# ISOMETRIC OPERATORS ON $\pi_{K}$ SPACES\*

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#### Abstract

The authors obtain all generalized triangle models of U-dilation of an isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  and prove that an isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  has Wold decomposition and the unilateral parts of generalized Wold decomposition for an isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  are uniquely determined up to unitary equivalence. Then a necessary and sufficient condition is got under which an isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  has a regular Wold decomposition.

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In this paper, we give definitions of generalized triangle model, generalized Wold decomposition, Wold decomposition, and regular Wold decomposition of an isometric operator on Pontryagin space  $\Pi_K$ . In first section, we obtain all forms of U-dilations of an isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  under any generalized standard decomposition. In second section, we obtain two results that any isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  has Wold decomposition and the unilateral parts of generalized Wold decompositions for an isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  are unitarily equivalent to another. In last section, we get a necessary and sufficient condition under which an isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  has regular Wold decomposition and give a class of isometric operators on  $\Pi_\ell$  which do not have regular Wold decompositions. Our necessary and sufficient condition is simpler than B. W. McEnnis' in [3].

## §1. U-Dilation of Isometric Operator on $\Pi_{\mathbf{K}}$

In [1], Yan Shaozong obtained all forms of U-dilations of contractions on  $\Pi_K$  under a regular decomposition of  $\Pi_K$ . In [2], we showed that any contraction on  $\Pi_K$  is of the triangle model under a standard decomposition of  $\Pi_K$ . Naturally, we desire to find all forms of U-dilations of contractions on  $\Pi_K$  relative to a standard decomposition of  $\Pi_K$ . In this section, we settle this problem in the case of isometric operators on  $\Pi_K$ .

**Definition 1.1.** If V is a linear operator on  $\Pi_K$  such that

$$(Vx, Vy) = (x, y), \text{ for any } x, y \in \Pi_K,$$

then V is called an isometric operator or isometry.

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**Remark 1.1.** In the case of  $\Pi_K$ , any isometric operator must be bounded.

**Definition 1.2.** If  $\Pi_K = \Pi_\ell \oplus \{Z + Z^*\} \oplus \Pi_m$  such that  $\Pi_\ell$ ,  $\Pi_m$  are complete subspaces of  $\Pi_K$  and  $\{Z, Z^*\}$  is a Hilbert dual pair, then  $\Pi_K = \Pi_\ell \oplus \{Z + Z^*\} \oplus \Pi_m$  is called a generalized standard decomposition.

**Definition 1.3.** If V is an isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  and there is a generalized standard decomposition  $\Pi_K = \Pi_\ell \oplus \{Z + Z^*\} \oplus \Pi_m$  such that

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} S & A & B & C \\ & U_{\ell} & 0 & E \\ & & V_{m} & F \\ & & & S^{-1*} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Z \\ \Pi_{\ell} \\ \Pi_{m} \\ Z^{*} \end{bmatrix}$$
(1.1)

where  $S: Z \to Z$ ;  $U_{\ell}: \Pi_{\ell} \to \Pi_{\ell}$ ;  $V_m: \Pi_m \to \Pi_m$ ;  $E: Z^* \to \Pi_{\ell}$ ;  $F: Z^* \to \Pi_m$ ; and  $T: Z^* \to Z$ ; S is nonsingular on  $Z; U_{\ell}$  is unitary on  $\Pi_{\ell}$ ;  $V_m$  is an isometric operator on  $\Pi_m$ .  $A = -SE^{\dagger}U_{\ell}, B = -SF^{\dagger}V_n, C = -S(E^{\dagger}E + F^{\dagger}F)/2 + ST$ , and  $T = -T^*$  provided that Z is identical with  $Z^*$ , then  $V = \{S, U_{\ell}, V_m, E, F, C\}$  is called the generalized triangle model of V, where  $\dagger$  and  $\ast$  denote the adjoint operations in indefinite and definite inner products respectively.

It generalizes [4], Chapter 3, §2.

**Definition 1.4.** Suppose that T is a contraction on  $\Pi_K$  and H is a Hilbert space. If there exists a unitary U on  $\Pi_K \oplus H$ , which is a unitary with respect to the indefinite inner product, such that

 $T = PU|\Pi_K,$ 

where P is the projection from  $\Pi_K \oplus H$  onto  $\Pi_K$ , then U is called the U-dilation of T.

Under the generalized triangle model (1.1), the U-dilations of V must be of the following form:

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} S & A & B & C & W \\ 0 & U_{\ell} & 0 & E & X \\ 0 & 0 & V_m & F & Y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S^{-1*} & Q \\ M & L & J & K & U_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Z \\ \Pi_m \\ Z^* \\ H \end{bmatrix}$$

By a direct calculation,  $U^{\dagger}$  is of the following form

$$U^{\dagger} = egin{bmatrix} S^{-1} & E^{\dagger} & F^{\dagger} & C^{*} & K^{*} \ 0 & U & V_{m}^{\dagger} & B^{\dagger} & J^{\dagger} \ 0 & 0 & 0 & S^{*} & M^{*} \ Q^{*} & X^{\dagger} & Y^{\dagger} & W^{*} & U_{0}^{*} \end{bmatrix}.$$

 $UU^{\dagger} = I$  is equivalent to the following equations:

(I) 
$$\begin{cases} SS^{-1} + WQ^* = I, \\ XQ^* = 0, \\ YQ^* = 0, \\ QQ^* = 0, \\ U_0Q^* = 0. \end{cases}$$

= 0,

$$\begin{array}{ll} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} SE^{\dagger} + AU_{\ell}^{\dagger} + WX^{\dagger} = 0, \\ U_{\ell}U_{\ell}^{\dagger} + XX^{\dagger} = I, \\ YX^{\dagger} = 0, \\ QX^{\dagger} = 0, \\ ME^{\dagger} + LU_{\ell}^{\dagger} + U_{0}X^{\dagger} = 0, \\ SF^{\dagger} + BV_{m}^{\dagger} + WY^{\dagger} = 0, \\ XY^{\dagger} = 0, \\ V_{m}V_{m}^{\dagger} + YY^{\dagger} = I, \\ QY^{\dagger} = 0, \\ MF^{\dagger} + JV_{m}^{\dagger} + U_{0}Y^{\dagger} = 0, \\ SC^{*} + AA^{\dagger} + BB^{\dagger} + CS^{*} + WW^{*} = 0, \\ V_{\ell}A^{\dagger} + ES^{*} + XW^{*} = 0, \\ S^{*-1}S^{*} + QW^{*} = I, \\ MC^{*} + LA^{\dagger} + JB^{*} + KS^{*} + U_{0}W^{*} = 0, \\ V_{m}J^{\dagger} + FM^{*} + YU_{0}^{*} = 0, \\ S^{*-1}M^{*} + QU_{0}^{*} = 0, \\ MK^{*} + LL^{\dagger} + JJ^{\dagger} + KM^{*} + U_{0}U_{0}^{*} = I. \\ U^{\dagger}U = I \text{ is equivalent to the following equations:} \\ \begin{cases} S^{-1}S + K^{*}M = I, \\ L^{\dagger}M = 0, \\ Q^{*}S + U_{0}^{*}M = 0. \\ Q^{*}S + U_{0}^{*}M = 0. \end{cases} \\ S^{-1}A + E^{\dagger}U_{\ell} + K^{*}L = 0, \\ U_{\ell}^{\dagger}U_{\ell} + L^{\dagger}L = 0, \\ M^{*}L = 0, \\ Q^{*}A + X^{\dagger}U_{\ell} + U_{0}^{*}L = 0. \\ Q^{*}A + X^{\dagger}U_{\ell} + U_{0}^{*}J = 0. \\ Q^{*}B + Y^{\dagger}V_{m} + U_{0}^{*}J = 0. \\ V_{m}^{\dagger}F + B^{\dagger}S^{*-1} + L^{\dagger}K = 0, \\ V_{m}^{\dagger}F + B^{\dagger}S^{*-1} + L^{\dagger}K = 0, \\ V_{m}^{\dagger}F + B^{\dagger}S^{*-1} + J^{\dagger}K = 0, \\ V_{m}^{\dagger}F + B^{\dagger}S^{*-1} + J^{\dagger}K = 0, \\ V_{m}^{\dagger}F + B^{\dagger}S^{*-1} + J^{\dagger}K = 0, \\ S^{*}S^{*-1} + M^{*}K = I, \\ Q^{*}C + X^{\dagger}E + Y^{\dagger}F + W^{*}S^{*-1} + U_{0}^{*}K = 0. \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

$$(V') \begin{cases} S^{-1}W + E^{\dagger}X + E^{\dagger}Y + C^{*}Q + K^{*}U_{0} = 0, \\ U_{\ell}^{\dagger}X + A^{\dagger}Q + L^{\dagger}U_{0} = 0, \\ V_{m}^{\dagger}Y + B^{\dagger}Q + J^{\dagger}U_{0} = 0, \\ S^{*}Q + M^{*}U_{0} = 0, \\ Q^{*}W + X^{\dagger}X + Y^{\dagger}Y + W^{*}Q + U_{0}^{*}U_{0} = I. \end{cases}$$
  
If  $UU^{\dagger} = I$  and  $U^{\dagger}U = I$  hold, then we have

Q = 0, X = 0, M = 0, L = 0, J = 0

from the above equations. Therefore, equations (I)-(V) and (I')-(V') are simplified as follows:

$$\begin{split} SF^{\dagger} + BV_m^{\dagger} + WY^{\dagger} &= 0. \quad (1.2) \\ V_m V_m^{\dagger} + YY^{\dagger} &= I. \quad (1.3) \\ U_0 Y^{\dagger} &= 0. \quad (1.4) \\ SC^* + AA^{\dagger} + BB^{\dagger} + CS^* + WW^* &= 0. \quad (1.5) \\ V_m B^{\dagger} + FS^* + YW^* &= 0. \quad (1.5) \\ V_m B^{\dagger} + FS^* + YW^* &= 0. \quad (1.6) \\ KS^* + U_0 W^* &= 0. \quad (1.7) \\ YU_0^* &= 0. \quad (1.7) \\ YU_0^* &= 0. \quad (1.7) \\ YU_0^* &= I. \quad (1.8) \\ U_0 U_0^* &= I. \quad (1.9) \\ Y^{\dagger} V_m &= 0. \quad (1.10) \\ S^{-1}C + E^{\dagger}E + F^{\dagger}F + C^*S^{*-1} + K^*K &= 0. \quad (1.11) \\ Y^{\dagger}F + W^*S^{*-1} + U_0^*K &= 0. \quad (1.12) \\ Y^{\dagger}Y + U_0^*U_0 &= I. \quad (1.13) \end{split}$$

In fact, by Definition 1.3 the above equations can be simplified further. Since  $C = -S(E^{\dagger}E + F^{\dagger}F)/2 + ST$ , hence K = 0, equations (1.7) and (1.12) are reduced to

$$U_0 W^* = 0, (1.7')$$

$$Y^{\dagger}F + W^*S^{*-1} = 0. \tag{1.12'}$$

In (1.5), substitute  $-SF^{\dagger}Y$  for W. Hence

$$SC^{*} + AA^{*} + BB^{\dagger} + CS^{*} + SF^{\dagger}TT^{\dagger}FS^{*}$$
  
=SC<sup>\*</sup> + SE<sup>†</sup>ES<sup>\*</sup> + SF<sup>†</sup>V<sub>m</sub>V<sup>†</sup><sub>m</sub>FS<sup>\*</sup> + CS<sup>\*</sup> + SF<sup>†</sup>YY<sup>†</sup>FS<sup>\*</sup>  
=SC<sup>\*</sup> + SE<sup>†</sup>ES<sup>\*</sup> + SF<sup>†</sup>V<sub>m</sub>V<sup>†</sup><sub>m</sub>FS<sup>\*</sup> + CS<sup>\*</sup> + SF<sup>†</sup>(I - V<sub>m</sub>V<sup>†</sup><sub>m</sub>)FS<sup>\*</sup>  
=SC<sup>\*</sup> + SE<sup>†</sup>ES<sup>\*</sup> + SF<sup>†</sup>FS<sup>\*</sup> + CS<sup>\*</sup>  
=S(C<sup>\*</sup>S<sup>\*-1</sup> + E<sup>†</sup>E + F<sup>†</sup>F + S<sup>-1</sup>C)S<sup>\*</sup>  
=0,

where (1.3) is used. Again substitute the expression of W in (1.2), and then we have

$$SF^{\dagger} + BV_m^{\dagger} + (-SF^{\dagger}Y)Y^{\dagger} = SF^{\dagger} + BV_m^{\dagger} - SF^{\dagger} + SF^{\dagger}V_mV_m^{\dagger}$$
$$= -SF^{\dagger}V_mV_m^{\dagger} + SF^{\dagger}V_mV_m^{\dagger} = 0$$

Note that equation (1.6) is the adjoint of (1.2). So, (1.2) and (1.6) hold naturally. Consequentially,  $U^{\dagger}U = I$  and  $UU^{\dagger} = I$  are equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} V_m V_m^{\dagger} + Y Y^{\dagger} = I, \\ U_0 Y^{\dagger} = 0, \\ U_0 U_0^* = I, \\ Y^{\dagger} V_m = 0, \\ Y^{\dagger} Y + U_0^* U_0 = I. \end{cases}$$

$$W = -SF^{\dagger} Y. \qquad (11'')$$

It is clear that the equation system (A) determines all forms of U-dilations of the isometry  $V_m$  on  $(\Pi_m, (\cdot, \cdot))$ . By (A), we can solve Y. Thus  $W = -SF^{\dagger}Y$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** Suppose that V is an isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$ ,  $\Pi_K = \Pi_\ell \oplus \{Z \neq Z^*\} \oplus \Pi_m$ , and the corresponding generalized triangle model is

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} S & A & B & C \\ & U_{\ell} & 0 & E \\ & & V_m & F \\ & & & S^{*-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Z \\ & \Pi_{\ell} \\ & \Pi_m \\ Z^* \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, the U-dilation of V exists, all forms of U-dilations of V are

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} S & A & B, & -SF^{\dagger}Y & C \\ & U_{\ell} & 0 & 0 & E \\ & & V_{m} & Y & F \\ & & 0 & U_{0} & 0 \\ & & & & S^{*-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Z \\ & \Pi_{\ell} \\ \\ & \Pi_{m} \\ \\ H \\ Z^{*} \end{bmatrix}$$
(1.14)

where  $V_0 = \begin{bmatrix} V_m & Y \\ U_0 \end{bmatrix}$  is a unitary on indefinite inner product space  $(\Pi_m \oplus H, (\cdot, \cdot) \oplus (\cdot, \cdot)_H)$ . Moreover, in order that U is a minimal U-dilation of V, it is nesessary and sufficient that  $\begin{bmatrix} V_m & Y \\ U_0 \end{bmatrix}$  is a minimal U-dilation of  $V_m$ .

**Remark 1.2.** Since all forms of U-dilations of V are of (1.14), it follows that  $U^n, n = 1, 2, \ldots$ , are also the U-dilations of  $V^n$ .

**Remark 1.3.** U is called a minimal U-dilation of V, if  $\Pi_K \oplus H = \bigvee_{-\infty}^{\dagger \infty} U^n \Pi_K$ . **Proof of Theorem 1.1.** Since

$$(B,-SF^{\dagger}Y)=-S(F^{\dagger},0)egin{bmatrix}V_m&Y\&U_0\end{bmatrix},$$

U is a unitary on  $\Pi_K \oplus H$ . Naturally, (1.14) are all forms of U-dilations of V. It is sufficient for us to show that the necessary and sufficient condition for U to be a minimal U-dilation of V is that  $V_0$  is a minimal U-dilation of  $V_m$ . Assume that U is a minimal U-dilation of V, i.e.  $\Pi_K \oplus H = \bigvee_{-\infty}^{\dagger \infty} U^n \Pi_K$ . If  $\bigvee_{-\infty}^{\dagger \infty} V_0^n \Pi_m$  is a proper reduced subspace to  $V_0$ , then

$$V_0 = \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \stackrel{\dagger \infty}{\vee} V_0^n \Pi_m \\ \stackrel{\dagger \infty}{( \stackrel{\dagger \infty}{\vee} V_0^n \Pi_m)^{\perp}}.$$

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Since  $\bigvee_{-\infty}^{\dagger\infty} V_0^n \Pi_m \supset \Pi_m$  and  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are unitary operators, we have

$$V_{0} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{m'} & Y \\ & U_{0}' \end{bmatrix} & \prod_{\substack{H_{1} \\ \downarrow \\ V_{2}}} H_{1} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow \\ & V_{1} \\ & V_{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow \\ & V_{0} \\ & V_{0} \\ & -\infty \end{pmatrix}^{\perp}$$

$$Y = (Y_{1}, 0), \text{ and } U_{0} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{0}' \\ & V_{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$
Letting
$$U' = \begin{bmatrix} S & A & (B, -SF^{*}Y) & C \\ 0 & U_{\ell} & 0 & 0 & E \\ & V_{m} & Y_{1} & F \\ & & U_{0}' & 0 \\ & & S^{*-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Z \\ \Pi_{\ell} \\ \Pi_{m} \\ H_{1} \\ Z^{*} \end{bmatrix}$$

we know that U' is also a unitary; furthermore

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} U' & \Pi_K \oplus H_\ell \\ & V_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_K \oplus H_\ell \\ \bigvee_{-\infty}^{\dagger \infty} V_0^n \Pi_m \end{pmatrix}^{\perp}.$$

This contradicts the fact that U is a minimal U-dilation. Conversely, when V is a minimal U-dilation of  $V_m$ , using the same method, we can show easily that U is also a minimal U-dilation of V.

# §2. Wold Decompositions of Isometric Operators on $\Pi_K$ Spaces

As we know, for any isometry on Hilbert space Wold decomposition exists, i.e.

$$H = \bigoplus_{0}^{\infty} V^{n} (VH)^{\perp} \oplus \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} V^{n}H,$$

V is a unitary on  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n H$  and V is a unilateral shift on  $\bigoplus_{0}^{\infty} V^n (VH)^{\perp}$ ; moreover, subspaces  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n H$  and  $\bigoplus_{0}^{\infty} V^n (VH)^{\perp}$  are reduced subspaces to V. Is the  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K$  a regular subspace? In general, it is not true (see Example 3.1).  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K$  is possibly a degenerate subspace. So we have to generalize Wold decomposition. We define generalized Wold decomposition, Wold decomposition and regular Wold decomposition and prove that any isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  space has Wold decomposition and the unilateral parts of isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  are uniquely determined up to unitary equivalence.

**Definition 2.1.** Let V be an isometry on  $\Pi_K$ . A complete subspace L of  $\Pi_K$  will be called wandering for V if  $V^p L \perp V^q L$  for every pair of integers  $p, q \ge 0, p \ne q$ ; since V is an isometry it suffices to suppose that  $V^n L \perp L$  for  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ 

One can then form  $M_+(L) = \bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n L$ , however  $M_+(L)$  is possibly degenerate. We let  $[M_+(L)]_0$  be a nondegenerate subspace of  $M_+(L)([M_+(L)]_0$  is not unique).

**Definition 2.2.** Let V be an isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  and  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K = Z \oplus \Pi_u$ , where

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K \end{bmatrix} \cap \begin{bmatrix} \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K \end{bmatrix}^{\perp}, \quad \Pi_u = \begin{bmatrix} \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K \end{bmatrix}_0.$$

If there is a generalized standard decomposition  $\Pi_K = \Pi_u \oplus \{Z + Z^*\} \oplus \Pi_s$  such that  $V = \{S, U, V_s, C, D, B\}$  is a generalized triangle model, where U is a unitary on  $\Pi_u$  and  $V_s$  is a

unilateral operator on  $\Pi_s$ , then  $V = \{S, U, V_s, C, D, B\}$  is called Wold decomposition of V. If there are complete subspaces  $\Pi_{K'}$  and P such that  $\Pi_K = \Pi_{K'} \oplus P$  and  $V = U \oplus V_s$ , where U is a unitary on  $\Pi_{K'}$  and  $V_s$  is a unilateral operator on P, then  $V = U \oplus V_s$  is called a regular Wold decomposition of V.

**Definition 2.3** Let V be an isometry on  $\Pi_K$ . If there is a generalized standard decomposition  $\Pi_K = \Pi_{u'} \oplus \{Z' + Z'^*\} \oplus \Pi_{s'}$  such that  $V = \{S', U', V_{s'}, C', D', B'\}$  is a generalized triangle model, where U' is a unitary on  $\Pi_K$  and  $V_{s'}$  is a unilateral operator on  $\Pi_{s'}$ , then  $V = \{S', U', V_{s'}, C', D'B'\}$  is called a generalized Wold decomposition of V.

Next we discuss Wold decomposition and generalized Wold decomposition.

**Theorem 2.1.** Any isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  space has Wold decomposition, i.e. there exists a generalized standard decomposition  $\Pi_K = \Pi_u \oplus \{Z \neq Z^*\} \oplus \Pi_s$  such that

$$V = egin{bmatrix} S & F & G & B \ & U & 0 & C \ & & V_s & D \ & & & S^{*-1} \end{bmatrix} egin{matrix} Z & \Pi_u \ \Pi_s, \ Z^*, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\begin{split} \Pi_u \oplus Z &= \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K, \quad L = \Pi_K \ominus V \Pi_K, \quad M_+(L) = \bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n L, \\ Z &= M_+(L) \cap M_+(L)^{\perp}, \quad \Pi_s = [M_+(L)]_0, \quad M_+(L) = Z \oplus \Pi_s, \end{split}$$

and S is unique. U and  $V_s$  are uniquely determined up to unitary equivalence by the choice of the subspace  $Z^*$ .

**Proof.** We first prove the existence of Wold decomposition.

At first we prove  $(\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K) = M_+(L)^{\perp}$ . If  $x \in \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K$ , then there exists  $x_m \in \Pi_K$  such that  $x = V^m x_m, m = 1, 2, \ldots$ . Let m > n,

$$(V^m x_m, V^n \ell) = (V^{m-n} x_m, \ell) = 0,$$

where  $\ell \in L$ , i.e.  $x \perp V^n L$ , and  $x \perp M_+(L)$ . So  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K \subset M_+(L)^{\perp}$ . Conversely, let  $y \in M_+(L)^{\perp}$  (see B. W. McEnnis [3]).

$$M_+(L) = L \oplus VL \oplus \cdots \oplus V^n L \oplus V^n M_+(L),$$

and

$$\Pi_K \ominus V^n \Pi_K = L \oplus VL \oplus \cdots \oplus V^{n-1}L.$$

Hence  $y \in [\Pi_K \ominus V^n \Pi_K]^{\perp} = V^n \Pi_K$ , i.e.  $y \in \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K$ . So  $(\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K)^{\perp} \subset M_+(L)$ , and we proved  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K = M_+(L)^{\perp}$ . Let

$$Z = M_+(L) \cap (M_+(L)^{\perp} = [ \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K ] \cap [ \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K ]^{\perp}.$$

Then  $M_+(L) = Z \oplus [M_+(L)]_0$ , and  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K = Z \oplus [\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K]_0$ , where  $[M_+(L)]_0$  and  $[\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K]_0$  are nondegenerated parts of  $M_+(L)$  and  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K$  respectively. They are not unique. Let  $\Pi_u = [\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K]_0$ ,  $\Pi_s = [M_+(L)]_0$ , and there exists a neutral subspace  $Z^* \subset \Pi_K$  such that  $\{Z, Z^*\}$  is a pair of Hibert dual and  $\Pi_K = \Pi_u \oplus \{Z + Z^*\} \oplus \Pi_s$ . As

$$V^{\dagger}V| \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^{n} \Pi_{K} = VV^{\dagger}| \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^{n} \Pi_{K} = I| \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^{n} \Pi_{K},$$

 $V(\Pi_u \oplus Z)$  and  $V^{\dagger}$   $(\Pi_u \oplus Z) \subset \Pi_u \oplus Z$ .

Similarly to triangle model theory of semiunitary on  $\Pi_K$  established by Yan Shaozong<sup>[4]</sup>, we can find the following generalized triangle model:

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} S & F & G & B \\ & U & 0 & C \\ & & V_s & D \\ & & & S^{*-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Z \\ \Pi_u \\ \Pi_s \\ Z^* \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $S, U, V_s, C, D, B$  are independent variants. S is an invertible operator on Z. U is a unitary on  $(\Pi_u, (\cdot, \cdot))$ .  $V_s$  is an isometric operator on  $(\Pi_s, (\cdot, \cdot))$ . C, D, B are bounded operators from  $(Z^*, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  to  $(\Pi_u, (\cdot, \cdot), (\Pi_s, (\cdot, \cdot) \text{ and } (Z\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle) \text{ respectively. And}$ 

$$F = -SC^{\dagger}U, \quad G = -SC^{\dagger}V_s,$$
  
 $B = rac{1}{2}S(-C^{\dagger}C - D^{\dagger}D + 2Q), \quad Q = -Q^*.$ 

Then  $V = \{S, U, V_s, C, D, B\}$ . Now we prove that  $\Pi_s$  is a Hilbert space and  $V_s$  is a unilateral operator on  $\Pi_s$ . As  $L = \Pi_K \ominus V \Pi_K$  is a positive subspace,  $M_+(L)$  is a semipositive closed subspace. Then  $\Pi_s = [M_+(L)]_0$  is a Hibert subspace. Suppose that  $V_s$  is not a unilateral operator on  $\Pi_s$ . Then there is a Wold decomposition in the case of Hibert space, i.e.  $\Pi_s = \Pi_{s'} \oplus \Pi_{s''}$  and  $V_s = V_{s'} \oplus V_{s''}$ , where  $V_{s'}$  is a unitary on  $\Pi_{s'}$ ,  $V_{s''}$  is a unilateral operator on  $\Pi_{s''}$ . And  $\Pi_{s'} = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} V_s^n \Pi_s$ . Then  $\Pi_{s'} \neq \{0\}$ , i.e. there exists nonzero vector  $x \in \Pi_{s'}$  and  $x = V_s^n x_0^{(n)}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$ ,

$$V^{n}x_{0}^{(n)} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} S^{n-1-j}GV_{s}^{j}x_{0}^{(n)} + V_{s}^{n}x_{0}^{(n)},$$

where  $x_0^{(n)} \in \Pi_s, n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$  Then there exists  $z_n \in Z$  such that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} S^{n-1-j} G V_s^j x_0^{(n)} = S^n z_n.$$

So  $x = V^n(x_0^{(n)} - z_n), n = 0, 1, 2, ..., i.e.$   $x \in \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K = Z \oplus \Pi_u$ . This contradicts  $x \in \Pi_s$ . So  $V_s$  is a unilateral operator on  $\Pi_s$ . Hence  $V = \{S, U, V_s, C, D, B\}$  is Wold decomposition of V.

Let us prove the residual part of the theorem.

Let  $\Pi_K = \Pi_{u'} \oplus \{Z' \dotplus Z'^*\} \oplus \Pi_{s'}$  be another generalized standard decomposition such that  $V = \{S', U', V_{s'}, C', D', D'\}$  is another Wold decomposition of V. According to Definition 2.2,  $\Pi_{u'} \oplus Z' = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K$ . Then

$$Z' = [\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K] \cap [\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K]^{\perp} = Z$$

and S = V|Z = S'. We define quotient spaces  $[\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K]/Z$  and  $[M_+(L)]/Z$ , equipped with the indefinite inner product  $([x], [y])_Z = (x, y)$ . Then  $[\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K]/Z$  is a Pontryagin space and  $[M_+(L)]/Z$  is a Hibert space. Let  $U_1 : \Pi_{u'} \to [\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K]/Z$  and  $U_1x = [x], \forall x \in \Pi_{u'}$ . It is the same for  $U_2$ . Then  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are both unitary operators. We define a linear operator  $[V|\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K]$  on  $[\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K]/Z$  such that  $[V|\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K][x] = [Vx]$ . This operator is unitary on  $[\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K]/Z$  and  $U_1 U' U_1^* = [V | \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K]$ . It is the same for  $[V|M_+(L)]$ and  $U_2 V_{s'} U_2^* = [V|M_+(L)]$ . Then U' and  $V_{s'}$  are unitarily equivalent to  $[V | \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K]$  and  $[V|M_+(L)]$  respectively. This concludes the proof.

For Wold decomposition of V on  $\Pi_K$ , we ask  $Z \oplus \Pi_u = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K$ . It assures that unitary part and unilateral part of V associated with Wold decomposition are uniquely determined up to unitary equivalence. However, for isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  there are many generalized Wold decompositions. We ask if the unilateral parts of V associated with the generalized Wold decompositions are unitarily equivalent. In the following, we solve the problem and compare the generalized Wold decomposition with Wold decomposition.

Let  $V = \{S, U, V_s, C, D, B\}$  associated with  $\Pi_K = \Pi_u \oplus \{Z + Z^*\} \oplus \Pi_s$  be Wold decomposition. We obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let V be an isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$ . If there is a generalized standard decomposition  $\Pi_K = \Pi_{u'} \oplus \{Z' + Z'^*\} \oplus \Pi_{s'}$  such that  $V = \{S', U', V_{s'}, C', D', B'\}$  is a generalized Wold decomposition of V, then

1.  $\Pi_{u'} \oplus Z' \subset \Pi_u \oplus Z, Z \subset Z', \Pi_{u'} \subset \Pi_u, and S = S'|Z;$ 

2.  $V_{s'}$  and  $V_s$  are unitarily equivalent, where  $V_s$  is the unilateral part of V associated with its Wold decomposition.

**Proof.** It is obvious that

$$\bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} \vee^{n} \prod_{K} = \{ x | (V^{\dagger n} x, V^{\dagger n} x) = (x, x), n = 1, 2, \dots, \}.$$

Then

$$\Pi_{u'} \oplus Z' \subset \Pi_u \oplus Z = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \vee^n \Pi_K.$$

We choose a suitable Hilbert pair  $\{Z', Z''^*\}$  such that

 $\Pi_{u'} \oplus \{Z' + Z''^*\} \subset \Pi_u \oplus \{Z \dot{+} Z^*\}.$ 

Then there is another generalized triangle model  $V = \{S', U', V_{s''}, C'', D'', B''\}$  associated with

$$\Pi_K = \Pi_{v'} \oplus \{Z' + Z''^*\} \oplus \Pi_{s''}.$$

Then  $Z' \oplus \prod_{s''} = Z' \oplus \prod_{s'}$  and  $V_{s''}$  is unitarily equivalent to  $V_{s'}$ . Hence  $V_{s''}$  is a unilateral operator on  $\prod_{s''}$  either.

$$\Pi_s = \Pi_K \ominus [\Pi_u \oplus \{Z + Z^*\}] \subset \Pi_K \ominus [\Pi_{u'} \oplus \{Z' + Z''^*\}] = \Pi_{s''}.$$

If  $\Pi_s \neq \Pi_{s''}$ , then  $\Pi_{s''} \ominus \Pi_s$  is an infinite dismensional Hilbert space. We choose orthogonal bases  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  for  $\Pi_{s''} \ominus \Pi_s$ . Then

$$e_n = x_n + z_n + z_n^{\prime *} + p_n,$$

where  $x_n \in \Pi_u, z_n \in Z, z_n^{\prime *} \in Z^*$  and  $p_n \in \Pi_s$ . Since  $e_n \perp \Pi_s, p_n = 0$ . Let  $y_n = z_n + z_n^{\prime *}$ and  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  is the definite inner product associated with  $\Pi_K = \Pi_u \oplus \{Z + Z^*\} \oplus \Pi_s$ . Then  $x_n$  is orthogonal to  $y_n$  with respect to  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  or  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ . As  $[e_n, e_m] = 0, [y_n, y_m] = 0, n \neq m$ . However, the number of dimensions of  $\{Z + Z^{\prime *}\}$  at most is 2K. So there exists  $\ell$ ,  $2 \leq \ell \leq 2K + 1$ , such that  $y_\ell = 0$ . Then  $e_\ell \perp \{Z + Z^*\}$  and  $e_\ell \in \Pi_u$ . Hence

$$(V^{\dagger^{n}}e_{\ell}, V^{\dagger^{n}}e_{\ell}) = (U^{\dagger^{n}}e_{\ell}, U^{\dagger^{n}}e_{\ell}) = (e_{\ell}, e_{\ell}) = 1.$$

In another way according to the generalized Wold decomposition

 $V = \{S', U', V_{s''}, C'', D'', B''\},\$ 

we have

$$(V^{\dagger^n}e_\ell,V^{\dagger^n}e_\ell)=(V^{*^n}_{s^{\prime\prime}}e_\ell,V^{*^n}_{s^{\prime\prime}}e_\ell)\to 0, \ n\to\infty,$$

which is impossible. Hence  $\Pi_{s''} = \Pi_s$ . So

$$Z \oplus \Pi_s = (Z \oplus \Pi_u)^{\perp} \subset (Z' \oplus \Pi_{u'})^{\perp} = Z' \oplus \Pi_{s''} = Z' \oplus \Pi_s.$$

Then  $Z \subset Z'$ .  $Z' \oplus \Pi_{u'} \subset Z \oplus \Pi_u$  implies that  $\Pi_{u'} \subset \Pi_u$ . For any  $p \in \Pi_s$ ,

$$Vp = V_s p + Gp = V_s'' p + G'' p.$$

As G''p and  $Gp \in Z'$  and  $p' \perp Z'$  for any  $p' \in Z'$ , then

$$(Vp, p') = (V_s p, p') = (V_{s''} p, p'),$$

so  $V_s = V_{s''}$ . Hence  $V_{s'}$  is unitary equivalent to  $V_s$ . This concludes the proof.

There each 2.2 sufficiently shows that the unilatural part of isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$  is its intrinsic feature.

Let  $L_s = \prod_s \ominus V_s \prod_s$  be a wandering subspace of  $V_s$  and

$$\Pi_s = M^s_+(L_s) = \bigoplus_{0}^{\infty} V^n_s L_s.$$

Obviously  $L_s$  is a wandering subspace of V either. We define  $M_+(L_s) = \bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n Ls$  and have the following corollaries.

**Corollary 2.1.** (i) dim  $L_s = \dim L$ , (ii)  $M_+(L_s) = M_+(L)$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** Let V be an isometric operator on  $\Pi_K$ ,  $V = \{S, U, V_s, C, D, B\}$  is its Wold decomposition. Then V has regular Wold decomposition if and only if D = 0 or G = 0. The proofs are obvious.

Below, we will discuss the regular Wold decomposition.

### §3. Regular Wold Decompositions of Isometric Operators on $\Pi_{\mathbf{K}}$

In his doctoral dissertation, B. W. McEnnis showed that the necessary and sufficient condition for an isometry V on  $\Pi$  to be of Wold decomposition is  $\Pi = \bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n L \oplus \bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n \Pi$ . At the beginning of this paper, we have pointed out that it is difficult to verify this condition. Below, we will prove another necessary and sufficient condition for V to be of regular Wold decomposition.

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose that V is an isometry on  $\Pi_K$  (its generalized triangle model is (1.1)) and  $(G_0, G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_n, \ldots)$  is a linear operator from  $\oplus(I_n = I)$  to Z, where  $G_n = \sum_{k=0}^n S^{k+1} F^{\dagger} V_m^{n-k}$  and  $I = \Pi_m \oplus V_m \Pi_m$ . Then, the necessary and sufficient condition for V to be of regular Wold decomposition is that  $(G_0, G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_n, \ldots)$  is bounded. In that case there exists a generalized standard decomposition

$$\Pi_K = \Pi_{\ell'} \oplus \{Z' + Z'^*\} \oplus \{\Pi_{m'} \oplus P\}$$

such that

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} S' & A' & (B' & 0) & C' \\ U' & 0 & 0 & E' \\ & U_{m'} & & F' \\ & & V_{p'} & 0 \\ & & & S'^{-1*} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Z' \\ \Pi_{\ell'} \\ P \\ Z'^* \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $V_{m''} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{m'} & V_{p'} \end{bmatrix}$  is Wold decomposition on the Hilbert suace  $\Pi_{m'} \oplus P$ , i.e.  $U_{m'}$  is a unitary on  $\Pi_{m'}$  and  $V_{p'}$  is a unilateral shift on P.

**Proof.** Using the generalized triangle model (1.1), we calculate  $(V\Pi_K)^{\perp}$  and  $V^n(V\Pi_K)^{\perp}$ . Assume  $(z'_1, x', y', z'^*_2) \in (V\Pi_K)^{\perp}$ ; for any vector  $(z_1, x, y, z^*_2) \in \Pi_K$  we have

$$(Sz_1, z_2'^*) + (Ax, z_2'^*) + (By, z_2'^*) + (Cz_2^*, z_2'^*) + (S^{*-1}z_2^*, Z_1') + (U_\ell x, x') + (Ez_2^*, x') + (V_m y, y') + (Fz_1^*, y') = 0.$$

Let  $x = y = z_2^* = 0$ . Hence  $(SZ_1, z_2'^*) = 0$ , which implies  $z_2'^* = 0$ . Again let  $y = z_2^* = z_1 = 0$ . Hence  $(U_\ell x, x') = 0$ , which implies x' = 0. Therefore

$$(S^{*-1}z_2^*, z_1') + V_m y, y') + (Fz_2^*, y') = 0.$$

Obviously,  $y' \in (\Pi_m \ominus V_m \Pi_m)$  and

$$(S^{*-1}z_2^*, z_1') + (Fz_2^*, y') = 0.$$

This is equivalent to  $z' = -SF^{\dagger}y'$ . Thus

$$L=(V\Pi_K)^{\perp}=\{-SF^{\dagger}y'+y'|y'\in (\Pi_m\ominus V_m\Pi_m)\},$$

By the induction, we obtain

$$V^n L = \{ (-SF^{\dagger} - SF^{\dagger}V_m - \cdots - SF^{\dagger}V_m)y' + V_m^n y | y' \in I \}.$$

It is clear that the necessary and sufficient condition for  $\bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n L$  to be a regular subspace is that  $\bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n L$  is non-degenerate.

Now we prove the sufficiency. Let the norm  $\| \|$  be associated with a generalized standard decomposition

$$\Pi_K = \Pi_\ell \oplus \{Z + Z^*\} \oplus \Pi_m.$$

Suppose that  $z_n + y_n \in \bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^m L$  is a convergence sequence. Since dim  $Z < \infty$  and  $\Pi_m$  is closed, we have  $y_n \to y \in \Pi_m$ ,  $z_n \to z \in Z$ . Assume that y = 0. Because  $\bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n I$  is a closed subspace of  $\Pi_m$ , we can write

$$y_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} V_m^k y_k^{(n)}, \ y_k^{(n)} \in I, \ k, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

From the isometry of  $V_m$  it follows that

$$||y_n||^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ||y_k^{(n)}||^2 \to 0 \ (n \to +\infty).$$

Since  $(G_0, G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_n, \ldots)$  is bounded, we have  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k y_k^{(n)} \to 0 \ (n \to +\infty)$ . By the expression of  $V^n L$ , we know  $z \to 0$ , which means z = 0. Therefore,  $\bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n L$  is nondegenerate.

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Second we prove the necessity. In the case, we conclude that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k y_k$  is convergent for any  $\{y_k\} \in \oplus I_n$ . If it is not true, then for some  $\delta_0 > 0$  there exist  $m_N, I_N \leq N$  for any positive integer N such that

$$\|\sum_{m_N}^{m_N+\iota_N} G_k y_k\| > \delta_0 \text{ for some } \{y_k\}_0^\infty \in \bigoplus_0^\infty I_n$$

$$(y_0^{\prime(N)}, y_1^{\prime(N)}, \dots, y_k^{\prime(N)}, \dots,) = \left(0 \dots, 0, y_{m_N} \middle/ \| \sum_{\substack{m_N \\ m_N + l_N}}^{(m_N)} G_k y_k \|, \dots, \right)$$

Since  $\left\|\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k y_k^{\prime(N)}\right\| = 1$  and dim  $Z < \infty$ , there exists a convergent subsequence  $\left\{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k y_k^{\prime(N_\ell)}\right\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  of  $\left\{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k y_k^{\prime(N)}\right\}_{N=0}^{\infty}$  such that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k y_k^{\prime (N_\ell)} \to z^\prime \neq 0 \ (\ell \to +\infty).$$

But

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|y_k^{\prime(N)}\|^2 = \left(\sum_{m_N}^{m_N+\ell_N} \|y_k\|^2\right) \left/ \|\sum_{m_N}^{m_N+\ell_N} G_k y_k\|^2 \\ \leq \left(\sum_{m_N}^{m_N+\ell_N} \|y_k\|^2\right) / \delta_0^2 \to 0 (N \to +\infty),$$

SO

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k y_k^{\prime(N_\ell)} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} V_m^k y_k^{\prime(N_\ell)} \to z^{\prime} \neq 0,$$

which is impossible.

Similar to the above proof, we can show  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k y_k^{(n)} \to 0$  for any  $\{y_k^{(n)}\}_0^{\infty} \to 0$ , which means that  $\bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n L$  is non-degenerate.

If V is of regular Wold decomposition, then

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} V_0 & \\ & V_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} H_0 \\ H_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $H_0$  and  $H_1$  are Pontryagin spaces,  $V_0$  is a unitary on  $H_0$ , and  $V_1$  is a unilateral shift

on  $H_1$ . By the generalized triangle models of  $V_0$  and  $V_1$ , we obtain

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} S_{0} & A_{0} & B_{0} & C_{0} \\ & U_{\ell_{0}} & & E_{0} \\ & & V_{m_{0}} & F_{0} \\ & & & S_{0}^{*-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{\ell_{0}} \\ & I_{m_{0}} \\ & & & I_{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_{1} & A_{1} & B_{1} & C_{1} \\ & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{\ell_{1}} \\ & & I_{\ell_{1}} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & \begin{bmatrix} S_{1} & A_{1} & B_{1} & C_{1} \\ & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{\ell_{1}} \\ & & & I_{\ell_{1}} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_{0} & & & & \\ & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_{0} & & & & \\ & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_{0} & & & & \\ & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{0} & & & & & \\ & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{0} & & & & & \\ & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{0} & & & & & \\ & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{0} & & & & & \\ & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{0} & & & & & \\ & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{0} & & & & & \\ & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & & & I_{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ & I_{1} I_{1} \\ & I_{1}$$

Because  $V\Pi_K$  contains a maximal semi-negative subspace,  $z_0 = 0$ ,  $\Pi_{\ell_0} = 0$ , and  $\Pi_{m_0}$  is a Hilbert space. The corresponding decomposition of operator is

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} V_{m_0} & & & \\ & S_1 & A_1 & B_1 & C_1 \\ & & U_{\ell_1} & & E_1 \\ & & & V_{m_1} & F_1 \\ & & & & S_1^{*-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Pi_{m_0} \\ Z_1 \\ \Pi_{\ell_1} \\ \Pi_{m_1} \\ Z_1^* \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus all conclusions of Theorem 3.1 are proved.

**Corollary 3.1.** There is no pure unilateral shift on any Pontryagin space  $\Pi_K$ ,  $0 < k < +\infty$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Suppose that V is an isometry on  $\Pi_K$ . Then, the necessary and sufficient condition for V to be of regular Wold decomposition is that  $||P_n||$ , n = 1, 2, ..., are uniformly bounded, where  $P_n$ , n = 1, 2, ..., are projections from  $\Pi_K$  onto  $\bigcap_{m=1}^n V^m \Pi_K$ , n = 1, 2, ...

**Proof.** This theorem is only a direct corollary of Theorem 4.5 in [4].

**Remark 3.1.** Using the structure of the proof of Theorem 3.1, we can express the projections  $P_n = 1, 2, \ldots$  as follows

$$P_{n} = \begin{bmatrix} I & A_{n} & B_{n} & C_{n} \\ I & & E_{n} \\ & (I - P_{(V_{p}^{n}p)^{\perp}}) & F_{n} \\ & & I \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $A_n = E_n = 0, \ C_n = S^n F_n^* P_{(V_p^n p)^{\perp}} F_n S^{*n}$ , and

$$F_n = (V_p^{n-1}F + V_p^{n-2}FS^{n-2}FS^{n-1} + \dots + FS^{*(n-1)})S^{*-n}P_{(V_p^n p)^{\perp}}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Below, construct an example to show that regular Wold decomposition does not hold for some isometric operators on  $\Pi_K$ .

**Example 3.1.** Set 
$$\Pi_{\ell} = \ell^2$$
 and  $(x, y) = -x_0 \bar{y}_0 + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_n \bar{y}_n$ , where  $x = (x_0, x_1, \cdots), y = k$ 

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 $(y_0, y_1, \cdots)$ . Let

$$egin{aligned} Z =& ext{span} \{ rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e_0 + e_1) \}, \ Z^* =& ext{span} \{ rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e_0 - e_1) \}, \ P =& ext{span} \{ e_n | n = 2, 3, \cdots \}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $e_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$ .

Obviously,  $\Pi_{\ell} = P \oplus \{Z \neq Z^*\}$ . For any  $\lambda > 0$ , construct an isometry on  $\Pi_K$  as follows

$$V_{\lambda} = egin{bmatrix} \lambda & B & C \ & V_P & F \ & 1/\lambda \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $V_P e_n = e_{n+1}$ ,  $n = 2, 3, \cdots$  (clearly  $(V_P P)^{\perp} = \{e_2\}$ ),  $F((e_0 - e_1)/\sqrt{2}) = e_2$  (which implies  $F^*(e_2) = (e_0 + e_1)/\sqrt{2}$  and  $F^*(e_k) = 0, k \neq 2$ ). Consequentially,

$$G_n e_2 = \sum_{k=0}^n S^{k+1} F^* V_P^{n-k} e_2$$
$$= S^{n+1} F^* e_2 = \lambda^{n+1} (e_0 + e_1) / \sqrt{2}$$

and  $G_n e_k = 0, \ k \neq 2$ . Hence, the necessary and sufficient condition for  $(G_0, G_1, \cdots, G_n, \cdots)$ to be bounded is  $\lambda \leq 1$ .

We can also use the method of structure in the proof of theorem 3.1 to clarify  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n L$ . We have

$$L = \operatorname{span}\{-\lambda(e_0 + e_1)/\sqrt{2} + e_2\},$$

$$V_{\lambda}^n L = \operatorname{span}\{-\lambda^{n+1}(e_0 + e_1)/\sqrt{2} + e_{n+2}\},$$

$$\bigvee_{k=0}^{\infty} V_{\lambda}^n L = \operatorname{span}\{(-\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{k+1} a_k)(e_0 + e_1)/\sqrt{2} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k e_{k+2}|\sum_{0}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 < \infty\}.$$

It is clear that  $\sum_{k=0} |\lambda^{k+1}| |a_k^{(n)}| \to 0$ , when  $\lambda \leq 1$  and  $\sum_{k=0} |a_k^{(n)}|^2 \to 0 \ (n \to +\infty)$ , which shows that  $\bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n L$  is non-degenerate. When  $\lambda > 1$ , for example  $\lambda = 2$ , let

$$(a_0^{(n)}, a_1^{(n)}, \cdots, a_k^{(n)}, \cdots) = (0, \cdots, 0, 1/2^{n+1}, 0, \cdots) \to 0.$$

But  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{k+1} a_k^{(n)} = 1$ , which implies  $\bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n L = Z \oplus (\oplus V_P^n P)$ .

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