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## ON QUASI \*-PARANORMAL OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. An operator  $T \in B(H)$  is called quasi \*-paranormal if  $\|T^*Tx\|^2 \leq \|T^3x\|\|Tx\|$  for all  $x \in H$ . If  $\mu$  is an isolated point of the spectrum of  $T$ , then the Riesz idempotent  $E$  of  $T$  with respect to  $\mu$  is defined by

$$E := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} (\mu I - T)^{-1} d\mu,$$

where  $D$  is a closed disk centered at  $\mu$  which contains no other points of the spectrum of  $T$ . Stampfli [Trans. Amer. Math. Soc., 117 (1965), 469–476], showed that if  $T$  satisfies the growth condition  $G_1$ , then  $E$  is self-adjoint and  $E(H) = N(T - \mu)$ . Recently, Uchiyama and Tanahashi [Integral Equations and Operator Theory, 55 (2006), 145–151] obtained Stampfli's result for paranormal operators. In general even though  $T$  is a paranormal operator, the Riesz idempotent  $E$  of  $T$  with respect to  $\mu \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$  is not necessary self-adjoint. In this paper  $2 \times 2$  matrix representation of a quasi \*-paranormal operator is given. Using this representation we show that if  $E$  is the Riesz idempotent for a nonzero isolated point  $\lambda_0$  of the spectrum of a quasi \*-paranormal operator  $T$ , then  $E$  is self-adjoint if and only if the null space of  $T - \lambda_0$  satisfies  $N(T - \lambda_0) \subseteq N(T^* - \overline{\lambda_0})$ . Other related results are also given.

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