

**RESEARCH NOTES**  
**ON MULTIPARAMETER SPECTRAL THEORY**

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**ABSTRACT.** A connection between the numerical range of the multiparameter linear system  $P(\lambda)$  and the joint numerical range of the (commuting) separating operator system is given.

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1. **INTRODUCTION.** We consider the following multiparameter linear operator system:

$$P(\lambda) = (P_1(\lambda), \dots, P_n(\lambda)),$$

where

$$P_1(\lambda) = B_1 - \lambda_1 A_{11} - \dots - \lambda_n A_{1n},$$

$$P_2(\lambda) = B_2 - \lambda_1 A_{21} - \dots - \lambda_n A_{2n},$$

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$$P_n(\lambda) = B_n - \lambda_1 A_{n1} - \dots - \lambda_n A_{nn},$$

and the operators  $B_j$  and  $A_{jk}$  acting on different (smooth) complex Banach spaces  $X_j$  are assumed to be bounded and linear ( $j, k = 1, \dots, n$ ).

**DEFINITION 1.1.** Let  $X_1$  be a (smooth) complex Banach space. Then in this smooth space there is a unique map  $\phi: X_1 \rightarrow X_1^*$  such that (see [1]).

$$\|\phi(x_1)\| = \|x_1\|, \quad \langle x_1, \phi(x_1) \rangle = \|x_1\|^2, \quad \text{for } x_1 \in X_1.$$

Now using the function  $\phi$ , we can define a semi-inner product on  $X_1$  by

$$[x_1, y_1]_1 = \langle x_1, \phi(y_1) \rangle, \quad x_1, y_1 \in X_1.$$

**DEFINITION 1.2.** Let  $\hat{X} = X_1 \hat{\otimes}_{\alpha} \dots \hat{\otimes}_{\alpha} X_n$  denote the completion of the tensor product  $X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_n$  with respect to a uniform reasonable cross-norm  $\alpha$ . For details, see [2]. Let  $[\cdot, \cdot]_j$  be a semi-inner product on a Banach space  $X_j$  with respect to a norm  $\alpha_j$ . Then there is a semi-inner product  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  on  $\hat{X}$ , defined by

$$[x, y] = [x_1, y_1]_1 \cdot \dots \cdot [x_n, y_n]_n,$$

where  $x = x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n \in \hat{X}$ , and  $y = y_1 \otimes \dots \otimes y_n \in \hat{X}$ .

Let  $P_j(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  be bounded linear operators on  $X_j, 1 \leq j \leq n$ .

DEFINITION 1.3. We define the (spatial) numerical range of the system  $P(\lambda)$  as the set

$$V[P_1(\lambda), \dots, P_n(\lambda)] = \bigcap_{j=1}^n \bigcup_{0 \neq x_j \in X_j} \{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in C^n : [P_j(\lambda)x_j, x_j]_j = 0\},$$

where  $[x_j, x_j] = 1$ .

We next introduce the operators which arise in the separation of the spectral parameters.

To each operator  $T_j: X_j \rightarrow X_j$ , we associate an operator acting on  $\hat{X}$  given by

$$T_j^\otimes = I_1 \otimes \dots \otimes I_{j-1} \otimes T_j \otimes I_{j+1} \otimes \dots \otimes I_n.$$

In order to study the linear operator system  $P(\lambda)$ , we construct the operators  $\Delta_0, \Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_n$ , which are well-defined determinants of the operator matrix  $(A_{ij}^\otimes)_{i,j=1}^n$  and the matrices obtained from this matrix by replacing the  $j$ -th column by the column of operators  $B_1^\otimes, \dots, B_n^\otimes, j = 1, \dots, n$ . For details, see [3,4].

As in the multiparameter spectral theory, the separation of the spectrum is understood to mean the reduction of the spectral problems for the system  $P(\lambda)$  to the spectral problems for the commuting operator system  $(\Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_1 - \lambda_1 I, \dots, \Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_n - \lambda_n I)$ , the system  $(\Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_j - \lambda_j I)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , is called a separating system.

In the present problem, we consider the case when the operator  $\Delta_0$  is invertible, and the separating system  $(\Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_j - \lambda_j I)$  is commutative ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ). The aim of this note is to announce the following result on the multiparameter spectral theory.

2. MAIN RESULTS. Let  $(\Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_1 - \lambda I, \dots, \Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_n - \lambda_n I)$  be a commutative family of operators acting on  $\hat{X}$ .

DEFINITION 2.1. We introduce the concept of the joint (spatial) numerical range of the operator system  $(\Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_j - \lambda_j I)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , as the set

$$v_\otimes[\Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_1 - \lambda I, \dots, \Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_n - \lambda_n I] = \{\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in C^n : [\Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_j x, x] = \lambda_j [x, x]\},$$

for  $x = x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n \in \hat{X}$ , and  $[x, x] = 1$ .

We now write the result connecting the numerical range of the system  $P(\lambda)$  and the joint numerical range of the (commuting) separating operator system  $(\Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_j - \lambda_j I)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

THEOREM 2.1.  $V[P_1(\lambda), \dots, P_n(\lambda)] = v_\otimes[\Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_1 - \lambda_1 I, \dots, \Delta_0^{-1} \Delta_n - \lambda_n I]$ .

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