

Generalized W^* -Lefschetz numbers

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ABSTRACT

For an arbitrary von Neumann algebra A we introduce an abelian group $N_0(A)$ in the following way. It is possible to define some equivalence relation between normal elements of the inductive limit $M_\infty(A) = \varinjlim M_r(A)$. Then the set of all equivalence classes of normal elements from $M_\infty(A)$ is an abelian semigroup (with respect to the direct sum operation) and $N_0(A)$ is its symmetrization. Further, we define the (generalized) Lefschetz number (as some element of the group $N_0(A)$) for an arbitrary unitary endomorphism U of an A -elliptic complex. Besides, in the case when U is an element of a representation of some compact group we describe the connection of the generalized Lefschetz numbers with the W^* -Lefschetz numbers (of the first type) introduced in a series of papers of E.V. Troitsky [1, 2].

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