# ON THE NUMERICAL RANGE FOR NONLINEAR OPERATORS

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#### 1. Introduction

Let B be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra,  $B^*$  the dual space of B, and X the Hilbert B-module with a B-valued inner product  $\langle , \rangle$  [6]. We define the norm  $\| \cdot \|_X$  on X by  $\|x\|_X = \|\langle x, x \rangle\|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Then for any bounded linear operator T on X, the B-spatial numerical range  $W_B(T)$  is defined by  $W_B(T) = \{f(\langle Tx, x \rangle) : x \in X, f \in B^*$ ,  $\|x\|_X = \|f\| = f(\langle x, x \rangle) = 1\}$  [7]. In [2], Canavati defined a numerical range for the class of all numerically bounded (nonlinear) maps on a Banach space and gave some of the basic properties of such numerical range. In this paper, we shall define a numerical range for a new class of all  $B^*$ -numerically bounded maps on a Hilbert B-module, and study analogous results of it in a systematic way. Among other properties, our numerical range will be compact and connected, and will coincide with  $\overline{W_B(T)}$ , in the particular case when T is a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert B-module X.

Throughout this paper, a Hilbert B-module X is assumed to have a vector space structure over the complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$  compatible with that of B in the sense that  $\lambda(xb) = (\lambda x)b = x(\lambda b)$  ( $x \in X$ ,  $b \in B$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ). We will use the following notations. L(X) is the Banach space of all bounded linear operators on X. B(X) is the vector space of all continuous maps  $P: X \longrightarrow X$  such that  $\|P(x)\|_X \leq M\|x\|_X$  for some  $M \geq 0$  and all x in X. An element of B(X) is called a bounded map on X. Q(X) is the vector space of all quasibounded maps on X [2], [3]. We also denote the operator norm on L(X) by  $\|\cdot\|$ .

#### 2. Some Banach spaces of nonlinear maps.

In [7], the norm×weak\* topology in  $X \times B^{\#}$  is defined as the product topology in  $X \times B^{\#}$  given by the norm topology on X and the weak\* topology on  $B^{\#}$ . We consider the following subsets of  $X \times B^{\#}$ .  $II_r = \{(x, f) \in X \times B^{\#} : ||x||_X = ||f|| \ge r$ ,  $f(\langle x, x \rangle) = ||x||_X^3\}$  for r > 0, and  $II_0 = \bigcup II_r$ .

The following two results are essenstially due to Bonsall, Cain and Schneider [1]. We omit the proofs of them, because they would be similar as in [2].

LEMMA. Let  $\pi$  denote the natural projection of  $X \times B^{\sharp}$  onto X, and let A be a subset of  $II_r$  that is relatively closed in  $II_r$  with respect to the norm  $\times$  weak\*

topology. Then  $\pi(A)$  is a norm closed subset of X.

PROPOSITION 2.1. Each  $II_r(r>0)$  and  $II_0$  are connected subsets of  $X\times B^\#$  with the norm×weak\* topology, unless X has dimension one over R.

From now on we shall assume that  $II_0$  has the norm×weak\* topology induced as a subset of  $X \times B^{\#}$ . Also we shall assume that X does not have dimension one over R.

DEFINITION 2.1. A continuous map  $F: II_0 \longrightarrow X$  is called  $B^*$ -bounded if  $||F||^* = \sup_{II_0} \frac{||F(x,f)||_X}{||x||_X} < \infty$ . We denote by  $B^*((X))$ , the vector space of all  $B^*$ -bounded maps. Notice that  $||\cdot||^*$  is a norm on  $B^*(X)$  and  $B^*(X)$  is a Banach space. We can consider the vector space B(X) as a vector subspace of  $B^*(X)$  in a natural way, namely; if  $P \in B(X)$ , then the mapping F(x,f) = P(x) belongs to  $B^*(X)$  and  $||P|| = ||F||^*$  [2].

DEFINITION 2.2. A continuous map  $F: II_0 \longrightarrow X$  is called B\*-quasibounded if  $|F|^* = \lim_{r \to \infty} \sup_{I|r} \frac{||F(x,f)||_X}{||x||_X} < \infty$ .

We denote by  $Q^*(X)$ , the vector space of all  $B^*$ -quasibounded maps. Notice that  $|\cdot|^*$  is a seminorm on  $Q^*(X)$ . Obviously one has  $B^*(X) \subset Q^*(X)$  and  $|F|^* \le ||F||^*$ . We can consider the vector space Q(X) as a vector subspace of  $Q^*(X)$  in a natural way, namely; if  $P \in Q(X)$ , then the mapping F(x,f) = P(x) belongs to  $Q^*(X)$  and  $|P| = |F|^*$ . Here  $|\cdot|$  is a seminorm on Q(X) [2], [3].

PROPOSITION 2.2. For any  $F \in Q^*(X)$ , there exists a sequence  $\{F_n\}$  in  $B^*(X)$  such that  $|F_n - F|^* = 0$  (n = 1, 2, 3, ...) and  $||F_n||^* \longrightarrow |F|^*$  as  $n \longrightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\rho^2 = ||x||_X^2 + ||f||^2$ , and define  $F_n(x, f) = F(x, f)$  if  $\rho \ge n$ ,  $F_n(x, f) = \frac{\rho}{n} F\left(\frac{n}{\rho}x, \frac{n}{\rho}f\right)$  if  $0 < \rho < n$ . We have

 $||F_n||^* = \sup_{\mathbb{R}_0} \frac{||F_n(x, f)||}{||x||_X} X = \sup_{\mathbb{R}_0} \frac{||F(x, f)||_X}{||x||_X}. \text{ Therefore } F_n \in B^*(X) \text{ for all } n$  large enough and  $||F_n||^* \longrightarrow |F|^*$  as  $n \longrightarrow \infty$ .

DEFINITION 2.3. Let F,  $G \in Q^*(X)$ . The mapping F is said to be  $B^*$ -asymptotically equivalent to G if  $|F-G|^*=0$ . It is easy to see that this is an equivalence relation.

 $\tilde{Q}^*(X)$  is the normed space of all equivalence classes of  $B^*$ -quasibounded maps, i.e.,  $\tilde{Q}^*(X) = Q^*(X)/N(|\cdot|^*)$ , where  $N(|\cdot|^*) = \{F \in Q^*(X) : |F|^* = 0\}$ . The norm on  $\tilde{Q}^*(X)$  is the one induced by  $|\cdot|^*$  and will be denoted in the same way.

From Proposition 2.2, we see that the mapping  $B^*(X) \longrightarrow \tilde{Q}^*(X)$ ,  $F \longrightarrow \tilde{F}$  is onto.

PROPOSITION 2.3.  $\tilde{Q}^*(X)$  is a Banach space.

**Proof.** Let  $\{\tilde{F}_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\tilde{Q}^*(X)$  such that  $\sum |\tilde{F}_n|^* < \infty$ . We have to show that  $\sum \tilde{F}_n$  converges. By Proposition 2.2, for any positive integer n we can choose  $G_n \in B^*(X)$  such that  $\tilde{G}_n = \tilde{F}_n$  and  $||G_n||^* \le |F_n|^* + 2^{-n}$ . Since  $B^*(X)$  is a Banach space,  $\sum G_n$  converges to an element  $G \in B^*(X)$ . From the continuity of the linear projection  $B^*(X) \longrightarrow \tilde{Q}^*(X)$  we obtain  $\sum \tilde{G}_n = \sum \tilde{F}_n = \tilde{G}$ .

Definition 2.4. A continuous map  $F: \Pi_0 \longrightarrow X$  is called B\*-numerically bounded if

$$\omega^*(F) = \lim_{r \to \infty} \sup_{\mathbb{R}_r} \frac{|f(\langle F(x, f), x \rangle)|}{\|x\|_X^2 \|f\|} < \infty.$$

We denote by  $W^*(X)$ , the vector space of all  $B^*$ -numerically bounded maps. Notice that  $\omega^*$  is a seminorm on  $W^*(X)$ . If  $F \in W^*(X)$ , then we let

$$\alpha^*(F) = \lim_{r \to \infty} \inf_{\mathbb{H}_r} \frac{|f(\langle F(x,f), x \rangle)|}{\|x\|_X^2 \|f\|}.$$

Obviously one has  $Q^*(X) \subset W^*(X)$  and  $\omega^*(F) \leq |F|^*$ .

Definition 2.5. Let  $F \in W^*(X)$  and consider the maps  $F_v : II_0 \longrightarrow X$  and  $F_\tau : II_0 \longrightarrow X$  given by  $F_v(x, f) = \frac{f(\langle F(x, f), x \rangle)}{||x||_X^2 ||f||} x$  and

 $F_{\tau}(x, f) = F(x, f) - F_{\nu}(x, f)$ . Then  $F = F_{\nu} + F_{\tau}$ . The maps  $F_{\nu}$  and  $F_{\tau}$  are called the normal and tangent components of F respectively. It is easy to show that if  $F \in W^*(X)$ , then

- (a)  $f(\langle F_{\nu}(x, f), x \rangle) = f(\langle F(x, f), x \rangle), (x, f) \in \mathbb{I}_0.$
- (b)  $f(\langle F_{\tau}(x, f), x \rangle) = 0$ ,  $(x, f) \in \mathbb{I}_0$ .
- (c)  $F_{\nu} \in Q^*(X)$  and  $|F_{\nu}|^* = \omega^*(F)$ . Hence we obtain the following result.

PROPOSITION 2.4.  $F \in W^*(X)$  if and only if there exists continuous mappings  $G, H: II_0 \longrightarrow X$  with  $G \in Q^*(X)$  and H satisfying  $f(\langle H(x,f), x \rangle) = 0$   $((x,f) \in II_0)$  such that F = G + H. Such a map H is called a  $B^*$ -orthogonal map.

DEFINITION 2.6. Let  $F,G \in W^*(X)$ . The mapping F is said to be  $B^*$ -asymptotically numerically equivalent to G if  $\omega^*(F-G)=0$ . It is easy to see that this is an equivalence relation.  $\hat{W}^*(X)$  is the normed space of all equivalence classes of  $B^*$ -numerically bounded maps, i.e.,  $\hat{W}^*(X) = W^*(X)/N(\omega^*)$ , where  $F \in N(\omega^*)$  iff  $\omega^*(F)=0$ . The norm on  $W^*(X)$  is the one induced by  $\omega^*$ , and it will be denoted in the same way.

PROPOSITION 2.5.  $\hat{W}^*(X)$  is a Banach space.

*Proof.* Let  $\{\hat{F}_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\hat{W}^*(X)$  such that  $\sum \omega^*(\hat{F}_n) < \infty$ . We have to show that  $\sum \hat{F}_n$  converges. Since  $\omega^*(\hat{F}) = \omega^*(F) = |F_{\nu}|^* = |\tilde{F}_{\nu}|^* (F \in W^*(X))$ , where  $F_{\nu} \in \mathcal{Q}^*(X)$  is the normal component of F, then we have

$$\sum |\tilde{F}_{n\nu}|^* = \sum \omega^* (\hat{F}_n) < \infty. \tag{1}$$

But  $\{\tilde{F}_{n\nu}\}$  is a sequence in the Banach space  $\tilde{Q}^*(X)$ , and it follows from (1) and Proposition 2.3 that the series  $\sum \tilde{F}_{n\nu}$  converges to  $\tilde{F} \in \tilde{Q}^*(X)$ . Since the mapping  $r: \tilde{Q}^*(X) \longrightarrow \hat{W}^*(X)$ ,  $\tilde{F} \longrightarrow \hat{F}$  is linear and continuous we must have  $\sum \hat{F}_{n\nu} = \sum r(\tilde{F}_{n\nu}) = r(\tilde{F}) = \hat{F}.$  (2)

But  $\hat{F} = \hat{F}_{\nu}$  for  $F \in W^*(X)$ . Hence from (2) we obtain  $\sum \hat{F}_n = \hat{F}$ .

## 3. The $B^*$ -numerical range.

Definition 3.1. Let  $F \in W^*(X)$  and consider the continuous map  $\phi_F : \Pi_0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by

$$\phi_F(x,f) = \frac{f(\langle F(x,f), x \rangle)}{\|x\|_X^2 \|f\|}.$$

We define the B\*-numerical range  $\Omega^*(F)$  of F as the set  $\Omega^*(F) = \bigcap_{r>0} \overline{\phi_F(\overline{H_r})}$ . In other words,  $\lambda \in \Omega^*(F)$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $\{(x_n, f_n)\}$  in  $\overline{H_0}$  such that  $||x_n||_X \ge n$  and

$$\frac{f_n(\langle F(x_n, f_n), x_n \rangle)}{\|x_n\|_X^2 \|f_n\|} \longrightarrow \lambda \text{ as } n \longrightarrow \infty.$$

Proposition 3.1. If  $F \in W^*(X)$ , then  $\Omega^*(F)$  is a nonempty compact connected subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $F \in W^*(X)$ , then the sets  $\overline{\phi_F(\overline{H_r})}$  are bounded for all r > 0 large enough. Now  $\{\overline{\phi_F(\overline{H_r})}\}$  is a nested family of compact nonempty sets, therefore by Cantor's theorem  $\Omega^*(F) \neq \phi$  and is compact. Now from Proposition 2.1 we have that each  $\overline{\phi_F(\overline{H_r})}$  is a connected subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Thus  $\Omega^*(F)$  being an intersection of a nested family of compact connected sets is connected as well.

The following properties of the  $B^*$ -numerical range are easy to check.

REMARK. If F,  $G \in W^*(X)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , then

- (a)  $\Omega^*(F_{\nu}) = \Omega^*(F)$  and  $\Omega^*(F_{\tau}) = \{0\}$ .
- (b)  $\Omega^*(\lambda F) = \lambda \Omega^*(F)$ .
- (c)  $Q^*(\lambda \pi + F) = \lambda + Q^*(F)$ , where  $\pi : X \times B^{\#} \longrightarrow X$  denotes the natural projection.
- (d)  $\Omega^*(F+G) \subseteq \Omega^*(F) + \Omega^*(G)$ .
- (e)  $\omega^*(F) = \max \{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \Omega^*(F)\}$ . We call  $\omega^*(F)$  the B\*-numerical radius of F.

PROPOSITION 3.2. If  $F, G \in W^*(X)$  and  $\omega^*(F-G) = 0$ , then  $\Omega^*(F) = \Omega^*(G)$ .

*Proof.* From the above Remark, we have  $\Omega^*(F) = \Omega^*(F_{\nu})$  and  $\Omega^*(G) = \Omega^*(G_{\nu})$ . Also from Remark after Definition 2.5 we have  $|F_{\nu} - G_{\nu}|^* = \omega^*(F - G) = 0$ . We shall show that  $\Omega^*(F_{\nu}) = \Omega^*(G_{\nu})$ . Let  $\lambda \in \Omega^*(F_{\nu})$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{(x_n, f_n)\}$  in  $H_0$  such that  $\|x_n\|_X \ge n$  and

$$\frac{f_n(\langle F_\nu(x_n, f_n), x_n \rangle)}{\|x_n\|_X^2 \|f_n\|} \longrightarrow \lambda \text{ as } n \longrightarrow \infty.$$

Now

$$\frac{f_n(\langle G_{\nu}(x_n, f_n), x_n \rangle)}{\|x_n\|_{X^2} \|f_n\|} = \frac{f_n(\langle (G_{\nu} - F_{\nu}) (x_n, f_n), x_n \rangle)}{\|x_n\|_{X^2} \|f_n\|} + \frac{f_n(\langle F_{\nu}(x_n, f_n), x_n \rangle)}{\|x_n\|_{X^2} \|f_n\|}$$
(1)

But

$$\frac{|f_{n}(\langle (G_{\nu}-F_{\nu})(x_{n}, f_{n}), x_{n}\rangle)|}{||x_{n}||_{X}^{2}||f_{n}||} \leq \frac{||(G_{\nu}-F_{\nu})(x_{n}, f_{n})||_{X}}{||x_{n}||_{X}}$$

and  $|G_{\nu}-F_{\nu}|^*=0$  imply

$$\frac{f_n(\langle (G_{\nu} - F_{\nu}) (x_n, f_n), x_n \rangle)}{\|x_n\|_X^2 \|f_n\|} \longrightarrow 0.$$
 (2)

Hence from (1) and (2) we see that

$$\frac{f_n(\langle G_\nu(x_n, f_n), x_n \rangle)}{\|x_n\|_{Y^2}\|f_n\|} \longrightarrow \lambda \text{ as } n \longrightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore  $\Omega^*(F_{\nu}) \subseteq \Omega^*(G_{\nu})$ . The inclusion  $\Omega^*(G_{\nu}) \subseteq \Omega^*(F_{\nu})$  is proved in the same way.

PROPOSITION 3.3. If  $F \in W^*(X)$ , then (a)  $\alpha^*(\mu\pi - F) \ge dist$   $(\mu, \Omega^*(F))$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ .

(b) 
$$\Omega^*(F) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha^*(\lambda \pi - F) = 0 \}.$$

**Proof.** (a) We shall show a little more, namely; that for any  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ , there exists  $\lambda \in \Omega^*(F)$  such that  $\alpha^*(\mu\pi - F) = |\mu - \lambda|$ . By definition of  $\alpha^*(\mu\pi - F)$ , there is a sequence  $\{(x_n, f_n)\}$  in  $I_0$  such that  $||x_n||_X \ge n$  and

$$\frac{|f_n(\langle (\mu\pi - F)(x_n, f_n), x_n \rangle)|}{||x_n||_X^2 ||f_n||} \longrightarrow \alpha^*(\mu\pi - F)$$
 (1)

Since  $F \in W^*(X)$ , without loss of generality we may assume that the sequence  $\left\{\frac{f_n(\langle F(x_n, f_n), x_n\rangle)}{\|x_n\|_X^2\|f_n\|}\right\}$  is convergent to some  $\lambda \in \Omega^*(F)$ .

Thus from (1) we obtain  $\alpha^*(\mu\pi - F) = |\mu - \lambda|$ .

(b) Let  $\Lambda = {\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: \alpha^*(\lambda \pi - F) = 0}$ . Then from (a) we have  $\Lambda \subseteq \Omega^*(F)$ . Now let  $\lambda \in \Omega^*(F)$ . Then there is a sequence  $\{(x_n, f_n)\}$  in  $II_0$  such that  $||x_n||_X \ge n$  and  $\frac{f_n(\langle F(x_n, f_n), x_n \rangle)}{||x_n||_X^2||f_n||} \longrightarrow \lambda$ .

This in turn implies that  $\frac{f_n(\langle (\lambda \pi - F)(x_n, f_n), x_n \rangle)}{\|x_n\|_X^2\|f_n\|} \longrightarrow 0$ , and hence that  $\alpha^*(\lambda \pi - F) = 0$ . Therefore  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  and  $\Omega^*(F) \subseteq \Lambda$ .

PROPOSITION 3.4. Let  $F, G \in W^*(X)$  and  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then

- (a)  $0 \le \alpha^*(F) \le \omega^*(F)$ .
- (b)  $\alpha^*(\mu F) = |\mu| \alpha^*(F)$ .
- (c)  $\alpha^*(F+G) \leq \alpha^*(F) + \omega^*(G)$
- (d)  $\alpha^*(F) \omega^*(G) \leq \alpha^*(F+G)$
- (e)  $|\alpha^*(F) \alpha^*(G)| \leq \omega^*(F G)$ . So  $\alpha^*$  is actually defined in  $\hat{W}^*(X)$ .

(f) 
$$\alpha^*(F) \leq |\lambda|$$
 if  $\lambda \in \Omega^*(F)$ .

Proof. (a) an (b) follow from the definitions.

(c) 
$$\alpha^*(F+G) = \lim_{r \to \infty} \inf_{\|r\|_r} \frac{|f(\langle (F+G)(x, f), x \rangle)|}{\|x\|_X^2 \|f\|}$$
  

$$\leq \lim_{r \to \infty} \inf_{\|r\|_r} \frac{|f(\langle F(x, f), x \rangle)|}{\|x\|_X^2 \|f\|} + \lim_{r \to \infty} \sup_{\|r\|_r} \frac{|f(\langle G(x, f), x \rangle)|}{\|x\|_X^2 \|f\|}$$

$$= \alpha^*(F) + \omega^*(G).$$

- (d) It follows from (c).
- (e) We have from (c)  $\alpha^*(F) = \alpha^*(F G + G) \le \omega^*(F G) + \alpha^*(G)$ . Hence  $|\alpha^*(F) \alpha^*(G)| \le \omega^*(F G)$ .
- (f) From (d) and Proposition 3.3 (b) we have

$$\alpha^*(F) - |\lambda| \le \alpha^*(\lambda \pi - F) = 0, \ \lambda \in \Omega^*(F).$$

PROPOSITION 3.5. If  $F, G \in W^*(X)$ , then  $\gamma(\Omega^*(F), \Omega^*(G)) \leq \omega^*(F-G)$ . Here  $\gamma$  is the Hausdorff metric in  $\Gamma(\mathbb{C})$ , which denotes the set of all non-void closed bounded subsets of  $(\mathbb{C}, d)$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\gamma(\mathcal{Q}^*(F), \mathcal{Q}^*(G)) = \max \{ \sup \{ \operatorname{dist}(\lambda, \mathcal{Q}^*(F)) : \lambda \in \mathcal{Q}^*(G) \}, \sup \{ \operatorname{dist}(\lambda, \mathcal{Q}^*(G)) : \lambda \in \mathcal{Q}^*(F) \} \}.$$
(1)

and from Proposition 3.3

dist 
$$(\lambda, \Omega^*(F)) \le \alpha^*(\lambda \pi - F)$$
, dist  $(\lambda, \Omega^*(G)) \le \alpha^*(\lambda \pi - G)$ . (2)

Also Proposition 3.3 and 3.4 (c) imply

$$\alpha^*(\lambda \pi - F) = \alpha^*((\lambda \pi - G) + (G - F)) \le \alpha^*(\lambda \pi - G) + \omega^*(G - F)$$

$$= \omega^*(F - G), \quad \lambda \in \mathcal{Q}^*(G)$$
(3)

and

$$\alpha^*(\lambda \pi - G) = \alpha^*((\lambda \pi - F) + (F - G)) \le \alpha^*(\lambda \pi - F) + \omega^*(F - G)$$
$$= \omega^*(F - G), \ \lambda \in \mathcal{Q}^*(F). \tag{4}$$

From (1) – (4) we obtain  $\gamma(\Omega^*(F), \Omega^*(G)) \leq \omega^*(F-G)$ .

## 4. The numerical range and the $B^*$ -asymptotic spectrum

DEFINITION 4.1. Let  $X_0 = X - \{0\}$ . A continuous map  $P: X_0 \longrightarrow X$  is called B-numerically bounded if the map  $F: \Pi_0 \longrightarrow X$  given by F(x, f) = P(x) is  $B^*$ -numerically bounded.

In this case the numbers  $\omega^*(F)$ ,  $\alpha^*(F)$  and the  $B^*$ -numerical range  $\Omega^*(F)$  are denoted by  $\omega(P)$ ,  $\alpha(P)$  and  $\Omega(P)$  respectively.

We denote by W(X) the vector space of all B-numerically bounded maps on  $X_0$ . Notice that W(X) can be considered, in a natural way, as a vector subspace of  $W^*(X)$ , and that  $\omega$  is a seminorm on W(X). Obviously one has  $B(X) \subset Q(X) \subset W(X)$  and  $\omega(P) \leq |P| \leq |P|$ .

PROPOSITION 4.1. If 
$$T \in L(X)$$
, then
(a)  $\Omega(T) = \overline{W_B(T)}$ .

(b)  $\omega(T) = \omega_B(T)$ , where  $\omega_B(T)$  denotes the B-spatial numerical radius of T[7].

Proof. Obvious.

Definition 4.2. For any  $F \in Q^*(X)$ , we define

$$d^*(F) = \lim_{r \to \infty} \inf_{N_r} \frac{||F(x, f)||_X}{||x||_X},$$

and the  $B^*$ -asymptotic spectrum  $\Sigma^*(F)$  of F, as the set  $\Sigma^*(F) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : d^*(\lambda \pi - F) = 0\}$  where  $\pi$  denotes the natural projection of  $X \times B^*$  onto X. It is easy to show the following properties; If  $F, G \in Q^*(X)$  and  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ , then

- (a)  $0 \le d^*(F) \le |F|^*$ .
- (b)  $d^*(\mu F) = |\mu| d^*(F)$
- (c)  $d^*(F+G) \leq d^*(F) + |G|^*$ .
- (d)  $d^*(F) |G|^* \le d^*(F+G)$
- (e)  $|d^*(F)-d^*(G)| \le |F-G|^*$ .
- (f)  $d^*(F) \leq |\lambda|$ ,  $\lambda \in \Sigma^*(F)$ .

PROPOSITION 4.2. If F,  $G \in Q^*(X)$  and  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ , then

- (a)  $\Sigma^*(F) \subseteq \Omega^*(F)$ .
- (b) If  $|F-G|^*=0$ , then  $\Sigma^*(F) = \Sigma^*(G)$ .
- (c)  $r^*(F) \le |F|^*$ , where  $r^*(F) = \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \Sigma^*(F)\}$  is the B\*-asymptotic spectral radius of F.
  - (d)  $\sum^*(F)$  is compact.
  - (e)  $\Sigma^*(\mu F) = \mu \Sigma^*(F)$ .
  - (f)  $\Sigma^*(\mu\pi+F) = \mu + \Sigma^*(F)$ .

*Proof.* (a) It follows from the obvious inequality  $\alpha^*(F) \leq d^*(F)$  and Proposition 3.3.

- (b) Immediate from the previous remark (e).
- (c) Let  $\lambda \in \Sigma^*(F)$ . By the previous remark (d) we have

$$|\lambda| - |F|^* \leq d^*(\lambda \pi - F) = 0.$$

(d) By the previous remark (e), the mapping  $\lambda \longrightarrow d^*(\lambda \pi - F)$  is continuous and hence  $\Sigma^*(F)$  is closed. By (c) it is bounded and hence compact.

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