

## CANONICAL DECOMPOSITION OF TUPLES OF OPERATORS CAUSED BY SYSTEMS OF OPERATOR INEQUALITIES

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^n$  be the algebra of all  $n$ -tuples of bounded linear operators on a separable Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , and  $\mathcal{G}$  a set of maps on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^n$  belong to an appropriate class. Then any  $n$ -tuple  $\mathbf{T}$  can be decomposed into the direct sum  $\mathbf{T}_0 \oplus \mathbf{T}'$  of the maximum  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite (respectively,  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite) part  $\mathbf{T}_0$  and the completely non  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite (resp., non  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite) part  $\mathbf{T}'$ . It follows that any bounded operator  $T$  has the maximum  $k$ -hyponormal part for any positive integer  $k$ , and so, it can be decomposed into the direct sum  $T = T_0 \oplus T_1 \oplus T_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus T_s$  of the completely non hyponormal part  $T_0$ , the  $k$ -hyponormal but non  $(k+1)$ -hyponormal part  $T_k$  ( $1 \leq k < \infty$ ) and the maximum subnormal part  $T_s$ .

**1 Introduction** Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a separable Hilbert space, and  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . It is known that any  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  has the maximum subspace which reduces  $T$  to a positive operator, and that for any pair of self-adjoint operators  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  there exists the maximum subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  which reduces  $A$  and  $B$  and on which  $A \leq B$  holds. These facts inspire the existence of maximum subspaces on which given operator inequalities hold. For a given family  $\mathcal{G}$ , however, of polynomials in two non-commuting variables, it is shown in [6] that any  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  has the maximum  $T$ -reducing subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  on which  $T$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite (resp.,  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite), i.e.,  $p(T|_{\mathcal{M}}, (T|_{\mathcal{M}})^*) = O$  (resp.,  $p(T|_{\mathcal{M}}, (T|_{\mathcal{M}})^*) \geq O$ ) holds for any  $p \in \mathcal{G}$ . We concerned in [8] with a larger family  $\mathcal{G}$  than that of polynomials and made some considerations on the maximum subspaces on which given essentially  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite (resp.,  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite) tuples of operators are  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite (resp.,  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite). In this paper, we will consider the maximum subspaces on which given systems of operator inequalities are satisfied.

**2 Maximum  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite, and  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite parts** Let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^n$  be the algebra of all  $n$ -tuples of operators in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  a subset of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , and  $\mathcal{S}^n$  the set of all  $n$ -tuples whose terms are in  $\mathcal{S}$ . For tuples  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^n$ , the map  $\lambda_{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}}$  is defined by

$$\tau_j(\lambda_{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{T})) = A_j T_j B_j \quad (1 \leq j \leq n),$$

where  $\tau_j(T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n) = T_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ), and for  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) \in \mathcal{P}_n$ , the set of all  $n$ -tuples of polynomials in  $2n$  noncommuting variables  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n, \bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \dots, \bar{z}_n$ , the map  $\psi_{\mathbf{p}}$  is defined by

$$\tau_j(\psi_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{T})) = p_j(T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n, T_1^*, T_2^*, \dots, T_n^*).$$

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Let  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{S}}$  be the pointwise norm closed subalgebra generated by the maps  $\lambda_{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{S}^n$  and  $\psi_{\mathbf{p}}, \mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}_n$ . For a subset  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{S}}$ , a tuple  $\mathbf{T}$  is said to be  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite (resp.,  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite) if  $\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T})) = O$  (resp.,  $\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T})) \geq O$ ) ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) hold for any  $\phi \in \mathcal{G}$ .

If a subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  reduces  $\mathbf{T}$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{M}$  reduces each term of  $\mathbf{T}$ ), put

$$\mathbf{T}|_{\mathcal{M}} = (T_1|_{\mathcal{M}}, T_2|_{\mathcal{M}}, \dots, T_n|_{\mathcal{M}}).$$

If a subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  reduces  $\mathcal{S}$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{M}$  reduces any operator in  $\mathcal{S}$ ), then for any  $\phi \in \mathcal{G}$ , the map  $\phi_{\mathcal{M}}$  of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{M})^n$  into itself can be defined by the canonical way, and when  $\mathcal{M}$  reduces  $\mathbf{T}$ , the concepts of  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{M}}$ -definiteness and  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{M}}$ -semidefiniteness for  $\mathbf{T}|_{\mathcal{M}}$  make sense, where  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{M}} = \{\phi_{\mathcal{M}} : \phi \in \mathcal{G}\}$ .

We have the following:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a subset of  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{S}}$ . Then any tuple  $\mathbf{T} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^n$  has the maximum subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  which reduces  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $\mathbf{T}|_{\mathcal{M}}$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite (resp.,  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite), and the maximum subspace  $\mathcal{N}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  which reduces  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $\mathbf{T}|_{\mathcal{N}'}$  is essentially  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite (resp.,  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite) on any subspace  $\mathcal{N}'$  of  $\mathcal{N}$  which reduces  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ , and on which the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by the terms of  $\mathbf{T}$  and members of  $\mathcal{S}$  is irreducible.*

*In the case,  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$  holds and the projection onto  $\mathcal{M}$  is contained in the center of the von Neumann algebra generated by the terms of  $\mathbf{T}$  and members of  $\mathcal{S}$ .*

**Proof.** First, we consider the  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite case.  $\mathbf{T}$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite on a subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  which reduces  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  if and only if

$$(\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T})) - |\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T}))|)\xi = o \quad \text{for any } \xi \in \mathcal{M}, \phi \in \mathcal{G}, \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n,$$

so, it suffices to show that the subspace

$$\mathcal{M} = \bigcap \left\{ \text{Ker} \left( (\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T})) - |\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T}))|)A \right) : \phi \in \mathcal{G}, A \in \mathcal{A}, 1 \leq j \leq n \right\}$$

of  $\mathcal{H}$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by the terms of  $\mathbf{T}$  and members of  $\mathcal{S}$ , is the maximum subspace which reduces  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ , and on which  $\mathbf{T}$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite. Since  $I \in \mathcal{A}$ , it is clear that  $\mathbf{T}|_{\mathcal{M}}$  is  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{M}}$ -semidefinite. Let  $\mathcal{M}'$  be arbitrary subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$  which reduces  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ , and on which  $\mathbf{T}$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite. Then  $\mathcal{M}'$  reduces  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\tau_j(\phi_{\mathcal{M}'}(\mathbf{T}))$  for any  $\phi \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Hence we have

$$(\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T})) - |\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T}))|)A\xi = o \quad \text{for any } \xi \in \mathcal{M}', \phi \in \mathcal{G}, A \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

Therefore we have  $\mathcal{M}' \subseteq \mathcal{M}$  and hence  $\mathcal{M}$  is the maximum subspace. For  $B \in \mathcal{A}'$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\phi \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , we see that

$$(\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T})) - |\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T}))|)AB\xi = B(\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T})) - |\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T}))|)A\xi = o$$

and hence  $B\xi \in \mathcal{M}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{M}$  reduces  $B$ . Consequently, the projection onto  $\mathcal{M}$  is contained in the center of the von Neumann algebra generated by  $\mathcal{A}$ .

In the  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite case, it turns out by the same way that

$$\mathcal{M} = \bigcap \left\{ \text{Ker} \tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T}))A : \phi \in \mathcal{G}, A \in \mathcal{A}, 1 \leq j \leq n \right\}$$

is nothing but the subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$  stated in the theorem.

To prove the essentially  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite (resp.,  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite) case, decompose  $\mathcal{A}$  to the direct sum  $\bigoplus \mathcal{A}_k$ , where  $\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus \mathcal{H}_k$ , of irreducible algebras  $\mathcal{A}_k$ , and let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the direct sum

$\bigoplus \mathcal{H}_{k'}$  of  $\mathcal{H}_{k'}$  on which  $\mathbf{T}$  is essentially  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite (resp.,  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefinite). Then  $\mathcal{N}$  is the subspace stated in the theorem. □

Theorem 1 has led us to the following:

**Corollary 1.** *If  $\phi, \psi$  are in  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{S}}$ , then any  $\mathbf{T} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^n$  has the maximum subspaces  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  which reduces  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T})), \tau_j(\psi(\mathbf{T}))$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) are self-adjoint and  $\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T})) \geq \tau_j(\psi(\mathbf{T}))$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) hold on  $\mathcal{M}$ , and the maximum subspace  $\mathcal{N}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  which reduces  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T})), \tau_j(\psi(\mathbf{T}))$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) are essentially self-adjoint and  $\tau_j(\phi(\mathbf{T})) \geq \tau_j(\psi(\mathbf{T}))$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) hold essentially on any  $\mathbf{T}, \mathcal{S}$ -reducing subspace of  $\mathcal{N}$  on which the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by the terms of  $\mathbf{T}$  and members of  $\mathcal{S}$  is irreducible.*

*In the case, one has  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ .*

**Proof.** Apply Theorem 1 to the set  $\mathcal{G} = \{\phi - \psi\}$ . □

The preceding corollary is well illustrated by the following examples:

**Example 1.** It follows that, any pair of positive self-adjoint operators  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  has the maximum  $A, B$ -reducing subspace on which an indicated operator inequality, e.g.,  $e^A \leq e^B$ ,  $\log A \leq \log B$ , or  $A^p \leq B^p$  ( $p > 0$ ), holds, and the maximum  $A, B$ -reducing subspace on which the operator inequality essentially holds on any  $A, B$ -reducing subspace on which the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $A, B$  is irreducible. To see this, consider the 2-tuple  $\mathbf{T} = (A, B)$  and apply Corollary 1 to the set  $\mathcal{G}$  of the maps suitably chosen. For the operator inequality stated above, we consider the sets  $\mathcal{G}_1 = \{\phi_1, \psi_1\}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_2 = \{\phi_2, \psi_2\}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_3 = \{\phi_3, \psi_3\}$ , correspondingly, where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1(T_1, T_2) &= e^{T_1}, & \psi_1(T_1, T_2) &= e^{T_2}; \\ \phi_2(T_1, T_2) &= \log T_1, & \psi_2(T_1, T_2) &= \log T_2; \\ \phi_3(T_1, T_2) &= T_1^p, & \psi_3(T_1, T_2) &= T_2^p. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.** It is known that an operator  $S$  is subnormal if and only if

$$\phi_{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n}(S) = \sum_{0 \leq j, k \leq n} A_j^* S^{*k} S^j A_k \geq O$$

for any  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) in the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $S$  and the identity operator (see [1]). Then, applying the Theorem 1 to the set  $\mathcal{G} = \{\phi_{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n}\}$ , we see that any operator  $T$  has the maximum subnormal part  $T_s$  and the completely non subnormal part  $T'$  such that  $T = T_s \oplus T'$ . Moreover,  $T$  has the maximum subspace  $\mathcal{N}$  which reduces  $T$  such that  $T$  is essentially subnormal on any subspace of  $\mathcal{N}$  which reduces  $T$  and on which  $T$  is irreducible.

**3 Applications to operator matrices** In this section, we intend to apply Theorem 1 to operators which satisfy given inequalities of operator matrices.

The next theorem is the operator matrix version of Theorem 1:

**Theorem 2.** *For  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and a subset  $\{\phi_{i,j} : 1 \leq i, j \leq N\}$  of  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{S}}$ , there exists the maximum subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  which reduces  $T$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $(\phi_{i,j}(T))|_{\mathcal{M}^N} \geq O$  holds on the direct sum  $\mathcal{M}^N$  of  $N$  copies of  $\mathcal{M}$ .*

**Proof.** Put  $M(T) = (\phi_{ij}(T))$  and  $q_{ij}(T) = \sum_{k=1}^N \phi_{ki}(T)^* \phi_{kj}(T)$ . Then  $q_{ij} \in \mathcal{E}_S$  and  $M(T)^*M(T) = (q_{ij}(T))$ . Choose a sequence  $\{p_n\}$  of polynomials in single variable such that  $\|p_n(M(T)^*M(T)) - |M(T)|\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Put  $p_n(M(T)^*M(T)) = (p_{nij}(T))$  and  $|M(T)| = (\psi_{ij}(T))$ . Then  $p_{nij} \in \mathcal{E}_S$  and  $\|p_{nij}(T) - \psi_{ij}(T)\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for any  $1 \leq i, j \leq N$ . Therefore  $\psi_{ij}$  is the pointwise norm limit of  $\{p_{nij}\}$ . So we have  $\psi_{ij} \in \mathcal{E}_S$ . Now apply Theorem 1 to  $\mathcal{G} = \{\phi_{ij} - \psi_{ij} : 1 \leq i, j \leq N\}$ , then we have the maximum subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  which reduces  $T$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ , and on which  $T$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite. Therefore  $\mathcal{M}$  is the maximum subspace such that  $(\phi_{i,j}(T))|_{\mathcal{M}^N} \geq O$  holds.  $\square$

The similar argument used in preceding proof together with the results on the essential  $\mathcal{G}$ -semidefiniteness showed in [8] leads us to the following:

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\{\phi_{i,j} : 1 \leq i, j \leq N\}$  be a subset of  $\mathcal{E}_S$ . If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  satisfies that  $\pi((\phi_{ij}(T))) \geq O$ ,  $\pi$  is the Calkin map, then there exists an orthogonal family  $\{\mathcal{H}_m : m \geq 0\}$  of subspaces of  $\mathcal{H}$  which reduce  $T$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ , and satisfies the following statements:

- (i)  $\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}_m$ , and there is no nontrivial subspace of  $\mathcal{H}_m$  which reduces  $T$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  if  $m \geq 1$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{H}_0$  is the maximum subspace which reduces  $T$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $(\phi_{ij}(T))|_{\mathcal{H}_0^N} \geq O$  holds.

Therefore, if  $m \geq 1$ ,  $(\phi_{ij}(T))|_{\mathcal{H}_m^N} \geq O$  holds on essentially, but there is no nontrivial subspace of  $\mathcal{H}_m$  which reduces  $T$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ , and on which  $(\phi_{ij}(T)) \geq O$  holds.

**Proof.** Put  $M(T) = (\phi_{ij}(T))$  and  $|M(T)| = (\psi_{ij}(T))$ ,  $\{\psi_{ij}\} \subset \mathcal{E}_S$ . Since  $\pi((\phi_{ij}(T))) = (\pi(\phi_{ij}(T)))$  and  $\pi(|T|) = |\pi(T)|$ , it follows that  $\pi((\phi_{ij}(T))) \geq O$  if and only if  $T$  is essentially  $\mathcal{G}$ -definite, where  $\mathcal{G} = \{\phi_{ij} - \psi_{ij}\}$ . So, apply Theorem 1 in [8] to  $\mathcal{G}$ , we obtain the family  $\{\mathcal{H}_m\}$  of subspaces of  $\mathcal{H}$  stated in the theorem.  $\square$

Now we apply Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 to  $k$ -hyponormal operators:

**Example 3.** An operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is called  $k$ -hyponormal ( $1 \leq k \leq \infty$ ) if the operator matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & T^* & T^{*2} & \dots & T^{*k} \\ T & T^*T & T^{*2}T & \dots & T^{*k}T \\ T^2 & T^*T^2 & T^{*2}T^2 & \dots & T^{*k}T^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ T^k & T^*T^k & T^{*2}T^k & \dots & T^{*k}T^k \end{pmatrix}$$

is positive. The  $k$ -hyponormal operators are investigated by [2], [3], [4], [5], [7], and others. We apply the preceding theorems to this operator matrix, and conclude that any  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  has the maximum  $k$ -hyponormal part, and any essentially  $k$ -hyponormal operator  $T$  can be decomposed into the direct sum  $T = T_0 \oplus T_1 \oplus T_2 \oplus \dots$  of the maximum  $k$ -hyponormal part  $T_0$  and the irreducible essentially  $k$ -hyponormal, but non  $k$ -hyponormal parts  $T_1, T_2, \dots$ .

Let  $\mathbf{H}_k (1 \leq k \leq \infty)$  be the set of all  $k$ -hyponormal operators, then it is clear that  $\mathbf{H}_{k+1} \subseteq \mathbf{H}_k (1 \leq k \leq \infty)$ , while it is known that  $\bigcap \mathbf{H}_k$  coincides with the set of all subnormal operators. It follows that any  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  can be decomposed into

$$T = T_0 \oplus T_1 \oplus T_2 \oplus \dots \oplus T_s \quad \text{on} \quad \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{H}_s,$$

where  $T_0$  is completely non hyponormal,  $T_k$  ( $1 \leq k < \infty$ ) is  $k$ -hyponormal but non  $(k+1)$ -hyponormal and  $T_s$  is subnormal. To show this, first we decompose  $T = T_s \oplus T'$  where  $T_s$  is the maximum subnormal part (acting on the subspace  $\mathcal{H}_s$ ) and  $T'$  is the completely non subnormal part (acting on  $\mathcal{H}'$ ). Next, decompose  $T' = T_0 \oplus T'_1$  where  $T_0$  is the completely non hyponormal part (acting on  $\mathcal{H}_0$ ) and  $T'_1$  is the maximum hyponormal part (acting on  $\mathcal{H}'_1$ ) of  $T'$ . Further, we decompose  $T'_1 = T_1 \oplus T'_2$  where  $T_1$  is the completely non 2-hyponormal but hyponormal part and  $T'_2$  is the maximum 2-hyponormal part (acting on  $\mathcal{H}'_2$ ) of  $T'_1$ . Recursively, if  $T'_k$  is the maximum  $k$ -hyponormal part (acting on  $\mathcal{H}'_k$ ) of  $T'_{k-1}$ , then  $T'_k$  is decomposed into the direct sum  $T'_k = T_k \oplus T'_{k+1}$  of  $k$ -hyponormal but non  $(k+1)$ -hyponormal operator  $T_k$  and the maximum  $(k+1)$ -hyponormal part  $T'_{k+1}$  (acting on  $\mathcal{H}'_{k+1}$ ) of  $T'_k$ . Then, it is clear that  $\mathcal{H}'_1 \supseteq \mathcal{H}'_2 \supseteq \mathcal{H}'_3 \supseteq \cdots$  and  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}'_k$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{H}' (= \mathcal{H}_s^\perp)$  which reduces  $T$ , and on which  $T$  is subnormal. Thus, by the maximality of  $\mathcal{H}_s$ , we have that  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}'_k = \{o\}$  and hence, putting  $\mathcal{H}_k = \mathcal{H}'_k \ominus \mathcal{H}'_{k+1}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ), we have

$$\mathcal{H}'_1 = \bigoplus_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}_k \text{ and thus}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}'_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}_s = \left( \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}_k \right) \oplus \mathcal{H}_s \quad \text{and} \quad T = T_0 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} T_k \right) \oplus T_s.$$

This is the aimed decomposition.

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