp$
- (iii)  $TP = PTP$ , where  $P$  is the projection onto  $M$ .

### Proof

Let  $T$  be an operator on Hilbert space  $H$ ,  $M$  be a closed subspace of  $H$  and  $P$  be the projection onto  $M$ .

$$(i) \iff (iii) \tag{3}$$

To prove that (ii)  $\iff$  (iii).

by (3), (i)  $\iff$  (iii)

i.e.  $TM \subset M \iff TP = PTP$ .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} T^*M^\perp \subset M^\perp &\iff T^*(I - P) = (I - P)T^*(I - P) \\ &\iff T^* - T^*P = T^* - PT^* - T^*P + PT^*P \\ &\iff PT^* = PT^*P \\ &\iff (PT^*)^* = (PT^*P)^* \\ &\iff TP = PTP \end{aligned}$$

Hence (ii)  $\iff$  (iii)

(4)

From (3) and (4), (i)  $\iff$  (ii)  $\iff$  (iii). Hence the theorem.

### Theorem (2)

Let  $T$  be an operator on Hilbert space  $H$  and  $M$  be a closed subspace of  $H$ . Then the following conditions are mutually equivalent:

- (i)  $M$  reduces  $T$
- (ii)  $M^\perp$  reduces  $T$
- (iii)  $M$  reduces  $T^*$
- (iv)  $M$  is invariant under  $T$  and  $T^*$
- (v)  $TP = PT$ , where  $P$  is the projection onto  $M$ .

## Proof

Let  $T$  be an operator on Hilbert space  $H$ ,  $M$  be a closed subspace of  $H$  and  $P$  be the projection onto  $M$ .

To prove that (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)

By definition,

$M$  reduces  $T \iff TM \subset M$  and  $TM^\perp \subset M^\perp \iff M^\perp$  reduces  $T$ .

Hence  $M$  reduces  $T$  iff  $M^\perp$  reduces  $T$

Hence (i)  $\iff$  (ii) (1)

To prove that (i)  $\iff$  (iii)

By the result,

$TM \subset M \iff T^*M^\perp \subset M^\perp$ ,

we have

$TM \subset M$  and  $TM^\perp \subset M^\perp \iff T^*M^\perp \subset M^\perp$  and  $T^*M \subset M$ .

$\Rightarrow M$  reduces  $T \iff M$  reduces  $T^*$

Hence (i)  $\iff$  (iii)

To prove that (i)  $\iff$  (iv)

$$\begin{aligned}
 M \text{ reduces } T &\iff TM \subset M \text{ \& } TM^\perp \subset M^\perp \\
 &\iff TM \subset M \text{ \& } T^*M^\perp \subset M^\perp \\
 &\quad (\because TM^\perp \subset M^\perp \iff T^*M^\perp \subset M^\perp) \\
 &\iff M \text{ is invariant under } T \text{ and } T^*
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence (i)  $\iff$  (iv)

To prove that (iv)  $\iff$  (v)

Mis invariant under  $T$  and  $T^*$

$$\iff TM \subset M \text{ \& } T^*M \subset M$$

$$\iff TP = PTP \text{ \& } T^*P = PT^*P [\text{by previous theorem}]$$

$$\iff TP = PTP \text{ \& } (T^*P)^* = (PT^*P)^*$$

$$\iff TP = PTP \text{ \& } PT = PTP$$

$$\iff PT = TP$$

Hence (iv)  $\iff$  (v)

Hence the theorem.

### 2.3.2 A necessary and sufficient condition for $T_1 T_2 = T_2 T_1$ & $T_1 T_2^* = T_2^* T_1$ .



### Theorem (1)

If  $T = UP$  is the polar decomposition of an operator  $T$ , then  $U$  and  $P$  commutes with  $A$  and  $A^*$ , where  $A$  denotes any operator which commutes with  $T$  and  $T^*$ .

### Proof

Let  $T = UP$  be the polar decomposition of an operator  $T$ .

Then  $N(U) = N(P)$ , where  $P = |T| = (T^*T)^{1/2}$  (1)

Let  $A$  commutes with  $T$  and  $T^*$

i.e  $AT = TA$  and  $AT^* = T^*A$  (2)

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}(T^*T)A &= T^*(TA) = T^*(AT) \\ &= (T^*A)T \\ &= (AT^*)T \\ &= A(T^*T)\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow P^2A = AP^2$$

$$\Rightarrow PA = AP \tag{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (PA)^* = (AP)^*$$

$$\Rightarrow A^*P = PA^* \tag{4}$$

Hence  $P$  commutes with  $A$  and  $A^*$ .

Substituting  $T=UP$  in (2), i.e.  $AT - TA = 0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}AUP - UPA &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow AUP - UAP &= 0 \quad [\because PA = AP] \\ \Rightarrow (AU - UA)P &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow AU - UA &\text{ annihilates } \overline{R(P)}\end{aligned}$$

If  $x \in N(P) = N(U)$ , then  $Px = 0$  and  $Ux = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}Px = 0 &\Rightarrow APx = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow PAx = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow Ax \in N(P) = N(U) \\ &\Rightarrow U(Ax) = 0 \\ Ux = 0 &\Rightarrow A(Ux) = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow (AU - UA)x &= 0, \quad \forall x \in N(P) \\ \Rightarrow AU - UA &\text{ annihilates } N(P) \text{ also.}\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $AU - UA = 0$  on  $H = \overline{R(P)} \oplus N(P)$

Hence  $AU = UA$

Similarly substituting  $T^* = PU^*$  in (2)  
i.e in  $AT^* - T^*A = 0$ , we get

$$APU^* - PU^*A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow PAU^* - PU^*A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P(AU^* - U^*A) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [P(AU^* - U^*A)]^* = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (UA^* - A^*U)P = 0$$

$\Rightarrow UA^* - A^*U$  annihilates  $\overline{R(P)}$

If  $x \in N(P) = N(U)$ , then  $Px = 0$  and  $Ux = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} Px = 0 &\Rightarrow A^*Px = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow PA^*x = 0 \quad [\because PA^* = A^*P] \\ &\Rightarrow A^*x \in N(P) = N(U) \\ &\Rightarrow UA^*x = 0 \\ Ux = 0 &\Rightarrow A^*Ux = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (UA^* - A^*U)x = 0, \forall x \in N(P)$$

$$\Rightarrow UA^* - A^*U \text{ annihilates } N(P)$$

$$\text{Hence } UA^* - A^*U = 0 \text{ on } H = \overline{R(P)} \oplus N(P)$$

$$\text{Hence } UA^* = A^*U$$

Hence the theorem.

### Theorem (2)

Let  $T_1 = U_1 P_1$  and  $T_2 = U_2 P_2$  be the polar decomposition of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  respectively. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (A)  $T_1$  doubly commutes with  $T_2$
- (B) Each of  $U_1^*$ ,  $U_1$  and  $P_1$  commutes with each of  $U_2^*$ ,  $U_2$  and  $P_2$
- (C) The following five equations are satisfied:
  - (C-1)  $P_1 P_2 = P_2 P_1$
  - (C-2)  $U_1 P_2 = P_2 U_1$
  - (C-3)  $P_1 U_2 = U_2 P_1$
  - (C-4)  $U_1 U_2 = U_2 U_1$
  - (C-5)  $U_1^* U_2 = U_2 U_1^*$

## Proof

Let  $T_1 = U_1 P_1$  and  $T_2 = U_2 P_2$  be the polar decompositions of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  respectively.

Assume (A)  $T_1$  doubly commutes with  $T_2$ .

Taking  $A = T_1$  and  $T = T_2$  in Theorem 1, we get

$U_2$  and  $P_2$  commutes  $T_1$  and  $T_1^*$

Now taking  $A = U_2$  and  $T = T_1$  in the same theorem we get,

$U_1$  and  $P_1$  commutes with  $U_2$  and  $U_2^*$

Hence  $U_1 U_2 = U_2 U_1$ ,  $U_1 U_2^* = U_2^* U_1$ ,  $P_1 U_2 = U_2 P_1$ ,  $P_1 U_2^* = U_2^* P_1$   
(1)

Similarly taking  $A = P_2$  and  $T = T_1$  in the same theorem we get,

$U_1$  and  $P_1$  commutes with  $P_2$  [ $\because P_2^* = P_2$ ]

Hence  $U_1 P_2 = P_2 U_1$ ,  $P_1 P_2 = P_2 P_1$  (2)

Taking adjoint in (1)

$$\begin{aligned} U_2^* U_1^* &= U_1^* U_2^*, & U_2 U_1^* &= U_1^* U_2 \\ U_2^* P_1 &= P_1 U_2^*, & U_2 P_1 &= P_1 U_2 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Taking adjoint in (2)

$$P_2 U_1^* = U_1^* P_2, \quad P_1 P_2 = P_2 P_1 \quad (4)$$

From (1), (2), (3) and (4), it is clear that each of  $U_1^*$ ,  $U_1$  and  $P_1$  commutes with each of  $U_2^*$ ,  $U_2$  and  $P_2$

Hence (A)  $\Rightarrow$  (B)

Again from (1), (2), (3) and (4), it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 P_2 &= P_2 P_1 \\ U_1 P_2 &= P_2 U_1 \\ P_1 U_2 &= U_2 P_1 \\ U_1 U_2 &= U_2 U_1 \\ U_1^* U_2 &= U_2 U_1^* \end{aligned}$$

Hence (B)  $\Rightarrow$  (C),



To prove that (C)  $\Rightarrow$  (A)

Now Assume (C-1) through (C-5)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Consider } T_1 T_2 &= U_1 P_1 U_2 P_2 \\ &= U_1 U_2 P_1 P_2 [\text{from (C-3)}] \\ &= U_2 U_1 P_2 P_1 [\text{from (C-4) and (C-1)}] \\ &= U_2 P_2 U_1 P_1 [\text{from (C-2)}] \\ &= T_2 T_1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Consider } T_1 T_2^* &= U_1 P_1 P_2 U_2^* \\
 &= U_1 P_2 P_1 U_2^* [\text{from (C-1)}] \\
 &= P_2 U_1 P_1 U_2^* [\text{from (C-2)}] \\
 &= P_2 U_1 (U_2 P_1)^* \\
 &= P_2 U_1 (P_1 U_2)^* [\text{from (C-3)}] \\
 &= P_2 U_1 U_2^* P_1 \\
 &= P_2 U_2^* U_1 P_1 \\
 &= (U_2 P_2)^* (U_1 P_1) \\
 &= T_2^* T_1
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence (C)  $\Rightarrow$  (A)

Hence (A)  $\Rightarrow$  (B)  $\Rightarrow$  (C)  $\Rightarrow$  (A)

Hence the theorem.

### Corollary 3

Let  $T_1 = U_1 P_1$  and  $T_2 = U_2 P_2$  be the polar decomposition of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  respectively.

If  $T_1$  doubly commutes with  $T_2$ , then  $T_1 T_2 = (U_1 U_2)(P_1 P_2)$  is the polar decomposition of  $T_1 T_2$ , i.e.  $(P_1 P_2) = |T_1 T_2|$  and  $U_1 U_2$  is the partial isometry of  $T_1 T_2$  with  $N(U_1 U_2) = N(P_1 P_2)$ .

### Proof

Let  $T_1$  doubly commutes with  $T_2$ .

Then by the theorem 2,

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 T_2 &= (U_1 P_1)(U_2 P_2) \\ &= U_1 (P_1 U_2) P_2 \\ &= U_1 (U_2 P_1) P_2 \text{ [by (C-3)]} \\ &= (U_1 U_2)(P_1 P_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } T_1 T_2 = (U_1 U_2)(P_1 P_2) \quad (1)$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 (U_1 U_2)(U_1 U_2)^*(U_1 U_2) &= (U_1 U_2)(U_2^* U_1^*)(U_1 U_2) \\
 &= (U_1 U_2)(U_1^* U_2^*)(U_1 U_2) [\text{by (C-4) } U_1 U_2 = U_2 U_1] \\
 &= U_1(U_2 U_1^*)(U_2^* U_1)U_2 \\
 &= U_1(U_1^* U_2)(U_1 U_2^*)U_2 [\text{by (C-5)}] \\
 &= U_1 U_1^*(U_2 U_1)U_2^* U_2 \\
 &= U_1 U_1^*(U_1 U_2)U_2^* U_2 [\text{by (C-4)}] \\
 &= (U_1 U_1^* U_1)(U_2 U_2^* U_2) \\
 &= U_1 U_2 \\
 &\quad (\because U_1 \text{ and } U_2 \text{ are partial isometries } U_1 U_1^* U_1 = U_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $U_1 U_2$  is a partial isometry.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Consider } |T_1 T_2|^2 &= (T_1 T_2)^*(T_1 T_2) \\ &= T_2^* T_1^* T_2 T_1 \\ &= T_1^* T_2^* T_1 T_2 \\ &= T_1^* T_1 T_2^* T_2 \\ &= P_1^2 P_2^2 \\ &= (P_1 P_2)^2 \\ \Rightarrow |T_1 T_2| &= P_1 P_2.\end{aligned}$$

Now to prove that  $N(U_1 U_2) = N(P_1 P_2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in N(U_1 U_2) &\iff U_1 U_2 x = 0 \\
 &\iff U_2 x \in N(U_1) = N(P_1) \\
 &\iff P_1 U_2 x = 0 \\
 &\iff U_2 P_1 x = 0 \\
 &\iff P_1 x \in N(U_2) = N(P_2) \\
 &\iff P_2 P_1 x = 0 \\
 &\iff P_1 P_2 x = 0 \\
 &\iff x \in N(P_1 P_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $N(U_1 U_2) = N(P_1 P_2)$

Hence the theorem that if  $T_1$  doubly commutes with  $T_2$ , then  $T_1 T_2 = (U_1 U_2)(P_1 P_2)$  is the polar decomposition of  $T_1 T_2$ .

### Corollary 4(Polar decomposition)

Every operator  $T$  can be expressed in the form  $U|T|$  where  $U$  is a partial isometry with  $N(U) = N(|T|)$ . This kernel condition uniquely determines  $U$ ,  $U$  and  $|T|$  commute with  $V^*$ ,  $V$  and  $|A|$  of the polar decomposition  $A = V|A|$  of any operator  $A$  commuting with  $T$  and  $T^*$ .

### Proof

By the theorem,

"Let  $T$  be any operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ . Then there exists a partial isometry operator  $U$  such that  $T = U|T|$ , where  $|T| = (T^*T)^{1/2}$  and  $M$  and  $N$ , the initial and final space of  $U$  can be expressed as follows:

$$M = \overline{R(|T|)} = \overline{R(T^*)} \text{ and } N = \overline{R(T)}$$

Moreover  $N(U) = N(|T|)$  and  $U^*U|T| = |T|$ "

Every operator  $T$  can be expressed in the form  $U|T|$  where  $U$  is a partial isometry with  $N(U) = N(|T|)$  and kernel condition uniquely determines  $U$ .

Put  $T_2 = T$  and  $T_1 = A$ , in Theorem 1, then we get,  
 $U$  and  $|T|$  commute with  $V^*$ ,  $V$  and  $|A|$  of the polar decomposition  
 $A = V|A|$  of any operator  $A$  commuting with  $T$  and  $T^*$ .  
Hence the theorem.



### Corollary 5

Let  $T = UP$  be the polar decomposition of an operator  $T$ . Then  $T$  is normal iff  $U$  commutes with  $P$  and  $U$  is unitary on  $N(T)^\perp$ .

### Proof

In the theorem 2,

Put  $T = T_1$ ,  $T_2 = T$ , then conditions of (A) is equivalent to the normality of  $A$  and condition (B) is equivalent to that  $U$  commutes with  $P$  and  $U^*U = UU^*$ .

Therefore  $U$  is unitary on the initial space of  $U = N(T)^\perp$ .

## Theorem (6)

Let  $T$  be a normal operator. Then there exists a unitary operator  $U$  such that  $T = UP = PU$  and both  $U$  and  $P$  commutes with  $V^*$ ,  $V$  and  $|A|$  of the polar decomposition  $A = V|A|$  of any operator  $A$  commutes with  $T$  and  $T^*$

## Proof

Let  $T = U_1 P = P U_1$  be the polar decomposition of a normal operator  $T$ .

Let  $A = V|A|$  be the polar decomposition of  $A$ .

By the result

"Let  $T = UP$  be the polar decomposition of an operator  $T$  then  $T$  is normal iff  $U$  commutes with  $P$  and  $U$  is unitary on  $N(T)^\perp$ .

$$U_1^* U_1 = U_1 U_1^* \quad (1)$$

and the initial space  $M$  of  $U_1$  coincides with the final space  $N$ .

i.e  $U_1 M \subset N = M$

Hence  $M$  reduces  $U_1$

$$\text{Hence } U_1 P_M = P_M U_1 = P_M U_1 P \quad (2)$$

where  $P_M = U_1^* U_1$  denotes the projection of  $H$  onto  $M$ . Put  
 $U = U_1 P_M + I - P_M$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } U^* U &= (P_M U_1^* + I - P_M)(U_1 P_M + I - P_M) \\ &= P_M U_1^* U_1 P_M + U_1 P_M - P_M U_1 P_M + P_M U_1^* + I - P_M - P_M \\ &= P_M P_M P_M + U_1 P_M - U_1 P_M + P_M U_1^* + I - 2P_M - U_1^* P_M \\ &= 2P_M + I - 2P_M \\ &= I \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $U^* U = (U_1 P_M + I - P_M)(P_M U_1^* + I - P_M) = I$

Hence  $U$  is unitary

Since  $P_M P = U^* U P = P$  ( because  $U^* U|T| = |T|$  ) and  $P = P^* = P P_M$ ,

$$P_M P = P = P^* = P P_M$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 UP &= (U_1 P_M + I - P_M)P \\
 &= U_1 P_M P + IP - P_M P \\
 &= U_1 P + P - P \\
 &= U_1 P \\
 &= T
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $T = UP$ .

Similarly  $T = PU_1 = PU$

Hence  $T = UP = PU$

Also by theorem 2,

$P$  commutes with  $V^*$ ,  $V$  and  $|A|$ .

By the same theorem,

$U_1$  commutes with  $V^*$ ,  $V$  and  $|A|$

$\therefore P_M = U_1^* U_1$  commutes with  $V^*$ ,  $V$  and  $|A|$

i.e  $P_M |A| = |A| P_M$ ,  $P_M V = V P_M$  and  $P_M V^* = V^* P_M$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 VU &= V(U_1 P_M + I - P_M) \\
 &= VU_1 P_M + V - VP_M \\
 &= U_1 VP_M + V - VP_M \\
 &= U_1 P_M V + V - P_M V \\
 &= (U_1 P_M + I - P_M)V \\
 &= UV
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $V^*U = UV^*$  and  $|A|U = U|A|$

Hence the theorem.

### Theorem (7)

Every normal operator  $T$  can be written in the form  $UP$ , where  $P$  is positive and  $U$  may be taken to be unitary such that  $U$  and  $P$  commute with each other and with all operators commuting with  $T$  and  $T^*$ .

### Proof

(By Theorem 6)

### Theorem (F-P(Fuglede-Putnam))

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be normal operators. If  $AX = XB$  holds for some operator  $X$ , then  $A^*X = XB^*$ .

### Proof

Since (i)  $e^{iS}$  is a unitary operator for any self adjoint  $S$  and  
(ii)  $AX = XB \Rightarrow A^n X = X B^n$  for any natural number  $n$ ,

$$e^{i\bar{\lambda}A} X = X e^{i\bar{\lambda}B} \text{ for any complex number } \lambda. (1)$$

Define  $f(\lambda) = e^{i\lambda A^*} X e^{-i\lambda B^*}$ , for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda) &= e^{i\lambda A^*} e^{i\bar{\lambda} A} X e^{-i\bar{\lambda} B} e^{-i\lambda B^*} \text{ Using (1)} \\ &= e^{i(\lambda A^* + \bar{\lambda} A)} X e^{-i(\lambda B^* + \bar{\lambda} B)} \text{ by the normality of } A \text{ and } B \text{ (2)} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(\lambda A^* + \bar{\lambda} A)^* = \bar{\lambda} A + \lambda A^*$  and  $(-1(\bar{\lambda} B + \lambda B^*))^* = -1(\lambda B^* + \bar{\lambda} B)$ ,  $\lambda A^* + \bar{\lambda} A$  and  $-1(\lambda B^* + \bar{\lambda} B)$  are self-adjoint operators, and by (i),  $e^{i(\lambda A^* + \bar{\lambda} A)}$  and  $e^{-i(\lambda B^* + \bar{\lambda} B)}$  are both unitary operators. Hence by (2)  $f(\lambda)$  is analytic and bounded for all complex number  $\lambda$ .



Hence by Liouville's theorem,  $f(\lambda)$  is constant. i.e

$$f(\lambda) = f(0) = e^0 X e^0 = X$$

Hence  $e^{i\lambda A^*} X e^{-i\lambda B^*} = X$ , for any  $\lambda$ .

$$\Rightarrow e^{i\lambda A^*} X = X e^{i\lambda B^*}$$

Differentiating both sides w.r.to  $\lambda$

$$iA^* e^{i\lambda A^*} X = X iB^* e^{i\lambda B^*}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^* e^{i\lambda A^*} X = X B^* e^{i\lambda B^*}, \text{ for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Put  $\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow A^* X = X B^*$

Hence the required result.

## Corollary 8

Let  $T_1 = U_1 P_1$  be the polar decomposition of an operator  $T_1$  and let  $T_2$  be a normal operator and  $T_2 = U_2 P_2$  be the decomposition of  $T_2$  such that  $P_2$  is positive,  $U_2$  is unitary,  $U_2$  and  $P_2$  commute with  $V^*$ ,  $V$  and  $|A|$  of the polar decomposition  $A = V|A|$  of any operator  $A$  commuting with  $T_2$  and  $T_2^*$ . then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (A)  $T_1$  commutes with  $T_2$
- (B) Each of  $U_1^*$ ,  $U_1$  and  $P_1$  commutes with each of  $U_2^*$ ,  $U_2$  and  $P_2$
- (C)  $U_1$  and  $P_1$  commutes with  $U_2$  and  $P_2$

## Proof

Since  $T_2$  is normal,  $T_2 T_2^* = T_2^* T_2$  (1)

Assume (A) i.e  $T_1$  commutes with  $T_2$ ,  $T_1 T_2 = T_2 T_1$  (2)

(or)  $T_2 T_1 = T_1 T_2$  (3)

$\therefore$  Taking  $A = B = T_2$  in Fuglede-Putnam inequality  $T_2^* T_1 = T_1 T_2^*$

i.e  $T_1 T_2^* = T_2^* T_1$  (4)

$\Rightarrow T_2 T_1^* = T_1^* T_2$  (5)

Hence from (2) and (5), the normal operator  $T_2$  commutes with  $T_1$  and  $T_1^*$

Hence  $U_2$  and  $P_2$  commutes with  $U_1^*$ ,  $U_1$  and  $P_1$

Hence (B) is shown.

Hence (A)  $\Rightarrow$  (B)

(C) trivially follows from (B)

Hence (B)  $\Rightarrow$  (C)

Now assume (C) i.e  $U_1$  and  $P_1$  commutes with  $U_2$  and  $P_2$   
then

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 T_2 &= U_1 P_1 U_2 P_2 \\ &= U_1 U_2 P_1 P_2 \\ &= U_2 U_1 P_2 P_1 \\ &= U_2 P_2 U_1 P_1 \\ &= T_2 T_1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $T_1$  commutes with  $T_2$

Hence (C)  $\Rightarrow$  (A)

Hence the theorem.

## 2.3.3 Polar decomposition of nonnormal operator

## Theorem (1)

Suppose that  $N(T) \subset N(T^*)$  and let  $T = UP$  be the polar decomposition of  $T$ . Then there exists an isometry  $U_1$  such that  $T = U_1 P$  and both  $U_1$  and  $P$  commute with  $V^*$ ,  $V$  and  $|A|$  of the polar decomposition  $A = V|A|$  of any operator  $A$  commuting with  $T$  and  $T^*$ . In case  $N(T) = N(T^*)$ ,  $U_1$  can be chosen to be unitary.

## Proof:

Assume that  $N(T) \subset N(T^*)$  and  $T = UP$  be the polar decomposition of  $T$ .

$N(T) \subset N(T^*)$  implies  $N(T)^\perp \supset N(T^*)^\perp = \overline{R(T)}$

Since  $T = UP$  is the polar decomposition of  $T$ ,  $U$  is a partial isometry on the initial space  $M = \overline{R(T)}$  and  $N(U) = N(T)$

$\therefore UM \subseteq M$  and  $Ux = 0, \forall x \in M^\perp$

$\Rightarrow UM^\perp \subseteq M^\perp$

Hence  $M$  reduces  $T$ .

## Corollary 2

Let  $T$  be a quasinormal operator. Then there exists an isometry  $U$  such that  $T = UP = PU$  and  $U$  and  $P$  commute with  $U^*$ ,  $V$  and  $|A|$  of the polar decomposition  $A = U|A|$  of any operator  $A$  commuting with  $T$  and  $T^*$ .

### Theorem (3)

Let  $T = U|T|$  be the polar decomposition of an operator  $T$ . Then  $T = U|T|$  is quasi normal iff  $U|T| = |T|U$ .



### 2.3.4 A necessary and sufficient conditions for $T_1 T_2 = T_2 T_3$ and $T_1^* T_2 = T_2 T_3^*$

### Theorem (1)

Let  $T_k = U_k P_k$  be the polar decomposition of  $T_k$  for  $k = 1, 2$  and  $3$ .  
Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (A)  $T_1 T_2 = T_2 T_3$  and  $T_1^* T_2 = T_2 T_3^*$
- (B)
  - (B - 1)  $P_3 P_2 = P_2 P_3$ ,
  - (B - 2)  $U_3 P_2 = P_2 U_3$ ,
  - (B - 3)  $P_1 U_2 = U_2 P_3$ ,
  - (B - 4)  $U_1 U_2 = U_2 U_3$  and
  - (B - 5)  $U_1^* U_2 = U_2 U_3^*$

## Corollary 2

Let  $T_1 = U_1 P_1$  and  $T_3 = U_3 P_3$  be the decomposition described in Theorem 6 in 2.3.2 of normal operators  $T_1$  and  $T_3$  and let  $T_2 = U_2 P_2$  be the polar decomposition of an operator  $T_2$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (A)  $T_1 T_2 = T_2 T_3$
- (B) (B-1), (B-2), (B-3), (B-4) and (B-5) in Theorem 1 hold.
- (C) (B-1), (B-2), (B-3) and (B-4) in Theorem 1 hold.

### Lemma 1

Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be operators on Hilbert spaces  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. If  $T_1$  is unitarily equivalent to  $T_2$  and  $T_1$  has an algebraic definite (or semi definite) property  $\Sigma$  with  $\{p_\alpha\}$ , then so has  $T_2$

### Corollary 3

Let  $T_k = U_k P_k$  be the polar decomposition of  $T_k$  for  $k = 1, 2$  and 3.  
and let  $T_1 T_2 = T_2 T_3$  and  $T_1^* T_2^* = T_2^* T_3^*$  Then

- (1)  $\overline{R(T_2)}$  reduces  $U_1, U_2$  and  $T_1$   $N(T_2)$  reduces  $U_3, P_3$  and  $T_3$
- (2)  $U_1|_{\overline{R(T_2)}}(\text{res } P_1|_{\overline{R(T_2)}}, T_1|_{\overline{R(T_2)}})$  is unitarily equivalent to  $U_3|_{N(T_2)^\perp}(\text{res } P_3|_{N(T_2)^\perp}, T_3|_{N(T_2)^\perp})$
- (3) When  $T_2$  has a dense range, and if  $U_3(\text{res. } P_3 \text{ and } T_3)$  has an algebraic definite property  $\Sigma$  with polynomials  $\{p_\alpha\}$  then so has  $U_1(\text{res } P_1 \text{ and } T_1)$
- (4) When  $T_2$  is injective, and if  $U_1(\text{res. } P_1 \text{ and } T_1)$  has an algebraic definite property  $\Sigma$  with polynomials  $\{p_\alpha\}$  then so has  $U_3(\text{res } P_3 \text{ and } T_3)$

## 2.3.5 Hereditary property on the polar decomposition of an operator

### Theorem (1)

Let  $T = U|T|$  be the polar decomposition of an operator  $T$ . Then  
 $T^2 = 0$  iff  $U^2 = 0$

## Theorem (2)

Let  $T = U|T|$  be the polar decomposition of an operator  $T$ . Then

- (1) If  $T$  is binormal, then so is  $U$ .
- (2) If  $T$  is quasinormal, then so is  $U$ ;  
 $U = \text{isometry} \oplus 0$  on  $N(T)^\perp \oplus N(T)$
- (3) If  $T$  is normal, then so is  $U$ ;  $U = \text{unitary} \oplus 0$  on  $N(T)^\perp \oplus N(T)$
- (4) If  $T$  is self-adjoint, then so is  $U$ ;  
 $U = \text{symmetry} \oplus 0$  on  $N(T)^\perp \oplus N(T)$
- (5) If  $T$  is positive, then so is  $U$ ;  $U = \text{projection}$ .



### Remark 1(Berberian)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be normal operators and  $X$  be an operator on a Hilbert space. Then the following (i) and (ii) hold and follows from each other

- (i) If  $AX = XA$ , then  $A^*X = XA^*$
- (ii) If  $AX = XB$ , then  $A^*X = XB^*$

Thank You