



Higher order quasi complex Helton class of Hilbert spaces operators

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Abstract. In this paper, we introduce a new class of operators related to a conjugation operator on a Hilbert space, we which called the class of n -quasi complex Helton class of operators with order m . We discuss the most interesting results concerning these classes of operators obtained from the idea of extant results for a number of classes of operators, amongst them Helton class of order m and quasi-Helton class of order m , n -quasi (m, C) -symmetric operators for some conjugation C of \mathcal{H} .

1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, \mathcal{H} stands for an infinite dimension complex Hilbert space. By $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ we denote the Banach algebra of all bounded linear operators on \mathcal{H} . Let $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, and define

$$\beta_m(A) := \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^{m-k} \binom{m}{k} A^{*k} A^k. \quad (1)$$

An obvious consequence of (1) is that

$$\beta_{m+1}(A) = A^* \beta_m(A) A - \beta_m(A). \quad (2)$$

A Hilbert space operator $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be an m -isometry if A satisfies the following operator equation

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^{m-k} \binom{m}{k} A^{*k} A^k = 0, \quad (3)$$

and it is said to be an n -quasi- m -isometry if

$$A^{*n} \beta_m(A) A^n = A^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^{m-k} \binom{m}{k} A^{*k} A^k \right) A^n = 0, \quad (4)$$

for some integers $m, n \geq 1$. A detailed study on these classes of Hilbert spaces operators has been done in [3–5, 7, 23, 28, 29] and other references. In [18], J.W. Helton introduced m -symmetric operators for the study

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of Jordan operators. An operator $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be n -symmetric or equivalently, an n -symmetry for some positive integer n if and only if A satisfies

$$\alpha_n(A) := \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n} (-1)^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} A^{*k} A^{n-k} = 0. \tag{5}$$

Then $\alpha_{n+1}(A) = A^* \alpha_n(A) - \alpha_n(A) A$ holds. Using this, if A is n -symmetric, then A is $(n + k)$ -symmetric for each integer $k \geq 1$ (see [33, Proposition 28]). The sum and product of n -symmetric operators was studied in [17] and [33].

Recall from [15] that a conjugation on \mathcal{H} is a map $C : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ which is antilinear, involutive ($C^2 = I_{\mathcal{H}}$). Moreover C satisfies the following properties

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle Cx | Cy \rangle = \langle y | x \rangle \text{ for all } x, y \in \mathcal{H}, \\ CAC \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \text{ for every } A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}), \\ (CAC)^r = CA^r C \text{ for all } r \in \mathbb{N}, \\ (CAC)^* = CA^* C. \end{array} \right.$$

See [6] for properties of conjugation operators.

As extensions of the concepts of m -isometric operators on Hilbert spaces, some authors has introduced and study in different papers the following classes of operators.

(1) (m, C) -isometric operator that is an operator $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ satisfies

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} A^{*m-k} C A^{m-k} C = 0, \tag{6}$$

for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and some conjugation C ([8–10, 27]).

(2) n -quasi- (m, C) -isometric operator that is an operator $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{Y})$ satisfies

$$A^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} A^{*m-k} C A^{m-k} C \right) A^n = 0, \tag{7}$$

for some conjugation C and some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ([22, 26, 27, 32]).

Let A and B be in $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. In [19], the authors studied the operator $\Theta(A, B) : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ defined by $\Theta(A, B)(X) = AX - XB$. Then

$$\Theta(A, B)^k(I) = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq k} (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} A^j B^{k-j}. \tag{8}$$

In [19], the authors introduced the class of Helton operators as follows: an operator $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be in the m th Helton class of B and write $A \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B)$ if $\Theta(B, A)^m(I) = 0$. (See [20, 21]).

Recently, the author in [1] has introduced the class n -quasi-Helton class of order m as follows. An $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ for which there exists an operator A and there are some integers n and m such that

$$A^{*n} \Theta(B; A)^m(I) A^n = A^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j A^{m-j} \right) A^n = 0,$$

they say that A belongs to n -quasi- Helton class of B with order m . This is symbolized by: $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B)$. Our aim in this paper is to consider a generalization of the concepts of Helton class of order m and quasi-Helton class of order m to the concepts of complex Helton class of order m and quasi- complex Helton class of order m . We discuss the most interesting results concerning these classes of operators obtained form the idea of extant results for a number of classes of operators, amongst them Helton class of order m , quasi-Helton class of order m , n -quasi (m, C) -symmetric operators (for some conjugation C of \mathcal{H} ([2]). We invite the reader to refer to the references [11–14, 16, 24, 30, 32] for more details about other interesting classes of operators in this context.

2. Main results

In this section, we present the most important definitions for the classes of operators which we will study and moreover the most important properties

Definition 2.1. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, we say that A belongs complex Helton class of B with order m if there exists a conjugation C such that

$$\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j C A^{m-j} C = 0 \tag{9}$$

for some positive integer m .

For $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, we denote by $\mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)$ the set of complex Helton class of B of order m related to a conjugation operator C on \mathcal{H} .

Remark 2.2. We make the following observations

- (1) $A \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C) \iff CAC \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B)$.
- (2) If $CA = AC$ then $A \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C) \iff A \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B)$.

For $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and a conjugation C on \mathcal{H} , we set

$$\Phi(B; A, C)^m(I) = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j C A^{m-j} C. \tag{10}$$

Lemma 2.3. Let A and B be in $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, C be conjugation and k be a positive integer, then

$$\Phi(B; A, C)^{k+1}(I) = B\Phi(B; A, C)^k(I) - \Phi(B; A, C)^k(I)(CAC). \tag{11}$$

Proof. We use an induction argument to show the statement. For $k = 1$ we have

$$\Phi(B, A, C)^2(I) = B^2 - 2BCAC + CA^2C$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & B\Phi(B, A, C)(I) - \Phi(A, B, C)(I)(CAC) \\ &= B(B - CAC) - (B - CAC)CAC \\ &= B^2 - 2B(CAC) + CA^2C. \end{aligned}$$

– Hence equation (11) is true for $k = 1$. Assume that equation (11) is true for k . Then we prove that equation (11) holds for $k + 1$.

In fact, by equation (11) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi(A, B, C)^{k+2}(I) \\ &= \Phi(A, B, C)\left(\Phi(A, B, C)^{k+1}(I)\right) \\ &= B\left(\Phi(A, B, C)^{k+1}(I)\right) - \left(\Phi(A, B, C)^{k+1}(I)\right)(CAC). \end{aligned}$$

□

Remark 2.4. The inclusion $\mathcal{HEL}_k(B, C) \subset \mathcal{HEL}_{k+1}(B, C)$ follows from equation (11).

Remark 2.5. In [20, Corollary 4.4] it was observed that if $A \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B)$ then $A - \mu \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B - \mu)$ for all $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$. In the following proposition we extend this result to $\mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)$.

Proposition 2.6. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and C be a conjugation operator on \mathcal{H} . If $A \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)$ then $A - \bar{\mu} \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B - \mu, C)$ for all $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof. According to the statement (1) of Remark 2.2 and [20, Corollary 4.4] we have the following implications.

$$\begin{aligned} A \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C) &\implies CAC \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B) \\ &\implies CAC - \mu \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B - \mu) \\ &\implies C(A - \bar{\mu})C \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B - \mu) \\ &\implies A - \bar{\mu} \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B - \mu, C). \end{aligned}$$

□

Definition 2.7. For a positive integers n, m and $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, we say that A belongs to n -quasi complex Helton class of B with order m if there exists a conjugation C such that

$$A^{*n}\Phi(B; A, C)^m(I)A^n = A^{*n}\left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j CA^{m-j} C\right)A^n = 0$$

We denote this by $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$.

Remark 2.8. If $A \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)$ then $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$.

Remark 2.9. The following example shows that there exist two operators A and B and a conjugation C such that $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ but $A \notin \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)$ for some integers n and m . Thus, the set $\mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)$ is a proper subset of $[nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ i.e.,

$$[\mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)] \subsetneq [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)].$$

Example 2.10. Let $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{C}^3$ and A and B the operators $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Define the

conjugation operator $C(u, v, w) = (\bar{w}, \bar{v}, \bar{u})$ that is $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. A computation shows that

$$B^2 - 2BCAC + CA^2C \neq 0, \quad A^{*2}(B^2 - 2BCAC + CA^2C)A^2 = 0.$$

Which implies that $A \in [2Q \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B, C)]$ but $A \notin [\mathcal{HEL}_2(B, C)]$.

Remark 2.11. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and C be a conjugation on \mathcal{H} .

(1) Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & A^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} B^k C A^{m-k} C \right) A^n \\ &= C(CAC)^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} (CBC)^k C(CAC)^{m-k} C \right) (CAC)^n C. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ if and only if $CAC \in A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(CBC, C)]$.

(2) If $CA = AC$, then $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ if and only if $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B)]$.

Proposition 2.12. Let A and B be in $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and C be a conjugation on \mathcal{H} . Then the following statements holds.

(1) $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ if and only if $U^*AU \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(U^*BU, U^*CU)]$, for each unitary operator U .

(2) If $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ then $\lambda A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(\lambda B, C)]$, for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

(3) If $A_i \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B_i, C)]$ for $i = 1, 2$, then $A_1 \oplus A_2 \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B_1 \oplus B_2, C \oplus C)]$.

Proof. (1) We observe that if C is a conjugation operator, then U^*CU is also a conjugation operator. Moreover, a direct calculation gives

$$\begin{aligned} & (U^*AU)^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^{m-j} \binom{m}{j} (U^*BU)^j (U^*CU) (U^*AU)^{m-j} (U^*CU) \right) (U^*AU)^n \\ &= U^*A^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} (-1)^{m-j} \binom{m}{j} B^j C A^{m-j} C \right) A^n U^n. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)] \iff U^*AU \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(U^*BU, U^*CU)].$$

(2) Similarly, the statement (2) follows from the identity

$$(\lambda A^*)^n \Phi(\lambda B; \lambda A, C)^m (I)(\lambda A)^n = \bar{\lambda}^n |\lambda|^{2m} A^{*n} \Phi(B; A, C)^m (I) A^n.$$

(3)

$$\begin{aligned} & (A_1 \oplus A_2)^{*n} \Phi(B_1 \oplus B_2; A_1 \oplus A_2, C \oplus C)^m (I)(A_1 \oplus A_2)^n \\ &= A_1^{*n} \Phi(B_1; A_1, C)^m (I) A_1^n \oplus A_2^{*n} \Phi(B_2; A_2, C)^m (I) A_2^n \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 2.13. Let A and B be in $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and C be a conjugation on \mathcal{H} such that $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ for some integers $n, m \geq 1$. If $\mathcal{R}(A^n)$ is dense, then $A \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)$.

Proof. As $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$, we have

$$A^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j C A^{m-j} C \right) A^n = 0$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle A^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j C A^{m-j} C \right) A^n \omega \mid \omega \rangle = 0 \\ \implies & \langle \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j C A^{m-j} C A^n \omega \mid A^n \omega \rangle = 0 \\ \implies & \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j C A^{m-j} C = 0 \text{ on } \overline{\mathcal{R}(A^n)} = \mathcal{H}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $A \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)$. \square

Proposition 2.14. Let $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$. If $\ker(A^*) = \ker(A^{*2})$ then $A \in [Q \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$.

Proof. According to the assumption $\ker(A^*) = \ker(A^{*2})$ we deduce that $\ker(A^*) = \ker(A^{*p})$ for all positive integer p and may write

$$\begin{aligned} A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)] & \implies A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^m (I) A^n = 0 \\ & \implies A^* \Phi(B; A, C)^m (I) A^n = 0 \text{ (since } \ker(A^*) = \ker(A^{*n}) \text{)} \\ & \implies A^{*n} \Phi(B; A, C)^{*m} (I) A = 0 \\ & \implies A^* \Phi(B; A, C)^{*m} (I) A = 0 \text{ (since } \ker(A^*) = \ker(A^{*n}) \text{)} \\ & \implies A^* \Phi(B; A, C)^m (I) A = 0 \\ & \implies A \in [Q \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]. \end{aligned}$$

\square

Remark 2.15. The inclusion $[nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B)] \subset [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m+1}(B)]$ does not holds in general with conjugation C as shown in the following example.

Proposition 2.16. Let $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ for some positive integers n, m and conjugation C . If $[A^*, B] = [A, CAC] = 0$, then $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m+1}(B, C)]$.

Proof. Since $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ for some conjugation C we have $A^{*n} \Phi(B; A, C)^m (I) A^n = 0$. Moreover according to Lemma 2.3

$$\Phi(B : A, C)^{m+1} (I) = B \Phi(B; A, C)^m (I) - \Phi(B; A, C)^m (I) (CAC)$$

and the conditions $[A^*, B] = [A, CAC] = 0$ it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} A^{*n} \Phi(B; A, C)^{m+1} (I) A^n &= A^{*n} \left(B \Phi(B; A, C)^m (I) - \Phi(B; A, C)^m (I) (CAC) \right) A^n \\ &= B A^{*n} \Phi(B; A, C)^m (I) A^n - A^{*n} \Phi(B; A, C)^m (I) A^n (CAC) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $A^{*n} \Phi(B; A, C)^{m+1} (I) A^n = 0$ and therefore, $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m+1}(B, C)]$. \square

Lemma 2.17. If $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B, C)]$ such that $[A, CAC] = [A, B^*] = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & A^{*n} \Phi(B^{m+2}, A^{m+2}, C)^2 (I) A^n \\ = & B A^{*n} \Phi(B^{m+1}, A^{m+1}, C)^2 (I) A^n (CAC) - B^2 A^{*n} \Phi(B^m, A^m, C)^2 (I) A^n (CA^2 C). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Since $A \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B, C)]$ it follows that

$$A^{*n}(B^2 - 2BCAC + CA^2C)A^n = 0$$

and therefore

$$\begin{cases} A^{*n}B^2A^n = A^{*n}(2BCAC - CA^2C)A^n \\ A^{*n}CA^2CA^n = A^{*n}(2BCAC - B^2)A^n. \end{cases}$$

Now for $m = 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} A^{*n}\Phi(B^3, A^3, C)^2(I)A^n &= A^{*n}(B^6 - 2B^3CA^3C + CA^6C)A^n \\ &= A^{*n}B^6A^n - 2A^{*n}B^3CA^3C + A^{*n}CA^6CA^n \\ &= B^4A^{*n}(2BCAC - CA^2C)A^n - 2B^3CA^3C \\ &\quad + A^{*n}(2BCAC - B^2)A^nCA^4C \\ &= 2BA^{*n}\Phi(B^2, A^2, C)^2(I)A^nCAC - B^2A^{*n}\Phi(B, A, C)^2(I)A^n(CA^2C). \end{aligned}$$

Assume that

$$\begin{aligned} &A^{*n}\Phi(B^{m+2}, A^{m+2}, C)^2(I)A^n \\ &= BA^{*n}\Phi(B^{m+1}, A^{m+1}, C)^2(I)A^n(CAC) - B^2A^{*n}\Phi(B^m, A^m, C)^2(I)A^n(CA^2C) \end{aligned}$$

holds for m . We want to show that

$$\begin{aligned} &A^{*n}\Phi(B^{m+3}, A^{m+3}, C)^2(I)A^n \\ &= BA^{*n}\Phi(B^{m+2}, A^{m+2}, C)^2(I)A^n(CAC) - B^2A^{*n}\Phi(B^{m+1}, A^{m+1}, C)^2(I)A^n(CA^2C). \end{aligned}$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} &A^{*n}\Phi(B^{m+3}, A^{m+3}, C)^2(I)A^n \\ &= A^{*n}(B^{2m+6} - 2B^{m+3}CA^{m+3}C + CA^{2m+6})A^n \\ &= A^{*n}B^{2m+6}A^n - 2A^{*n}B^{m+3}CA^{m+3}CA^n + A^{*n}CA^{2m+6}CA^n \\ &= B^{2m+4} \underbrace{A^{*n}B^2A^n}_{-2A^{*n}B^{m+3}CA^{m+3}CA^n} + \underbrace{A^{*n}CA^2CA^n}_{CA^{2m+4}C} \\ &= B^{2m+4}A^{*n}(2BCAC - CA^2C)A^n - 2A^{*n}B^{m+3}CA^{m+3}CA^n \\ &\quad + A^{*n}(2BCAC - B^2)A^nCA^{2m+4}C \\ &= A^{*n}(2B^{2m+5}CAC - B^{2m+4}CA^2C)A^n - 2A^{*n}B^{m+3}CA^{m+3}CA^n \\ &\quad + A^{*n}(2BCA^{2m+5}C - B^2CA^{2m+4}C)A^n \\ &= BA^{*n}\Phi(B^{m+2}, A^{m+2}, C)^2(I)A^nCAC - B^2\Phi(B^{m+1}, A^{m+1}, C)^2(I)A^n(CA^2C). \end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 2.18. *If $A \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B, C)]$ such that $[A, CAC] = [A, B^*] = 0$. Then $A^2 \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B^2, C)]$.*

Proof. Since $A \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B, C)]$ it follows that

$$A^{*n}(B^2 - 2BCAC + CA^2C)A^n = 0$$

and therefore

$$\begin{cases} A^{*n}B^2A^n = A^{*n}(2BCAC - CA^2C)A^n \\ A^{*n}CA^2CA^n = A^{*n}(2BCAC - B^2)A^n. \end{cases}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} & A^{*n}\Phi(B^2, A^2, C)^2(I)A^n \\ &= A^{*n}(B^4 - 2B^2CA^2C + CA^4C)A^n \\ &= A^{*n}B^4A^n - 2A^{*n}B^2CA^2CA^n + A^{*n}CA^4CA^n \\ &= B^2A^{*n}B^2A^n - 2A^{*n}B^2CA^2CA^n + A^{*n}CA^2CA^n(CA^2C) \\ &= B^2A^{*n}(2BCAC - CA^2C)A^n - 2A^{*n}B^2CA^2CA^n + A^{*n}(2BCAC - B^2)A^nCA^2C \\ &= A^{*n}(2B^3CAC - B^2CA^2C - 2B^2CA^2C + 2BCA^3C - B^2CA^2C)A^n \\ &= BA^{*n}(2B^2 - BCAC - 2BCAC + CA^2C - BCAC)A^nCAC \\ &= 2BA^{*n}\Phi(B; A, C)^2(I)A^nCAC \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus shows that $A^2 \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B^2, C)]$. \square

Lemma 2.19. Let $A \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B, C)]$ for some positive integer n and conjugation C . If $[A^*, B] = [A, CAC] = 0$ then $A^2 \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B^2, C)]$.

Proof. According to $A \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$, we get $A^{*n}\Phi(B; A, C)^2(I)A^n = 0$ and therefore,

$$B^q(A^{*n}\Phi(B; A, C)^2(I)A^n)(CA^{m-q}C) = 0 \text{ for } q = 0, 1, \dots, m.$$

From the assumption that $[A^*, B] = [A, CAC] = 0$ and Proposition 2.16 we obtain

$$A^{*n}B^q\Phi(B; A, C)^m(I)CA^{m-q}CA^n = 0 \text{ for any } q = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Hence

$$A^{*2n}\left(\sum_{0 \leq q \leq m} (-1)^q \binom{m}{q} B^q \Phi(B; A, C)^m(I)CA^{m-q}C\right)A^{2n} = 0$$

which means that

$$A^{*2n}\left(\sum_{0 \leq q \leq m} \binom{m}{q} B^q \left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j CA^{m-j}C\right)CA^{m-q}C\right)A^{2n} = 0$$

or

$$A^{*2n}\left(\sum_{0 \leq q \leq m} \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{q} \binom{m}{j} B^{q+j} CA^{2m-(q+j)}C\right)A^{2n} = 0$$

that is

$$A^{*2n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq q \leq 2m} \sum_{0 \leq j \leq q} (-1)^j \binom{m}{q-j} \binom{m}{j} B^q C A^{2m-q} C \right) A^{2n} = 0.$$

According to the identity

$$\sum_{0 \leq j \leq q} (-1)^j \binom{m}{q-j} \binom{m}{j} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } q \text{ is odd} \\ (-1)^r \binom{m}{r}, & \text{if } q = 2r \end{cases},$$

we get

$$A^{*2n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq q \leq m} (-1)^q \binom{m}{r} B^{2q} C A^{2m-2q} C \right) A^{2n} = 0$$

which implies that $A^2 \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B^2, C)]$. \square

Theorem 2.20. Let $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ for some positive integers n and $m \geq 2$. If $[A^*, B] = [A, CAC] = 0$ then $A^q \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B^q, C)]$ for positive integer q .

Proof. First case: assume that $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B, C)]$. We prove by induction that $A^q \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B^q, C)]$ for $q = 2$, by using Proposition 2.18 we can deduce that $A^2 \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B^2, C)]$.

Second case: assume that $A^q \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B^q, C)]$ for q and we need to prove that $A^{q+1} \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B^{q+1}, C)]$. In view of Lemma 2.17 we get

$$\begin{aligned} & A^{*n} \Phi(B^{q+1}; A^{q+1}, C)^2 (I) A^n \\ &= A^{*n} (2B \Phi(B^q; A^q, C)^2 (I) A - B^2 \Phi(B^{q-1}; A^{q-1}, C)^2 (I) C A^2 C) A^n \\ &= \underbrace{2BA^{*n} \Phi(B^q; A^q, C)^2 (I) A^n A}_{=0} - \underbrace{B^2 A^{*n} \Phi(B^{q-1}; A^{q-1}, C)^2 (I) A^n C A^2 C}_{=0} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $A^{q+1} \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B^{q+1}, C)]$ and consequently, $A^q \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B^q, C)]$. Now assume that $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$. We have that $A^q \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B^q, C)]$ and the result is true for $k = 2$. Assume that $A^q \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B^q, C)]$. By taking into account Proposition 2.16, we have $[nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)] \subset [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m+1}(B, C)]$ and we get $A^q \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B^q, C)]$. \square

The following theorem shows that the n -quasi complex Helton class of an operators is closed in norm.

Theorem 2.21. If $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and C be a conjugation on H , then $[nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ is closed in norm.

Proof. Suppose that $(A_k)_k$ is a sequence of $[nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A_k - A\| = 0.$$

Since for every positive integer k , A_k is in $[nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$, we have

$$A_k^{*n} \Phi(B, A_k, C) A_k^n = 0.$$

From which it follow that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|A_k^{*n}\Phi(B, A_k, C)A_m^n\| = \|A_k^{*n}\Phi(B, A_k, C)A_m^n - A_k^{*n}\Phi(B, A, C)A^n\| \\
 &= \|A_k^{*n}\left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j C A_k^{m-j} C\right)A_m^n - A_k^{*n}\left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j C A^{m-j} C\right)A^n\| \\
 &\leq \|A_k^{*n}\left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j C A_k^{m-j} C\right)A_k^n - A_k^{*n}\left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j C A^{m-j} C\right)A^n\| \\
 &+ \|A_k^{*n}\left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j C A^{m-j} C\right)A^n - A_k^{*n}\left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j C A^{m-j} C\right)A^n\| \\
 &\leq \|A_k^{*n}\| \left\| \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j (C A_k^{m-j} C A_k^n - C A^{m-j} C A^n) \right\| \\
 &+ \left\| \left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (A_k^{*n} B^j C A^{m-j} C - A^{*n} B^j C A^{m-j} C) \right) A^n \right\| \\
 &\leq \|A_k^{*n} - A^n\| \left\| \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j (C A_k^{m-j} C A_k^n - C A^{m-j} C A^n) \right\| \\
 &+ \|A^n\| \left\| \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B^j (C A_k^{m-j} C A_k^n - C A^{m-j} C A^n) \right\| \\
 &+ \left\| \left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (A_k^{*n} B^j C A^{m-j} C - A^{*n} B^j C A^{m-j} C) \right) A^n \right\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $A_k^{*n}\Phi(B, A_k, C)A_k^n = 0$ we get by taking $k \rightarrow \infty$ that $A^{*n}\Phi(B, A, C)A^n = 0$ and therefore, $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$. \square

Theorem 2.22. If $A_i \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B_i, C_i)]$ for $i = 1, 2$, then

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & W \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix} \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m\left(\begin{pmatrix} B_1 & W \\ 0 & B_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{pmatrix}\right)] \text{ if and only if}$$

$$\begin{cases} A_1^{*n}\Phi(B_1, A_1, C_1)^m(I)F_n + A_1^{*n}G_m A_2^n = 0 \\ F_n^* \Phi(B_1, A_1, C_1)^m(I)A_1^n = 0 \\ F_n^* \Phi(B_1, A_1, C_1)^m(I)F + F^* G_m A_2^n = 0 \end{cases},$$

for some operator $W \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, where $F_n = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} A_1^i W A_2^{n-1-i}$ and

$$G_k = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \left\{ B_1^j \left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-j-1} A_1^i W A_2^{m-j-1-i} \right) + \left(\sum_{i=0}^{j-1} B_1^i W B_2^{j-1-i} \right) A_2^{m-j} \right\}.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & W \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix} \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m\left(\begin{pmatrix} B_1 & W \\ 0 & B_2 \end{pmatrix}\right)]$$

if and only if

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & W \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}^{*n} \left[\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & W \\ 0 & B_2 \end{pmatrix}^j \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & W \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}^{m-j} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & W \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}^n = 0.$$

By observing that

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & W \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}^p = \begin{pmatrix} A_1^p & \sum_{0 \leq j \leq p-1} A_1^j W A_2^{p-1-j} \\ 0 & A_2^p \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_1 & W \\ 0 & B_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} B_1^p & \sum_{0 \leq j \leq p-1} B_1^j W B_2^{p-1-j} \\ 0 & B_2^p \end{pmatrix},$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & W \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}^{*n} \left\{ \left[\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & W \\ 0 & B_2 \end{pmatrix}^j \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & W \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}^{m-j} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right. \\ & \left. \right\} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & W \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}^n \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A_1^n & \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} A_1^i W A_2^{n-1-i} \\ 0 & A_2^n \end{pmatrix}^* \left[\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \begin{pmatrix} B_1^j & \sum_{0 \leq i \leq j-1} B_1^i W B_2^{j-1-i} \\ 0 & B_2^j \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ & \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{m-j} & \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m-j-1} A_1^i W A_2^{k-j-1-i} \\ 0 & A_2^{m-j} \end{pmatrix}^{m-j} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1^n & \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} A_1^i W A_2^{n-1-i} \\ 0 & A_2^n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{*n} & 0 \\ \left(\sum_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} A_1^i W B_2^{n-1-i} \right)^* & A_2^{*n} \end{pmatrix} \left\{ \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \begin{pmatrix} B_1^j C_1 A_1^{m-j} C_1 & B_1^j \left(\sum_{0 \leq i \leq m-j-1} A_1^i W A_2^{m-j-1-i} \right) + \left(\sum_{0 \leq i \leq j-1} B_1^i W B_2^{j-1-i} \right) A_2^{m-j} \\ 0 & B_2^j C_2 A_2^{m-j} C_1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \\ & \begin{pmatrix} A_1^n & \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} A_1^i W A_2^{n-1-i} \\ 0 & A_2^n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{*n} & 0 \\ \left(\sum_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} A_1^i W B_2^{n-1-i} \right)^* & A_2^{*n} \end{pmatrix} \\ & \left[\begin{pmatrix} \Phi(B_1; A_1, C_1)^m(I) & \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \left[B_1^j \left(\sum_{0 \leq i \leq m-j-1} A_1^i W A_2^{m-j-1-i} \right) + \left(\sum_{0 \leq i \leq j-1} B_1^i W B_2^{j-1-i} \right) A_2^{m-j} \right] \\ 0 & \Phi(B_2; A_2, C_2)^m(I) \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} A_1^n & \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} A_1^i W A_2^{n-1-i} \\ 0 & A_2^n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A_1^{*n} \Phi(B_1; A_1, C_1)^m(I) F_n + A_1^{*n} G_m A_2^n \\ F_n^* \Phi(B_1; A_1, C_1)^m(I) A_1^n & F_n^* \Phi(B_1; A_1, C_1)^m(I) F_n + F_n^* G_m A_2^n \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 2.23. Let $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ where $C = C_1 \oplus C_2 : \overline{\mathcal{R}(A^n)} \oplus \ker(A^{*n}) \longrightarrow \overline{\mathcal{R}(A^n)} \oplus \ker(A^{*n})$ be a conjugation operator. If $[A, B^*] = 0$ then A, B^* have upper triangular representations

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad B^* = \begin{pmatrix} B_1^* & B_2^* \\ 0 & B_3^* \end{pmatrix}, \text{ on } \mathcal{H} = \overline{\mathcal{R}(A^n)} \oplus \ker(A^{*n}).$$

where $A_1 \in \mathcal{HEL}_m(B_1, C_1)$, $A_3^n = 0$ and $[A_1, C_1 B_1^* C_1] = 0$.

Proof. According to the decomposition $\mathcal{H} = \overline{\mathcal{R}(A^n)} \oplus \ker(A_1^{*n})$ and $AB^* = B^*A$ we get that A and B has the upper triangular representations

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad B^* = \begin{pmatrix} B_1^* & B_2^* \\ 0 & B_3^* \end{pmatrix}.$$

$[A, B^*] = 0 \implies [A_1, B_1^*] = 0$ On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} & A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)] = 0 \\ \implies & \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{pmatrix}^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & 0 \\ B_2 & B_3 \end{pmatrix}^j \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{pmatrix}^{m-j} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ & \begin{pmatrix} A_1^* & A_2^* \\ 0 & A_3^* \end{pmatrix}^{m-j} \\ = & 0 \\ \implies & \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (B_1)^j C_1 (A_1)^{m-j} C_1 \right) A_1^n & \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{Y} & \mathcal{Z} \end{pmatrix} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for some operators \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} and \mathcal{Z} . Therefore

$$(A_1)^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (B_1)^j C_1 (A_1)^{m-j} C_1 \right) (A_1)^n = 0$$

or equivalently

$$\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} B_1^j C_1 A_1^{m-j} C_1 = 0.$$

This means that $A_1 \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B_1, C_1)]$ which completed the proof. □

Theorem 2.24. Let $A_k \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m_k}(B_k, C)]$ for $k = 1, 2$, and $C = C_1 \oplus C_2 : \overline{\mathcal{R}(A_k^n)} \oplus \ker(A_k^{*n}) \longrightarrow \overline{\mathcal{R}(A_k^n)} \oplus \ker(A_k^{*n})$ is a conjugation operator. If

$$[A_1, A_2] = [B_1, B_2] = [A_1, B_1^*] = [A_2, B_2^*] = 0.$$

Then $A_1 A_2 \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m_1+m_2-1}(B_1 B_2, C_1)]$.

Proof. From the assumptions we have the following upper triangular representations

$$A_k = \begin{pmatrix} A_{k1} & A_{k2} \\ 0 & A_{k3} \end{pmatrix} \quad B_k^* = \begin{pmatrix} B_{k1}^* & B_{k2}^* \\ 0 & B_{k3}^* \end{pmatrix}, k = 1, 2$$

with the decomposition $\mathcal{H} = \overline{\mathcal{R}(A_k^n)} \oplus \ker(A_k^{*n}), k = 1, 2..$ Since $A_1 \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m_1}(B_1, C_1)]$ and $[A_1, B_1^*] = 0$, it follows by Theorem 2.23 that $A_{11} \in [\mathcal{HEL}_{m_1}(B_{11}, C_1)]$. Similarly, since $A_2 \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m_2}(B_2, C_1)]$ and $[A_1, B_1^*] = 0$, it follows by Theorem 2.23 that $A_{21} \in [\mathcal{HEL}_{m_2}(B_{21}, C_1)]$. According to the statement (1) of Remark 2.2 we have $C_1 A_{11} C_1 \in [\mathcal{HEL}_{m_1}(B_{11})]$ and $C_1 A_{21} C_1 \in [\mathcal{HEL}_{m_2}(B_{21})]$ and by the assumption $[A_1, A_2] = 0$ we have $[C_1 A_1 C_1, C_1 A_2 C_1] = 0$. Now, taking into account [11, Theorem 3.1] we deduce that $C_1 A_{11} A_{21} C_1 \in [\mathcal{HEL}_{m_1+m_2-1}(B_{11} B_{21})]$ or equivalently $A_{11} A_{21} \in [\mathcal{HEL}_{m_1+m_2-1}(B_{11} B_{21}, C_1)]$ that is

$$\Phi(B_{11} B_{21}; A_{11} A_{21}, C_1)^{m_1+m_2-1}(I) = 0.$$

A simple computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & (A_1 A_2)^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m_1+m_2-1} (-1)^j \binom{m_1+m_2-1}{j} (B_1 B_2)^j C_1 (A_1 A_2)^{m_1+m_2-1-j} (C_1) \right) (A_1 A_2)^n \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A_{11}^{*n} A_{21}^{*n} & Z \\ 0 & A_{13}^{*n} A_{23}^{*n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Phi(B_{11} B_{21}; A_{11} A_{21}, C_{11} C_{21})^{m_1+m_2-1}(I) & Q \\ 0 & W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11}^n A_{21}^n & Y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $A_1 A_2 \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m_1+m_2-1}(B_1 B_2, C_1)]$ and the proof is complete. \square

Lemma 2.25. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and if C is conjugation on \mathcal{H} . The following statements are true.

- (1) $A \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ if and only if $A \otimes I \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B \otimes I, C \otimes C)]$.
- (2) $A \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ if and only if $I \otimes A \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(I \otimes B, C \otimes C)]$.

Proof. According to [10, Lemma 4.5] it follows that $C \otimes C$ is a conjugation operator on $\mathcal{H} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{H}$. A direct calculation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & (A \otimes I)^{*n} \Phi(B \otimes I; A \otimes I, C \otimes C)^m (I \otimes I) (A \otimes I)^n \\ &= (A \otimes I)^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (B \otimes I)^j (C \otimes C) (A \otimes I)^{m-j} (C \otimes C) \right) (A \otimes I)^n \\ &= A^{*n} \left(\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (B)^j C (A)^{m-j} C \right) A^n \otimes I \\ &= A^{*n} \Phi(B; A, C)^m (I) A^n \otimes I. \end{aligned}$$

\square

Theorem 2.26. Let $A_k \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m_k}(B_k, C)]$ for $k = 1, 2$, and $C = C_1 \oplus C_2 : \overline{\mathcal{R}(A_k^n)} \oplus \ker(A_k^{*n}) \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{R}(A_k^n)} \oplus \ker(A_k^{*n})$ is a conjugation operator.

If $[A_k, B_k^*] = 0 \forall k = 1, 2$ then $A_1 \otimes A_2 \in [n\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m_1+m_2-1}(B_1 \otimes B_2, C_1 \otimes C_1)]$.

Proof. Let $T_1 = A_1 \otimes I$, $T_2 = I \otimes A_2$ and $S_1 = B_1 \otimes I$, $S_2 = I \otimes B_2$. Since

$$A_1 \otimes A_2 = (A_1 \otimes I)(I \otimes A_2) \text{ and } B_1 \otimes B_2 = (B_1 \otimes I)(I \otimes B_2).$$

$$[A_1 \otimes I I \otimes A_2] = [B_1 \otimes I I \otimes B_2] = [A_1 \otimes I B_1^* \otimes I] = [I_1 \otimes A_2 I \otimes B_2^*] = 0.$$

Then it follows from an application of Lemma 2.25 and Theorem 2.24 that $A_1 \otimes A_2 \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m_1+m_2-1}(B_1 \otimes B_2, C_1 \otimes C_1)]$. \square

Definition 2.27. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and C is conjugation on \mathcal{H} . We say that A belongs to quasi strict Helton class of B with order m and conjugation C if A, B and C satisfy

$$\begin{cases} A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^m(I)A^n = 0 \\ A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^{m-1}(I)A^n \neq 0 \end{cases} ,$$

that is $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ but $A \notin [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_{m-1}(B, C)]$.

Below we present an example that fulfills the above definition.

Example 2.28. Let $H = \mathbb{C}^2$ and A and B the operators $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Let C be a conjugation

$$C(u, v) = (\bar{v}, \bar{u}) \text{ that is } ; C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, a straightforward calculation shows that

$$\begin{cases} A^* \Phi(B, A, C)^3(I)A = 0 \\ A^* \Phi(B, A, C)^2(I)A \neq 0 \end{cases} .$$

Hence, $A \in [Q \cap \mathcal{HEL}_3(B, C)]$ and $A \notin [Q \cap \mathcal{HEL}_2(B, C)]$. Therefore, A belongs to quasi strict Helton class of B with order 3 and conjugation C .

Theorem 2.29. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and C be a conjugation operator on \mathcal{H} . Assume that A belongs to quasi strict Helton class of B with order m and conjugation C . If $[A^*, B] = [A, CAC] = 0$ then the family of linear operators

$$\{A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^j(I)A^n, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}$$

is linearly independent.

Proof. According to Lemma 2.3 we have for all $j \geq 1$,

$$\Phi(B, A, C)^j = B\Phi(B, A, C)^{j-1}(I) - \Phi(B, A, C)^{j-1}(I)(CAC).$$

We my write

$$\begin{aligned} A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^m(I)A^n &= A^{*n} \left(B\Phi(B, A, C)^{m-1}(I) - \Phi(B, A, C)^{m-1}(I)(CAC) \right) A^n \\ &= BA^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^{m-1}(I)A^n - A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^{m-1}(I)A^n(CAC). \end{aligned}$$

Let $\gamma_j \in \mathbb{C}$ for $j = 1, \dots, m - 1$ such that

$$\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \gamma_j A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^j(I)A^n = 0. \tag{12}$$

Multiplying the equation (12) on the left by B and from right by CAC to gather with the condition $[A^*, B] = [A CAC] = 0$ we get

$$\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \gamma_j A^{*n} B \Phi(B, A, C)^j (I) A^n = 0 \tag{13}$$

and

$$\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \gamma_j A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^j (I) A^n (CAC) = 0. \tag{14}$$

Subtracting two equations (13) and (14), we obtain

$$\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \gamma_j A^{*n} (B \Phi(B, AC)^j (I) - \Phi(B, A, C)^j (I) CAC) A^n = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \gamma_j A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^{j+1} (I) A^n = 0. \tag{15}$$

The same procedure applied to equation (15) gives

$$\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \gamma_j A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^{j+2} (I) A^n = 0$$

By continuing this process we obtain

$$\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \gamma_j A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^{j+r} (I) A^n = 0 \text{ for all } r \in \mathbb{N}.$$

From Proposition 2.16, it is well known that if $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_m(B, C)]$ then $A \in [nQ \cap \mathcal{HEL}_p(B, C)]$ for all $p \geq m$ and this means that the following implications hold.

For $r = m - 1$, $\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \gamma_j A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^{j+m-1} (I) A^n = 0 \implies \gamma_0 A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^{m-1} (I) A^n = 0.$

So, $\gamma_0 = 0$ by the fact that $A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^{m-1} (I) A^n \neq 0.$

For $r = m - 2$, $\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \gamma_j A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^{j+m-2} (I) A^n = 0 \implies \gamma_1 A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^{m-1} (I) A^n = 0.$

So, $\gamma_1 = 0.$

Respeating this process for $r = m - 3, \dots, r = 1$ and $r = 0$ we can found that all $\gamma_j = 0$ for $j = 2, \dots, m - 1.$

Hence,

$$\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \gamma_j A^{*n} \Phi(B, A, C)^j (I) A^n = 0 \implies \gamma_0 = \gamma_1 = \dots = \gamma_{m-1} = 0.$$

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