

# AN INTERPOLATION PROPERTY OF REFLECTIONS INVOLVING ORTHOGONAL PROJECTIONS

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**Abstract.** Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex Hilbert space. We consider the interpolation problem: describe the pair  $(W, L)$  of subspaces of  $\mathcal{H}$  such that there is a reflection  $J$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  satisfying  $J(W) \subseteq L$ . We show that two subspaces  $W, L$  have this interpolation property if and only if  $\dim(W \cap L^\perp) \leq \dim(L \cap W^\perp)$ , which is equivalent to that there exists a conjugation  $C$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $C(W) \subseteq L$ . Moreover, we study the least upper bound of these interpolating reflections.

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