

k^* -PARAMOMAL-OPERATORS

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1. Introduction

In [1], Masathosi Fujii and Yasuhiko Nakatsu introduced the concept of k -hyponormal operators. An operator T is said to be k -hyponormal if $(TT^*)^k \leq (T^*T)^k$, k being a positive integer.

The class of k -quasi-hyponormal operators and k -paranormal operators was introduced and studied by Rushpa R.Suri and N.Singh[2]. An operator T defined on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} is k -quasi-hyponormal if $T^{*k}T^k - (T^*T)^k \geq 0$, k being a positive integer, or equivalently $\|(T^*T)^{\frac{k}{2}}x\| \geq \|T^kx\|$, if k is even, and $\|T^kx\|$, if k is odd, for all x in \mathcal{H} . An operator T is said to be k -paranormal if $\|Tx\|^k \leq \|T^kx\|$ for every unit vector x in \mathcal{H} , k being a positive integer. In [3], an operator T is said to be $*$ -paranormal if $\|T^*x\|^2 \leq \|T^2x\|$ for every unit vector x in \mathcal{H} .

We shall define a new class of operators. An operator T is said to be k^* -paranormal if $\|T^*x\|^k \leq \|T^kx\|$ for every unit vector x in \mathcal{H} , k being a positive integer. It is the aim of this note to introduce a new class of operator which generalizes the class of $*$ -paranormal operators, and to give some properties. Our new class of k^* -paranormal operators occupies the following place;

$$\{\text{Normal}\} \subset \{k\text{-hyponormal}\} \subset \{k^*\text{-paranormal}\} \subset \{\text{Normaloid}\}.$$

Various examples have been constructed to show the proper inclusion relation among the classes.

2. k^* -Paranormal Operators

THEOREM 1. *Let T be a weighted shift operator with weights $\{\alpha_n\}$, then T is k^* -paranormal if and only if $|\alpha_{n-1}|^k \leq |\alpha_n||\alpha_{n+1}| \cdots |\alpha_{n+k-1}|$ for all integer n .*

Proof. This follows immediately from the definition of k^* -paranormal.

LEMMA 2 [1]. *For each k , if T is k -hyponormal, then T^k is hyponormal operator.*

THEOREM 3. *If T is k -hyponormal, then T is k -quasi-hyponormal.*

Proof. Note that T is 1-hyponormal if and only if T is hyponormal. We shall prove inductively that

$$(T^*T)^k \leq T^{*k}T^k.$$

Suppose that they are true for $k = n - 1$ and T is n -hyponormal. Then we have, by Lemma 2

$$(T^*T)^n = T^*(TT^*)^{n-1}T \leq T^*(T^*T)^{n-1}T \leq T^*(T^{*n-1}T^{n-1})T = T^{*n}T^n.$$

Therefore T is n -quasi-hyponormal, which complete the proof.

THEOREM 4. *For $2 \leq k$, if T is k -hyponormal, then T is k^* -paranormal.*

Proof. This is clear by Theorem 2.4[2],

$$\|Tx\|^k \leq \|(T^*T)^{\frac{k}{2}}x\| \leq \|T^kx\|,$$

if k is even, and

$$\|Tx\|^k \leq \|T(T^*T)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}x\| \leq \|T^kx\|,$$

if k is odd, for each unit vector x in \mathcal{H} . Hence the inequality $\|T^*x\|^k \leq \|T^kx\|$ holds for each unit vector x in \mathcal{H} , and so T is k^* -paranormal.

COROLLARY 5. *If T is k -hyponormal, then T is k -paranormal.*

REMARK 6. *A $*$ -paranormal need not be a k -hyponormal operator.*

EXAMPLE 1. Let \mathcal{K} be the direct sum of denumerable copies of \mathcal{H} . Let A and B be any positive operators on \mathcal{H} . Let n be any fixed positive integer, define an operator $T = T_{A,B,n}$ on \mathcal{K} as $T_{A,B,n}(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (0, Ax_1, \dots, Ax_n, Bx_{n+1}, Bx_{n+2}, \dots)$. A simple computation shows that the operator $T = T_{A,B,n}$ is k -hyponormal if and only if $0 \leq B^{2k} - A^{2k}$. Let $T = T_{A,B,n}$, where A and B are positive operators on \mathcal{H} satisfying this time $A^2 = C$ and $B^4 = D$, where C and D are positive operators on \mathcal{H} defined as

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then T is $*$ -paranormal operator if and only if $B^4 - 2\lambda A^2 + \lambda^2 \geq 0$ for each $\lambda > 0$. And

$$B^4 - 2\lambda A^2 + \lambda^2 = D - 2\lambda C + \lambda^2 = \begin{pmatrix} (1-\lambda)^2 & 2(1-\lambda) \\ 2(1-\lambda) & (2-\lambda)^2 + 4 \end{pmatrix},$$

which is a positive operator for each $\lambda > 0$. Hence T is $*$ -paranormal operator. However,

$$B^8 - A^8 = D^2 - C^4 = \begin{pmatrix} -25 & -51 \\ -25 & -50 \end{pmatrix}$$

is not positive. Hence T is not a k -hyponormal operator.

THEOREM 7. For $k \geq 3$, there exists a k^* -paranormal operator which is not $*$ -paranormal operator.

EXAMPLE 2. For $k \geq 4$, let $\{e_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ be an orthonormal basis of the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} .

Define a bilateral weighted shift T on \mathcal{H} with $\{\alpha_n\}$ given by

$$\alpha_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } n \leq -1, \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} & \text{if } n = 0, \\ \frac{n}{n+1} & \text{if } n \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Clearly $|\alpha_{n-1}|^k \leq |\alpha_n| \cdots |\alpha_{n+k-1}|$ for $n \neq 1$. For $n = 1$, $|\alpha_0|^k \leq |\alpha_1| |\alpha_2| \cdots |\alpha_k|$. Therefore, it follows from Theorem 1 that T is k^* -paranormal. But T is not a $*$ -paranormal operator as $\alpha_0 > \alpha_1$.

THEOREM 8. For $k \geq 2$, there exists a k^* -paranormal operator which is not k -hyponormal operator.

EXAMPLE 3. For $k \geq 3$, let $\{e_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty}$ be an orthonormal basis of the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} .

Let T be a weight shift with weights α_n ,

$$\alpha_n \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } n \leq -1, \\ 2 & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 2 & \text{if } n = 2, 3, 4, \dots, \end{cases}$$

Then T is 5^* -paranormal, but T is not 5 -hyponormal.

THEOREM 9. If T is a k^* -paranormal operator, then T is normaloid.

Proof. By Definition of $\|T\|$, i.e. $\|T\| = \sup\{\|Tx\|; \|x\| = 1\}$, there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}$ of unit vectors such that $\|T^*x_n\| \rightarrow \|T^*\| = \|T\|$. We may suppose, without loss of generality that $\|T\| = 1$. Since for any unit vector x $\|T^*x\|^k \leq \|T^kx\|$, we have $\lim \|T^kx_n\| = 1$. This leads to $\lim \|T^jx_n\| = 1$, $1 \leq j \leq k$.

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^{k+1}\| &= \|T^k \frac{Tx}{\|Tx\|}\| \|Tx\| \\ &\geq \|T^*Tx\|^k \frac{\|Tx\|}{\|Tx\|}, \end{aligned}$$

if we put in this inequality, $x = x_n$ we obtain

$$\lim \|T^{k+1}x_n\| = 1.$$

Also, if $\lim \|T^p x_n\| = 1$, $p \leq l$, then $\lim \|T^{p+1}x_n\| = 1$.

This is the consequence of the inequality as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^{l+1}x\| &= \|T^k T^{l+1-k}x\| \\ &= \|T^k \frac{T^{l+1-k}x}{\|T^{l+1-k}x\|}\| \|T^{l+1-k}x\| \\ &\geq \|T^*T^{l+1-k}x\|^k \frac{\|T^{l+1-k}x\|}{\|T^{l+1-k}x\|^k} \\ &= \|T^*T^{l+1-k}x\|^k \|T^{l+1-k}x\|^{1-k} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^*T^{l+1-k}x\| &= \|T^*TT^{l-k}x\| \\ &= \|T^*T \frac{T^{l-k}x}{\|T^{l-k}x\|}\| \|T^{l-k}x\| \\ &\geq \|T \frac{T^{l-k}x}{\|T^{l-k}x\|}\|^2 \|T^{l-k}x\| \\ &= \frac{\|T^{l+1-k}x\|^2 \|T^{l-k}x\|}{\|T^{l-k}x\|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\|T^{l+1}x\| \geq \|T^{l+1-k}x\|^{2k} \|T^{l+1-k}x\|^{1-k} \|T^{l-k}x\|^{-k}.$$

Therefore

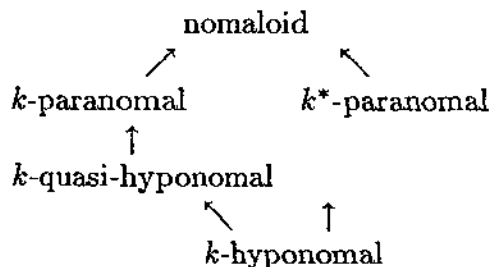
$$\lim \|T^{l+1}x_n\| = 1.$$

By an induction argument, we obtain that for every j

$$\lim \|T^jx_n\| = 1.$$

This proves the theorem.

From the above Examples and Theorems, and in [2], the class of k^* -paranormal operators finds the following place in the hierarchy of classes of operators as follows:



where the symbol \rightarrow indicates the inclusion relation.

COROLLARY 10. *If T is a k^* -paranormal operator, then the spectral radius of T ; $R_{sp}(T)$ is equal to $\|T\|$.*

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