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On contractively complemented subspaces of C^ -algebras*

Abstract: In joint work with Matthew Neal, Jordan algebraic techniques are used to prove that an atomic, contractively complemented subspace of a JC^* -triple is a 1-mixed injective operator space. As an application we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem Let A be a C^* -subalgebra of $B(H)$ and suppose P is a contractive projection on A with finite dimensional range X . Then there is a contractive projection Q on $B(H)$ with range X . If P is completely contractive, then Q extends P .