

## μ-RANGE, λ-RANGE OF OPERATORS ON A HILBERT SPACE

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### -----ABSTRACT-----

We have introduced a new type of operator called “Trijection Operator” on a linear space. It is a generalization of projection. We study trijection in case of a Hilbert space. Further we decompose range of a trijection into two disjoint sub-spaces called μ-range and λ- range and study their properties.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

**Trijection Operator:** We define an operator E to be a trijection if  $E^3 = E$ . Clearly if E is a projection, then it is also a trijection for

$$E^2 = E \implies E^3 = E^2.E = E.E = E^2 = E.$$

Thus it follows that a projection is necessarily a trijection. But a trijection is not necessarily a projection. This would be clear from the complex of trijections given below.

Example of Trijections:

Consider  $R^2$ . Let z be an element in  $R^2$ . Thus  $z = (x, y)$  where  $x, y \in R$ .

Let  $E(z) = (ax + by, cx + dy)$ , where a, b, c, d are scalars.

By calculation we find that –

$$E^3(z) = (a_1x + b_1y, c_1x + d_1y)$$

Where,

$$a_1 = a^3 + 2abc + bcd$$

$$b_1 = a^2b + abd + b^2c + bd^2$$

$$c_1 = a^2c + acd + bc^2 + cd^2$$

and  $d_1 = abc + 2bcd + d^3$ .

Hence if E is a trijection,  $E^3 = E$ , then we have

$$a = a^3 + 2abc + bcd$$

$$b = a^2b + abd + b^2c + bd^2$$

$$c = a^2c + acd + bc^2 + cd^2$$

and  $d = abc + 2bcd + d^3$ .

Case(i) :- For some particular cases, let  $a = d = 0$ , then  $b = b^2c, c = bc^2$ .

Thus we can choose  $b = c = 1$  and get

$$E(z) = (y, x)$$

$$E(x,y) = (y, x)$$

.....(1)

So,  $E^2(x, y) = E(E(x, y)) = E(y, x) = (x, y)$

[from(1)]

Therefore  $E^2(x, y) = (x, y) \neq (y, x) = E(x, y)$

Hence  $E^2 \neq E$

Thus E is not a projection.

But  $E^3(x, y) = E(E^2(x, y)) = E(x, y)$

Therefore  $E^3 = E$

Hence E is a trijection.

Case(ii):- If  $a = c = 0$ , then  $b = bd^2, d = d^3$ .

Thus we can choose  $d = 1$  and get  $E(z) = (by, y)$ .

Therefore  $E(x, y) = (by, y)$

Hence  $E^2(x, y) = E(E(x, y)) = E(by, y) = E(x, y)$ .

Thus  $E^2 = E$ .

Hence  $E$  is a projection, and so it is also a trijection.

Case(iii):- If  $a = b = 0$  then  $c = cd^2, d = d^3$ .

Thus choosing  $d = 1$ , we have  $E(z) = (0, cx + y)$

$$E(x, y) = (0, cx + y).$$

Therefore  $E^2(x, y) = E(E(x, y)) = E(0, cx + y)$

$$= (0, cx + y) = E(x, y).$$

Thus  $E^2 = E$ .

Hence  $E$  is a projection and so it is a trijection.

Case(iv):- If  $b = c = 0$  then  $a = a^3, d = d^3$ . Now  $a = a^3$  gives  $a = 0, 1$  or  $-1$ . Similarly we get values of  $d$ . We consider these values in a systematic way.

$a = d = 0 \Rightarrow E = 0$ , it is the zero mapping. Hence it is a projection and trijection also.

$a = 0, d = 1 \Rightarrow E(z) = (0, y)$ . It is also a projection.

$a = 0, d = -1 \Rightarrow E(z) = (0, -y)$ . It is also a projection.

$a = 1, d = 0 \Rightarrow E(z) = (x, 0)$ . It is also a projection.

$a = 1, d = 1 \Rightarrow E = (I)$ , the identity mapping which is also a projection and a trijection.

$a = 1, d = -1 \Rightarrow E(z) = (x, -y)$ , which is not a projection.

$a = -1, d = 0 \Rightarrow E(z) = (-x, 0)$ , which is not a projection.

$a = -1, d = 1 \Rightarrow E(z) = (-x, y)$ , which is not a projection.

$a = -1, d = -1 \Rightarrow E(z) = (-x, -y)$ , which is not a projection.

In this way, a projection is necessarily a trijection but a trijection is not a projection.

**Trijection in a Hilbert Space:-** We first define a normed linear space:

A normed linear space is a linear space  $N$  in which to each vector  $x$  there corresponds a real number, denoted by  $\|x\|$  and called the norm of  $x$ , in such a manner that

$$1. \|x\| \geq 0 \text{ and } \|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0.$$

$$2. \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|, \text{ for } x, y \in N.$$

$$3. \|\alpha x\| = \|\alpha\| \cdot \|x\|, \text{ for scalar } \alpha.$$

$N$  is also a metric space with respect to the metric  $d$  defined by  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ . A Banach space is a complete normed linear space.<sup>1</sup>

A trijection on a Banach space  $B$  is defined as an operator  $E$  on  $B$  such that  $E^3 = E$  and  $E$  is continuous.

**$\mu$ -Range and  $\lambda$ -Range of a Trijection:** If  $E$  is a trijection on linear space  $H$ , then we know that  $H = R \oplus N$  where  $R$  is the range of  $E$  and  $N$  is the null space of  $E$ . We can decompose  $R$  into two subspaces  $L$  and  $M$  such that  $L = \{z : E(z) = z\}$  and  $M = \{z : E(z) = -z\}$  and  $L \cap M = \{0\}$ .

Now as  $L, M$  are parts of the range  $R$ , let us call  $L$  as  $\lambda$ -Range and  $M$  as  $\mu$ -Range of  $E$ . Thus the range  $R$  of  $E$  is the direct sum of its  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ -Ranges. In case  $E$  is a projection, we clearly see that its range coincides with its  $\lambda$ -Range while  $\mu$ -Range is  $\{0\}$ .

## II. THEOREMS

**Theorem 1:** If  $E$  is a trijection on a Banach space  $B$  and if  $R$  and  $N$  are its range and null space, then  $R$  and  $N$  are closed linear subspaces of  $B$  such that

$$B = R \oplus N.$$

**Proof:** Since the null space of any continuous linear transformation is closed, so  $N$  being null space of  $E$  is closed.

Since  $E^2 - I$  is also continuous and

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \{z : E^2 z = z\} \\ &= \{z : (E^2 - I)z = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

So  $R$  is also closed. Clearly,

$$B = R \oplus N.$$

A Hilbert space is a complex Banach space whose norm arises from an inner product, that is, in which there is defined a complex function  $(x, y)$  of vectors  $x$  and  $y$  with the following properties:-

$$1. (\alpha x + \beta y, z) = \alpha(x, z) + \beta(y, z)$$

$$2. (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = (y, x)$$

$$3. (x, x) = \|x\|^2.$$

Where  $x, y, z$  are elements of Banach space and  $\alpha$  is a scalar.<sup>2</sup>

To each operator  $T$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  there corresponds a unique mapping  $T^*$  of  $H$  into itself (called the adjoint of  $T^*$ ) which satisfies the relation

$$(T x, y) = (x, T^*y)$$

For all  $x, y$  in  $H$ . Following are the properties of adjoint operations:-

1.  $(T_1 + T_2)^* = T_1^* + T_2^*$
2.  $(\alpha T)^* = \bar{\alpha} T^*$
3.  $(T_1 T_2)^* = T_2^* T_1^*$
4.  $T^{**} = T$
5.  $\|T^*\| = \|T\|$
6.  $\|T^*T\| = \|T\|^2$ .

**Theorem2:** If  $E$  is a trijection on a Hilbert space  $H$  then so is  $E^*$ .

**Proof:** Since  $E$  is a trijection on a Hilbert space  $H$ , so  $E^* = E$  and  $E^3 = E$ .

If  $T, U, V$  are linear operators on  $H$ , then

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

Hence letting  $T = U = V = E$ , we have

$$(E^3)^* = E^* E^* E^* = (E^*)^3$$

Therefore  $E^* = (E^*)^3$ .

Now  $(E^*)^* = E^{**} = E = E^*$ , so  $E^*$  satisfies the conditions for trijection on a Hilbert space. Hence  $E^*$  is a trijection.

**Theorem3:** If  $A$  is an operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ , then

$$(A^k)^* = (A^*)^k \tag{1}$$

For  $K$  being 0 or any positive integer. Moreover, if  $A$  is self-adjoint then so is  $A^k$ .

**Proof:** The equation (1) is obviously true when  $k = 0$  or 1. Now we prove the equation (1) by the method of induction.

Let us assume that the equation (1) is true for  $K - 1$ . Therefore,

$$(A^{k-1})^* = (A^*)^{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } (A^k)^* &= (A^{k-1} \cdot A)^* \\ &= A^* \cdot (A^{k-1})^* \\ &= A^* \cdot (A^*)^{k-1} \\ &= (A^*)^k. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof is complete by induction.

**Theorem4:** If  $E$  is a trijection on a Hilbert space  $H$ , then  $I - E^2$  is also trijection on  $H$  such that

$$R_{I-E^2} = N_E \text{ and } N_{I-E^2} = R_E.$$

**Proof:** Since  $(I - E^2)^2 = (I - E^2)(I - E^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= I - E^2 - E^2 + E^4 \\ &= I - E^2 - E^2 + E^3 \cdot E \\ &= I - E^2 - E^2 + E^2 \\ &= I - E^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } (I - E^2)^3 &= (I - E^2)^2 (I - E^2) \\ &= (I - E^2)(I - E^2) \\ &= (I - E^2)^2 \\ &= I - E^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } (I - E^2)^* &= I^* - (E^2)^* \\ &= I - (E^*)^2 \\ &= I - E^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $I - E^2$  is a projection as well as a trijection on  $H$ .

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{I-E^2} &= \{z : (I - E^2)^2 z = z\} \\ &= \{z : (I - E^2) z = z\} \\ &= \{z : z - E^2 z = z\} \\ &= \{z : E^2 z = 0\} \\ &= N_E, \text{ and} \\ N_{I-E^2} &= \{z : (I - E^2) z = 0\} \\ &= \{z : z - E^2 z = 0\} \\ &= \{z : E^2 z = z\} \\ &= R_E. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem5:** Any trijection on a Hilbert space H can be expressed as the sum of two self-adjoint operators on H such that one of them is a projection and the square of the other is the identity operator.

**Proof:** Let E be a trijection on H. Then we can write

$$E = (I - E^2) + E^2 + E - I$$

By theorem ( 4 ),  $I - E^2$  is a projection on H, and  $I - E^2$  is a self-adjoint.

Also  $(E^2 + E - I)^* = E^2 + E - I$ , so  $E^2 + E - I$  is self-adjoint. Moreover we have

$$\begin{aligned} (E^2 + E - I)^2 &= (E^2 + E - I)(E^2 + E - I) \\ &= E^4 + E^3 - E^2 + E^3 + E^2 - E - E^2 - E + I \\ &= E^2 + E - E^2 + E + E^2 - E - E^2 - E + I \\ &= I, \text{ Identity operator.} \end{aligned}$$

This proves the theorem.

Two vectors x and y in a Hilbert space H are said to be orthogonal (written  $x \perp y$ ) if  $(x,y) = 0$ . A vector x is said to be orthogonal to a non-empty set S (written  $x \perp S$ ) is  $x \perp y$  for every y in S, and the orthogonal complement of S, denoted by  $S^\perp$ , is the set of all vector orthogonal to S.<sup>4</sup>

An operator N and H is said to be normal if it commutes with its adjoint, that is, if

$$NN^* = N^*N.^5$$

**Theorem6:** If E is a trijection on a Hilbert space H, then

$$x \in R_E \iff E^2x = x \iff \|E^2x\| = \|x\|.$$

Also  $\|E\| \leq 1$ .

**Proof:** From theorem(5), the first equivalence is clear.

Also  $E^2x = x \implies \|E^2x\| = \|x\|$ .

So we now need to show that

$$\|E^2x\| = \|x\| \implies E^2x = x.$$

Now  $\|x\|^2 = \|E^2x + (I - E^2)x\|^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \|y + z\|^2, \text{ say where } y = E^2x \text{ and } z = (I - E^2)x. \text{ Also,} \\ \|y + z\|^2 &= (y + z, y + z) \\ &= (y, y + z) + (z, y + z) \\ &= (y, y) + (y, z) + (z, y) + (z, z) \\ &= \|y\|^2 + \|z\|^2 + (y, z) + (z, y). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $y = E^2x = E(Ex) \in R_E$  and

$$z = (I - E^2)x \in N_E = (R_E)^\perp, \text{ hence } (y,z) = (z,y) = 0.$$

Therefore  $\|y + z\|^2 = \|y\|^2 + \|z\|^2$  .....(1)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \|E^2x\| = \|x\| &\implies \|E^2x\|^2 = \|x\|^2 \\ &\implies \|(I - E^2)x\|^2 = 0 \quad [\text{from (1)}] \\ &\implies \|(I - E^2)x\| = 0 \\ &\implies (I - E^2)x = 0 \\ &\implies x = E^2x. \end{aligned}$$

Also from(1), for any x in H, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|E^2x\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 &\implies \|E^2x\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 \\ &\implies \|E^2\| \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since E is also normal operator,

$$\|E^2\| = \|E\|^2.^6$$

Therefore  $\|E^2\| \leq 1$ .

Hence  $\|E\| \leq 1$ .

**Theorem7:** If E is a trijection on a Hilbert space H then  $E^2$  is projection on H with the same range and null space as that of E.

**Proof:** Since  $(E^2)^2 = E^4 = E^3.E = E.E = E^2$  and by theorem(3),  $E^2$  is self-adjoint,  $E^2$  is projection on H.

$$\text{Also } R_E^2 = \{z : E^2z = z\} = R_E.^7$$

$$N_E^2 = \{z : E^2z = 0\} = \{z : Ez = 0\} = N_E.^8$$

“Let T be an operator on E. A closed linear subspace M of H is said to be invariant under T if  $T(M) \subseteq M$ . If both M and  $M^\perp$  are invariant under T, we say that M reduces T or that T is reduced by M.”<sup>9</sup>

According to reference (9) the theorem(8) as follows:

**Theorem8:** If P and Q are the trijection on closed linear subspaces M and N of H, then PQ is a trijection  $\Leftrightarrow$  PQ = QP. Also in this case PQ is the trijection on  $M \cap N$  and  $N_{PQ} = N_P + N_Q$ .

**Proof:** Let  $PQ = QP$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (PQ)^2 &= (PQ)(QP) = P(QP)Q = P(PQ)Q = (P.P)(Q.Q) = P^2Q^2 \\ \text{So } (PQ)^3 &= (PQ)^2(PQ) = P^2Q^2PQ = P^2Q(QP)Q = P^2Q(PQ)Q \\ &= P^2(QP)Q^2 = P^2(PQ)Q^2 = (P^2P)(Q^2Q) = P^3Q^3. \\ &= PQ \text{ [ Since P and Q are trijection]} \end{aligned}$$

Also  $(PQ)^* = Q^*P^* = QP = PQ$

Hence PQ is trijection.

Conversely let PQ be a trijection, then

$$\begin{aligned} (PQ)^* &= PQ \Rightarrow Q^*P^* = PQ. \\ &\Rightarrow QP = PQ. \end{aligned}$$

Now again is PQ is a trijection, then

$$R_{PQ} = \{ x : (PQ)^2x = x \} = \{ x : (P^2Q^2)x = x \}$$

Let  $x \in M \cap N$ , then  $x \in M$  and  $x \in N$

$$\Rightarrow P^2x = x \text{ and } Q^2x = x.$$

$$\text{Hence } (PQ)^2x = (P^2Q^2)x = P^2(Q^2)x = P^2x = x$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in R_{PQ}.$$

Therefore  $M \cap N \subseteq R_{PQ}$ . .....(1)

Again let  $x \in R_{PQ}$ , then  $(P^2Q^2)x = x$ .

$$\text{Therefore } x = P^2(Q^2)x = P(P^2Q^2x) \in M.$$

Since  $(QP)^2 = Q^2P^2$ ,  $(PQ)^2 = P^2Q^2$  and  $QP = PQ$ , we have

$$Q^2P^2 = P^2Q^2.$$

$$\text{Hence } x = P^2Q^2x = Q^2P^2x = Q(QP^2x) \in N.$$

Now  $x \in M$  and  $x \in N$ , so  $x \in M \cap N$ .

Therefore  $R_{PQ} \subseteq M \cap N$  .....(2)

From (1) and (2), we get

$$R_{PQ} = M \cap N = R_P \cap R_Q.$$

$$\text{Also } N_{PQ} = \{ z : (PQ)^2z = 0 \} = \{ z : (P^2Q^2)z = 0 \}$$

Let  $z \in N_{PQ}$ , then  $P^2(Q^2z) = 0$ .

Therefore  $Q^2z \in N_P = N_P$  as P is a trijection.

Since  $Q(z - Q^2z) = Qz - Q^3z = Qz - Qz = 0$ , so  $z - Q^2z \in N_Q$ .

Therefore  $z = Q^2z + (z - Q^2z) \in N_P + N_Q$ .

Thus  $z \in N_{PQ} \Rightarrow z \in N_P + N_Q$ .

Hence  $N_{PQ} \subseteq N_P + N_Q$  .....(3)

Let  $z \in N_P + N_Q$ , then we can write

$$z = z_1 + z_2 \text{ where } z_1 \in N_P \text{ and } z_2 \in N_Q.$$

$$\Rightarrow Pz_1 = 0 \text{ and } Qz_2 = 0.$$

$$\text{Now } (PQ)z = (PQ)(z_1 + z_2) = PQz_1 + PQz_2 = Qpz_1 + PQz_2$$

$$= Q(Pz_1) + P(Qz_2) = Q(0) + P(0) = 0.$$

Therefore  $z \in N_{PQ}$ .

$$\text{Thus } z \in N_P + N_Q \Rightarrow z \in N_{PQ}.$$

Hence  $N_P + N_Q \subseteq N_{PQ}$  .....(4)

From (3) and (4), we get

$$N_{PQ} = N_P + N_Q.$$

**Theorem9:** If P and Q are trijection on a Hilbert space H and  $PQ = 0$ , then  $P + Q$  is also trijection such that the null space of  $P + Q$  is the intersection of the null spaces of P and Q, and the range of  $P + Q$  is the direct sum of the ranges of P and Q.

**Proof:** We have

$$(P + Q)^2 = (P + Q)(P + Q) = P^2 + PQ + PQ + Q^2$$

$$\text{Now } PQ = 0 \Rightarrow (PQ)^* = 0^* \Rightarrow Q^*P^* = 0 \Rightarrow QP = 0$$

Therefore  $PQ = QP = 0$ .

$$\text{Hence } (P + Q)^2 = P^2 + Q^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (P + Q)^3 &= (P + Q)(P + Q)^2 \\ &= (P + Q)(P^2 + Q^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= P^3 + PQ^2 + QP^2 + Q^3 \\
 &= P^3 + (PQ)Q + (QP)P + Q^3 \\
 &= P + Q.
 \end{aligned}$$

And  $(P + Q)^* = P^* + Q^*$   
 $= P + Q.$

Hence  $P + Q$  is a trijection.

Now we are to prove that,

$$N_{P+Q} = N_P \cap N_Q$$

And  $R_{P+Q} = N_P \oplus N_Q$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_{P+Q} &= \{z : (P + Q)z = 0\} \\
 &= \{z : Pz + Qz = 0\} \\
 &= \{z : Pz = -Qz\},
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $z \in N_{P+Q}$ , Since  $PQ = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= (PQ)z = P(Qz) \\
 &= P(-Pz) \\
 &= -P^2z.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $P^2z = 0$ . Hence  $z \in N_P$

Again since  $QP = 0$ , therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= (QP)z = Q(Pz) \\
 &= Q(-Qz) \\
 &= -Q^2z.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $Q^2z = 0$ . Hence  $z \in N_Q$ .

Therefore  $z \in N_P \cap N_Q$

.....(i)

Let  $z \in N_P \cap N_Q$ , then  $z \in N_P$  and  $z \in N_Q$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow Pz = 0 = Qz \\
 &\Rightarrow Pz = 0 = -Qz \\
 &\Rightarrow (P + Q)z = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow z \in N_{P+Q}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $z \in N_P \cap N_Q \Rightarrow z \in N_{P+Q}$ .

Therefore  $N_P \cap N_Q \subseteq N_{P+Q}$ .

.....(ii)

Hence from (i) and (ii), we get

$$N_{P+Q} = N_P \cap N_Q.$$

Let  $z$  be an element in  $R_{P+Q}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (P + Q)^2z &= z \\
 \Rightarrow (P^2 + Q^2)z &= z.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now as  $P$  and  $Q$  are trijections on  $H$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}
 P^2z &= P(Pz) \in R_P \text{ and} \\
 Q^2z &= Q(Qz) \in R_Q.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $P^2z + Q^2z \in R_P + R_Q$ .

$$\Rightarrow z \subseteq R_P + R_Q.$$

Hence  $R_{P+Q} \subseteq R_P + R_Q$ .

.....(iii)

Conversely, let  $z \in R_P + R_Q$  then we can write

$z = z_1 + z_2$  such that  $z_1 \in R_P$  and  $z_2 \in R_Q$ .

Hence  $P^2z_1 = z_1$  and  $Q^2z_2 = z_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Therefore } (P + Q)^2z &= (P^2 + Q^2)(z_1 + z_2) \\
 &= P^2z_1 + P^2z_2 + Q^2z_1 + Q^2z_2 \\
 &= P^2z_1 + P^2(Q^2z_2) + Q^2(P^2z_1) + Q^2z_2 \\
 &= z_1 + (PQ)^2z_2 + (QP)^2z_1 + z_2 \\
 &= z_1 + z_2 = z \quad [\text{as } PQ = 0]
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $z \in R_{P+Q}$ .

Thus  $z \in R_P + R_Q \Rightarrow z \in R_{P+Q}$ .

Therefore  $R_P + R_Q \subseteq R_{P+Q}$ .

.....(iv)

From (iii) and (iv) we get,

$$R_{P+Q} = R_P + R_Q.$$

Now let  $z \in R_P \cap R_Q$ , then  $P^2z = z, Q^2z = z$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } z &= P^2z = P^2(Q^2z) \\ &= (P^2Q^2)z \\ &= (PQ)^2z \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $R_P \cap R_Q = \{0\}$ .

Therefore  $R_{P+Q} = R_P \oplus R_Q$ .

Thus we see that with given conditions,  $PQ$  is also a trijection.

**Theorem10:** If  $E$  is a trijection on a Hilbert space  $H$ , then  $\frac{1}{2}(E^2 + E)$  and  $\frac{1}{2}(E^2 - E)$  are also trijections whose null spaces are  $L_6$  and  $L_5$  respectively.

**Proof:** We have,

$$\begin{aligned} [\frac{1}{2}(E^2 + E)]^2 &= \frac{1}{2}(E^2 + E) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(E^2 + E) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(E^4 + E^2 + 2E^3) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(E^3 \cdot E + E^2 + 2E^3) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(E \cdot E + E^2 + 2E) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(2E^2 + 2E) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(E^2 + E), \end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned} [\frac{1}{2}(E^2 - E)]^2 &= \frac{1}{2}(E^2 - E) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(E^2 - E) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(E^4 + E^2 - 2E^3) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(E^3 \cdot E + E^2 - 2E^3) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(E \cdot E + E^2 - 2E) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(2E^2 - 2E) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(E^2 - E), \end{aligned}$$

also

$$\begin{aligned} [\frac{1}{2}(E^2 \pm E)]^* &= \frac{1}{2}[(E^2)^* \pm E^*] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(E^2 \pm E). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\frac{1}{2}(E^2 + E)$  and  $\frac{1}{2}(E^2 - E)$  are projections on  $H$ .

Hence they are also trijections on  $H$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\frac{1}{2}(E^2 + E)} &= \{z : \frac{1}{2}(E^2 + E)z = 0\} \\ &= \{z : (E^2 + E)z = 0\} \\ &= \{z : E^2z = -Ez\} \\ &= L_6. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } N_{\frac{1}{2}(E^2 - E)} &= \{z : \frac{1}{2}(E^2 - E)z = 0\} \\ &= \{z : (E^2 - E)z = 0\} \\ &= \{z : E^2z = Ez = 0\} \\ &= L_5. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem11:** If  $E_1, E_2$  are commuting trijections on a linear space  $H$ , then the  $\lambda$ -range of  $E_1$  coincides with the  $\mu$ -range of  $E_2$ , and vice-versa, if and only if

$$E_1 = -E_1^2E_2 \text{ and } E_2 = -E_1E_2^2.$$

**Proof:** Let the  $\lambda$ -range of  $E_1$  be  $L_1$  and  $\mu$ -range of  $M_1$ . Similarly we denote  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  - ranges of  $E_2$  by  $L_2$  and  $M_3$  respectively.

Let  $L_1 \subseteq M_2$ .

Let  $z$  be an element in  $H$ , then since  $E_1z + E_1^2z$  is in  $L_1$ , it is also in  $M_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } E_2(E_1z + E_1^2z) &= -(E_1z + E_1^2z) \\ \Rightarrow E_2E_1z + E_2E_1^2z + E_1z + E_1^2z &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow E_2E_1 + E_2E_1^2 + E_1 + E_1^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $E_2E_1 + E_2E_1^2 + E_1 + E_1^2 = 0$  and  $z$  be in  $L_1$ , then

$$E_1z = z \text{ and } E_1^2z = z.$$

Since  $E_2E_1z + E_2E_1^2z + E_1z + E_1^2z = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} E_2(E_1z) + E_2(E_1^2z) + E_1z + E_1^2z &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow E_2z + E_2z + z + z &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2E_2z + 2z &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow E_2z &= -z \\ \Rightarrow z &\in M_2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $z \in L_1 \Rightarrow z \in M_2$ .

Hence  $L_1 \subseteq M_2$ .

$$\text{Therefore } L_1 \subseteq M_2 \Leftrightarrow E_2E_1 + E_2E_1^2 + E_1 + E_1^2 = 0$$

Let  $M_2 \subseteq L_1$ , Now for any  $z$  in  $H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & E_2 z - E_2^2 z \in M_2. \\ \Rightarrow & E_2 z - E_2^2 z \in L_1 \\ \Rightarrow & E_1 (E_2 z - E_2^2 z) = E_2 z - E_2^2 z \\ \Rightarrow & E_1 E_2 z - E_1 E_2^2 z = E_2 z - E_2^2 z \\ \Rightarrow & E_1 E_2 - E_1 E_2^2 = E_2 - E_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $E_1 E_2 - E_1 E_2^2 = E_2 - E_2^2$  and  $z \in M_2$ , then  
 $E_2 z = -z$  and  $E_2^2 z = z$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } & E_1 E_2 z - E_1 E_2^2 z = E_2 z - E_2^2 z \\ & E_1 (E_2 z) - E_1 (E_2^2 z) = E_2 z - E_2^2 z \\ \Rightarrow & E_1 (-z) - E_1 z = -z - z \Rightarrow -2 E_1 z = -2z \\ \Rightarrow & z \in L_1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $z \in M_2 \Rightarrow z \in L_1$ .

Hence  $M_2 \subseteq L_1$ .

Therefore  $M_2 \subseteq L_1 \Leftrightarrow E_1 E_2 - E_1 E_2^2 - E_2 + E_2^2 = 0$ .

Since  $E_1, E_2$  commute and  $L_1 = M_2$ , we have

$$E_1 E_2 + E_1^2 E_2 + E_1 + E_1^2 = 0$$

and  $E_1 E_2 - E_1 E_2^2 - E_2 + E_2^2 = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } L_1 = M_2 \Leftrightarrow & -E_1 E_2 = E_1 + E_1^2 + E_1^2 E_2 \\ & = E_2^2 - E_2 - E_1 E_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

Let  $M_1 \subseteq L_2$ . For any  $z$  in  $H$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 z - E_1^2 z \in M_1 \Rightarrow & E_1 z - E_1^2 z \in L_2 \\ \Rightarrow & E_2 (E_1 z - E_1^2 z) = E_1 z - E_1^2 z \\ \Rightarrow & E_2 E_1 z - E_2 E_1^2 z = E_1 z - E_1^2 z \\ \Rightarrow & E_2 E_1 - E_2 E_1^2 = E_1 - E_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $E_2 E_1 - E_2 E_1^2 = E_1 - E_1^2$  and  $z$  is in  $M_1$ , then  
 $E_1 z = -z$  and  $E_1^2 z = z$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } & E_2 E_1 z - E_2 E_1^2 z = E_1 z - E_1^2 z, \text{ we have} \\ & E_2 (E_1 z) - E_2 (E_1^2 z) = E_1 z - E_1^2 z \\ \Rightarrow & E_2 (-z) - E_2 z = -z - z \\ \Rightarrow & -2 E_2 z = -2z \\ \Rightarrow & E_2 z = z \\ \Rightarrow & z \in L_2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $z \in M_1 \Rightarrow z \in L_2$ .

Hence  $M_1 \subseteq L_2$ .

Therefore  $M_1 \subseteq L_2 \Leftrightarrow E_2 E_1 - E_2 E_1^2 = E_1 - E_1^2$ .

Similarly  $L_2 \subseteq M_1 \Leftrightarrow E_1 E_2 + E_1 E_2^2 + E_2 + E_2^2 = 0$ .

Since  $E_1, E_2$  commute and  $L_2 = M_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} L_2 = M_1 \Leftrightarrow & -E_1 E_2 = E_1^2 - E_1 + E_1^2 E_2 \\ & = E_2 + E_2^2 + E_1 E_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

Since  $L_1 = M_2$  and  $L_2 = M_1$ ,

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$E_1^2 - E_1 + E_1^2 E_2 = E_1 + E_1^2 + E_1^2 E_2 \text{ and}$$

$$E_2 + E_2^2 + E_1 E_2^2 = E_2^2 - E_2 - E_1 E_2^2.$$

Hence  $E_1 + E_1^2 E_2 = 0$  and  $E_2 + E_1 E_2^2 = 0$

Therefore  $E_1 = -E_1^2 E_2$  and  $E_2 = -E_1 E_2^2$ .

Conversely suppose  $E_1 = -E_1^2 E_2$  and  $E_2 = -E_1 E_2^2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} E_1^2 &= (-E_1^2 E_2)^2 = E_1^4 E_2^2 \\ &= E_1 (E_1 E_2^2) = E_1 (-E_2) = -E_1 E_2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } E_2^2 &= (-E_1 E_2^2)^2 = E_1^2 E_2^4 = E_1^2 E_2^2 \\ &= -E_1 E_2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } E_1 + E_1^2 + E_1^2 E_2 &= (E_1 + E_1^2 E_2) + E_1^2 \\ &= E_1^2 \\ &= -E_1 E_2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } E_2^2 - E_2 - E_1 E_2^2 &= E_2^2 - (E_2 + E_1 E_2^2) \\ &= E_2^2 \end{aligned}$$



$$= - E_1 E_2.$$

Hence from (i), we have

$$L_1 = M_2.$$

Again as,

$$\begin{aligned} E_1^2 - E_1 - E_1^2 E_2 &= E_1^2 - (E_1 + E_1^2 E_2) \\ &= E_1^2 \\ &= - E_1 E_2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } E_2 + E_2^2 + E_1 E_2^2 &= (E_2 + E_1 E_2^2) + E_2^2 \\ &= E_2^2 \\ &= - E_1 E_2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence from (ii), we get,

$$L_2 = M_1.$$

Thus we have proved,

$$L_1 = M_2 \text{ and } L_2 = M_1.$$

Thus the  $\lambda$  – range of  $E_1$  coincides with  $\mu$ -range of  $E_2$  and vice-versa has been proved.

### III. CONCLUSION

In this way, I have introduced a new type operator, called “Trijection Operator” on a linear space. It is a generalization of projection operator. I have studied and examined trijection in case of Hilbert space. Further I have decomposed range of a trijection into two disjoint subspaces called  $\mu$ -range,  $\lambda$ -range and studied their properties.

An operator  $E$  on a linear space  $L$  is called a trijection if  $E^3 = E$ . It is a generalization of projection operator in the sense that every projection is a trijection but a trijection is not necessarily a projection. Then a trijection on a Hilbert space is an operator which is satisfying the condition and is also self-adjoint. Some theorems concerning trijection operator on a Hilbert space have been proved.

If  $P$  and  $Q$  are the trijection on a closed linear subspaces  $M$  and  $N$  of  $H$ , then

$$PQ \text{ is a trijection } \Leftrightarrow PQ = QP,$$

Also in this case  $PQ$  is the trijection on  $M \cap N$  and  $N_{PQ} = N_P + N_Q$ .

If  $E$  is a trijection on  $H$ , then  $\frac{1}{2}(E^2 + E)$  and  $\frac{1}{2}(E^2 - E)$  are also trijection whose all null spaces are:  $L_6 = \{z : E^2z = - Ez\}$  and  $L_5 = \{z : E^2z = Ez\}$  respectively.

Next I have presented range of a trijection into two disjoint sub-spaces called  $\mu$ -range,  $\lambda$ -range. These ranges are defined as follows: If  $E$  is a trijection on a linear space  $H$ , then I can decompose range  $R$  into two sub-spaces  $L$  and  $M$  such that  $L = \{z : E(z) = z\}$  and  $M = \{z : E(z) = -z\}$  and  $L \cap M = \{0\}$ . I say  $L$  as  $\lambda$ -range and  $M$  as  $\mu$ -range of  $E$ . If  $E_1, E_2$  are commuting trijection on a linear space  $H$ , then the  $\lambda$ -range of  $E_1$  coincides with the  $\mu$ -range of  $E_2$  and vice-versa, if and only if,  $E_1 = -E_1^2 E_2$  and  $E_2 = -E_1 E_2^2$ .

Thus a new operator, trijection operator on a linear space has been studied with Hilbert space and two disjoint subspaces  $\mu$ -range and  $\lambda$ -range.

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