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Certain Aspects of Normal Classes of Hilbert Space Operators

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Abstract

Let T be a Quasi - $*$ - class A normal operator on a complex Hilbert space H . In this paper, we prove that if E is the Riesz idempotent for a non-zero isolated point λ of the spectrum of $T \in B(H)$ of Quasi - $*$ - class A normal operator, then E is self-adjoint and $EH = \ker(T - \lambda) = \ker(T - \lambda)^*$. We will also prove a necessary and sufficient condition for $T \otimes S$ to be quasi - $*$ - class A normal where T and S are both non-zero operators.

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Introduction

Studies on Hilbert space operators has been carried out over a period of time by several authors [1]. Let $B(H)$ denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators acting on an infinite dimensional separable Hilbert space H . For a positive operators A and B , we write $A > B$ if $A - B > 0$. If A and B are invertible [2] and positive operators, it is well known that $A > B$ implies that $\log A > \log B$ [3]. However from [4], $\log A > \log B$ does not necessarily imply $A > B$. A result due to [5] states that for invertible positive operators A and B , $\log A > \log B$ if and only if $A^r > (A^{r^2} B^r A^{r^2})^{1/2}$ for all $r > 0$ [6]. For an operator T , let $U|T|$ denote the polar decomposition of T , where U is a partially isometric operator, $|T|$ is a positive square root of T^*T and $\ker(T) = \ker(U) = \ker(|T|)$, where $\ker(T)$ denotes the kernel of operator T [7]. An operator $T \in B(H)$ is positive, $T > 0$, if $(Tx, x) > 0$, for all $x \in H$ and posinormal if there exists a positive λ such that $TT^* = T^*\lambda T$. Here λ is called interrupter of T [8]. In other words, an operator T is called posinormal if $TT^* < c^2 T^*T$, where T^* is the adjoint of T and $c > 0$ [9]. An operator T is said to be herminormal if T is hyponormal and T^*T commutes with TT^* . An operator T is said to be p - posinormal if $(TT^*)^p < c^2 (T^*T)^p$ for some $c > 0$ [10]. It is clear that p - posinormal is

posinormal. An operator T is said to be p - hyponormal, for $p \in (0, 1)$, if $(T^*T)^p > (TT^*)^p$. In [11], they have characterized class A operator as follows. An operator T belongs to class A if and only if $(T^*/|T|)^{1/2} \geq T^*T$. An operator T is said to be paranormal if $\|T^2x\| \geq \|Tx\|^2$ and $*$ - paranormal if $\|T^2x\| \geq \|T^*x\|^2$ for all unit vector $x \in H$ [12].

Recently, authors in [13] have considered the new class of operators: An operator $T \in B(H)$ belongs to $*$ - class A normal if $|T^2| \geq |T^*|^2$. The authors of [14] have extended $*$ - class A normal operators to quasi - $*$ - class A normal operators. An operator $T \in B(H)$ is said to be quasi - $*$ - class A normal if $T^*/|T^2|T \geq T^*/|T^*|^2T$ and quasi - $*$ - paranormal if $\|T^*Tx\|^2 \leq \|T^3x\| \|Tx\|$, for all $x \in H$ [15]. An operator T is said to be Quasi - $*$ - class A normal operator [16] on a complex Hilbert space H if $T^*(|T^2| - |T^*|^2)T \geq 0$.

As a further generalization, [17] has introduced the class of k - quasi - $*$ - class A normal operators. An operator T is said to be k - quasi - $*$ - class A normal operator on a complex Hilbert space H if $T^*(|T^2| - |T^*|^2)T \geq 0$ where k is a natural number. An operator T is called normal if $T^*T = TT^*$ and (p, k) - quasihyponormal if $T^{*k}((T^*T)^p - (TT^*)^p)T \geq 0$ ($0 < p \leq 1, k \in \mathbb{N}$). The authors in [18-23] introduced p - hyponormal, p -

quasihyponormal and k - quasihyponormal operators, respectively. The following classification has been done on these operators [24, 25, 26]: p - hyponormal \subset p - posinormal \subset (p, k) - quasiposinormal, p - hyponormal \subset p - quasihyponormal \subset (p, k) - quasihyponormal \subset (p, k) - quasiposinormal and hyponormal \subset k - quasihyponormal \subset (p, k) - quasihyponormal \subset (p, k) - quasiposinormal for a positive integer k and a positive number $0 < p \leq 1$. If $T \in B(H)$, we shall write $N(T)$ and $R(T)$ for the null space and the range of T , respectively [27].

Also, let $\sigma(T)$ and $\sigma_a(T)$ denote the spectrum and the approximate point spectrum of T , respectively. An operator T is called Fredholm [28] if $R(T)$ is closed, $\alpha(T) = \dim N(T) < \infty$ and $\beta(T) = \dim H/R(T) < \infty$. Moreover if $i(T) = \alpha(T) - \beta(T) = 0$, then T is called Weyl. The essential spectrum $\sigma_e(T)$ and the Weyl $\sigma W(T)$ are defined by $\sigma_e(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not Fredholm}\}$ and $\sigma W(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not Weyl}\}$, respectively. It is known [29,30] that $\sigma_e(T) \subset \sigma W(T) \subset \sigma_e(T) \cup \text{acc } \sigma(T)$ where we write $\text{acc } K$ for the set of all accumulation points of $K \subset \mathbb{C}$. If we write $\text{iso } K = K \setminus \text{acc } K$, then we let $\pi_0 \sigma(T) = \{\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma(T) : 0 < \alpha(T - \lambda) < \infty\}$. We say that Weyl's theorem holds for T if $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma W(T) = \pi_0 \sigma(T)$.

Let $\sigma_p(T)$ denotes the point spectrum of T , i.e., the set of its eigenvalues. Let $\sigma_{j_p}(T)$ denotes the joint point spectrum of T . We note that $\lambda \in \sigma_{j_p}(T)$ if and only if there exists a non-zero vector x such that $Tx = \lambda x$, $T^*x = \lambda x$. It is evident that $\sigma_{j_p}(T) \subset \sigma_p(T)$. It is well known that, if T is normal, then $\sigma_{j_p}(T) = \sigma_p(T)$. If $T = U|T|$ is the polar decomposition of T and $\lambda = |\lambda|e^{i\theta}$ be the complex number, $|\lambda| > 0$, $|e^{i\theta}| = 1$. Then $\lambda \in \sigma_{j_p}(T)$ if and only if there exist a non-zero vector x such that $Ux = e^{i\theta}$, $|T|x = |\lambda|x$. Let $\sigma_{ap}(T)$ denotes the approximate point spectrum of T , i.e., the set of all complex numbers λ which satisfy the following condition: there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}$ of unit vectors in H such that $\lim_n (T - \lambda)x_n = 0$. It is evident that $\sigma_p(T) \subset \sigma_{ap}(T)$. It is evident that $\sigma_{j_{ap}}(T) \subset \sigma_{ap}(T)$, for all $T \in B(H)$. It is well known [5] that, for a normal operator T , $\sigma_{j_{ap}}(T) = \sigma_{ap}(T) = \sigma(T)$. An operator $T \in B(H)$ is said to have the single-

valued extension property (or SVEP) if for every open subset G of \mathbb{C} and any analytic function $f : G \rightarrow H$ such that $(T - z)f(z) = 0$ on G , we have $f(z) = 0$ on G . An operator $T \in B(H)$ is said to have Bishop's property (β) if for every open subset G of \mathbb{C} and every sequence $f_n : G \rightarrow H$ of H - valued analytic functions such that $(T - z)f_n(z)$ converges uniformly to 0 in norm on compact subsets of G , $f_n(z)$ converges uniformly to 0 in norm on compact subsets of G . An operator $T \in B(H)$ is said to have Dunford's property (C) if $HT(F)$ is closed for each closed subset F of \mathbb{C} .

It is well known [7, 9] that Bishop's property (β) \Rightarrow Dunford's property (C) \Rightarrow SVEP. Let $T \in B(H)$ and let A_0 be an isolated point of $u(T)$. Then there exists a positive number $r > 0$ such that $\{A \in \mathbb{C} : A - A_0 \leq r\} \cap u(T) = \{A_0\}$. Let γ be the boundary of $\{A \in \mathbb{C} : A - A_0 \leq r\}$. In general, it is well known that the Riesz idempotent E is not an orthogonal projection and a necessary and sufficient condition for E to be orthogonal is that E is self-adjoint.

In [15], the author showed that if T satisfies the growth condition G_1 , then E is self-adjoint and $E(H) = \ker(T - A_0)$. Recently, [11] and [18] obtained Stampfli's result for quasi - class A normal operators and paranormal operators. In general even if T is a paranormal operator, the Riesz idempotent E of T with respect to A_0 is not necessarily self - adjoint. In this study we show that if E is the Riesz idempotent for a nonzero isolated point A_0 of the spectrum of a quasi - * - class A normal operator T , then E is self - adjoint and $EH = \ker(T - A_0) = \ker(T^* - A_0)$.

Materials and methods

Lemma 2.1.

([12, Theorem 2.2, Theorem 2.3]) (1) Let $T \in B(H)$ be quasi - * - class A operator and T does not have a dense range, then if T is an quasi - * - class A operator and M is its invariant subspace, then the restriction T_M of T to M is also an quasi - * - class A operator.

Lemma 2.2.

[12, Theorem 2.4] Let $T \in B(H)$ is an quasi - * - class A operator. If $A = 0$ and $(T - A)x = 0$ for some $x \in H$, then $(T - A)^*x = 0$.

Lemma 2.3.

Let $T \in B(H)$ is an quasi - * - class A operator. Then T is isoloid.

Proof.

Let $T \in B(H)$ is an quasi - * - class A operator with representation given in Lemma 2.1. Let z be an isolated point in $\sigma(T)$. Since $\sigma(T) = \sigma(T_1) \cup \{0\}$, z is an isolated point in $\sigma(T_1)$ or $z = 0$. If z is an isolated point in $\sigma(T_1)$, then $z \in \sigma_p(T_1)$. Assume that $z = 0$ and z is not in $\sigma(T_1)$. This completes the proof.

Theorem 2.4.

Let $A \in B(H)$ is an quasi - * - class A normal operator and let λ be a non-zero isolated point of $\sigma(A)$. Let D_λ denote the closed disk that centered at λ such that $D_\lambda \cap \sigma(A) = \{\lambda\}$. Then the Riesz idempotent E is self adjoint.

Proof.

If λ is quasi - * - class A normal operator, then λ is an eigenvalue of A and $E_H = \ker(A - \lambda)^*$ by Lemma 2.3. Since $\ker(A - \lambda)^* \subset \ker(A - \lambda)$ by Lemma 2.2, it suffices to show that $\ker(A - \lambda)^* \subset \ker(A - \lambda)$. Since $\ker(A - \lambda)$ is a reducing subspace of A by Lemma 2.2 and the restriction of a quasi - * - class A normal operator to its reducing subspaces is also a quasi - * - class A normal operator by Lemma 2.1, hence λ can be written as follows: $A = A_1 \oplus A_2$ on $H = \ker(A - \lambda) \oplus (\ker(A - \lambda))'$, where A_1 is *-class A normal with $\ker(A_1 - \lambda) = \{0\}$. Since $\lambda \in \sigma(A) = \{\lambda\} \cup \sigma(A_1)$ is isolated, the only two cases occur, one is $\lambda \in \sigma(A_1)$ and the other is that λ is an isolated point of $\sigma(A_1)$ and this contradicts the fact that $\ker(A_1 - \lambda) = \{0\}$. Since A_1 is invertible as an operator on $(\ker(A - \lambda))'$, $\ker(A - \lambda) = \ker(A - \lambda)^*$. Next, we show that E is self-adjoint. Since $E_H = \ker(A - \lambda) = \ker(A - \lambda)^*$, we have $((z - \lambda)^*)^{-1}E = (z - \lambda)^{-1}E$. This completes the proof.

Results and discussions

The tensor products $T \otimes S$ preserves many properties of $T, S \in B(H)$, but by no means all of them. Thus, whereas the normaloid property is invariant under tensor products; again, whereas $T \otimes S$ is normal if and only if T and S are normal [10, 16], there exist paranormal operators T and S such that

$T \otimes S$ is not paranormal [4]. It is shown in [11] that $T \otimes S$ is quasi-class A if and only if S, T are quasi-class A operators. In the following theorem we will prove a necessary and sufficient condition for $T \otimes S$ to be quasi - * - class A operator where T and S are both non-zero operators. Recall that $(T \otimes S)^*(T \otimes S) = T^*T \otimes S^*S$ and so, by the uniqueness of positive square roots, $|T \otimes S|^r = |T|^r \otimes |S|^r$ for any positive rational number r . From the density of the rationales in the real, we obtain $|T \otimes S|^p = |T|^p \otimes |S|^p$ for any positive real number p . If $T_1 \geq T_2$ and $S_1 \geq S_2$, then $T_1 \otimes S_1 \geq T_2 \otimes S_2$ (see, [17]).

Theorem 3.1.

Let $S, T \in B(H)$ be non-zero normal operators. Then $T \otimes S$ is quasi - * - class A normal operator if and only if one of the following holds:

- a) S and T are quasi - * - class A normal operators.
- b) $S^2 = 0$ or $T^2 = 0$.

Proof.

Since $T \otimes S$ is quasi - * - class A operator if and only if $(T \otimes S)^*(|T \otimes S|^2 - (|T \otimes S|)^2)(T \otimes S) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow T^*(|T|^2 - |T^*|^2)T \otimes S^*|S|^2|S + T^*|T^*|^2T \otimes S^*(|S|^2 - |S^*|^2)S \geq 0$. Hence the sufficiency is clear. Conversely, assume that $T \otimes S$ is quasi - * - class A operator. Then for every $x, y \in H$ we have $(T^*(|T|^2 - |T^*|^2)Tx, x)(S^*|S|^2|Sy, y) + (T^*|T^*|^2Tx, x)(S^*(|S|^2 - |S^*|^2)Sy, y) \geq 0$ (3.1)

It suffices to prove that if (a) does not hold, then (b) holds. Suppose that $T^2 = 0$ and $S^2 = 0$. To the contrary, assume that T is not a quasi - * - class A operator, then there exists $x_0 \in H$ such that $(T^*(|T|^2 - |T^*|^2)Tx_0, x_0) = \alpha < 0$ and $(T^*|T^*|^2Tx_0, x_0) = \beta > 0$. From (3.1) we have $\alpha + \beta(S^*|S|^2|Sy, y) \geq \beta(S^*|S^*|^2|Sy, y)$, for all $y \in H$. (3.2)

Thus S is quasi - * - class A operator since $\alpha + \beta \leq \beta$. Using the Hölder-McCarthy inequality we have $(S^*|S|^2|Sy, y) = ((S^*S^2)^{1/2}Sy, Sy) \leq \|Sy\|^{2(1/2)}(S^*S^2Sy, Sy)^{1/2} = \|Sy\| \|S^3y\|$ and $(S^*|S^*|^2|Sy, y) = (SS^*Sy, Sy) = ((S^*S)y, S^*Sy) = \|S^*Sy\|^2$. Thus, $(\alpha + \beta)\|Sy\| \|S^3y\| \geq \beta \|S^*Sy\|^2$. (3.3)

Since S is a quasi - * - class A operator, Lemma 2.1 imply that $H = \text{ran}(S^k) \oplus \ker S^{*k}$. Then S_1 is *-class A, $S_1^k = 0$ and $\sigma(S) = \sigma(S_1) \cup \{0\}$. Therefore (3.3)

implies $(\alpha + \beta)\|S_1\eta\| \|S_1^3\eta\| \geq \beta\|S_1^*S_1\eta\|^2$, for all $\eta \in \text{ran } S^k$. Since S_1 is $*$ -class A and $*$ -class A is normaloid. Thus taking supremum on both sides of the above inequality, we have $(\alpha + \beta)\|S_1\|^4 \geq \beta\|S_1^*S_1\|^2$. Therefore, $S_1 = 0$. Hence $S^{k+1} = 0$. This contradicts the assumption $S^2 = 0$. Hence T must be a quasi- $*$ -class A operator. A similar argument shows that S is also quasi- $*$ -class A normal operator. This completes the proof.

Corollary 3.2.

Let $S^n, T^n \in B(H)$ be non-zero normal power operators. Then $T^n \otimes S^n$ is quasi- $*$ -class Aⁿ normal operator if and only if one of the following holds:

- c) S^n and T^n are quasi- $*$ -class A normal operators.
- d) Either $S^n = 0$ or $T^n = 0$.

Proof:

Follows from Theorem 3.1 and considering all non-zero natural number n greater than 2 for case b.

Conclusions

In the present work we have characterized Hilbert space operators which are Quasi- $*$ -class A normal operator. We have shown that if $S, T \in B(H)$ are non-zero normal operators. Then $T \otimes S$ is quasi- $*$ -class A normal operator if and only if one of the following holds: S and T are quasi- $*$ -class A normal operators, and that either $S^2 = 0$ or $T^2 = 0$. These results are useful in classification of Hilbert space operators.

Conflicts of interest

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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