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Generalized Core-EP Inverse for Triangular Operator Matrices

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Abstract: We investigate the existence and representation of the generalized core-EP inverse of some triangular matrices over a Banach algebra. Further, the general representations of the generalized core-EP inverse of a triangular matrix over a C^* -algebra are presented. As applications, the generalized core-EP inverses of some block operator matrices over Hilbert spaces are given.

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1. Introduction

Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach $*$ -algebra. An element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ has Drazin inverse provided that there exists $x \in \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$ax^2 = x, ax = xa, xa^{k+1} = a^k,$$

where k is the index of a (denoted by $ind(a)$), i.e., the smallest k such that the previous equations are satisfied. Such x is unique if exists, denoted by a^D , and called the Drazin inverse of a . We say that $a \in \mathcal{A}$ has group inverse x if $ind(a) = 1$, i.e., there exists a unique $x \in \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$ax^2 = x, ax = xa, xa^2 = a.$$

We denote the group inverse x by $a^\#$. Evidently, a square complex matrix A has group inverse if and only if $rank(A) = rank(A^2)$.

An element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ has core-EP inverse (i.e., pseudo core inverse) if there exist $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$ax^2 = x, (ax)^* = ax, xa^{k+1} = a^k,$$

where the smallest k is the index of a (denoted by $i(a)$). If such x exists, it is unique, and denote it by a^\oplus . We say that $a \in \mathcal{A}$ has core inverse x if $i(a) = 1$, i.e., there exists a unique $x \in \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$ax^2 = x, (ax)^* = ax, xa^2 = a.$$

We denote the core inverse x by a^\oplus . As is well known, an element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ has core inverse x if and only if

$$a = axa, x\mathcal{A} = a\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}x = \mathcal{A}a^*.$$

As a natural generalization of core-EP invertibility, the authors introduced the generalized core-EP inverse in a Banach algebra \mathcal{A} with an involution $*$. An element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ has generalized core-EP inverse if there exists $x \in \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$ax^2 = x, (ax)^* = ax, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ||a^n - xa^{n+1}||^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0.$$

If such x exists, it is unique, and denote it by a^\oplus .

The generalized inverses mentioned above are powerful tools in linear algebra and operator algebra for dealing with matrices and operators that do not have a traditional inverse. They are used

in various applications and provide a means to find solutions to linear systems and has applications across various scientific and engineering disciplines. Recently, many authors have studied them from many different views, e.g., [2,4,5,7–11,13,17,20,21,24,25].

Recall that $a \in \mathcal{A}$ has generalized Drazin inverse if there exists $x \in \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$ax^2 = x, ax = xa, a - a^2x \in \mathcal{A}^{qnil}.$$

Here, $\mathcal{A}^{qnil} = \{a \in \mathcal{A} \mid 1 + \lambda a \in \mathcal{A}^{-1}\}$. Such x is unique, if exists, and denote it by a^d . We use \mathcal{A}^d , \mathcal{A}^\oplus and \mathcal{A}^\circledast to denote the sets of all generalized Drazin inverse, core and generalized core-EP invertible elements in \mathcal{A} , respectively. If a and x satisfy the equations $a = axa$ and $(ax)^* = ax$, then x is called $(1,3)$ -inverse of a and is denoted by $a^{(1,3)}$. We use $\mathcal{A}^{(1,3)}$ to stand for sets of all $(1,3)$ -invertible elements in \mathcal{A} . We list several characterizations of generalized core-EP inverse.

Theorem 1.1. (see [3,6]) Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach $*$ -algebra, and let $a \in \mathcal{A}$. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) $a \in \mathcal{A}^\circledast$.
- (2) There exist $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$a = x + y, x^*y = yx = 0, x \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus, y \in \mathcal{A}^{qnil}.$$

- (3) There exists a projection $p \in \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$a + p \in \mathcal{A}^{-1}, pa = pap \in \mathcal{A}^{qnil}.$$

- (4) $xax = x, im(x) = im(x^*) = im(a^d)$.
- (5) $a \in \mathcal{A}^d$ and $a^d \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$. In this case, $a^\oplus = (a^d)^2(a^d)^\oplus$.
- (6) $a \in \mathcal{A}^d$ and $a^d \in \mathcal{A}^{(1,3)}$. In this case, $a^\oplus = (a^d)^2(a^d)^{(1,3)}$.
- (7) $a \in \mathcal{A}^d$ and there exists a projection $q \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $a^d\mathcal{A} = q\mathcal{A}$. In this case, $a^\oplus = a^d q$.

The motivation of this paper is to investigate the generalized core-EP inverse for the triangular matrices over a Banach $*$ -algebra.

In Section 2, we establish necessary and sufficient conditions under which the block operator triangular matrix $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ over a Banach algebra has the generalized core-EP inverse with upper triangular form.

A C^* -algebra is a Banach algebra equipped with an involution operation $*$ that satisfies the C^* -identity: $\|x^*x\| = \|x\|^2$ for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. In Section 3, we particularly investigate the generalized core-EP inverse of a triangular block operator matrices over a C^* -algebra. We prove that every triangular operator matrix $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ over a C^* -algebra with generalized core-EP invertible diagonal entries has the generalized core-EP inverse and its representation of generalized core-EP inverse is presented.

The set of all bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space H , denoted $\mathcal{B}(H)$, forms a C^* -algebra with the operator norm and the adjoint operation. Let X and Y be Hilbert spaces. We use $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$ to stand for the set of all bounded linear operators from X to Y . Finally, in Section 4, we apply our results and study the generalized core-EP inverse for the block operator matrix $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$, where $A \in \mathcal{B}(X)^\oplus, B \in \mathcal{B}(X, Y), C \in \mathcal{B}(Y, X), D \in \mathcal{B}(Y)^\oplus$. Here, M is a linear operator on Hilbert space $X \oplus Y$.

Throughout the paper, all Banach $*$ -algebras are complex with an identity. An element $p \in \mathcal{A}$ is a projection if $p^2 = p = p^*$. $\mathcal{A}^D, \mathcal{A}^\oplus$ and \mathcal{A}^{nil} denote the sets of all Drazin, generalized core-EP invertible and nilpotent elements in \mathcal{A} respectively. Let $a \in \mathcal{A}^d$. We use a^π to stand for the spectral idempotent $a^\pi = 1 - aa^d$.

2. Triangular Operator Matrices over Banach *-Algebras

Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach *-algebra. Then $M_2(\mathcal{A})$ is a Banach *-algebra with *-transpose as the involution. We come now to generalized EP-inverse of a triangular matrix over \mathcal{A} . To prove the main results, some lemmas are needed. We begin with

Lemma 2.1. *Let $a \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$ and $b \in \mathcal{A}$. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1) $(1 - a^\oplus a)b = 0$.
- (2) $(1 - aa^\oplus)b = 0$.
- (3) $a^\pi b = 0$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (3) Since $(1 - a^\oplus a)b = 0$, we have $b = a^\oplus ab$. In view of ???, $a^\oplus = (a^d)^2(a^d)^\oplus$. Thus, $(1 - aa^d)b = (1 - aa^d)(a^d)^2(a^d)^\oplus ab = 0$.

(3) \Rightarrow (2) Since $a^d = (a^d)^2a = a^d[a^d(a^d)^\oplus a^d]a = [(a^d)^2(a^d)^\oplus]aa^d = a^\oplus aa^d$. Then $b = aa^d b = a^\oplus a^2 a^d b$; and so $(1 - aa^\oplus)b = (1 - aa^\oplus)a^\oplus a^2 a^d b = 0$, as required.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Since $(1 - aa^\oplus)b = 0$, we get $b = aa^\oplus b$. Therefore $(1 - a^\oplus a)b = (1 - a^\oplus)aa^\oplus b = (a - a^\oplus a^2)a^\oplus b = 0$, as asserted. \square

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Lemma 2.2. *Let $x = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$.*

(1) If $a, d \in \mathcal{A}^d$, then $x \in M_2(\mathcal{A})^d$ and $x^d = \begin{pmatrix} a^d & z \\ 0 & d^d \end{pmatrix}$, where

$$z = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{i+2} b d^i d^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b (d^d)^{i+2} - a^d b d^d.$$

(2) If $a, d \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$ and $a^\pi b = 0$, then $x \in M_2(\mathcal{A})^\oplus$ and

$$x^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} a^\oplus & -a^\oplus b d^\oplus \\ 0 & d^\oplus \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proof. See [26][Lemma 2.1] and [23][Theorem 2.5]. \square

We are ready to prove:

Theorem 2.3. *Let $x = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathcal{A})$ with $a, d \in \mathcal{A}^d$. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1) $x \in M_2(\mathcal{A})$ has upper triangular generalized core-EP inverse.
- (2) $a, d \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$ and

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b (d^d)^{i+2} = 0.$$

In this case,

$$x^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} a^\oplus & z \\ 0 & d^\oplus \end{pmatrix},$$

where $z = -a^d b d^\oplus$.

Proof. By virtue of Lemma 2.2, we have

$$x^d = \begin{pmatrix} a^d & s \\ 0 & d^d \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$s = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{i+2} bd^i d^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b (d^d)^{i+2} - a^d bd^d.$$

(1) \Rightarrow (2) By virtue of Theorem 1.1, x^d has core inverse and that $x^{\oplus} = (x^d)^2 (x^d)^{\oplus}$. Hence,

$$(x^d)^{\oplus} = x^2 [(x^d)^2 (x^d)^{\oplus}],$$

and so $(x^d)^{\oplus}$ is a upper triangular matrix. Write

$$(x^d)^{\oplus} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \delta \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$x^d ((x^d)^{\oplus})^2 = (x^d)^{\oplus}, (x^d)^{\oplus} (x^d)^2 = x^d, (x^d (x^d)^{\oplus})^* = x^d (x^d)^{\oplus}.$$

This implies that

$$a^d \alpha^2 = \alpha, \alpha (a^d)^2 = a^d, (a^d \alpha)^* = a^d \alpha.$$

Hence, $a^d \in \mathcal{A}^{\oplus}$. By using Theorem 1.1 again, $a \in \mathcal{A}^{\oplus}$. Likewise, $d \in \mathcal{A}^{\oplus}$. In view of Lemma 2.2, $(a^d)^\pi s = 0$. This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} (a^d)^\pi s &= a^\pi s \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b (d^d)^{i+2} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b (d^d)^{i+2} = 0,$$

as asserted.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) By hypothesis, we get

$$(a^d)^\pi s = (1 - a^d a^2 a^d) s = a^\pi s = a^\pi \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{i+2} bd^i d^\pi - a^d bd^d \right] = 0.$$

Then it follows by Lemma 2.2 that

$$(x^d)^{\oplus} = \begin{pmatrix} (a^d)^{\oplus} & t \\ 0 & (d^d)^{\oplus} \end{pmatrix},$$

where $t = -(a^d)^{\oplus} s (d^d)^{\oplus}$. Hence, $t = -(a^d)^{\oplus} \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{i+2} bd^i d^\pi - a^d bd^d \right] (d^d)^{\oplus} = (a^d)^{\oplus} a^d bd^d (d^d)^{\oplus}$.

Then we have

$$(x^d)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} (a^d)^2 & w \\ 0 & (d^d)^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $w = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{i+3} bd^i d^\pi - (a^d)^2 bd^d - a^d b (d^d)^2$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} x^\oplus &= (x^d)^2 (x^d)^\oplus \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (a^d)^2 & w \\ 0 & (d^d)^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (a^d)^\oplus & t \\ 0 & (d^d)^\oplus \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a^\oplus & z \\ 0 & d^\oplus \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} z &= (a^d)^2 t + w (d^d)^\oplus \\ &= (a^d)^2 [(a^d)^\oplus a^d bd^d (d^d)^\oplus] - [(a^d)^2 bd^d + a^d b (d^d)^2] (d^d)^\oplus \\ &= (a^d)^2 bd^d (d^d)^\oplus - a^d (a^d b + bd^d) d^d (d^d)^\oplus \\ &= (a^d)^2 bd^d (d^d)^\oplus - (a^d)^2 bd^d (d^d)^\oplus - a^d [b (d^d)^2 (d^d)^\oplus] \\ &= -a^d bd^\oplus \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

Corollary 2.4. Let $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathcal{A})$ with $a, d \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$. If $a^\pi bd^\oplus = 0$, then $\alpha \in M_2(\mathcal{A})^\oplus$ and

$$\alpha^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} a^\oplus & -a^\oplus bd^\oplus \\ 0 & d^\oplus \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proof. Since $a^\pi bd^\oplus = 0$, it follows by Theorem 1.1 that $a^\pi b (d^d)^2 (d^d)^\oplus = 0$; hence,

$$a^\pi bd^d = [a^\pi b (d^d)^2 (d^d)^\oplus] b^d b = 0.$$

By using Lemma 2.1, we have $(1 - aa^\oplus) bd^\oplus = 0$, and so $bd^\oplus = aa^\oplus bd^\oplus$. Then

$$a^d bd^\oplus = a^d (aa^\oplus) bd^\oplus = a^\oplus bd^\oplus.$$

In light of Theorem 2.3,

$$\alpha^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} a^\oplus & -a^\oplus bd^\oplus \\ 0 & d^\oplus \end{pmatrix},$$

as asserted. \square

It is very hard to determine the core-EP inverse of a triangular complex matrix (see [10]). As a consequence of Theorem 2.3, we now derive the following.

Corollary 2.5. Let $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix}$, $A, B, D \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$. If

$$\sum_{i=0}^{i(A)} A^i A^\pi B (D^D)^{i+2} = 0,$$

then

$$M^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} A^\oplus & Z \\ 0 & D^\oplus \end{pmatrix},$$

where $Z = -A^D B D^\oplus$.

Proof. Since the generalized core-EP inverse and generalized core-EP inverse coincide with each other for a complex matrix, we obtain the result by Theorem 2.3. \square

Corollary 2.6. Let $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix}$, $A, B, D \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$. If A is invertible, then

$$M^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & -A^{-1}BD^\oplus \\ 0 & D^\oplus \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proof. Straightforward. \square

The condition " $x^\oplus \in M_2(\mathcal{A})$ is upper triangular" in Theorem 2.3 is necessary as the following shows.

Example 2.7. Let σ and τ be linear operators, acting on separable Hilbert space $l_2(\mathbb{N})$ with the conjugate adjoint as an involution, defined as follows respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots) &= (0, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots), \\ \tau(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots) &= (x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

Then $\tau\sigma = 1$. Take $M = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma & 1 - \sigma\tau \\ 0 & \tau \end{pmatrix}$. Then

$$M^\oplus = M^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \tau & 0 \\ 1 - \sigma\tau & \sigma \end{pmatrix}.$$

In this case, M is upper triangular matrix, but its generalized core-EP inverse is lower triangular.

3. Triangular Matrices with C^* -Algebra Entries

The aim of this section is to investigate the generalized core-EP inverse of triangular matrices over a C^* -algebra. Throughout this section, \mathcal{A} is always a C^* -algebra. We start by

Lemma 3.1. Let \mathcal{A} be a C^* -algebra and let $a \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus \cap \mathcal{A}^\dagger$. Then $a^\dagger aa^\oplus = a^\dagger$.

Proof. Since $(1 - aa^\dagger)a^\dagger = 0$, by virtue of [23][Lemma 2.4], we have $(1 - aa^\oplus)a^\dagger = 0$. This implies that $a^\dagger[(1 - aa^\oplus)a^\dagger(a^\dagger a^\dagger)]^* = 0$, and so $a^\dagger[(1 - aa^\oplus)(aa^\dagger)]^* = 0$. Hence, $a^\dagger(aa^\dagger)^*(1 - aa^\oplus)^* = 0$. Therefore $a^\dagger(1 - aa^\oplus) = 0$, as required. \square

Set $e_a = 1 - aa^\dagger$ and $f_d = 1 - d^\dagger d$. Then we derive

Lemma 3.2. Let \mathcal{A} be a C^* -algebra and let $a, d \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus \cap \mathcal{A}^\dagger$. Then

$$dd^\oplus[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)] = [1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]dd^\oplus.$$

Proof. It is easy to check that

$$(e_a bd^\dagger dd^\oplus)^* e_a bd^\dagger = (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger) = (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger dd^\oplus).$$

Then

$$dd^\oplus (e_a bd^\dagger)^* e_a bd^\dagger = (e_a bd^\dagger)^* e_a bd^\dagger dd^\oplus.$$

Therefore

$$dd^\oplus[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)] = [1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]dd^\oplus,$$

as asserted. \square

In [15], Li and Du investigate the core inverse of a triangular block complex matrix. We now extend Li and Du's result to block operator matrices over a C^* -algebra by a new route.

Lemma 3.3. *Let \mathcal{A} be a C^* -algebra and let $x = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$. If $a, d \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$, $a^\pi bd^\pi = 0$ and $e_a b f_d = 0$, then $x \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$. In this case, $x^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}$, where*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= a^\oplus + [a^\pi bd^\dagger - a^\oplus b]d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*, \\ \beta &= (a^\pi bd^\dagger - a^\oplus b)d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}, \\ \gamma &= d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*, \\ \delta &= d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Since $a \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$, by virtue of [23][Lemma 2.1], it has group inverse, and so a is regular. As \mathcal{A} is a C^* -algebra, it follows by [14][Theorem 2.8] that $a \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger$. Likewise, $d \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger$. Since every C^* -algebra has the symmetry property, we have $1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger) \in \mathcal{A}^{-1}$.

Let $z = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}$, where α, β, γ and δ as defined above.

Claim 1. $(xz)^* = xz$.

Since $e_a b f_d = 0$, by virtue of Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - aa^\oplus)bd^\oplus &= (1 - aa^\dagger aa^\oplus)bd^\oplus \\ &= (1 - aa^\dagger)bd^\oplus \\ &= (1 - aa^\dagger)bd^\dagger dd^\oplus \\ &= e_a b d^\dagger. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} &[(1 - aa^\oplus)bd^\oplus(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*]^* \\ &= [e_a b d^\dagger](1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}[(1 - aa^\oplus)bd^\oplus]^* \\ &= (1 - aa^\oplus)bd^\oplus(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} &a\alpha + b\gamma \\ &= aa^\oplus + (1 - aa^\oplus)bd^\oplus(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^* \\ &= aa^\oplus + e_a b d^\dagger(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(a\alpha + b\gamma)^* = a\alpha + b\gamma.$$

By virtue of Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} dd^\oplus(e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger) &= (e_a b d^\dagger dd^\oplus)^*(e_a b d^\dagger) \\ &= (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger) \\ &= (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)dd^\oplus. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} dd^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)] &= dd^\oplus + dd^\oplus(e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger) \\ &= dd^\oplus + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)dd^\oplus \\ &= [1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]dd^\oplus. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we derive that

$$dd^\oplus[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1} = [1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1} dd^\oplus.$$

Since $d\delta = dd^\oplus[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1}$, we have $(d\delta)^* = d\delta$.

In view of Lemma 3.2, we verify that

$$\begin{aligned} & a\beta + b\delta \\ &= -aa^\oplus bd^\oplus[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1} + bd^\oplus[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1} \\ &= [1 - aa^\oplus]bd^\oplus[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1} \\ &= [1 - aa^\oplus]b(d^\oplus dd^\oplus)[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1} \\ &= [1 - aa^\oplus]bd^\oplus[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1} dd^\oplus \\ &= e_a bd^\dagger[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1} dd^\oplus \\ &= e_a bd^\dagger(dd^\oplus)[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1} \\ &= e_a bd^\dagger[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & (a\beta + b\delta)^* \\ &= [(1 - aa^\oplus)bd^\oplus(1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger))^{-1} dd^\oplus]^* \\ &= dd^\oplus(1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger))^{-1}[(1 - aa^\oplus)bd^\oplus]^* \\ &= dd^\oplus[1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a bd^\dagger)^* \\ &= [1 + (e_a bd^\dagger)^*(e_a bd^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a bd^\dagger)^* \\ &= d\gamma. \end{aligned}$$

We compute that

$$\begin{aligned} xz &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a\alpha + b\gamma & a\beta + b\delta \\ d\gamma & d\delta \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(xz)^* = xz$.

Claim 2. $xz^2 = z$.

We compute that

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 - xz)z \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - (a\alpha + b\gamma) & -(a\beta + b\delta) \\ -d\gamma & 1 - d\delta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} [1 - (a\alpha + b\gamma)]\alpha - (a\beta + b\delta)\gamma & [1 - (a\alpha + b\gamma)]\beta - (a\beta + b\delta)\delta \\ -d\gamma\alpha + (1 - d\delta)\gamma & -d\gamma\beta + (1 - d\delta)\delta \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, we have

$$a\alpha + b\gamma = aa^\oplus + (a\beta + b\delta)(e_a b\delta^\dagger)^*.$$

Then we compute that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [1 - (a\alpha + b\gamma)]\alpha \\
 &= [1 - aa^\oplus - (a\beta + b\delta)(e_a b \delta^\dagger)^*][a^\oplus + (a^\pi b d^\dagger - a^\oplus b)\gamma] \\
 &= [1 - aa^\oplus - (a\beta + b\delta)(e_a b \delta^\dagger)^*][(a^\pi b d^\dagger - a^\oplus b)\gamma] \\
 &= [1 - aa^\oplus - (a\beta + b\delta)(e_a b \delta^\dagger)^*][(a^\pi b d^\dagger)\gamma] \\
 &= [1 - aa^\oplus - (a\beta + b\delta)(e_a b \delta^\dagger)^*](e_a b d^\dagger)\gamma \\
 &= e_a b d^\dagger - (a\beta + b\delta)(e_a b \delta^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)\gamma \\
 &= e_a b d^\dagger - e_a b d^\dagger[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b \delta^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)\gamma \\
 &= e_a b d^\dagger[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*e_a b d^\dagger - (e_a b \delta^\dagger)^*e_a b d^\dagger]\gamma \\
 &= e_a b d^\dagger[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}\gamma \\
 &= (a\beta + b\delta)\gamma;
 \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$[1 - (a\alpha + b\gamma)]\alpha - (a\beta + b\delta)\gamma = 0.$$

Analogously, we derive that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [1 - (a\alpha + b\gamma)]\beta \\
 &= [1 - aa^\oplus - (a\beta + b\delta)(e_a b \delta^\dagger)^*][(a^\pi b d^\dagger - a^\oplus b)d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}] \\
 &= [1 - aa^\oplus - (a\beta + b\delta)(e_a b \delta^\dagger)^*][(a^\pi b d^\dagger - a^\oplus b)\delta] \\
 &= (a\beta + b\delta)\delta;
 \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$[1 - (a\alpha + b\gamma)]\beta - (a\beta + b\delta)\delta = 0.$$

Also we check that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -d\gamma\alpha + (1 - d\delta)\gamma \\
 &= -dd^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*[a^\oplus + [a^\pi b d^\dagger - a^\oplus b] \\
 & \quad d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*] \\
 &+ [1 - dd^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}]d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^* \\
 &= -[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*[a^\pi b d^\dagger - a^\oplus b]d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^* \\
 &+ [1 - dd^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}]d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^* \\
 &= -[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*a^\pi b d^\dagger d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^* \\
 &+ [1 - [1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}]d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^* \\
 &= [1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}[-(e_a b d^\dagger)^*a^\pi b d^\dagger + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*e_a b d^\dagger] \\
 & \quad d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*] \\
 &= [1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}[(e_a b d^\dagger)^*e_a(1 - a^\pi)b d^\dagger]d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*] \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we verify that

$$\begin{aligned}
& -d\gamma\beta + (1 - d\delta)\delta \\
&= -dd^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*[(a^\pi b d^\dagger - a^\oplus b)d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}] \\
&+ [1 - dd^\oplus(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}]d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1} \\
&= -[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*(a^\pi b d^\dagger - a^\oplus b)d^\oplus(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1} \\
&+ [1 - (1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}]d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1} \\
&= -[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*a^\pi b d^\dagger d^\oplus(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1} \\
&+ [1 - (1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}]d^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1} \\
&= [1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}[-(e_a b d^\dagger)^*a^\pi b d^\dagger + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]d^\oplus \\
&\quad (1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1} \\
&= [1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}[-(e_a b d^\dagger)^*a^\pi b d^\dagger + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]d^\oplus \\
&\quad (1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1} \\
&= [1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*e_a(1 - a^\pi)b d^\dagger + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]d^\oplus \\
&\quad (1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $xz^2 = z$.

Claim 3. $xzx = x$.

$$\begin{aligned}
& (1 - xz)x \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - (a\alpha + b\gamma) & -(a\beta + b\delta) \\ -d\gamma & 1 - d\delta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} [1 - (a\alpha + b\gamma)]a & [1 - (a\alpha + b\gamma)]b - (a\beta + b\delta)d \\ -d\gamma a\gamma & -d\gamma b + (1 - d\delta)d \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Obviously, we have $(e_a)^*a = (1 - aa^\dagger)a = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& [1 - (a\alpha + b\gamma)]a \\
&= [1 - aa^\oplus - e_a b d^\dagger(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*]a \\
&= [(1 - aa^\oplus)a - e_a b d^\dagger(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a)^*a] \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
-d\gamma a &= -dd^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*a \\
&= -dd^\oplus[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a)^*a \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $(1 - aa^\oplus)b = (1 - aa^\#aa^\dagger)b = e_a b = e_a b(f_d + d^\dagger d) = e_a b d^{dag}d$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& [1 - (a\alpha + b\gamma)]b \\
&= [1 - aa^\oplus - e_a b d^\dagger(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*]b \\
&= e_a b - e_a b d^\dagger(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b) \\
&= e_a b d^\dagger d - e_a b d^\dagger(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^{dag})d \\
&= e_a b d^\dagger[1 - (1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}(e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^{dag})]d \\
&= e_a b d^\dagger(1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger) - (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^{dag})]d \\
&= e_a b d^\dagger[1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^*(e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1}d \\
&= (a\beta + b\delta)d.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we verify that

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\gamma b &= dd^\oplus [1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^* (e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1} (e_a b d^\dagger)^* b \\
 &= dd^\oplus [1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^* (e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1} (e_a b d^\dagger)^* (e_a)^* b \\
 &= dd^\oplus [1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^* (e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1} (e_a b d^\dagger)^* e_a b (f_d + d^\dagger d) \\
 &= dd^\oplus [1 - (1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^* (e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}] [(e_a b d^\dagger)^* (e_a b d^\dagger)] d \\
 &= dd^\oplus [1 - (1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^* (e_a b d^\dagger))^{-1}] d \\
 &= dd^\oplus d - dd^\oplus [1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^* (e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1} d \\
 &= d - dd^\oplus [1 + (e_a b d^\dagger)^* (e_a b d^\dagger)]^{-1} d \\
 &= d(1 - \delta d) \\
 &= (1 - d\delta)d.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $xzx = x$. In light of [24][Theorem 3.3], $x \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$ and $x^\oplus = z$, as asserted. \square

We come now to the demonstration for which this section has been developed.

Theorem 3.4. Let \mathcal{A} be a C^* -algebra and $x = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$. If $a, d \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$, then $x \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$ and

$$x^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} (a^d)^2 \alpha + w\gamma & (a^d)^2 \beta + w\delta \\ (d^d)^2 \gamma & (d^d)^2 \delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 w &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{i+3} b d^i d^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b (d^d)^{i+3} - (a^d)^2 b d^d - a^d b (d^d)^2, \\
 s &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{i+2} b d^i d^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b (d^d)^{i+2} - a^d b d^d, \\
 \alpha &= a^2 a^\oplus + [a^\pi s [d^d]^\dagger - a^2 a^\oplus s] d^2 d^\oplus (1 + (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)^* (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger))^{-1} (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)^*, \\
 \beta &= (a^\pi s [d^d]^\dagger - a^2 a^\oplus s) d^2 d^\oplus (1 + (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)^* (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger))^{-1}, \\
 \gamma &= d^2 d^\oplus [1 + (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)^* (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)]^{-1} (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)^*, \\
 \delta &= d^2 d^\oplus [1 + (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)^* (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)]^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. In view of Theorem 1.1, $a, d \in \mathcal{A}^d$ and $a^d, d^d \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$. By virtue of Lemma 2.2, we have

$$x^d = \begin{pmatrix} a^d & s \\ 0 & d^d \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{where } s = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{i+2} b d^i d^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b (d^d)^{i+2} - a^d b d^d.$$

Since $a^d = a^d a a^d$, i.e., a^d is regular. As \mathcal{A} is a C^* -algebra, it follows by [14][Theorem 2.8], $a^d \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger$. Likewise, $d^d \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger$. Let $e_{a^d} = 1 - a^d (a^d)^\dagger$ and $f_{d^d} = 1 - [d^d]^\dagger d^d$. Then we check that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a^d)^\pi s (d^d)^\pi &= a^\pi \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{i+2} b d^i d^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b (d^d)^{i+2} - a^d b d^d \right] d^\pi \\
 &= a^\pi \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b (d^d)^{i+2} \right] d^\pi \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 e_{a^d} s f_{d^d} &= [1 - a^d (a^d)^\dagger] \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{i+2} b d^i d^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b (d^d)^{i+2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - a^d b d^d \right] [1 - [d^d]^\dagger d^d] \\
 &= [1 - a^d (a^d)^\dagger] \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b (d^d)^{i+2} \right] [1 - [d^d]^\dagger d^d] \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows by Lemma 3.3 that

$$(x^d)^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha &= [a^d]^\oplus + [a^\pi s [d^d]^\dagger - [a^d]^\oplus s] [d^d]^\oplus [1 + (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)^* (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)]^{-1} (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)^*, \\
 \beta &= (a^\pi s [d^d]^\dagger - [a^d]^\oplus s) [d^d]^\oplus [1 + (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)^* (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)]^{-1}, \\
 \gamma &= [d^d]^\oplus [1 + (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)^* (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)]^{-1} (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)^*, \\
 \delta &= [d^d]^\oplus [1 + (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)^* (e_{a^d} s [d^d]^\dagger)]^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned}
 w &:= a^d s + s d^d \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{i+3} b d^i d^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i a^\pi b [d^d]^{i+3} - (a^d)^2 b d^d - a^d b (d^d)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Accordingly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^\oplus &= (x^d)^\oplus (x^d)^\oplus \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (a^d)^2 & w \\ 0 & (d^d)^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (a^d)^2 \alpha + w \gamma & (a^d)^2 \beta + w \delta \\ (d^d)^2 \gamma & (d^d)^2 \delta \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of Theorem 1.1, $a^\oplus = (a^d)^2 [a^d]^\oplus$. Hence, $(a^d)^\oplus = a^2 [(a^d)^2 [a^d]^\oplus] = a^2 a^\oplus$. Similarly, we have $(d^d)^\oplus = d^2 d^\oplus$. Therefore we verify the formulas of α, β, γ and δ mentioned before. \square

Corollary 3.5. Let \mathcal{A} be a C^* -algebra and $x = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$. If $a \in \mathcal{A}^{qnil}$, $d \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$, then $x \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$ and

$$x^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} s d^d \gamma & s d^d \delta \\ (d^d)^2 \gamma & (d^d)^2 \delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 s &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i b (d^d)^{i+2}, \\
 \alpha &= s [d^d]^\dagger d^2 d^\oplus (1 + (s [d^d]^\dagger)^* (s [d^d]^\dagger))^{-1} (s [d^d]^\dagger)^*, \\
 \beta &= (s [d^d]^\dagger) d^2 d^\oplus [1 + (s [d^d]^\dagger)^* (s [d^d]^\dagger)]^{-1}, \\
 \gamma &= d^2 d^\oplus [1 + (s [d^d]^\dagger)^* (s [d^d]^\dagger)]^{-1} (s [d^d]^\dagger)^*, \\
 \delta &= d^2 d^\oplus [1 + (s [d^d]^\dagger)^* (s [d^d]^\dagger)]^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Since $a \in \mathcal{A}^{qnil}$, we see that $a^d = 0$, and therefore we obtain the result by Theorem 3.4. \square

Corollary 3.6. Let \mathcal{A} be a C^* -algebra and $x = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$. If $a \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus, d \in \mathcal{A}^{qnil}$, then $x \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$ and

$$x^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} a^\oplus & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proof. Since $(a^d)^2 a^2 a^\oplus = a a^d a^\oplus = a^2 a^\oplus$ and $d^d = 0$, we complete the proof by Theorem 3.4. \square

Since the algebra $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ of all $n \times n$ complex matrices is a C^* -algebra, the following result gives a simpler formula to compute the core-EP inverse of a block triangular complex matrices (see [10]).

Corollary 3.7. Let \mathcal{A} be a C^* -algebra and $x = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$. If $a, d \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$, then $x \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$ and

$$x^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} (a^D)^2 \alpha + w\gamma & (a^D)^2 \beta + w\delta \\ (d^D)^2 \gamma & (d^D)^2 \delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \sum_{i=0}^m (a^D)^{i+3} b d^i d^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^m a^i a^\pi b (d^D)^{i+3} - (a^D)^2 b d^D - a^D b (d^D)^2, \\ s &= \sum_{i=0}^m (a^D)^{i+2} b d^i d^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^m a^i a^\pi b (d^D)^{i+2} - a^d b d^D, \\ \alpha &= a^2 a^\oplus + [a^\pi s [d^D]^\dagger - a^2 a^\oplus s] d^2 d^\oplus (1 + (e_{a^D s} [d^D]^\dagger)^* (e_{a^D s} [d^D]^\dagger))^{-1} \\ &\quad (e_{a^D s} [d^D]^\dagger)^*, \\ \beta &= (a^\pi s [d^D]^\dagger - a^2 a^\oplus s) d^2 d^\oplus [1 + (e_{a^D s} [d^D]^\dagger)^* (e_{a^D s} [d^D]^\dagger)]^{-1}, \\ \gamma &= d^2 d^\oplus [1 + (e_{a^D s} [d^D]^\dagger)^* (e_{a^D s} [d^D]^\dagger)]^{-1} (e_{a^D s} [d^D]^\dagger)^*, \\ \delta &= d^2 d^\oplus [1 + (e_{a^D s} [d^D]^\dagger)^* (e_{a^D s} [d^D]^\dagger)]^{-1}, \\ m &= \max\{ind(a), ind(d)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Since $a, d \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$, it follows by [3][Corollary 3.4] that $a, d \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus \cap \mathcal{A}^D$. By virtue of Theorem 3.4, $x \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$. Clearly, $x \in \mathcal{A}^D$. By using [3][Corollary 3.4] again, $x \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$ and $x^\oplus = x^\oplus$, as required. \square

4. Applications

Let X and Y be Hilbert spaces, and let $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$, where $A \in \mathcal{B}(X)^\oplus, B \in \mathcal{B}(X, Y), C \in \mathcal{B}(Y, X), D \in \mathcal{B}(Y)^\oplus$. Choose $p = \begin{pmatrix} I_X & 0 \\ 0 & I_Y \end{pmatrix}$. Then M can be regarded as the Pierce matrix $\begin{pmatrix} pMp & pMp^\pi \\ p^\pi Mp & p^\pi Mp^\pi \end{pmatrix}_p$. Here, every subblock matrices can be seen as the bounded linear operators on Hilbert space $X \oplus Y$. Throughout this section, without loss the generality, we consider M as the block operator matrix in a specifical case $X = Y$. In this case, $\mathcal{B}(X \oplus X)$ is indeed a C^* -algebra. The following lemma is crucial.

Lemma 4.1. Let $a \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$ and $b \in \mathcal{A}^{qnil}$. If $a^* b = 0$ and $ba = 0$, then $a + b \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$. In this case,

$$(a + b)^\oplus = a^\oplus.$$

Proof. Since $a \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$, by virtue of Theorem 1.1, there exist $x \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$ and $y \in \mathcal{A}^{qnil}$ such that $a = x + y, x^* y = 0, yx = 0$. As in the proof of [3, Theorem 2.1], $x = aa^\oplus a$ and $y = a - aa^\oplus a$. Then

$a = x + (y + b)$. Since $by = b(a - aa^\oplus a) = 0$, it follows by [26][Lemma 2.10] that $y + b \in \mathcal{A}^{qnil}$. We directly verify that

$$\begin{aligned} x^*(y + b) &= x^*y + x^*b = (a^\oplus a)^*(a^*b) = 0, \\ (y + b)x &= yx + (ba)a^\oplus a = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In light of Theorem 1.1, $a + b \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$. In this case,

$$(a + b)^\oplus = x^\oplus = a^\oplus,$$

as asserted. \square

Theorem 4.2. *If $CA = 0$, $CB = 0$ and $D^*C = 0$, then M has generalized core-EP inverse. In this case,*

$$M^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} (A^d)^2\Lambda + W\Gamma & (A^d)^2\Sigma + W\Delta \\ (D^d)^2\Gamma & (D^d)^2\Delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (A^d)^{i+3}BD^iD^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} A^iA^\pi B(D^d)^{i+3} - (A^d)^2BD^d - A^d B(D^d)^2, \\ S &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (A^d)^{i+2}BD^iD^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} A^iA^\pi B(D^d)^{i+2} - A^d BD^d, \\ \Lambda &= A^2A^\oplus + [A^\pi S[D^d]^\dagger - A^2A^\oplus S]D^2D^\oplus(I + (e_{A^d}S[D^d]^\dagger)^*(e_{A^d}S[D^d]^\dagger))^{-1} \\ &\quad (e_{A^d}S[D^d]^\dagger)^*, \\ \Sigma &= (A^\pi S[D^d]^\dagger - A^2A^\oplus S)D^2D^\oplus[I + (e_{A^d}S[D^d]^\dagger)^*(e_{A^d}S[D^d]^\dagger)]^{-1}, \\ \Gamma &= D^2D^\oplus[I + (e_{A^d}S[D^d]^\dagger)^*(e_{A^d}S[D^d]^\dagger)]^{-1}(e_{A^d}S[D^d]^\dagger)^*, \\ \Delta &= D^2D^\oplus[I + (e_{A^d}S[D^d]^\dagger)^*(e_{A^d}S[D^d]^\dagger)]^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Write $M = P + Q$, where

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix}, Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We easily check that

$$\begin{aligned} P^*Q &= \begin{pmatrix} A^* & 0 \\ B^* & D^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ D^*C & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0, \\ QP &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ CA & CB \end{pmatrix} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since A and D have generalized core-EP inverses, it follows by Theorem 3.4 that P has generalized core-EP inverse, and that

$$P^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} (A^d)^2\Lambda + W\Gamma & (A^d)^2\Sigma + W\Delta \\ (D^d)^2\Gamma & (D^d)^2\Delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where $W, S, \Lambda, \Sigma, \Gamma, \Delta$ as defined before. Obviously, Q is nilpotent, and so it is quasinilpotent. According to Lemma 4.1, $M^\oplus = P^\oplus$, required. \square

Corollary 4.3. *If $BD = 0$, $BC = 0$ and $A^*B = 0$, then M has generalized core-EP inverse. In this case,*

$$M^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} (A^d)^2\Delta & (A^d)^2\Gamma \\ (D^d)^2\Sigma + W\Delta & (D^d)^2\Lambda + W\Gamma \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (D^d)^{i+3} CA^i A^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} D^i D^\pi C (A^d)^{i+3} - (D^d)^2 CA^d - D^d C (A^d)^2, \\
 S &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (D^d)^{i+2} CA^i A^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} D^i D^\pi C (A^d)^{i+2} - D^d CA^d, \\
 \Lambda &= D^2 D^\oplus + [D^\pi S[A^d]^\dagger - D^2 D^\oplus S] A^2 A^\oplus (I + (e_{D^d} S[A^d]^\dagger)^* (e_{D^d} S[A^d]^\dagger))^{-1} \\
 &\quad (e_{D^d} S[A^d]^\dagger)^*, \\
 \Sigma &= (D^\pi S[A^d]^\dagger - D^2 D^\oplus S) A^2 A^\oplus [I + (e_{D^d} S[A^d]^\dagger)^* (e_{D^d} S[A^d]^\dagger)]^{-1}, \\
 \Gamma &= A^2 A^\oplus [I + (e_{D^d} S[A^d]^\dagger)^* (e_{D^d} S[A^d]^\dagger)]^{-1} (e_{D^d} S[A^d]^\dagger)^*, \\
 \Delta &= A^2 A^\oplus [I + (e_{D^d} S[A^d]^\dagger)^* (e_{D^d} S[A^d]^\dagger)]^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Obviously, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} M \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} D & C \\ B & A \end{pmatrix}$. Applying Theorem 4.2 to the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} D & C \\ B & A \end{pmatrix}$, we see that $\begin{pmatrix} D & C \\ B & A \end{pmatrix}$ has generalized core-EP inverse. This implies that M has generalized core-EP inverse. Additionally,

$$M^\oplus = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D & C \\ B & A \end{pmatrix}^\oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore we complete the proof by Theorem ???. \square

Lemma 4.4. Let $a \in \mathcal{A}^{qnil}$, $b \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$. If $ab = ba$, $a^*b = ba^*$ and $b^*(ab) = (ba)b^*$, then $a + b \in \mathcal{A}^\oplus$. In this case,

$$(a + b)^\oplus = (1 + ab^d)^{-1} b^\oplus.$$

Proof. Since $ab = ba$, it follows by [26][Theorem 2.3] that $ab^d = b^d a$. Likewise, we have $a(b^d)^* = a(b^*)^d = (b^*)^d a = (b^d)^* a$. Since $(ab^*)b = (b^*a)b = b^*(ab) = (ba)b^* = b(ab^*)$, by using [26][Theorem 2.3] again, $(ab^*)b^d = b^d(ab^*)$. Then $b^*(ab^d) = (b^*a)b^d = (ab^*)b^d = b^d(ab^*) = (ab^d)b^*$. Hence, $(b^d)^*(ab^d) = (ab^d)(b^d)^*$. In view of Theorem 1.1 and [7, Corollary 3.4], $b^\oplus(ab^d) = (ab^d)b^\oplus$. We directly verify that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a + b)b^d(1 + ab^d)^{-1} &= (ab^d + bb^d)(1 + ab^d)^{-1} \\
 &= bb^d(1 + ab^d)(1 + ab^d)^{-1} = bb^d \\
 &= (1 + ab^d)^{-1}(1 + ab^d)bb^d \\
 &= (1 + ab^d)^{-1}b^d(a + b) \\
 &= b^d(1 + ab^d)^{-1}(a + b), \\
 (a + b)[b^d(1 + ab^d)^{-1}]^2 &= (bb^d)b^d(1 + ab^d)^{-1} = b^d(1 + ab^d)^{-1}, \\
 (a + b) - [b^d(1 + ab^d)^{-1}](a + b)^2 &= (a + b) - bb^d(a + b) \\
 &= (b - b^d b^2) + (1 - bb^d)a \\
 &\in \mathcal{A}^{qnil}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $(a + b)^d = b^d(1 + ab^d)^{-1}$. We easily verify that

$$b^d(1 + ab^d) = (1 + ab^d)b^d, (b^d)^*(1 + ab^d) = (1 + ab^d)(b^d)^*.$$

Then we derive that

$$b^d(1 + ab^d)^{-1} = (1 + ab^d)^{-1}b^d, (b^d)^*(1 + ab^d)^{-1} = (1 + ab^d)^{-1}(b^d)^*.$$

According to [7][Theorem 3.5], $(a + b)^d \in \mathcal{A}^{\oplus}$ and

$$[(a + b)^d]^{\oplus} = (b^d)^{\oplus}[(1 + ab^d)^{-1}]^{\oplus}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b)^{\oplus} &= [(a + b)^d]^2[(a + b)^d]^{\oplus} \\ &= [(a + b)^d]^2(b^d)^{\oplus}(1 + ab^d) \\ &= [(a + b)^d]^2b^2(b^d)^2(b^d)^{\oplus}(1 + ab^d) \\ &= [b^d(1 + ab^d)^{-1}b^d(1 + ab^d)^{-1}]b^2b^{\oplus}(1 + ab^d) \\ &= (1 + ab^d)^{-2}b^{\oplus}(1 + ab^d) \\ &= (1 + ab^d)^{-1}b^{\oplus}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 4.5. If $BC = 0, CB = 0, CA = DC, CA^* = D^*C$ and $D^*CA = DCA^*$, then M has generalized core-EP inverse. In this case,

$$M^{\oplus} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= (A^d)^2\Lambda + W\Gamma, \\ \beta &= (A^d)^2\Sigma + W\Delta, \\ \gamma &= -CA^d[(A^d)^2\Lambda + W\Gamma] + (I - CS)(D^d)^2\Gamma, \\ \delta &= -CA^d[(A^d)^2\Sigma + W\Delta] + (I - CS)(D^d)^2\Delta \end{aligned}$$

and $W, S, \Lambda, \Sigma, \Gamma$ and Δ constructed as in Theorem 4.2.

Proof. Write $M = P + Q$, where

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix}, Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$P^d = \begin{pmatrix} A^d & S \\ 0 & D^d \end{pmatrix},$$

where $S = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (A^d)^{i+2}BD^iD^{\pi} + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} A^iA^{\pi}B(D^d)^{i+2} - A^dBD^d$. Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I - QP^d &= I - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^d & S \\ 0 & D^d \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -CA^d & I - CS \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

We easily check that

$$\begin{aligned}
 PQ &= \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} BC & 0 \\ DC & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ CA & CB \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} = QP, \\
 P^*Q &= \begin{pmatrix} A^* & 0 \\ B^* & D^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ D^*C & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ CA^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^* & 0 \\ B^* & D^* \end{pmatrix} = QP, \\
 P^*(QP) &= \begin{pmatrix} A^* & 0 \\ B^* & D^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ CA & CB \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ D^*CA & D^*CB \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} BCA^* & 0 \\ DCA^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} BC & 0 \\ DC & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^* & 0 \\ B^* & D^* \end{pmatrix} = (PQ)P^*.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since A and D have generalized core-EP inverses, it follows by Theorem 3.4 that P has generalized core-EP inverse, and that

$$P^\circledast = \begin{pmatrix} (A^d)^2\Lambda + W\Gamma & (A^d)^2\Sigma + W\Delta \\ (D^d)^2\Gamma & (D^d)^2\Delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where $W, S, \Lambda, \Sigma, \Gamma, \Delta$ as defined before. Obviously, $Q^2 = 0$, and so it is quasinilpotent. According to Lemma 4.4,

$$\begin{aligned}
 M^\circledast &= (I + QP^d)^{-1}P^\circledast \\
 &= (I - QP^d)P^\circledast \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -CA^d & I - CS \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (A^d)^2\Lambda + W\Gamma & (A^d)^2\Sigma + W\Delta \\ (D^d)^2\Gamma & (D^d)^2\Delta \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix},
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha &= (A^d)^2\Lambda + W\Gamma, \\
 \beta &= (A^d)^2\Sigma + W\Delta, \\
 \gamma &= -CA^d[(A^d)^2\Lambda + W\Gamma] + (I - CS)(D^d)^2\Gamma, \\
 \delta &= -CA^d[(A^d)^2\Sigma + W\Delta] + (I - CS)(D^d)^2\Delta.
 \end{aligned}$$

as required. \square

Corollary 4.6. *If $BC = 0, CB = 0, AB = BD, A^*B = BD^*$ and $A^*BD = ABD^*$, then M has generalized core-EP inverse. In this case,*

$$M^\circledast = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha &= -BD^d[(D^d)^2\Sigma + W\Delta] + (I - BS)(A^d)^2\Delta, \\
 \beta &= -BD^d[(D^d)^2\Lambda + W\Gamma] + (I - BS)(A^d)^2\Gamma, \\
 \gamma &= (D^d)^2\Sigma + W\Delta, \\
 \delta &= (D^d)^2\Lambda + W\Gamma
 \end{aligned}$$

and $W, S, \Lambda, \Sigma, \Gamma$ and Δ constructed as in Corollary 4.3.

Proof. Applying Theorem 4.5 to the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} D & C \\ B & A \end{pmatrix}$, we see that it has generalized core-EP inverse. Analogously to Corollary 4.3, we have

$$M^{\oplus} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D & C \\ B & A \end{pmatrix}^{\oplus} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore we obtain the result by Theorem 4.5. \square

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