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### ON CLASS wF(p,r,q) OPERATORS AND QUASISIMILARITY

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ABSTRACT. Let T be a bounded linear operator on a complex Hilbert space H. In this paper, we show that if T belongs to class wF(p,r,q) operators, then we have (i)  $T^*X=XN^*$  whenever TX=XN for some  $X\in B(H)$ , where N is normal and X is injective with dense range. (ii) T satisfies the property  $(\beta)_{\varepsilon}$ , i.e., T is subscalar, moreover, T is subdecomposable. (iii) Quasisimilar class wF(p,r,q) operators have the same spectra and essential spectra.

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#### 1. Introduction

Let X denote a Banach space,  $T \in B(X)$  is said to be generalized scalar ([3]) if there exists a continuous algebra homomorphism (called a spectral distribution of T)  $\Phi: \varepsilon(\mathcal{C}) \to B(X)$  with  $\Phi(1) = I$  and  $\Phi(z) = T$ , where  $\varepsilon(\mathcal{C})$  denotes the algebra of all infinitely differentiable functions on the complex plane  $\mathcal{C}$  with the topology defined by uniform convergence of such functions and their derivatives ([2]). An operator similar to the restriction of a generalized scalar (decomposable) operator to one of its closed invariant subspaces is said to be subscalar (subdecomposable). Subscalar operators are subdecomposable operators ([3]). Let H, K be complex Hilbert spaces and B(H), B(K) be the algebra of all bounded linear operators in H and K respectively, B(H, K) denotes the algebra of all bounded linear operators from H to K. A capital letter (such as T) means an element of B(H). An operator T is said to be positive (denoted by  $T \geq 0$ ) if  $(Tx, x) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in H$ . An operator T is said to be p-hyponormal if  $(T^*T)^p \geq (TT^*)^p, 0 .$ 

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**Definition 1.1** ([10]). For  $p > 0, r \ge 0$ , and  $q \ge 1$ , an operator T belongs to class wF(p, r, q) if

$$(|T^*|^r|T|^{2p}|T^*|^r)^{\frac{1}{q}} \ge |T^*|^{\frac{2(p+r)}{q}}$$

and

$$|T|^{2(p+r)(1-\frac{1}{q})} \ge (|T|^p |T^*|^{2r} |T|^p)^{1-\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Let T = U|T| be the polar decomposition of T. We define

$$\widetilde{T}_{p,r} = |T|^p U |T|^r (p+r=1).$$

The operator  $\widetilde{T}_{p,r}$  is known as the generalized Aluthge transform of T. We define  $(\widetilde{T}_{p,r})^{(1)} = \widetilde{T}_{p,r}$ ,  $(\widetilde{T}_{p,r})^{(n)} = [(\widetilde{T}_{p,r})^{(n-1)}]_{p,r}$ , where  $n \geq 2$ .

The following Fuglede-Putnam's theorem is famous. We extend this theorem for class wF(p,r,q) operators.

**Theorem 1.1** (Fuglede-Putnam's Theorem [7]). Let A and B be normal operators and X be an operator on a Hilbert space. Then the following hold and follow from each other:

- (i) (Fuglede) If AX = XA, then  $A^*X = XA^*$ .
- (ii) (Putnam) If AX = XB, then  $A^*X = XB^*$ .

#### 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Lemma 2.1** ([9]). If N is a normal operator on H, then we have

$$\bigcap_{\lambda \in \mathcal{C}} (N - \lambda)\mathcal{H} = \{0\}.$$

**Lemma 2.2** ([5]). Let T = U|T| be the polar decomposition of a p-hyponormal operator for p > 0. Then the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $\widetilde{T}_{s,t} = |T|^s U|T|^t$  is  $\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t}$ -hyponormal for any s>0 and t>0 such that  $\max\{s,t\}\geq p$ .
- (ii)  $\widetilde{T}_{s,t} = |T|^s U|T|^t$  is hyponormal for any s > 0 and t > 0 such that  $\max\{s,t\} \leq p$ .

**Lemma 2.3** ([8]). Let  $T \in B(H)$ ,  $D \in B(H)$  with  $0 \le D \le M(T - \lambda)(T - \lambda)^*$  for all  $\lambda$  in C, where M is a positive real number. Then for every  $x \in D^{\frac{1}{2}}H$  there exists a bounded function  $f: C \to H$  such that  $(T - \lambda)f(\lambda) \equiv x$ .

**Lemma 2.4** ([10]). If  $T \in wF(p,r,q)$ , then  $\left|\widetilde{T}_{p,r}\right|^{2m} \geq |T|^{2m} \geq \left|(\widetilde{T}_{p,r})^*\right|^{2m}$ , where  $m = \min\left\{\frac{1}{q}, \max\left\{\frac{p}{p+r}, 1 - \frac{1}{q}\right\}\right\}$ , i.e.,  $\widetilde{T}_{p,r} = |T|^pU|T|^r$  is m-hyponormal operator.

**Lemma 2.5** ([11]). Let  $A, B \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha_0, \beta_0 > 0$  and  $-\beta_0 \leq \delta \leq \alpha_0$ ,  $-\beta_0 \leq \bar{\delta} \leq \alpha_0$ , if  $0 \leq \delta \leq \alpha_0$  and  $\left(B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}}A^{\alpha_0}B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}}\right)^{\frac{\beta_0+\delta}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} \geq B^{\beta_0+\delta}$ , then

$$\left(B^{\frac{\beta}{2}}A^{\alpha}B^{\frac{\beta}{2}}\right)^{\frac{\beta+\delta}{\alpha+\beta}} \ge B^{\beta+\delta},$$

and

$$A^{\alpha-\bar{\delta}} \ge \left(A^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}B^{\beta}A^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}\right)^{\frac{\alpha-\bar{\delta}}{\alpha+\beta}}$$

hold for each  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0, \beta \geq \beta_0$  and  $0 \leq \bar{\delta} \leq \alpha$ .

**Lemma 2.6** ([6]). Let  $A \ge 0$ ,  $B \ge 0$ , if  $B^{\frac{1}{2}}AB^{\frac{1}{2}} \ge B^2$  and  $A^{\frac{1}{2}}BA^{\frac{1}{2}} \ge A^2$  then A = B.

**Lemma 2.7.** Let  $A, B \ge 0$ ,  $s, t \ge 0$ , if  $B^s A^{2t} B^s = B^{2s+2t}$ ,  $A^t B^{2s} A^t = A^{2s+2t}$  then A = B.

*Proof.* We choose  $k > \max\{s, t. \text{ Since } B^s A^{2t} B^s = B^{2s+2t}, A^t B^{2s} A^t = A^{2s+2t} \text{ it follows from Lemma 2.5 that:}$ 

$$(B^k A^{2k} B^k)^{\frac{2k+2t}{4k}} \ge B^{2k+2t},$$
  
$$A^{2k-2t} \ge (A^k B^{2k} A^k)^{\frac{2k-2t}{4k}},$$

and

$$(A^k B^{2k} A^k)^{\frac{2k+2s}{4k}} \ge A^{2k+2s},$$
  
$$B^{2k-2s} > (B^k A^{2k} B^k)^{\frac{2k-2s}{4k}}.$$

So

$$A^k B^{2k} A^k = A^{4k}, \qquad B^k A^{2k} B^k = B^{4k},$$

by Lemma 2.6

$$A = B$$
.

**Lemma 2.8** ([11]). Let T be a class wF(p,r,q) operator, if  $\widetilde{T}_{p,r} = |T|^p U|T|^r$  is normal, then T is normal.

The following theorem have been shown by T. Huruya in [3], here we give a simple proof.

**Theorem 2.9** (Furuta inequality [4]). If  $A \ge B \ge 0$ , then for each r > 0,

(i) 
$$\left(B^{\frac{r}{2}}A^{p}B^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \ge \left(B^{\frac{r}{2}}B^{p}B^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$
 and

(ii) 
$$\left(A^{\frac{r}{2}}A^{p}A^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \ge \left(A^{\frac{r}{2}}B^{p}A^{\frac{r}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

hold for  $p \ge 0$  and  $q \ge 1$  with  $(1+r)q \ge p+r$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** Let T be a p-hyponormal operator on H and let T = U|T| be the polar decomposition of T, if  $\widetilde{T}_{s,t} = |T|^s U|T|^t$  (s+t=1) is normal, then T is normal.

*Proof.* First, consider the case  $\max\{s,t\} \ge p$ . Let  $A = |T|^{2p}$  and  $B = |T^*|^{2p}$ , p-hyponormality of T ensures  $A \ge B \ge 0$ . Applying Theorem 2.9 to  $A \ge B \ge 0$ , since

$$\left(1+\frac{t}{p}\right)\frac{s+t}{p+\min(s,t)} \ge \frac{s}{p}+\frac{t}{p} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{s+t}{p+\min(s,t)} \ge 1,$$

we have

$$\begin{split} (\widetilde{T}_{s,t}^*\widetilde{T}_{s,t})^{\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t}} &= (|T|^t U^*|T|^{2s} U |T|^t)^{\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t}} \\ &= (U^* U |T|^t U^* |T|^{2s} U |T|^t U^* U)^{\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t}} \\ &= (U^* |T^*|^t |T|^{2s} |T^*|^t U)^{\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t}} \\ &= U^* (|T^*|^t |T|^{2s} |T^*|^t)^{\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t}} U \\ &= U^* (B^{\frac{t}{2p}} A^{\frac{s}{p}} B^{\frac{t}{2p}})^{\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t}} U \\ &\geq U^* B^{\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{p}} U \\ &= U^* |T^*|^{2(p+\min(s,t))} U \\ &= |T|^{2(p+\min(s,t))}. \end{split}$$

Similarly, we also have

$$(\widetilde{T}_{s,t}\widetilde{T}_{s,t}^*)^{\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t}} \leq |T|^{2(p+\min(s,t))}.$$

Therefore, we have

$$(\widetilde{T}_{s,t}^*\widetilde{T}_{s,t})^{\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t}} \geq |T|^{2(p+\min(s,t))} \geq (\widetilde{T}_{s,t}\widetilde{T}_{s,t}^*)^{\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t}}.$$

If

$$\widetilde{T}_{s,t} = |T|^s U |T|^t \quad (s+t=1)$$

is normal, then

$$(\widetilde{T}_{s,t}^*\widetilde{T}_{s,t})^{\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t}} = |T|^{2(p+\min(s,t))} = (\widetilde{T}_{s,t}\widetilde{T}_{s,t}^*)^{\frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t}},$$

which implies

$$|T^*|^t |T|^{2s} |T^*|^t = |T^*|^{2(s+t)}$$
 and  $|T|^s |T^*|^{2t} |T|^s = |T|^{2(s+t)}$ 

then  $|T^*|=|T|$  by Lemma 2.7. Next, consider the case  $\max\{s,t\}\leq p$ . Firstly, p-hyponormality of T ensures  $|T|^{2s}\geq |T^*|^{2s}$  and  $|T|^{2t}\geq |T^*|^{2t}$  for  $\max\{s,t\}\leq p$  by the Löwner-Heinz theorem. Then we have

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{T}_{s,t}^* \widetilde{T}_{s,t} &= |T|^t U^* |T|^{2s} U |T|^t \geq |T|^t U^* |T^*|^{2s} U |T|^t \\ &= |T|^{2(s+t)} \\ \widetilde{T}_{s,t} \widetilde{T}_{s,t}^* &= |T|^s U |T|^{2t} U^* |T|^s \\ &< |T|^{2(s+t)}. \end{split}$$

If  $\widetilde{T}_{s,t} = |T|^s U |T|^t \ (s+t=1)$  is normal, then

$$\widetilde{T}_{s,t}^* \widetilde{T}_{s,t} = |T|^{2((s+t))} = \widetilde{T}_{s,t} \widetilde{T}_{s,t}^*,$$

which implies

$$|T^*|^t|T|^{2s}|T^*|^t = |T^*|^{2(s+t)}$$
 and  $|T|^s|T^*|^{2t}|T|^s = |T|^{2(s+t)}$ 

then  $|T^*| = |T|$  by Lemma 2.7.

#### 3. MAIN THEOREM

**Theorem 3.1.** Assume that T is a class wF(p,r,q) operator with  $Ker(T) \subset Ker(T^*)$ , and N is a normal operator on H and K respectively. If  $X \in B(K,H)$  is injective with dense range which satisfies TX = XN, then  $T^*X = XN^*$ .

*Proof.*  $\operatorname{Ker}(T) \subset \operatorname{Ker}(T^*)$  implies  $\operatorname{Ker}(T)$  reduces T. Also  $\operatorname{Ker}(N)$  reduces N since N is normal. Using the orthogonal decompositions  $H = \overline{\operatorname{Ran}(|T|)} \bigoplus \operatorname{Ker}(T)$  and  $H = \overline{\operatorname{Ran}(N)} \bigoplus \operatorname{Ker}(N)$ , we can represent T and N as follows.

$$T = \left(\begin{array}{cc} T_1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{array}\right),$$

$$N = \left( \begin{array}{cc} N_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right),$$

where  $T_1$  is an injective class wF(p,r,q) operator on  $\overline{\mathrm{Ran}(|T|)}$  and  $N_1$  is injective normal on  $\overline{\mathrm{Ran}(N)}$ . The assumption TX = XN asserts that X maps  $\mathrm{Ran}(N)$  to  $\mathrm{Ran}(T) \subset \overline{\mathrm{Ran}(|T|)}$  and  $\mathrm{Ker}(N)$  to  $\mathrm{Ker}(T)$ , hence X is of the form:

$$X = \left(\begin{array}{cc} X_1 & 0\\ 0 & X_2 \end{array}\right),\,$$

where  $X_1 \in B(\overline{\text{Ran}(N)}, \overline{\text{Ran}(|T|)})$ ,  $X_2 \in B(\text{Ker}(N), \text{Ker}(T))$ . Since TX = XN, we have that  $T_1X_1 = X_1N_1$ . Since X is injective with dense range,  $X_1$  is also injective with dense

range. Put  $W_1=|T_1|^pX_1$ , then  $W_1$  is also injective with dense range and satisfies  $\widetilde{(T_1)}_{p,r}W_1=W_1N$ . Put  $W_n=\left|(\widetilde{T}_1)_{p,r}^{(n)}\right|^pW_{(n-1)}$ , then  $W_n$  is also injective with dense range and satisfies  $(\widetilde{T}_1)_{p,r}^{(n)}W_n=W_nN$ . From Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.4, if there is an integer  $\alpha_0$  such that  $(\widetilde{T}_1)_{p,r}^{(\alpha_0)}$  is a hyponormal operator, then  $(\widetilde{T}_1)_{p,r}^{(n)}$  is a hyponormal operator for  $n\geq\alpha_0$ . It follows from Lemma 2.3 that there exists a bounded function  $f:\mathcal{C}\to H$  such that

$$\left( \left( \left( \widetilde{T}_1 \right)_{p,r}^{(n)} \right)^* - \lambda \right) f(\lambda) \equiv x, \text{ for every}$$
 
$$x \in \left( \left( \left( \widetilde{T}_1 \right)_{p,r}^{(n)} \right)^* \left( \widetilde{T}_1 \right)_{p,r}^{(n)} - \left( \widetilde{T}_1 \right)_{p,r}^{(n)} \left( \left( \widetilde{T}_1 \right)_{p,r}^{(n)} \right)^* \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} H.$$

Hence

$$W_n^* x = W_n^* \left( \left( \left( \widetilde{T}_1 \right)_{p,r}^{(n)} \right)^* - \lambda \right) f(\lambda)$$
  
=  $(N_1^* - \lambda) W_n^* f(\lambda) \in \operatorname{Ran}(N_1^* - \lambda)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathcal{C}$ 

By Lemma 2.1, we have  $W_n^*x=0$ , and hence x=0 because  $W_n^*$  is injective. This implies that  $(\widetilde{T}_1)_{p,r}^{(n)}$  is normal. By Lemma 2.8 and Theorem 2.10,  $T_1$  is normal and therefore  $T=T_1\bigoplus 0$  is also normal. The assertion is immediate from Fuglede-Putnam's theorem.

Let X be a Banach space, U be an open subset of C.  $\varepsilon(U,X)$  denotes the  $Fr\acute{e}chet$  space of all X-valued  $C^{\infty}$ -functions, i.e., infinitely differentiable functions on U ([3]).  $T \in B(X)$  is said to satisfy property  $(\beta)_{\varepsilon}$  if for each open subset U of C, the map

$$T_z: \varepsilon(U, X) \to \varepsilon(U, X), \quad f \mapsto (T - z)f$$

is a topological monomorphism, i.e.,  $T_z f_n \to 0 \ (n \to \infty)$  in  $\varepsilon(U,X)$  implies  $f_n \to 0 \ (n \to \infty)$  in  $\varepsilon(U,X)$  ([3]).

**Lemma 3.2** ([1]). Let  $T \in B(X)$ . T is subscalar if and only if T satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\varepsilon}$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $T \in B(X)$ . T satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\varepsilon}$  if and only if  $\widetilde{T}_{p,r}$  satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\varepsilon}$ . Proof. First, we suppose that T satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\varepsilon}$ , U is an open subset of C,  $f_n \in \varepsilon(U, X)$  and

(3.1) 
$$(\widetilde{T}_{p,r}-z)f_n \to 0 \quad (n \to \infty),$$

in  $\varepsilon(U,X)$ , then

$$(T-z)U|T|^r f_n = U|T|^r (\widetilde{T}_{p,r} - z) f_n \to 0 \quad (n \to \infty).$$

Since T satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\varepsilon}$ , we have  $U|T|^r f_n \to 0 \ (n \to \infty)$ . and therefore

$$\widetilde{T}_{n,r}f_n \to 0 \quad (n \to \infty).$$

(3.1) and (3.2) imply that

(3.3) 
$$zf_n = \widetilde{T}_{p,r}f_n - (\widetilde{T}_{p,r} - z)f_n \to 0 \quad (n \to \infty)$$

in  $\varepsilon(U,X)$ . Notice that T=0 is a subscalar operator and hence satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\varepsilon}$  by Lemma 3.2. Now we have

$$(3.4) f_n \to 0 (n \to \infty).$$

(3.1) and (3.4) imply that  $\widetilde{T}_{p,r}$  satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\varepsilon}$ . Next we suppose that  $\widetilde{T}_{p,r}$  satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\varepsilon}$ , U is an open subset of C,  $f_n \in \varepsilon(U,X)$  and

$$(3.5) (T-z)f_n \to 0 (n \to \infty),$$

in  $\varepsilon(U,X)$ . Then

$$(\widetilde{T}_{p,r}-z)|T|^p f_n = |T|^p (T-z) f_n \to 0 \quad (n \to \infty).$$

Since  $\widetilde{T}_{p,r}$  satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\varepsilon}$ , we have  $|T|^p f_n \to 0 \ (n \to \infty)$ , and therefore

$$(3.6) Tf_n \to 0 \quad (n \to \infty).$$

(3.5) and (3.6) imply

$$zf_n = Tf_n - (T-z)f_n \to 0 \quad (n \to \infty).$$

So  $f_n \to 0 \ (n \to \infty)$ . Hence T satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\varepsilon}$ .

**Lemma 3.4** ([1]). Suppose that T is a p-hyponormal operator, then T is subscalar.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $T \in wF(p, r, q)$  and p + r = 1, then T is subdecomposable.

*Proof.* If  $T \in wF(p,r,q)$ , then  $\widetilde{T}_{p,r}$  is a m-hyponormal operator by Lemma 2.4, and it follows from Lemma 3.4 that  $\widetilde{T}_{p,r}$  is subscalar. So we have T is subscalar by Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 3.3. It is well known that subscalar operators are subdecomposable operators ([3]). Hence T is subdecomposable.

Recall that an operator  $X \in B(H)$  is called a quasiaffinity if X is injective and has dense range. For  $T_1, T_2 \in B(H)$ , if there exist quasiaffinities  $X \in B(H_2, H_1)$  and  $Y \in B(H_1, H_2)$  such that  $T_1X = XT_2$  and  $YT_1 = T_2Y$  then we say that  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are quasisimilar.

**Lemma 3.6** ([2]). Let  $S \in B(H)$  be subdecomposable,  $T \in B(H)$ . If  $X \in B(K,H)$  is injective with dense range which satisfies XT = SX, then  $\sigma(S) \subset \sigma(T)$ ; if T and S are quasisimilar, then  $\sigma_e(S) \subseteq \sigma_e(T)$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $T_1, T_2 \in wF(p, r, q)$ . If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are quasisimilar then  $\sigma(T_1) = \sigma(T_2)$  and  $\sigma_e(T_1) = \sigma_e(T_2)$ .

Proof. Obvious from Theorem 3.5 and Lemma 3.6.

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