



## WEYL TYPE THEOREM AND SPECTRUM FOR $k$ -QUASI- $*$ -CLASS $A$ OPERATORS

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### Abstract

Let  $T$  be a  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator on a complex Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  if

$$T^{*k}(|T|^2 - |T^*|^2)T^k \geq 0, \text{ where } k \text{ is a natural number. In this}$$

paper, we prove that the spectral mapping theorem for Weyl spectrum holds for  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operators. Also, we prove that the Weyl

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type theorems holds for  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ . We also prove that if  $T^*$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ , then generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$ . Also, we prove that  $\sigma_{jp}(T) - \{0\} = \sigma_{ap}(T) - \{0\}$  holds for  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $B(\mathcal{H})$  denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators acting on an infinite dimensional separable Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . For positive operators  $A$  and  $B$ , write  $A \geq B$  if  $A - B \geq 0$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible and positive operators, then it is well known that  $A \geq B$  implies that  $\log A \geq \log B$ . However [2],  $\log A \geq \log B$  does not necessarily imply  $A \geq B$ . A result due to Ando [6] states that for invertible positive operators  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\log A \geq \log B$  if and only if  $A^r \geq (A^{\frac{r}{2}} B^r A^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}}$  for all  $r \geq 0$ . 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  $\ker(S)$  denotes the kernel of operator  $S$ .

An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is positive,  $T \geq 0$ , if  $(Tx, x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , and posinormal if there exists a positive  $\lambda \in B(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $TT^* = T^*\lambda T$ . Here  $\lambda$  is called *interrupter* of  $T$ . In other words, an operator  $T$  is called *posinormal* if  $TT^* \leq c^2 T^*T$ , where  $T^*$  is the adjoint of  $T$  and  $c > 0$  [15]. An operator  $T$  is said to be *heminormal* if  $T$  is hyponormal and  $T^*T$  commutes with  $TT^*$ . An operator  $T$  is said to be *p-posinormal* if  $(TT^*)^p \leq c^2 (T^*T)^p$  for some  $c > 0$ . It is clear that 1-posinormal is posinormal. An operator  $T$  is said to be *p-hyponormal*, for  $p \in (0, 1)$ , if  $(T^*T)^p \geq (TT^*)^p$ . A 1-hyponormal operator is hyponormal which has been studied by many authors and it is known that hyponormal operators have many interesting

properties similar to those of normal operators [30]. Furuta et al. [19] have characterized class  $A$  operator as follows. An operator  $T$  belongs to class  $A$  if and only if  $(T^*|T|T)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq T^*T$ .

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  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ . Recently, Duggal et al. [17] have considered the new class of operators: an operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  belongs to  $*$ -class  $A$  if  $|T^2| \geq |T^*|^2$ . The authors of [28] have extended  $*$ -class  $A$  operators to quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operators. An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *quasi- $*$ -class  $A$*  if  $T^*|T^2|T \geq T^*|T^*|^2T$  and *quasi- $*$ -paranormal* if  $\|T^*Tx\|^2 \leq \|T^3x\| \|Tx\|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ . As a further generalization, Mecheri [25] has introduced the class of  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operators. An operator  $T$  is said to be  *$k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator* on a complex Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  if  $T^{*k}(|T^2| - |T^*|^2)T^k \geq 0$ , where  $k$  is a natural number.

An operator  $T$  is called *normal* if  $T^*T = TT^*$  and  $(p, k)$ -*quasihyponormal* if  $T^{*k}((T^*T)^p - (TT^*)^p)T^k \geq 0$  ( $0 < p \leq 1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ). Aluthge [1], Campbell and Gupta [11] and Arora and Arora [3] introduced  $p$ -hyponormal,  $p$ -quasihyponormal and  $k$ -quasihyponormal operators, respectively.

Aluthge [1] studied  $p$ -hyponormal operators for  $0 < p \leq 1$ . In particular, he defined the operator  $\tilde{T} = |T|^{\frac{1}{2}}U|T|^{\frac{1}{2}}$  which is called the *Aluthge transformation* and the operator  $\tilde{\tilde{T}} = |\tilde{T}|^{\frac{1}{2}}\tilde{U}|\tilde{T}|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , where  $\tilde{T} = \tilde{U}|\tilde{T}|$  is the polar decomposition of  $\tilde{T}$ . An operator  $T$  is said to be *w-hyponormal* if  $|\tilde{\tilde{T}}| \geq |T| \geq |\tilde{T}^*|$ ,

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for a positive integer  $k$  and a positive number  $0 < p \leq 1$ .

If  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , then we shall write  $N(T)$  and  $R(T)$  for the null space and the range of  $T$ , respectively. 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* if  $R(T)$  is closed,  $\alpha(T) = \dim N(T) < \infty$  and  $\beta(T) = \dim \mathcal{H}/R(T) < \infty$ . 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 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

$$\pi_{00}(T) = \{\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma(T) : 0 < \alpha(T - \lambda) < \infty\}.$$

We say that Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$  if

$$\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_W(T) = \pi_{00}(T).$$

Let  $\sigma_p(T)$  denote the point spectrum of  $T$ , i.e., the set of its eigenvalues. Let  $\sigma_{jp}(T)$  denote the joint point spectrum of  $T$ . We note that  $\lambda \in \sigma_{jp}(T)$  if and only if there exists a non-zero vector  $x$  such that  $Tx = \lambda x$ ,  $T^*x = \bar{\lambda}x$ . It

is evident that  $\sigma_{jp}(T) \subset \sigma_p(T)$ . It is well known that if  $T$  is normal, then  $\sigma_{jp}(T) = \sigma_p(T)$ . Let  $T = U|T|$  be the polar decomposition of  $T$  and  $\lambda = |\lambda|e^{i\theta}$  be the complex number,  $|\lambda| > 0$ ,  $|e^{i\theta}| = 1$ . Then  $\lambda \in \sigma_{jp}(T)$  if and only if there exists a non-zero vector  $x$  such that  $Ux = e^{i\theta}|T|x = |\lambda|x$ . Let  $\sigma_{ap}(T)$  denote the approximate point spectrum of  $T$ , i.e., the set of all complex numbers  $\lambda$  which satisfy the following condition: there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of unit vectors in  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $\lim_n \|(T - \lambda)x_n\| = 0$ . It is evident that  $\sigma_p(T) \subset \sigma_{ap}(T)$ . Let  $\sigma_{jap}(T)$  be the joint approximate point spectrum of  $T$ . Then  $\lambda \in \sigma_{jap}(T)$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of unit vectors such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(T - \lambda)x_n\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(T^* - \bar{\lambda})x_n\| = 0$ . It is evident that  $\sigma_{jap}(T) \subset \sigma_{ap}(T)$  for all  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ . It is well known that for a normal operator  $T$ ,  $\sigma_{jap}(T) = \sigma_{ap}(T) = \sigma(T)$ .

In [29], Weyl proved that Weyl's theorem holds for Hermitian operators. Weyl's theorem has been extended from Hermitian operators to hyponormal operators [13], algebraically hyponormal operators [21],  $p$ -hyponormal operators [12] and algebraically  $p$ -hyponormal operators [16]. More generally, Berkani investigated generalized Weyl's theorem which extends Weyl's theorem, and proved that generalized Weyl's theorem holds for hyponormal operators [7-9]. In a recent paper [24], the author showed that generalized Weyl's theorem holds for  $(p, k)$ -quasihyponormal operators. Recently, Cao et al. [10] proved Weyl type theorems for  $p$ -hyponormal operators. In this paper, we prove that Weyl type theorems holds for  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operators. Especially, we prove that if  $T^*$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ , then generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$ .

## 2. Weyl's Theorem for $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class $A$ Operators

Salah Mecheri has introduced  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operators and has proved many interesting properties of it.

**Lemma 2.1** [25, Lemma 2.1, Theorem 2.3]. (1) Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator and suppose the range of  $T^k$  is not dense and

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

on  $\mathcal{H} = \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)} \oplus \ker(T^{*k})$ , where  $T_1$  is  $*$ -class  $A$  operator,  $T_3^k = 0$  and  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(T_1) \cup \{0\}$ .

(2) Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator and let  $M$  be a closed  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then the restriction  $T|_M$  of  $T$  to  $M$  is a  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator.

**Lemma 2.2** [25, Theorem 2.5]. Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator. If  $\lambda \neq 0$  and  $(T - \lambda)x = 0$  for some  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $(T - \lambda)^*x = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.3** [25, Theorem 2.2]. Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator. Then  $T$  has Bishop's property  $(\beta)$  (i.e., if  $f_n(z)$  is analytic on  $D$  and  $(T - z)f_n(z) \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on each compact subset of  $D$ , then  $f_n(z) \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on each compact subset of  $D$ ), the single valued extension property and Dunford property  $(C)$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** Weyl's theorem holds for  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator  $T$ , i.e.,  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_W(T) = \pi_{00}(T)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda \in \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_W(T)$ . Then  $T - \lambda$  is Weyl and not invertible. If  $\lambda$  is an interior point of  $\sigma(T)$ , then there exists an open set  $G$  such that  $\lambda \in G \subset \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_W(T)$ . Hence  $\dim N(T - \mu) > 0$  for all  $\mu \in G$  and  $T$  does not have the single valued extension property by [18, Theorem 9]. This is a contradiction. Hence  $\lambda$  is a boundary point of  $\sigma(T)$ , and hence an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$  by [14, Theorem XI 6.8]. Thus,  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}(T)$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}(T)$  and  $E_\lambda$  be the Riesz idempotent for  $\lambda$  of  $T$ . Then  $0 < \dim N(T - \lambda) < \infty$ ,

$$T = T|_{E_\lambda \mathcal{H}} \oplus T|_{(I-E_\lambda)\mathcal{H}}$$

and

$$\sigma(T|_{E_\lambda \mathcal{H}}) = \{\lambda\}, \quad \sigma(T|_{(I-E_\lambda)\mathcal{H}}) = \sigma(T) \setminus \{\lambda\}.$$

We remark  $T|_{E_\lambda \mathcal{H}}$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator by Lemma 2.1.

If  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then  $T|_{E_\lambda \mathcal{H}} = \{\lambda\}$  by [25]. Hence  $E_\lambda \mathcal{H} \subset N(T - \lambda)$  and  $E_\lambda$  is of finite rank. Since  $(T - \lambda)|_{(I-E_\lambda)\mathcal{H}}$  is invertible,  $T - \lambda = 0|_{E_\lambda \mathcal{H}} \oplus (T - \lambda)|_{(I-E_\lambda)\mathcal{H}}$  is Weyl. Hence  $\lambda \in \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_W(T)$ .

If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $(T|_{E_0 \mathcal{H}})^k = 0$  by [25]. Hence  $E_0 \mathcal{H} \subset N(T^k)$  and

$$\dim E_0 \mathcal{H} \leq \dim N(T^k) \leq k \dim N(T) < \infty.$$

Then  $T|_{E_\lambda \mathcal{H}}$  is compact. Since  $T|_{(I-E_0)\mathcal{H}}$  is invertible,  $\lambda \in \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_W(T)$  by [14, Proposition XI 6.9].  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *If  $T$  is an  $n$ -multicyclic  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator, then the restriction  $T_1$  of  $T$  on  $\overline{\text{ran}(T^k)}$  is also an  $n$ -multicyclic operator.*

**Proof.** Let  $T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $\mathcal{H} = \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)} \oplus \ker(T^{*k})$ . Since  $\sigma(T_1) \subset \sigma(T)$  by Lemma 2.1,  $\mathcal{R}(\sigma(T)) \subset \mathcal{R}(\sigma(T_1))$ . By hypothesis, there exist  $n$  vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigvee g(T)x_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } g \in \mathcal{R}(\sigma(T)).$$

Now let  $y_i = T^k x_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \bigvee g(T_1)y_i | i = 1, 2, \dots, n, g \in \mathcal{R}(\sigma(T_1)) \\
& \supset \bigvee g(T_1)y_i | i = 1, \dots, n, g \in \mathcal{R}(\sigma(T)) \\
& = \bigvee g(T)T^k x_i | i = 1, 2, \dots, n, g \in \mathcal{R}(\sigma(T)) \\
& = \bigvee T^k g(T)x_i | i = 1, 2, \dots, n, g \in \mathcal{R}(\sigma(T)) \\
& = \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)}
\end{aligned}$$

and  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are  $n$ -multicyclic vectors of  $T_1$ . □

**Lemma 2.6** [22, Theorem 6]. *For given operators  $A, B, C \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , there is equality  $\sigma_W(A) \cup \sigma_W(B) = \sigma_W(M_c \cup \mathfrak{G})$ , where  $M_c = \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathfrak{G}$  is the union of certain of the holes in  $\sigma_W(M_c)$  which happen to be subsets of  $\sigma_W(A) \cap \sigma_W(B)$ .*

The following theorem shows that the spectral mapping theorem for Weyl spectrum holds for  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operators.

**Theorem 2.7.** *If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator, then  $f(\sigma_W(T)) = \sigma_W(f(T))$  for any analytic function  $f$  on a neighborhood of  $\sigma(T)$ .*

**Proof.** We need only to prove that  $\sigma_W(p(T)) = p(\sigma_W(T))$  for any polynomial  $p$ . Since  $T$  has the matrix representation  $T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix}$ , where

$T_1$  is  $*$ -class  $A$  operator and  $T_3^k = 0$ , and the spectral mapping theorem for Weyl spectrum holds for  $*$ -class  $A$  operator, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_W(p(T)) &= \sigma_W(p(T_1)) \cup \sigma_W(p(T_3)) \\
&= p(\sigma_W(T_1)) \cup p(\sigma_W(T_3)) \\
&= p(\sigma_W(T_1)) \cup \sigma_W(T_3) \\
&= p(\sigma_W(T)).
\end{aligned}$$



It was known [22] if  $A$  and  $B$  are isoloid and if Weyl's theorem holds for  $A$  and  $B$ , then Weyl's theorem holds for  $\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \sigma_W \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_W(A) \cup \sigma_W(B)$ .

We know that the “spectral picture” [26] of the operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , denoted by  $SP(T)$ , consists of the set  $\sigma_e(T)$ , the collection of holes and pseudoholes in  $\sigma_e(T)$ , and the indices associated with these holes and pseudoholes.

In general, Weyl's theorem does not hold for operator matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$  even though Weyl's theorem holds for  $\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$ . Lee showed that (see [23]) following lemma:

**Lemma 2.8.** *If either  $SP(A)$  or  $SP(B)$  has no pseudoholes and if  $A$  is an isoloid operator for which Weyl's theorem holds, then for every  $C \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , Weyl's theorem holds for  $\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \sigma_W \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$ .*

The following corollary is result from the above lemma.

**Corollary 2.9.** *Weyl's theorem holds for every  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator.*

**Proof.** Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator. Then by Lemma 2.1,  $T$  has the following matrix representation:  $T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $\mathcal{H} = \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)} \oplus \ker(T^{*k})$ , where  $T_1$  is  $*$ -class  $A$ , and  $T_3$  is nilpotent operator. Therefore, Weyl's theorem holds for  $\begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix}$  because Weyl's theorem holds for  $*$ -class  $A$  operator and nilpotent operator and both  $*$ -class

A operator and nilpotent operator are isoloid. Hence by Lemma 2.8, Weyl's theorem holds for  $\begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix}$  because  $SP(T_3)$  has no pseudoholes.  $\square$

### 3. Generalized $a$ -Weyl's Theorem for $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class $A$ Operators

More generally, Aiena and Berkani investigated  $B$ -Fredholm theory as follows [4, 7-9]. An operator  $T$  is called  $B$ -Fredholm if there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $R(T^n)$  is closed and the induced operator

$$T_{[n]} : R(T^n) \ni x \rightarrow Tx \in R(T^n)$$

is Fredholm, i.e.,  $R(T_{[n]}) = R(T^{n+1})$  is closed,  $\alpha(T_{[n]}) = \dim N(T_{[n]}) < \infty$  and  $\beta(T_{[n]}) = \dim R(T^n)/R(T_{[n]}) < \infty$ . Similarly, a  $B$ -Fredholm operator  $T$  is called  $B$ -Weyl if  $i(T_{[n]}) = 0$ . The following result is due to Berkani and Sarik [9].

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ .*

(1) *If  $R(T^n)$  is closed and  $T_{[n]}$  is Fredholm, then  $R(T^m)$  is closed and  $T_{[m]}$  is Fredholm for every  $m \geq n$ . Moreover,  $\text{ind } T_{[m]} = \text{ind } T_{[n]} = \text{ind } T$ .*

(2) *An operator  $T$  is  $B$ -Fredholm ( $B$ -Weyl) if and only if there exist  $T$ -invariant subspaces  $M$  and  $N$  such that  $T = T|_M \oplus T|_N$ , where  $T|_M$  is Fredholm (Weyl) and  $T|_N$  is nilpotent.*

The  $B$ -Weyl spectrum  $\sigma_{BW}(T)$  is defined by

$$\sigma_{BW}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not } B\text{-Weyl}\} \subset \sigma_W(T).$$

We say that generalized Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$  if

$$\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{BW}(T) = E(T),$$

where  $E(T)$  denotes the set of all isolated points of the spectrum which are eigenvalues (no restriction on multiplicity). Note that if the generalized

Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$ , then so does Weyl's theorem [8]. Recently, in [7], Berkani and Arroud showed that if  $T$  is hyponormal, then generalized Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Generalized Weyl's theorem holds for  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator  $T$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda \in \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{BW}(T)$ . Then  $T - \lambda$  is  $B$ -Weyl and not invertible. Then

$$T - \lambda = (T - \lambda)|_M \oplus (T - \lambda)|_N,$$

where  $(T - \lambda)|_M$  is Weyl and  $(T - \lambda)|_N$  is nilpotent by Proposition 3.1. The case  $M = \{0\}$  or  $N = \{0\}$  is easy, so we may assume  $M \neq \{0\}$  and  $N \neq \{0\}$ .

First, we assume  $\lambda \in \sigma(T|_M)$ . In this case,  $T|_M$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  by Lemma 2.1 and

$$\lambda \in \sigma(T|_M) \setminus \sigma_W(T|_M) = \pi_{00}(T|_M)$$

by Proposition 2.4. Hence  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T|_M)$  and an eigenvalue of  $T|_M$ . Hence  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ . On the other hand,  $(T - \lambda)|_N$  is nilpotent, so  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ . Hence  $\lambda \in E(T)$ .

Second, we assume  $\lambda \notin \sigma(T|_M)$ . In this case,  $(T - \lambda)|_N$  is nilpotent, and  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T|_N$  and  $T$ . Since  $(T - \lambda)|_M$  is invertible,  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ . Hence  $\lambda \in E(T)$ .

Conversely, let  $\lambda \in E(T)$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ ,

$$T - \lambda = (T - \lambda)|_{E_\lambda \mathcal{H}} \oplus (T - \lambda)|_{(I - E_\lambda) \mathcal{H}},$$

where  $E_\lambda$  denotes the Riesz idempotent for  $\lambda$  of  $T$ . Then  $(T - \lambda)|_{E_\lambda \mathcal{H}}$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  by Lemma 2.1 and  $\sigma(T|_{E_\lambda \mathcal{H}}) = \{\lambda\}$ .

If  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then  $T|_{E_\lambda \mathcal{H}} = \{\lambda\}$  by [25]. Hence

$$T - \lambda = 0|_{E_\lambda \mathcal{H}} \oplus (T - \lambda)|_{(I - E_\lambda) \mathcal{H}}.$$

Since  $(T - \lambda)|_{(I - E_\lambda) \mathcal{H}}$  is invertible,  $T - \lambda$  is  $B$ -Weyl by Proposition 3.1.

Hence  $\lambda \in \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{BW}(T)$ .

If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $(T|_{E_\lambda \mathcal{H}})^k = 0$  by [25]. Hence  $\lambda \in \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{BW}(T)$  by Proposition 3.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $T^*$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ , then Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$ .*

**Proof.** Proposition 3.2 implies that

$$\sigma(T^*) \setminus \sigma_{BW}(T^*) = E(T^*).$$

It is obvious that

$$[\sigma(T^*) \setminus \sigma_{BW}(T^*)]^* = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{BW}(T)$$

hence we have to prove

$$(E(T^*))^* = E(T).$$

Let  $\lambda^* \in E(T^*)$ . Then  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ . Let  $F_{\lambda^*}$  be the Riesz idempotent for  $\lambda^*$  of  $T^*$ . If  $\lambda^* \neq 0$ , then  $F_{\lambda^*}$  is self-adjoint,

$$\{0\} \neq F_{\lambda^*} \mathcal{H} = N((T - \lambda)^*) = N(T - \lambda)$$

by [25]. Hence  $\lambda \in E(T)$ . If  $\lambda^* = 0$ , then  $T^*|_{F_0}$  is  $(p, k)$ -quasiposinormal

by Lemma 2.1 and  $(T^*|_{F_0 \mathcal{H}})^k = 0$  by [25]. Hence  $T^{*k} F_0 = 0$ . Let  $E_0 = F_0^*$

be the Riesz idempotent for 0 of  $T$ . Then  $T^k E_0 = (T^{*k} F_0)^* = 0$ . Hence  $T|_{E_0 \mathcal{H}}$  is nilpotent. Thus,  $\lambda = 0 \in E(T)$ .

Conversely, let  $\lambda \in E(T)$ . Then  $\lambda^*$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T^*)$ . Let  $F_{\lambda^*}$  be the Riesz idempotent for  $\lambda^*$  of  $T^*$ . If  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then  $F_{\lambda^*}$  is self-adjoint and

$$\{0\} \neq F_{\lambda^*} \mathcal{H} = N((T - \lambda)^*) = N(T - \lambda)$$

by [25]. Hence  $\lambda^* \in E(T^*)$ . Let  $\lambda = 0$ . Since  $T^*|_{F_0 \mathcal{H}}$  is  $(p, k)$ -quasiposinormal and  $\sigma(T^*|_{F_0 \mathcal{H}}) = \{0\}$ , we have  $(T^*|_{F_0 \mathcal{H}})^k = 0$  by [25]. This implies that  $T^*|_{F_0 \mathcal{H}}$  is nilpotent. Thus,  $\lambda^* = 0 \in E(T^*)$ .  $\square$

Next, we investigate  $a$ -Weyl's theorem [4].

We define  $T \in SF_+^-$  if  $R(T)$  is closed,  $\dim N(T) < \infty$  and  $\text{ind } T \leq 0$ . Let  $\pi_{00}^a(T)$  denote the set of all isolated points  $\lambda$  of  $\sigma_a(T)$  with  $0 < \dim \ker(T - \lambda) < \infty$ . Let  $\sigma_{SF_+^-}(T) = \{\lambda \mid T - \lambda \notin SF_+^-\} \subset \sigma_W(T)$ .

We say that  $a$ -Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$  if

$$\sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SF_+^-}(T) = \pi_{00}^a(T).$$

Rakocevic [27, Corollary 2.5] proved that if  $a$ -Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$ , then Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *If  $T^*$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ , then  $a$ -Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $T^*$  has the single valued extension property by Lemma 2.3, we have  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_a(T)$  and  $\pi_{00}(T) = \pi_{00}^a(T)$  [4, Corollary 2.45].

Let  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SF_+^-}(T)$ . If  $\lambda$  is an interior point of  $\sigma_a(T)$ , then there exists an open set  $G$  such that  $\lambda \in G \subset \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SF_+^-}(T)$ . Since  $T^*$  has the

single valued extension property,  $\text{ind}(T - \mu)^* \leq 0$  for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$  by [4, Corollary 3.19]. Let  $\mu \in G$ . Then  $T - \mu \in SF_+^-$  and  $\text{ind}(T - \mu) = 0$ . On the other hand,  $R(T - \mu)$  is closed,  $T - \mu$  is not invertible and  $0 < \dim N(T - \mu) < \infty$ . Hence  $0 < \dim N((T - \mu)^*) < \infty$  and  $T^*$  does not have a single valued extension property by [18, Theorem 9]. This is a contradiction. Hence we may assume that  $\lambda$  is a boundary point of  $\sigma(T)$ . Since  $T - \lambda \in SF_+^-$ ,  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$  by [14, Theorem XI 6.8]. Thus,  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}^a(T) = \pi_{00}^a(T)$ .

Conversely,  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}^a(T) = \pi_{00}(T)$ . Then  $\lambda^*$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T^*)$ . Let  $F_{\lambda^*}$  be the Riesz idempotent for  $\lambda^*$  of  $T^*$ . If  $\lambda^* \neq 0$ , then  $F_{\lambda^*}$  is self-adjoint and

$$F_{\lambda^*} \mathcal{H} = N((T - \lambda)^*) = N(T - \lambda)$$

by [25]. Since  $\dim N(T - \lambda) < \infty$ ,  $F_{\lambda^*}$  is compact. We decompose

$$(T - \lambda)^* = 0|_{F_{\lambda^*} \mathcal{H}} \oplus (T - \lambda)^*|_{(I - F_{\lambda^*}) \mathcal{H}}.$$

Then  $(T - \lambda)^*|_{(I - F_{\lambda^*}) \mathcal{H}}$  is invertible and

$$T - \lambda = 0|_{F_{\lambda^*} \mathcal{H}} \oplus (T - \lambda)|_{(I - F_{\lambda^*}) \mathcal{H}}.$$

Hence  $R(T - \lambda) = (I - F_{\lambda^*}) \mathcal{H}$  is closed and  $\text{ind}(T - \lambda) = 0$ . Thus,  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SF_+^-}(T)$ .

If  $\lambda^* = 0$ , then

$$T^{*k}|_{F_0 \mathcal{H}} = (T^*|_{F_0 \mathcal{H}})^k = 0$$

by [25]. Since  $E_0 = F_0^*$  is the Riesz idempotent for 0 of  $T$  and  $T^k E_0 = (T^{*k} F_0)^* = 0$ , we have  $E_0 \mathcal{H} \subset N(T^k)$ . Then

$$\dim E_0 \mathcal{H} \leq \dim N(T^k) \leq k \dim N(T) < \infty.$$

This implies  $E_0$  is compact. We decompose

$$T = T|_{E_0 \mathcal{H}} \oplus T|_{(I-E_0) \mathcal{H}}.$$

Since  $T|_{(I-E_0) \mathcal{H}}$  is invertible,  $R(T) = R(T|_{E_0 \mathcal{H}}) \oplus (I - E_0) \mathcal{H}$  is closed,  $N(T) \subset E_0 \mathcal{H}$  and  $\text{ind } T = 0$ . Thus,  $0 \in \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SBF_+^-}(T)$ .  $\square$

Next, we investigate generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem [4].

We define  $T \in SBF_+^-$  if there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $R(T^n)$  is closed,  $T_{[n]} : R(T^n) \ni x \rightarrow Tx \in R(T^n)$  is upper semi-Fredholm (i.e.,  $R(T_{[n]}) = R(T^{n+1})$  is closed,  $\dim N(T_{[n]}) = \dim N(T) \cap R(T^n) < \infty$ ) and  $0 \geq \text{ind } T_{[n]} (= \text{ind } T)$  [9]. We define  $\sigma_{SBF_+^-}(T) = \{\lambda \mid T - \lambda \notin SBF_+^-\}$   $\subset \sigma_{SF_+^-}(T)$ . Let  $E^a(T)$  denote the set of all isolated points  $\lambda$  of  $\sigma_a(T)$  with  $0 < \dim \ker(T - \lambda)$ . We say that generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$  if

$$\sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SBF_+^-}(T) = E^a(T).$$

Berkani and Koliha [8] proved that if generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$ , then  $a$ -Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** *If  $T^*$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ , then generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $T^*$  has the single valued extension property by Lemma 2.3, we have  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_a(T)$ ,  $\pi_{00}(T) = \pi_{00}^a(T)$  and  $E(T) = E^a(T)$  [4, Corollary 2.45].

Let  $\lambda_0 \in \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SBF_+^-}(T)$ . If  $\lambda_0$  is an interior point of  $\sigma_a(T)$ , then there exists an open set  $G$  such that  $\lambda_0 \in G \subset \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SBF_+^-}(T)$ . Let  $\lambda \in G$ . Then  $T - \lambda \in SBF_+^-$ , i.e., there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $R((T - \lambda)^n)$  is closed,  $\dim N(T_n - \lambda) < \infty$  and  $\text{ind}(T - \lambda) = \text{ind}(T_n - \lambda) \leq 0$ . Then there exists a positive number  $\varepsilon$  such that if  $0 < |\lambda - \mu| < \varepsilon$ , then  $T - \mu$  is upper semi-Fredholm,  $\text{ind}(T - \mu) = \text{ind}(T - \lambda) \leq 0$  and  $\mu \in G$  by [9, Theorem 3.1]. Since  $T^*$  has a single valued extension property,  $\text{ind}(T - \mu)^* \leq 0$  by [4, Corollary 3.19]. Hence  $\text{ind}(T - \mu) = 0$ . If  $0 = \dim N(T - \mu)$ , then  $T - \mu$  is invertible. This is a contradiction. Hence  $0 < \dim N(T - \mu) < \infty$  and  $0 < \dim N((T - \mu)^*) < \infty$ . Then  $T^*$  does not have the single valued extension property by [18]. This is a contradiction.

Hence we may assume that  $\lambda_0$  is a boundary point of  $\sigma(T)$ . Since  $T - \lambda_0 \in SBF_+^-$ ,  $T - \lambda_0$  is topologically uniform descent by [9, Proposition 2.5], and  $\lambda_0$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$  by [20, Corollary 4.9]. We decompose

$$T - \lambda_0 = (T - \lambda_0)|_M \oplus (T - \lambda_0)|_N,$$

where  $(T - \lambda_0)|_N$  is nilpotent and  $(T - \lambda_0)|_M$  is semi-Fredholm by [9, Theorem 2.6]. If  $N = \{0\}$ , then

$$\lambda_0 \in \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SBF_+^-}(T) = \pi_{00}^a(T) = \pi_{00}(T) \subset E(T) = E^a(T)$$



by Theorem 3.4. If  $N \neq \{0\}$ , then  $\lambda_0$  is an eigenvalue of  $T|_N$  as  $T|_N$  is nilpotent. Hence  $\lambda_0 \in E(T) = E^a(T)$ . Thus,  $\sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SBF_+^-}(T) \subset E^a(T)$ .

The converse inclusion is clear because

$$\begin{aligned} E^a(T) &= E(T) \\ &\subset \pi_{00}(T) \\ &= \pi_{00}^a(T) \\ &= \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SF_+^-}(T) \\ &\subset \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SBF_+^-}(T) \end{aligned}$$

by Theorem 3.4. □

**Remark 3.6.** (1) If  $f(z)$  is an analytic function on  $\sigma(T)$ , then generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$  (the proof is similar to [10, Theorem 3.3]).

(2) Generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem does not hold for  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator  $T$  as seen in [5, Example 2.13]. However, if  $\ker T \subset \ker T^*$ , then generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$  (the proof is similar by [25]).

#### 4. Spectrum of $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class $A$ Operators

**Corollary 4.1.** *If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator, then  $\sigma_{jp}(T) - \{0\} = \sigma_p(T) - \{0\}$ .*

**Proof.** The proof follows from Lemma 2.2. □

**Theorem 4.2.** *If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator, then  $\sigma_{jp}(T) - \{0\} = \sigma_{ap}(T) - \{0\}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\psi$  be the representation of Berberian. First, we show that  $\psi(T)$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\psi(T))^{*k} [(\psi(T))^2 - |\psi(T)^*|^2] (\psi(T))^k \\ &= \psi(T^{*k}) [|\psi(T^2)| - |\psi(T^*)|^2] \psi(T^k) \\ &= \psi(T^{*k}) [\psi|T^2| - \psi|T^*|^2] \psi(T^k) \\ &= \psi[T^{*k}(|T^2| - |T^*|^2)T^k]. \end{aligned}$$

But  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator, then  $T^{*k}(|T^2| - |T^*|^2)T^k \geq 0$ . So

$$\psi[T^{*k}(|T^2| - |T^*|^2)T^k] \geq 0.$$

Thus,  $\psi(T)$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_a(T) - \{0\} &= \sigma_a(\psi(T)) - \{0\} \\ &= \sigma_p(\psi(T)) - \{0\} \\ &= \sigma_{jp}(\psi(T)) - \{0\} \text{ (by Corollary 4.1)} \\ &= \sigma_{jap}(T) - \{0\}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 4.3.** *If  $T$  is an invertible  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ , then*

$$\sigma_{jap}(T) = \sigma_{ap}(T).$$

**Definition 4.4** [14, Exercise 2, p. 349]. The compression spectrum of  $T$  denoted by  $\sigma_c(T)$  is

$$\sigma_c(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \bar{\lambda} \in \sigma_p(T^*)\}.$$

**Corollary 4.5.** *If  $T$  is a  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operator, then*

$$\sigma(T) - \{0\} = \sigma_c(T) - \{0\}.$$

**Proof.** Note that for any operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , the equality  $\sigma(T) - \{0\} = \sigma_p(T) \cup \sigma_c(T) - \{0\}$  holds. If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ , then Corollary 4.1 implies that  $\sigma_{jap}(T) - \{0\} = \sigma_p(T) - \{0\} \subseteq \sigma_c(T) - \{0\}$ . Since  $\sigma_p(T^*) \subset \sigma_{ap}(T^*)$ , the result follows.  $\square$

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