

# CHARACTERIZATIONS OF K-HYPERGENERALIZED PROJECTORS

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## Abstract

The paper focuses on the classes of the  $k$ -hypergeneralized projectors and, especially hypergeneralized projectors. Several features of these classes are identified, and properties are characterized.

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## INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  denote the set of all  $n \times m$  complex matrices. For a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ , the symbols  $A^*$ ,  $R(A)$  and  $r(A)$  will stand for the conjugate transpose matrix, range and rank of  $A$ , respectively. Also, for a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , we denote by  $tr(A)$  and  $\sigma(A)$  the trace and the spectrum of  $A$ , respectively. Henceforth, for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k > 1$ , the set of complex roots of 1 shall be denoted by  $\sigma_k$  and if we set  $\omega_k = e^{2\pi i/k}$ , then  $\sigma_k = \{\omega_k^0, \omega_k^1, \dots, \omega_k^{k/1}\}$ . By  $I_n$  we will represent the identity matrix of order  $n$ . We denote that  $A^0 = I_n$ , for  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ .

The matrix  $P \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  satisfying  $P^2 = P$  is called the projector (the idempotent matrix), until the matrix  $P \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  satisfying  $P^2 = P = P^*$  is called the orthogonal projector. A matrix  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is said to be similar to a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  if there exists a nonsingular matrix  $P \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that  $B = P^{-1}AP$ . If a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is similar to a diagonal matrix, then  $A$  is said to be diagonalizable. The Moore-Penrose inverse of  $A$  is the unique matrix  $A^\dagger$  satisfying the equations:

$$(1) AA^\dagger A = A, (2) A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger,$$

$$(3) (AA^\dagger)^* = AA^\dagger, (4) (A^\dagger A)^* = A^\dagger A.$$

The EP matrix (the range-Hermitian matrix) is the matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that  $A^\dagger A = A A^\dagger$ , ie.  $R(A) = R(A^*)$ .

The index of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , is the smallest nonnegative integer  $k$  such that  $r(A^{k+1}) = r(A^k)$ , denoted by  $Ind(A)$ . For  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $Ind(A) = k$ , the matrix  $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  satisfying

$$(1^k) A^k X A = A^k, (2) X A X = X,$$

$$(5) X A = A X$$

is called the Drazin inverse of  $A$  and is denoted by  $X = A^d$ . If  $Ind(A) = 1$ , then this special case of the Drazin inverse is known as the group inverse and is denoted by  $A^\#$ .

In 1997, Groß and Trenkler [1] introduced hypergeneralized projectors:

the hypergeneralized projector is a square matrix such that  $A^2 = A^\dagger$ .

Later, in [2 – 6], different properties of hypergeneralized projector are given and finally by Tošić [7] who introduced  $k$ -hypergeneralized projectors defined by the following:

the  $k$ -hypergeneralized projector is a square matrix such that  $A^k = A^\dagger$ .

Different topics related to  $k$ -hypergeneralized projectors and, especially hypergeneralized projectors have been investigated extensively in the past decades. Inspired by the above-mentioned results, we will present some characterizations of these classes of matrices are given in terms of the Moore-Penrose inverse, the EP matrix and

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the conjugate transpose matrix, as well as appropriate matrix expressions.

## K-HYPERGENERALIZED PROJECTORS

In this section, we give some characterizations of k-hypergeneralized projectors. First, we give necessary and sufficient conditions that  $A$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector.

Theorem 1. ([7]) Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector.
- (ii)  $A$  is an EP matrix,  $\sigma(A) \subseteq \sigma_k(A) \cup \{0\}$  and  $A$  is diagonalizable.
- (iii)  $A$  is an EP matrix and  $A^{k+2} = A$ .
- (iv)  $A$  has the following representation  $A = U \begin{bmatrix} K & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U^*$ , where  $U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is an unitary matrix and  $K \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times r}$  is a nonsingular matrix such that  $K^{k+1} = I_r$ .

If  $A$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector, then  $A^{k+1}$  is the orthogonal projector onto  $R(A)$ . Also, the converse implication is valid.

Theorem 2. ([7]) Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then  $A$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector if and only if  $A^{k+1}$  is the orthogonal projector onto  $R(A)$ .

Corollary 3. ([7]) Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be a k-hypergeneralized projector. Then  $r(A) = \text{tr}(A^{k+1})$ .

The next result represents necessary and sufficient conditions for  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be a k-hypergeneralized projector.

Theorem 4. ([7]) Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector.
- (ii)  $A^*$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector.
- (iii)  $A^\dagger$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector.

Notice that if  $A$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector, then  $A^\dagger = A^\# = A^d = A^k = A^{m(k+1)+k}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The following theorem singles out a sufficient condition for the equivalence of  $A$  being a k-hypergeneralized projector and  $A$  being an EP matrix.

Theorem 5. ([7]) Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Assume there exists  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that  $B$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector and  $A^2 = AB$  or  $A^2 = BA$ . Then  $A$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector if and only if  $A$  is an EP matrix.

In the following theorem, we give several characterizations of k-hypergeneralized projectors.

Theorem 6. ([8]) Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector.
- (ii)  $A^{k+1} = A^\dagger A$ .
- (iii)  $A^{k+1} = AA^\dagger$ .
- (iv)  $A^{k+1}A^\dagger = A^\dagger$ .
- (v)  $A^\dagger A^{k+1} = A^\dagger$ .

The next result implies that k-hypergeneralized projectors can be characterized by some equalities involving the conjugate transpose matrix.

Theorem 7. Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector.
- (ii)  $A = A^{k+2}$ ,  $(A^{k+1})^* = A^{k+1}$ .
- (iii)  $A = A^{k+2}$ ,  $AA^\dagger = A^\dagger A$ .
- (iv)  $A = A^{k+2}$ ,  $A^\dagger AAA^\dagger = AA^\dagger A^\dagger A$ .
- (v)  $A^* = A^{k+1}A^*$ .
- (vi)  $A^* = A^*A^{k+1}$ .
- (vii)  $A = (A^*)^{k+1}A$ .
- (viii)  $A = A(A^*)^{k+1}$ .
- (ix)  $A = A^{k+2}$ ,  $A^\dagger = A(A^*)^{k+1}$ .
- (x)  $A = A^{k+2}$ ,  $A^\dagger = (A^*)^{k+1}A$ .

Proof. If  $A$  is a k-hypergeneralized projector, then it commutes with  $A^\dagger$  and  $A^\dagger = A^k$ . It is not difficult to verify that conditions (ii)-(x) hold.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Suppose that  $A = A^{k+2}$  and  $(A^{k+1})^* = A^{k+1}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} AA^k A &= A^{k+2} = A, \\ A^k AA^k &= A^{k+2}A^{k-1} = AA^{k-1} = A^k, \\ (AA^k)^* &= (A^{k+1})^* = A^{k+1} = AA^k, \\ (A^k A)^* &= (A^{k+1})^* = A^{k+1} = A^k A. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $A^\dagger = A^k$ , ie.  $A$  is a hypergeneralized projector.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) From  $A = A^{k+2}$  and  $AA^\dagger = A^\dagger A$ , we obtained

$$\begin{aligned} A^k &= AA^{k-2}A \\ &= (AA^\dagger A)A^{k-2}(AA^\dagger A) \\ &= A^\dagger A^{k+2} A^\dagger = A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $A$  is a  $k$ -hypergeneralized projector.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) The equalities  $A^\dagger AAA^\dagger = AA^\dagger A^\dagger A$  and  $A^{k+2} = A$  give

$$\begin{aligned} A^\dagger A &= A^\dagger A^{k+2} = A^\dagger AAA^k = \\ A^\dagger A(AA^\dagger A)A^k &= (A^\dagger AAA^\dagger)AA^k = \\ (AA^\dagger A^\dagger A)AA^k &= AA^\dagger A^\dagger(AAA^k) = \\ AA^\dagger A^\dagger A^{k+2} &= AA^\dagger A^\dagger A. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we obtained  $AA^\dagger = AA^\dagger AA$ .

Since,  $A = A^{k+2}$ , we conclude that the condition (iii) holds.

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Applying involution to the equality  $A^* = A^{k+1}A^*$ , we conclude that  $A = A(A^{k+1})^*$ . Also, by (v), we get

$$\begin{aligned} A^{k+1} &= A^k A = A^k (A^*)^* = A^k (A^{k+1}A^*)^* = \\ A^k A(A^{k+1})^* &= A^{k+1}A^* (A^k)^* = A^* (A^k)^* = \\ (A^{k+1})^*. \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $A = A(A^{k+1})^* = AA^{k+1} = A^{k+2}$ .

Therefore, the condition (ii) is satisfied.

(vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) This part can be proved in a similar way as (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii).

(vii)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi) Applying involution to the equality  $A = (A^*)^{k+1}A$ , we get  $A^* = A^*A^{k+1}$ . Hence, the equality (vi) follows from the equality (vii).

(viii)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) This follows similarly as in the part (vii)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi).

(ix)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) It is well-known that  $A^* = A^\dagger AA^* = A^* AA^\dagger$ . Now, if  $A^\dagger = A(A^*)^{k+1}$  and  $A = A^{k+2}$  hold, then

$$\begin{aligned} A^{k+2}A^* &= A^{k+1}AA^* = A^{k+1}A^\dagger AA^* \\ &= A^{k+1}A(A^*)^{k+1}AA^* \\ &= A^{k+2}(A^*)^{k+1}AA^* \\ &= A(A^*)^{k+1}AA^* = A^\dagger AA^* \\ &= A^*. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the condition (v) are proved.

(x)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi) This implication can be obtained in the same manner as in (ix)  $\Rightarrow$  (v).

## HYPERGENERALIZED PROJECTORS

If we specialize to  $k=2$  in the previous similarly, we obtained results for hypergeneralized projectors. The following results are given in [1] and [4].

Theorem 8. Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is a hypergeneralized projector.
- (ii)  $A$  is an EP matrix,  $\sigma(A) \subseteq \sigma_2(A) \cup \{0\}$  and  $A$  is diagonalizable.
- (iii)  $A$  is an EP matrix and  $A^4 = A$ .
- (iv)  $A$  has the following representation

$$A = U \begin{bmatrix} K & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U^*, \text{ where } U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \text{ is an unitary matrix and } K \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times r} \text{ is a nonsingular matrix such that } K^3 = I_r.$$

Theorem 9. Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then  $A$  is a hypergeneralized projector if and only if  $A^3$  is the orthogonal projector onto  $R(A)$ .

Corollary 10. Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be a hypergeneralized projector. Then  $r(A) = \text{tr}(A^3)$ .

Theorem 11. Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is a hypergeneralized projector.
- (ii)  $A^*$  is a hypergeneralized projector.
- (iii)  $A^\dagger$  is a hypergeneralized projector.

Notice that if  $A$  is a  $k$ -hypergeneralized projector, then  $A^\dagger = A^\# = A^d = A^2 = A^{3m+2}, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Theorem 12. Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Assume there exists  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that  $B$  is a hypergeneralized projector and  $A^2 = AB$  or  $A^2 = BA$ . Then  $A$  is a hypergeneralized projector if and only if  $A$  is an EP matrix.

The following theorem is the corollary of Theorem 6 for  $k=2$ . It is given some necessary and sufficient conditions for characterizations of hypergeneralized projectors.

Theorem 13. Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is a hypergeneralized projector.
- (ii)  $A^3 = A^\dagger A$ .

- (iii)  $A^3 = AA^\dagger$ .
- (iv)  $A^3A^\dagger = A^\dagger$ .
- (v)  $A^\dagger A^3 = A^\dagger$ .

The next result implies that hypergeneralized projectors can be characterized by some equalities involving the conjugate transpose matrix. It is the corollary of Theorem 7 for  $k=2$ .

Theorem 14. Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is a hypergeneralized projector.
- (ii)  $A = A^4, (A^3)^* = A^3$ .
- (iii)  $A = A^4, AA^\dagger = A^\dagger A$ .
- (iv)  $A = A^4, A^\dagger AAA^\dagger = AA^\dagger A^\dagger A$ .
- (v)  $A^* = A^3 A^*$ .
- (vi)  $A^* = A^* A^3$ .
- (vii)  $A = (A^*)^3 A$ .
- (viii)  $A = A(A^*)^3$ .
- (ix)  $A = A^4, A^\dagger = A(A^*)^3$ .
- (x)  $A = A^4, A^\dagger = (A^*)^3 A$ .

## CONCLUSION

In this paper, we considered  $k$ -hypergeneralized projectors and, especially hypergeneralized projectors. Precisely, we characterized  $k$ -hypergeneralized projectors and hypergeneralized projectors in terms of equations involving their adjoints, the EP matrix and different characterizations of the Moore-Penrose inverse. We conclude that neither the rank nor the properties of operator matrices are necessary for the characterization of  $k$ -hypergeneralized projectors and hypergeneralized projectors. The characterization of  $k$ -hypergeneralized projectors and, especially hypergeneralized projectors is significant because these types of matrices are an indispensable part of modern mathematics and science.

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