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## On $n$ -binormal Operators

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### Abstract

*In this paper we introduce  $n$ -binormal operators acting on a Hilbert space  $H$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is  $n$ -binormal if  $T^*T^n$  commutes with  $T^nT^*$  or  $[T^*T^n, T^nT^*] = 0$  and it is denoted by  $[nBN]$ . We investigate some basic properties of such operators. In general a  $n$ -binormal operator need not be a normal operator. Further we study  $n$ -binormal composite integral operators.*

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## 1 $n$ -binormal Operators

Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $L(H)$  be the algebra of all bounded linear operators acting on  $H$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is called normal if  $T^*T = TT^*$ ,  $n$ -normal if  $T^*T^n = T^nT^*$ , binormal if  $T^*T$  commutes with  $TT^*$ ,

isometry if  $T^*T=I$ , 2-isometry if  $T^{*2}T^2-2T^*T+I=0$ , 3-isometry if  $T^{*3}T^3-3T^{*2}T^2+3T^*T-I=0$ , n-isometry if  $\sum_{k=0}^n(-1)^k\binom{n}{k}T^{*n-k}T^{n-k}=0$  or  $T^{*n}T^n-\binom{n}{1}T^{*n-1}T^{n-1}+\binom{n}{2}T^{*n-2}T^{n-2}\dots\dots\dots(-1)^{n-1}\binom{n}{n-1}T^*T+(-1)^nI=0$  and n-binormal if  $T^*T^nT^nT^*=T^nT^*T^*T^n$  (refer[1], [2], [3] and [8]). In this section we investigate some basic properties of n-binormal operators.

**Theorem 1.1** If  $T \in [nBN]$  then so are

(i)  $kT$  for any real number  $k$ .

(ii) any  $S \in L(H)$  that is unitarily equivalent to  $T$ .

(iii) the restriction  $T/M$  of  $T$  to any closed subspace  $M$  of  $H$  that reduces  $T$ .

**Proof .** (i) The proof is straightforward.

(ii) Let  $S \in L(H)$  be unitarily equivalent to  $T$  then there is a unitary operator  $U \in L(H)$  such that  $S = UTU^*$  which implies that  $S^* = UT^*U^*$  and  $S^n = UT^nU^*$

If  $T$  is n-binormal then  $T^*T^nT^nT^* = T^nT^*T^*T^n$

now  $S^*S^nS^nS^* = UT^*U^*UT^nU^*UT^nU^*UT^*U^* = UT^*T^nT^nT^*U^*$

and  $S^nS^*S^*S^n = UT^nU^*UT^*U^*UT^*U^*UT^nU^* = UT^nT^*T^*T^nU^*$

Hence  $S$  is unitary equivalent to  $T$  (refer [5]).

(iii) If  $T$  is n-binormal then  $T^*T^nT^nT^* = T^nT^*T^*T^n$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } \left(\frac{T}{M}\right)^* \left(\frac{T}{M}\right)^n \left(\frac{T}{M}\right)^n \left(\frac{T}{M}\right)^* &= \left(\frac{T^*}{M}\right) \left(\frac{T^n}{M}\right) \left(\frac{T^n}{M}\right) \left(\frac{T^*}{M}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{T^*T^nT^nT^*}{M}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(\frac{T^nT^*T^*T^n}{M}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{T^n}{M}\right) \left(\frac{T^*}{M}\right) \left(\frac{T^*}{M}\right) \left(\frac{T^n}{M}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{T}{M}\right)^n \left(\frac{T}{M}\right)^* \left(\frac{T}{M}\right)^* \left(\frac{T}{M}\right)^n$$

Hence  $T/M \in [nBN]$ .

**Theorem 1.2** If  $T \in L(H)$  is n-normal then  $T \in [nBN]$ .

**Proof.** If  $T$  is n-normal then  $T^*T^n = T^nT^*$

Post multiply by  $T^n T^*$  on both sides

$$T^* T^n T^n T^* = T^n T^* T^n T^* = T^n T^* T^* T^n$$

Hence  $T$  is  $n$ -binormal.

The following example shows that the converse need not be true.

**Example 1.3** Let  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  be an operator on  $R^2$ , which is  $[3BN]$  but neither 3-normal nor normal.

**Theorem 1.4** Let  $T \in [nBN]$  and  $S \in [nBN]$ . If  $T$  and  $S$  are doubly commuting then  $TS$  is  $n$ -binormal.

**Proof .**  $(TS)^n (TS)^* (TS)^* (TS)^n$

$$\begin{aligned} &= S^n T^n S^* T^* S^* T^* S^n T^n \\ &= S^n S^* T^n T^* T^* S^* T^n S^n \\ &= S^n S^* T^n T^* T^* T^n S^* S^n \\ &= S^n S^* T^n T^n T^n T^* S^* S^n, \text{ since } T \text{ is } [nBN] \\ &= S^n T^* S^* T^n T^n S^* T^* S^n \\ &= T^* S^n T^n S^* S^* T^n S^n T^* \\ &= T^* T^n S^n S^* S^* S^n T^n T^* \\ &= T^* T^n S^* S^n S^n S^* T^n T^*, \text{ since } S \text{ is } [nBN] \\ &= T^* S^* T^n S^n S^n T^n S^* T^* \\ &= S^* T^* S^n T^n S^n T^n S^* T^* \\ &= (TS)^* (TS)^n (TS)^n (TS)^* \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $TS$  is  $n$ -binormal.

**Example 1.5** Let  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  be not commuting  $[2BN]$  operators. Then  $ST$  is not  $[2BN]$ .

The following example shows that the sum and difference of two commuting  $n$ -binormal operators need not be  $n$ -binormal.

**Example 1.6** Let  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $R^2$ . Then  $S$  and  $T$  are commuting  $[2BN]$  operators but  $S+T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not  $[2BN]$  and  $S-T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not  $[2BN]$ .

In the following theorem, we obtain sufficient condition for the sum of  $n$ -binormal operators be  $n$ -binormal (refer [7]).

**Theorem 1.7** Let  $S$  and  $T$  be commuting  $[nBN]$  operators such that  $(S+T)^*$  commutes with  $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k$ . Then  $(S+T)$  is  $n$ -binormal operator.

**Proof.** Consider  $(S+T)^*(S+T)^n(S+T)^n(S+T)^*$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( (S+T)^* \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k (S+T)^* \right) \\ &= \left( (S+T)^* S^n + (S+T)^* \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k + (S+T)^* T^n \right) \left( S^n (S+T)^* + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k (S+T)^* + T^n (S+T)^* \right) \\ &= \left( (S^* + T^*) S^n + (S+T)^* \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k + (S^* + T^*) T^n \right) \left( S^n (S^* + T^*) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k (S+T)^* + T^n (S^* + T^*) \right) \\ &= \left( S^* S^n + T^* S^n + (S+T)^* \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k + S^* T^n + T^* T^n \right) \left( S^n S^* + S^n T^* + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k (S+T)^* + T^n S^* + T^n T^* \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $S$  and  $T$  are commuting  $[nBN]$  operators such that  $(S+T)^*$  commutes

with  $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( S^n S^* + S^n T^* + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k (S+T)^* + T^n S^* + T^n T^* \right) \left( S^* S^n + T^* S^n + (S+T)^* \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k + S^* T^n + T^* T^n \right) \\ &= \left( S^n (S^* + T^*) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k (S+T)^* + T^n (S^* + T^*) \right) \left( (S^* + T^*) S^n + (S+T)^* \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k + (S^* + T^*) T^n \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left( \left( S^n + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k + T^n \right) (S^* + T^*) \right) \left( (S^* + T^*) \left( S^n + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k + T^n \right) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k (S+T)^* (S+T)^* \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} S^{n-k} T^k$$

$$= (S+T)^n (S+T)^* (S+T)^* (S+T)^n. \text{ Hence } (S+T) \text{ is } n\text{-binormal}$$

**Theorem 1.8** Let  $T \in L(H)$  with the Cartesian decomposition  $T = A + iB$ . Then  $T$  is binormal if and only if (i)  $AB^3 + B^3A = A^3B + BA^3$  and (ii)  $A^2BA + ABA^2 = B^2AB + BAB^2$ .

**Proof.** Since  $T$  is binormal then  $T^*TTT^* = T T^*T^*T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T^*TTT^* &= (A - iB)(A + iB)(A + iB)(A - iB) \\ &= (A^2 + iAB - iBA + B^2)(A^2 - iAB + iBA + B^2) \\ &= A^4 - iA^3B + iA^2BA + A^2B^2 + iABA^2 + ABAB - ABBA + iAB^3 \\ &\quad - iBA^3 - BAAB + BABA - iBAB^2 + B^2A^2 - iB^2AB + iB^3A + B^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} TT^*T^*T &= (A + iB)(A - iB)(A - iB)(A + iB) \\ &= (A^2 - iAB + iBA + B^2)(A^2 + iAB - iBA + B^2) \\ &= A^4 + iA^3B - iA^2BA + A^2B^2 - iABA^2 + ABAB - ABBA - iAB^3 \\ &\quad + iBA^3 - BAAB + BABA + iBAB^2 + B^2A^2 + iB^2AB - iB^3A + B^4 \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to observe that  $T$  is binormal if and only if (i) and (ii) are true.

The following examples show that  $n$ -binormal and  $n$ -isometry operators are independent classes.

**Example 1.9** Consider the operator  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $R^2$ , which is 3-binormal but not 3-isometry.

**Example 1.10** Consider the operator  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $R^2$ , which is 3-isometry but not 3-binormal.

## 2 $n$ -binormal Composite Integral Operators

Let  $(X, S, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space and let  $\phi: X \rightarrow X$  be a non-singular measurable transformation ( $\mu(E) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu\phi^{-1}(E) = 0$ ). Then a composition transformation, for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $C_\phi: L^p(\mu) \rightarrow L^p(\mu)$  is defined by  $C_\phi f = f \circ \phi$  for every  $f \in L^p(\mu)$ . In case  $C_\phi$  is continuous, we call it a composition operator induced by  $\phi$ .  $C_\phi$  is bounded operator if and only if  $\frac{d\mu\phi^{-1}}{d\mu} = f_0$ . This is the Radon- Nikodym derivative of the measure  $\mu\phi^{-1}$  w.r.to the measure  $\mu$  and it is

essentially bounded. For more details about composition operators refer [1] and [6].

A kernel  $K \in L^p(\mu \times \mu)$  always induces a bounded integral operator  $T_K : L^p(\mu) \rightarrow L^p(\mu)$

$$\text{defined by } (T_K f)(x) = \int K(x, y) f(y) d\mu(y) .$$

Given a kernel  $K$  and a non-singular measurable function  $\phi : X \rightarrow X$ , the composite integral operator  $T_{K_\phi}$  induced by  $(K, \phi)$  is a bounded linear operator

$T_{K_\phi} : L^p(\mu) \rightarrow L^p(\mu)$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (T_{K_\phi} f)(x) &= \int K(x, y) f(\phi(y)) d\mu(y) \\ &= \int K_\phi(x, y) f(y) d\mu(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We note that } (T_{K_\phi}^n f)(x) &= \int K^n(x, y) f(\phi(y)) d\mu(y) \\ &= \int K_\phi^n(x, y) f(y) d\mu(y) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$K_\phi^n(x, y) = \int \int \dots \int K_\phi(x, z_1) K_\phi(z_1, z_2) \dots K_\phi(z_{n-2}, z_{n-1}) K_\phi(z_{n-1}, y) dz_1 dz_2 \dots dz_{n-1} .$$

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $K_\phi \in L^2(\mu \times \mu)$ . Then  $T_{K_\phi}$  is  $n$ -binormal if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} &\int \int \int K_\phi^*(x, y) K_\phi^n(y, z) K_\phi^n(z, t) K_\phi^*(t, p) d\mu(y) d\mu(z) d\mu(t) \\ &= \int \int \int K_\phi^n(x, y) K_\phi^*(y, z) K_\phi^*(z, t) K_\phi^n(t, p) d\mu(y) d\mu(z) d\mu(t) . \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Suppose the condition is true. For  $f, g \in L^2(\mu)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_{K_\phi}^* T_{K_\phi}^n T_{K_\phi}^n T_{K_\phi}^* f, g \rangle &= \int (T_{K_\phi}^* T_{K_\phi}^n T_{K_\phi}^n T_{K_\phi}^* f)(x) \overline{g(x)} d\mu(x) \\ &= \int \int [K_\phi^*(x, y) (T_{K_\phi}^n T_{K_\phi}^n T_{K_\phi}^* f)(y)] \overline{g(x)} d\mu(y) d\mu(x) \\ &= \int \int K_\phi^*(x, y) \left( \int K_\phi^n(y, z) (T_{K_\phi}^n T_{K_\phi}^* f)(z) d\mu(z) \right) d\mu(y) \overline{g(x)} d\mu(x) \\ &= \int \int \int K_\phi^*(x, y) K_\phi^n(y, z) \left( \int K_\phi^n(z, t) T_{K_\phi}^* f(t) d\mu(t) \right) d\mu(z) d\mu(y) \overline{g(x)} d\mu(x) \\ &= \int \int \int \int K_\phi^*(x, y) K_\phi^n(y, z) K_\phi^n(z, t) \left( \int K_\phi^*(t, p) f(p) d\mu(p) \right) d\mu(t) d\mu(z) d\mu(y) \overline{g(x)} d\mu(x) \\ &= \int \int \int \int K_\phi^*(x, y) K_\phi^n(y, z) K_\phi^n(z, t) K_\phi^*(t, p) f(p) d\mu(p) d\mu(t) d\mu(z) d\mu(y) \overline{g(x)} d\mu(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int \int \int \int K_\phi^*(x, y) K_\phi^n(y, z) K_\phi^n(z, t) K_\phi^*(t, p) d\mu(y) d\mu(z) d\mu(t) f(p) d\mu(p) \bar{g}(x) d\mu(x) \dots (1)$$

and  $\langle T_{K_\phi}^n T_{K_\phi}^* T_{K_\phi}^* T_{K_\phi}^n f, g \rangle = \int (T_{K_\phi}^n T_{K_\phi}^* T_{K_\phi}^* T_{K_\phi}^n f)(x) \bar{g}(x) d\mu(x)$

$$= \int \int \int \int K_\phi^n(x, y) K_\phi^*(y, z) K_\phi^*(z, t) K_\phi^n(t, p) f(p) d\mu(p) d\mu(t) d\mu(z) d\mu(y) \bar{g}(x) d\mu(x)$$

$$= \int \int \int \int K_\phi^n(x, y) K_\phi^*(y, z) K_\phi^*(z, t) K_\phi^n(t, p) d\mu(y) d\mu(z) d\mu(t) f(p) d\mu(p) \bar{g}(x) d\mu(x) \dots (2)$$

It follows from (1) and (2) that  $T_{K_\phi}$  is n-binormal .

Conversely suppose  $T_{K_\phi}$  is n-binormal .Take  $f = \chi_E$  and  $g = \chi_F$  we see that from (1) and (2)

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \int \int K_\phi^n(x, y) K_\phi^n(y, z) K_\phi^n(z, t) K_\phi^*(t, p) d\mu(y) d\mu(z) d\mu(t) \\ &= \int \int \int K_\phi^n(x, y) K_\phi^*(y, z) K_\phi^*(z, t) K_\phi^n(t, p) d\mu(y) d\mu(z) d\mu(t) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $E, F \in S \times S$  . Hence the required condition holds.

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