

A NOTE ON M-HYPONORMAL OPERATORS IN
HILBERT SPACE

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1. Introduction

In this paper H is a separable, infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space with inner product (\cdot, \cdot) , and the Banach algebra of all bounded linear operators on H will be denoted by $L(H)$. $T \in L(H)$ is called dominant by J. Stamfli and B. Wadhwa if, for all complex λ , $\text{ran}(T-\lambda) \subset \text{ran}(T-\lambda)^*$ or, equivalently, if there exists a positive number M_λ such that $\|(T-\lambda)^*f\| \leq M_\lambda \|(T-\lambda)f\|$ for all f in H . If there exists a constant $M \geq 1$ such that $M_\lambda \leq M$ for all λ , T is called M -hyponormal, and if $M=1$, T is hyponormal. The purpose of the present note is to give several properties of M -hyponormal operators, and show some relations when T is of M -power class (N) or T is of class (N) . Therefore we know that an M -power class is strictly larger than the class of hyponormal operators.

2. Preliminaries

LEMMA 2.1 [13]. *If T is an M -hyponormal operator, then (1) $Tx = zx$ implies that $T^*x = \bar{z}x$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ and (2) $\|(T-z)x\|^{n+1} \leq M^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \|(T-z)^{n+1}x\|$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $n=1, 2, \dots$.*

LEMMA 2.2. *T is an M -hyponormal operator if and only if $M^2(T-z)^*(T-z) - (T-z)(T-z)^* \geq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$.*

PROOF. If T is M -hyponormal, then there exists a positive number M such that $\|(T-z)^*x\| \leq M\|(T-z)x\|$ for all $x \in H$ and for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$, and so $\|(T-z)^*x\|^2 = ((T-z)^*x, (T-z)^*x) \leq M^2((T-z)x, (T-z)x)$, and thus we have $M^2(T-z)^*(T-z) - (T-z)(T-z)^* \geq 0$. Conversely, if $M^2(T-z)^*(T-z) - (T-z)(T-z)^* \geq 0$, then $M^2((T-z)^*(T-z) - (T-z)(T-z)^*)x, x \geq 0$, and so we have $\|(T-z)^*x\|^2 \leq M^2\|(T-z)x\|^2$. Thus T is an M -hyponormal operator.

LEMMA 2.3 [11]. *From Lemma 2.2 the following statements are each equivalent to each other;*

- (1) T is an M -hyponormal operator,
- (2) For each $z \in \mathbb{C}$, there exists an operator $A_z \in L(H)$ such that $T-z = (T-z)^*A_z$.

LEMMA 2.4 [12, Theorem B]. *If T and T^* are M -hyponormal operators, then T is normal.*

We shall now give an example of an M -hyponormal operator which is not hyponormal.

EXAMPLE 2.5 [13]. *Let $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ be an orthonormal basis of a Hilbert space. Let T be a weighted shift defined by $Te_1 = e_2$, $Te_2 = 2e_3$, and $Te_i = e_{i+1}$ for $i \geq 3$. Then $T^*e_1 = 0$, $T^*e_2 = e_1$, $T^*e_3 = 2e_2$ and $T^*e_i = e_{i-1}$ for $i \geq 4$.*

3. Properties of M -hyponormal operators

LEMMA 3.1 [5]. *From Lemma 2.3 an operator A_z is constructed as follows;*

- (1) $A_z^*((T-z)x) = (T-z)^*x$,
- (2) $A_z^*y = 0$ for every $y \in (\text{ran}(T-z))^\perp$,
- and (3) $\|A_z\| \leq \lambda$.

THEOREM 3.2. *T is an M -hyponormal operator if and only if there exists a positive contraction P such that $(T-z)(T-z)^* = P(T-z)^*(T-z)$ and P commutes with $(T-z)^*(T-z)$.*

PROOF. If T is an M -hyponormal operator, we have $((T-z)(T-z)^*)^2 \leq M^4((T-z)^*(T-z))^2$, that is, $((T-z)(T-z)^*)^*(T-z)(T-z)^* \leq (M^2)^2((T-z)^*(T-z)) ((T-z)^*(T-z))^*$. It follows from Lemma 3.1 (1) that $(T-z)(T-z)^* = (T-z)^*(T-z)A_z$, and so we have $(T-z)(T-z)^* = A_z^*(T-z)^*(T-z)$. So we put $P = A_z^*$. Then it is clear by lemma 3.1 (2) that $(P(x_1+x_2), x_1+x_2) = (Px_1, x_1) + (Px_1, x_2) + (Px_2, x_1) + (Px_2, x_2) = (Px_1, x_1) \geq 0$ for every $x_1 \in \overline{\text{ran}(T-z)^*(T-z)}$ and $x_2 \in (\text{ran}(T-z)^*(T-z))^\perp$. Also, we have by Lemma 3.1 (3) that $\|A_z^*\| = \|A_z\| \leq \lambda$, and thus $P = A_z^*$ is a positive contraction. Since P is a positive operator on H , P is self-adjoint, that is, $A_z^* = A_z$. Thus we have $P(T-z)^*(T-z) = (T-z)(T-z)^* = ((T-z)(T-z)^*)^* = (P(T-z)^*(T-z))^* = (T-z)^*(T-z)P$, hence P commutes with $(T-z)^*(T-z)$. Conversely, if there exists a positive contraction P such that $(T-z)(T-z)^* = P(T-z)^*(T-z)$ and P commutes with $(T-z)^*(T-z)$, then we have $((T-z)(T-z)^*)^2 = P^2(T-z)^*(T-z))^2 \leq ((T-z)^*(T-z))^2 \leq M^4((T-z)^*(T-z))^2$ for positive number M . Therefore $(T-z)(T-z)^* \leq M^2(T-z)^*(T-z)$, and thus it follows from Lemma 2.2 that T is an M -hyponormal operator on H .

LEMMA 3.3 [1, Proposition 2]. *If T is a bounded linear operator such that T^*T commutes with T^*+T then $4T^*T - (T^*+T)^2 \geq 0$.*

LEMMA 3.4 [11, Corollary 8]. *If T is M -hyponormal, N is normal and $TN = NT$ then $T+N$ is an M -hyponormal operator.*

THEOREM 3.5. *If T is an M -hyponormal operator such that T^*T commutes with T^*+T and $TC = CT$, where C is any one root of the equation $(z-T^*)(z-T) = 0$ for $z \in$*

C , then $T+C^*$ is an M -hyponormal operator.

PROOF. If T is a bounded linear operator such that T^*T , commutes with T^*+T , it follows from Lemma 3.3 that $4T^*T-(T^*+T)^2 \geq 0$. Put $C = \frac{(T^*+T) + i\sqrt{4T^*T-(T^*+T)^2}}{2}$

Then it is clear that C is normal, and also C^* is normal. From [3] it is obvious that $TC^*=C^*T$, hence it follows from Lemma 3.4 that $T+C^*$ is an M -hyponormal operator.

COROLLARY 3.6. If T and T^* are M -hyponormal operators then $T+T^*$ is an M -hyponormal operator.

PROOF. Since T and T^* are M -hyponormal operators, it follows from Lemma 2.4 that T is normal, and thus $T+T^*$ is an M -hyponormal operator.

LEMMA 3.7 [12, Theorem 1]. Let T be M -hyponormal and suppose that $TX=XT^*$ for $X \in L(H)$. Then $T^*X=XT$.

LEMMA 3.8. If A and B are M -hyponormal and $AX=XB^*$ for $X \in L(H)$, then $A^*X=XB$.

PROOF. From Lemma 3.7.

THEOREM 3.9. If T and A are M -hyponormal and $TA_z = A_zA^*$ where A_z is a bounded linear operator in Lemma 3.1, then $\overline{\text{ran}A_z}$ reduces T and $\text{Ker}(T-z)$ reduces A .

PROOF. It follows from Lemma 3.8 that $TA_zA_z^* = A_zA^*A_z^* = A_zA_z^*T$, and thus T commutes with $A_zA_z^*$. Since $A_zA_z^*$ is self-adjoint, $A_zA_z^*$ is normal, and $\overline{\text{ran}(A_zA_z^*)} = \overline{\text{ran}A_z}$. Therefore $A_zA_z^*$ is the projection on $\overline{\text{ran}A_z}$. Since T commutes with $A_zA_z^*$, $\overline{\text{ran}A_z}$ reduces T . Similarly, it is obvious by Lemma 3.8 that $A_z^*A_zA = A_z^*T^*A_z = (TA_z)^*A_z = AA_z^*A_z$, and thus A commutes with $A_z^*A_z$. Also $A_z^*A_z$ is normal and $\text{Ker}(A_z^*A_z) = \text{Ker}A_z$. Thus $A_z^*A_z$ is the projection on $\text{Ker}A_z$. Since A commutes with $A_z^*A_z$, $\text{Ker}A_z$

reduces A . From Lemma 3.1 R. G. Douglas [2] has obtained that there exists a unique bounded operator A_z such that $\text{Ker } A_z = \text{Ker}(T-z)$. Therefore $\text{Ker}(T-z)$ reduces A .

THEOREM 3.10. *Let A and B be M -hyponormal operators such that $AX=XB^*$ for $X \in L(H)$. Then A is a linear combination of four unitary operators each of which commutes with XX^* .*

PROOF. By Lemma 3.8, A commutes with XX^* and XX^* is normal. Let $A=H+iJ$ be the Cartesian decomposition of A , where $H=\frac{1}{2}(X+X^*)$ and $J=\frac{1}{2i}(X-X^*)$. Then H and J commute with XX^* . It can be assumed that H and J are contractions, and thus $H \pm i(I-H^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $iJ \pm (I-J^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ are unitary, commutes with XX^* . Since $2A=(H+i(I-H^2)^{\frac{1}{2}})+(H-i(I-H^2)^{\frac{1}{2}})+(iJ+(I-J^2)^{\frac{1}{2}})+(iJ-(I-J^2)^{\frac{1}{2}})=2H+2iJ$, $A=\text{span}\{(H+i(I-H^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}), (H-i(I-H^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}), (iJ+(I-J^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}), (iJ-(I-J^2)^{\frac{1}{2}})\}$.

We shall consider a class \mathcal{L} of operators T satisfying the inequality $T^*T \geq (\text{Re } T)^2$. By Che-Kao Fong, Vasile I. Istratescu [10] every hyponormal operator is in \mathcal{L} . Now we shall show an example of an $M(=3)$ -hyponormal operator T if T is in \mathcal{L} .

LEMMA 3.11 [10, Proposition 2.1]. *If T is in \mathcal{L} and z is a real number, then $T-z$ is in \mathcal{L} .*

EXAMPLE 3.12. Let $T \in L(H)$ be in \mathcal{L} . Then T is an $M(=3)$ -hyponormal operator.

PROOF. If z is real number, by Lemma 3.11 it is sufficient to consider the case when $z=0$. Then we have $(\|T^*x\| - \|Tx\|)^2 = \|T^*x\|^2 + \|Tx\|^2 - 2\|T^*x\| \|x\| \leq \|(T+T^*)x\|^2 = \|2\text{Re } Tx\|^2 - 4(\text{Re } T)^2(x, x) \leq 4(T^*Tx, x) = (2\|Tx\|)^2$, and thus $\|T^*x\| \leq 3\|Tx\|$. Therefore it is clear that $\|(T-z)^*x$

$\| \leq 3\|(T-z)x\|$ for all $x \in H$ and all real number z , hence T is an $M(=3)$ -hyponormal operator.

COROLLARY 3.13. *Let $T \in L(H)$ be in \mathcal{L} . If $(T-z)^n x = 0$ for all real number z and some $n \geq 1$. Then $T^*x = \bar{z}x$.*

PROOF. It follows from Example 3.12 that T is a 3-hyponormal operator. From Lemma 2.1 (2) it is clear that $\|(T-z)x\|^{n+1} \leq 3^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \|(T-z)^{n+1}x\|$, and so $\|(T-z)x\|^{n+1} = 0$ implies $Tx = zx$. Thus, in view of Lemma 2.1 (1), $Tx = zx$ implies $T^*x = \bar{z}x$.

4. An operator of M -power class (N)

We consider the following subset of M -hyponormal operators; T satisfies the addition property that for all z in the complex plane, all integers n and all $x \in H$, $\|(T-z)^n x\|^2 \leq M\|(T-z)^{2n}x\| \|x\|$. We call an operator with these properties an operators of M -power class (N) . [8]. From a class of operators on H the operator T is said to be of class (N) if $x \in H$, $\|x\|=1$, $\|Tx\|^2 \leq \|T^2x\|$. [9].

LEMMA 4.1. [6, Lemma 2] *Let T be of class (N) . Then $\|T^{n+1}x\|^2 \geq \|T^n x\|^2 \|T^2x\|$ for every unit vector $x \in H$ and $n \geq 1$.*

LEMMA 4.2. *If T is of M -power class (N) , then the spectral radius $r(T)$ of T is not equal to $\|T\|$. But if T is of class (N) , then $\|T\| = r(T)$.*

PROOF. We can assume without loss of generality that $\|T\| = 1$. It follows from [9, Lemma] that there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}$ such that $\|x_n\|=1$ and $\lim \|Tx_n\|=1$. Since T is of M -power class (N) , it is obvious that $1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Tx_n\|^2 \leq M \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^2x_n\|$ which yields $\|T^2\| \geq \frac{1}{M}$. For all integer n we have

$\|T^{2^n}\| \geq \frac{1}{M^{2^n-1}}$ by induction. Thus $r(T) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{2^m}\|^{\frac{1}{2^m}}$, $(n=2^m)$, $\geq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M^{2^m-1}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2^m}} = 1$. Since $\|T\| = 1$, $\frac{1}{M} \|T\| = \frac{1}{M} \leq 1 \leq r(T)$, that is, $\frac{1}{M} \|T\| \leq r(T)$. If T is of class (N) , then the inequality $\|Tx\|^n \leq \|T^n x\|$ holds for $n \geq 2$. Suppose that for the case $n=k$ the inequality $\|Tx\|^k \leq \|T^k x\|$ holds. If $n=k+1$, then it follows Lemma 4.1 that $\|T^{k+1}x\|^2 \geq \|T^k x\|^2 \|T^2 x\| \geq \|Tx\|^{2k} \|Tx\|^2 = \|Tx\|^{2(k+1)}$, and so the inequality $\|T^{k+1}x\| \geq \|Tx\|^{k+1}$ holds. Therefore, we have $r(T) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \|T\|$.

EXAMPLE 4.3. [8]. From Example 2.5 T is of M -power class (N) and $r(T) \neq \|T\|$.

EXAMPLE 4.4. Let T be a hyponormal operator. Then T is of class (N) and $r(T) = \|T\|$.

PROOF. Since $\|Tx\|^2 = (Tx, Tx) = (T^*Tx, x) \leq \|T^*Tx\| \leq \|T^2x\|$, T is of class (N) . It is clear, by Lemma 4.2, that $r(T) = \|T\|$.

LEMMA 4.5. [8, Theorem 2.1] *If T is of M -power class (N) and $T^{-1} \in L(H)$, then T^{-1} is also of M -power class (N) .*

THEOREM 4.6. *If T is of M -power class (N) and $T^{-1} \in L(H)$, then $m_T = \{x : \|T^{-n}x\| \leq M\|x\|, n=2, 3, \dots, \|T^{-1}x\| = M\}$ is invariant under T^{-1} .*

PROOF. If T is of M -power class (N) , it follows from Lemma 4.5 that T^{-1} is of M -power class (N) . Let $x \in m_T$ and $\|x\| = 1$. Then we have $\|T^{-n}x\|^2 \leq M\|T^{-2n}x\|$, and thus also $\|T^{-n}(T^{-1}x)\|^2 \leq M\|T^{-2(n+1)}x\|$. It is clear, from the Definition of m_T that $\|T^{-2^{n-1}}\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|T^{-2^{n-1}}x\| \leq M$. Thus we

have $\frac{1}{M} \|T^{-(n+1)}x\|^2 \leq \|T^{-2(n+1)}x\| \leq \|T^{-2n-1}\| \|T^{-1}x\| \leq M$

$\|T^{-1}x\|$. Since $\|T^{-1}x\| = M \geq 1$, it follows that $\|T^{-n}(T^{-1}x)\|^2 \leq M^2 \|T^{-1}x\| \leq M^2 \|T^{-1}x\|^2$, hence $\|T^{-n}(T^{-1}x)\| \leq M \|T^{-1}x\|$. Therefore, $T^{-1}x \in m_T$, m_T is invariant under T^{-1} .

REMARK 4.7. If T is of M -power class (N) and $T^{-1} \in L(H)$, then $\|(T-z)^{-1}x\|^2 \leq M^3 \|(T-z)^{-2}x\|$ for all $x \in H$, $\|x\| = 1$, and for all z in resolvent set of T , $\rho(T)$.

PROOF. It follows from Lemma 4.5 that T^{-1} is of M -power class (N), and so we have $\|(T-z)^{-1}x\|^2 \leq M \|(T-z)^{-2}x\|$ for all $z \in \rho(T)$ and for $n=1$. Since T is M -hyponormal, it is clear, by the inequality; $(T-z)(T-z)^* \leq M^2(T-z)^*(T-z)$, that $(T-z)^{-1}(T-z)^{-1*} \leq M^2(T-z)^{-1*}(T-z)^{-1}$ holds, hence it follows that $\|(T^*-\bar{z})^{-1}x\| \leq M \|(T-z)^{-1}x\|$ for all $z \in \rho(T)$. Thus, we have $\|(T^*-\bar{z})^{-1}x\|^2 \leq M^2 \|(T-z)^{-1}x\|^2 \leq M^3 \|(T-z)^{-2}x\|$ for all $z \in \rho(T)$.

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