# THE SPECTRAL PROPERTY $\sigma(\text{Re}(T)) = \text{Re}(\sigma(T))$ OF p-HYPONORMAL OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. In this note we consider the projective property  $\sigma$  Re(T) = Re  $\sigma$ (T) of p-hyponormal operators and log-hyponormal operators.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be complex Hilbert spaces and let  $B(\mathcal{H})$  denote the set of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . For  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , we denote the spectrum and the approximate point spectrum of T by  $\sigma(T)$  and  $\sigma_a(T)$ , respectively.

An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is called *p-hyponormal* if  $(T^*T)^p - (TT^*)^p \geq 0$  for some  $p \in (0, \infty)$ . If p = 1, T is hyponormal and if  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ , T is semi-hyponormal. By the consequence of Löwner's inequality (cf. Löwner [10]) if T is p-hyponomal for some  $p \in (0, \infty)$ , then T is also q-hyponormal for every  $q \in (0, p]$ . Thus we assume, without loss of generality, that  $p \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ . An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is called log-hyponormal if T is invertible and satisfies  $\log (T^*T) \geq \log (TT^*)$ . Since

$$\log:(0,\infty)\longrightarrow(-\infty,\infty)$$

is a monotone function, every invertible p-hyponormal operator is log-hyponormal. But there exists a log-hyponormal operator which is not p-hyponormal (cf. Tanahashi [12, Example 12]). An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be paranormal if  $||T^2x|| \ge ||Tx||^2$  for every unit vector  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ . It is well known (cf. Ando [1],  $Ch\bar{o}$  & Jin [5], Fujii, Himeji & Matsumoto [8]) that

p-hyponormal  $\Longrightarrow$  log-hyponormal  $\Longrightarrow$  paranormal.

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For the study of spectral theory of operators, spectral mapping theorems are important. It is familiar that if T is normal then for every polynomial  $p(\lambda, \lambda^*)$  the spectral mapping theorem holds;

$$\sigma(p(T)) = p(\sigma(T)) = \{p(\lambda, \lambda^*); \lambda \in \sigma(T)\}.$$

In particular, if  $p(\lambda, \lambda^*) := \frac{1}{2}(\lambda + \lambda^*) = \text{Re}(\lambda)$ , then we have that

$$\sigma(\operatorname{Re}(T)) = \operatorname{Re}(\sigma(T))$$
 (1)

for any normal operator T. We called the equality (1) the *projective* property.

The projective property for semi-normal operators was shown by Putnam [11] and the projective property for Toeplitz operators was showed by Berberian [2]. Chō, Hwang & Lee [4] has showed the *subprojective* property for p-hyponormal or log-hyponormal operators. There are two typical examples which are semi-hyponormal but not hyponormal (cf. Chō & Jin [5], Xia [13]). Chō, Huruya, Kim & Lee [3] has showed that the two typical examples satisfy the projective property. In this paper, we will show the projective property for p-hyponormal operators and log-hyponormal operators with some constraints.

#### 2. The projective property

For an operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , a point z is in the normal approximate point spectrum  $\sigma_{na}(T)$  of T if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of unit vectors such that

$$(T-z)x_n \to 0$$
 and  $(T-z)^*x_n \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ .

**Theorem A** (Chō, Hwang & Lee [4, Lemma 1.1]). If  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_{na}(T)$ , then

$$\operatorname{Re}(\sigma(T)) \subset \sigma(\operatorname{Re} T)$$
 and  $\operatorname{Im} \sigma(T) \subset \sigma(\operatorname{Im} T)$ .

From this theorem, we can show the "subprojective" property,  $\operatorname{Re}(\sigma(T)) \subset \sigma(\operatorname{Re} T)$ , for the spectra of p-hyponormal operators and log-hyponormal operators.

Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and let  $iso \ \sigma(T)$  be the set of all isolated points of the spectrum  $\sigma(T)$  of T. If  $\lambda \in iso \ \sigma(T)$ , the Riesz idempotent  $E_{\lambda}$  of T with respect to  $\lambda$  is defined by

$$E_{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} (T - z)^{-1} dz,$$

where D is an open disk which is far from the rest of  $\sigma(T)$ .

**Theorem B** (Chō & Tanahashi [6, Theorem 7]). Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be p-hyponormal (or log-hyponormal). Let  $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$  be an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$  and let  $E_{\lambda}$  be the Riesz projection for  $\lambda$ . Then  $E_{\lambda}$  is self-adjoint and

$$E_{\lambda}\mathcal{H} = \ker(T - \lambda) = \ker(T - \lambda)^*$$
.

An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is called *convexoid* if  $conv \sigma(T) = \operatorname{cl} W(T)$  where  $W(T) = \{(Tx, x); ||x|| = 1\}$  is the numerical range of T and conv denotes the convex hull. An operator T is restriction-convexoid if the restriction of T to every invariant subspace is covexoid.

**Theorem 1.** Let T be a p-hyponormal (or a log-hyponormal) operator. If T has the following conditions;

- (i) T is restriction convexoid, and
- (ii) Re  $\sigma(T)$  consists of a finite number of connected components, then  $\sigma(\operatorname{Re} T) \subset \operatorname{Re} \sigma(T)$ .

Proof. Let P be the projection on the complex plane C such that  $P(\lambda) = \operatorname{Re} \lambda$ . Write  $\operatorname{Re} \sigma(T) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i$ , where  $S_i$  are components of  $\operatorname{Re} \sigma(T)$  and  $\sigma_i := P^{-1}(S_i) \cap \sigma(T)$ . Using the Riesz idempotent, by Theorem B,  $\mathcal{H}$  can be decomposed by  $\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{H}_i$ , where  $T_i = T|_{\mathcal{H}_i}$  and  $\sigma(T_i) = \sigma_i$  and hence  $\operatorname{Re} \sigma(T_i) = S_i$ , i. e.,

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & T_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & T_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \mathcal{H}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{H}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Since T is restriction convexoid,  $T_i$   $(i=1,\ldots,n)$  is convexoid. Moreover,

$$\operatorname{Re} \sigma(T) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{Re} \sigma(T_i).$$

Let  $[\alpha_i, \beta_i]$  is the smallest interval containing  $\sigma(\operatorname{Re} T_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . Since  $\sigma(\operatorname{Re} T) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \sigma(\operatorname{Re} T_i)$ , we have  $\sigma(\operatorname{Re} T) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n [\alpha_i, \beta_i]$ . We want to show that  $[\alpha_i, \beta_i] \subset \operatorname{Re} \sigma(T_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . Since  $\operatorname{Re} \sigma(T_i)$  is connected, it will suffice to show that  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \operatorname{Re} \sigma(T_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . Assume to the contrary that  $\alpha_i \notin \operatorname{Re} \sigma(T_i)$ . If L is the vertical line  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda = \alpha_i$ , then  $\sigma(T_i)$  must lie in a side with respect to L.

Suppose that  $\sigma(T_i)$  lies in the right-side of L. Thus there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\operatorname{Re} \sigma(T_i) \geq \alpha_i + \varepsilon$ . Since  $T_i$  is convexoid, it follows that  $\inf\{\operatorname{Re} W(T_i)\} \geq \alpha_i + \varepsilon$ . Thus  $\inf\{W(\operatorname{Re} T_i)\} \geq \alpha_i + \varepsilon$ ,  $i. e., \operatorname{Re} T_i \geq (\alpha_i + \varepsilon)I$  and hence  $\inf\{\sigma(\operatorname{Re} T_i)\} \geq \alpha_i + \varepsilon$ .

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Therefore  $\alpha_i \geq \alpha_i + \varepsilon$ , which leads to a contradiction. If  $\sigma(T_i)$  lies in the left-side of L, applying the preceding argument with  $\alpha - \varepsilon$  in place of  $\alpha + \varepsilon$  gives a contradiction. Therefore  $[\alpha_i, \beta_i] \subset \operatorname{Re} \sigma(T_i)$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ , and therefore  $\sigma(\operatorname{Re} T) \subset \operatorname{Re} \sigma(T)$ .  $\square$ 

In Theorem 1, the condition (ii) can be easily applied to the case that  $\sigma(T)$  does not consist of connected components: For example, if  $T = T_1 \oplus D$ , where  $T_1$  is a p-hyponormal operator and convexoid whose spectrum is the unit disk and D is a diagonal operator whose diagonals are  $\{\frac{1}{n} + i\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  then  $\operatorname{Re} \sigma(T) = [-1, 1]$ , which is connected.

Corollary 2. Let T be a p-hyponormal (or a log-hyponormal) operator. If T is restriction convexoid and  $\operatorname{Re} \sigma(T)$  consists of a finite number of connected components then  $\sigma(\operatorname{Re} T) = \operatorname{Re} \sigma(T)$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem A and Theorem 1.

#### 3. An Example

It is well known (cf. Hildebrandt [9]) that T is convexoid if  $T - \lambda$  is normaloid for every complex numbers. Therefore, any normaloid operator which is translation-invariant is convexoid.

Let  $\ell^2(\mathcal{Z})$  be the Hilbert space of all doubly-infinite sequences  $a = \{a_k\}$  of complex numbers such that  $||a||^2 = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 < \infty$  and let V be the bilateral shift:

$$(Va)_k = a_{k-1}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a Hilbert space and let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the Hilbert space of all doubly-infinite sequences  $x = \{x_k\}$  of elements of  $\mathcal{K}$  such that  $\|x\| = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \|x_k\|^2 < \infty$ . Then we have  $\mathcal{H} = \ell^2(\mathcal{Z}) \otimes \mathcal{K}$ . Let  $e_m = \{a_k\} \in \ell^2(\mathcal{Z})$  such that  $a_m = 1$  and 0's elsewhere. Every  $x = \{x_k\} \in \mathcal{H}$  has the representation  $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} e_k \otimes x_k$ . Let  $\{A_k\}_{k=-\infty}^{\infty}$  be a doubly-infinite sequence of positive operators on  $\mathcal{K}$  such that  $\{\|A_k\|\}_{k=-\infty}^{\infty}$  is bounded. We define bounded operators A and U (resp.) on  $\mathcal{H}$  by

$$Ae_k \otimes x_k = e_k \otimes A_k x_k$$
 and  $Ue_k \otimes x_k = e_{k+1} \otimes x_k$  (resp.)

where  $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \ldots$  Then U has the form  $V \otimes id_{\mathcal{K}}$ . Put T = UA. Such an operator is called an *operator valued bilateral weighted shift* (cf. Clancey [7]) and provides an interesting example (cf. Chō & Jin [5]). If positive operators  $\{A_k\}$ 

satisfy that  $A_{k+1} \ge A_k$  for every k and there exists j such that  $A_{j+1}^2 \not\ge A_j^2$ , then T is semi-hyponormal but not hyponormal.

**Theorem C** (Chō, Huruya, Kim & Lee, Theorem 2). Let A be an operator valued bilateral weighted shift such that r(A) = ||A||. Then A is convexed and

$$\sigma(\operatorname{Re} A) = \operatorname{Re} \sigma(A).$$

**Theorem 3.** There exists an operator valued weighted shift T such that T is semi-hyponormal and  $T - \lambda$  is not p-hyponormal for some  $\lambda$ , which p is any  $p \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ .

*Proof.* Let K be a two-dimensional complex vector space and let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the direct sum of countably many copies of K. Explicitly,  $\mathcal{H}$  is the set of all sequences

$$x = \langle \ldots, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1, \ldots \rangle$$

of vectors in K such that  $||x|| = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} ||x_k||^2 < \infty$ . Let T = UA be an operator valued bilateral weighted shift. Let positive  $2 \times 2$  matrices C and D be given by

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Let  $\{A_n\}$  be a sequence of positive  $2 \times 2$  matrices defined by

$$A_n = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} C, & n \le 0 \\ D, & n \ge 1 \end{array} \right.$$

Then operator T = UA has the matrix form as follows:

We now claim that

- (i) T is semi-hyponormal, and
- (ii) T-4 is not p-hyponormal for any p>0.

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(i) By a direct calculation, we have

and

Thus  $T^*T - TT^* = D^2 - C^2 < 0$ , but  $(T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (TT^*)^{\frac{1}{2}} = D - C \ge 0$ . Hence T is not hyponormal but semi-hyponormal.

(ii) To show that T-4 is not p-hyponormal for any p>0. It suffices to show that T-4 is not paranormal. Let

$$\tilde{x} = \langle \dots, 0, x_{-1}, \boxed{0}, 0, 0, \dots \rangle$$
 and  $x_{-1} = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ 

be the unit vector in  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $\|\tilde{x}\| = \|x_{-1}\| = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (T-4)^2 \tilde{x} \right\| &= \left\| T^2 \tilde{x} - 8T \tilde{x} + 16 \tilde{x} \right\| \\ &= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} + 16 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right\| \\ &= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \frac{14}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{11}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{\frac{317}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\left\| (T-4)\tilde{x} \right\|^2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} - 4 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = \frac{29}{2}$$

which shows that

$$||(T-4)\tilde{x}||^2 > ||(T-4)^2\tilde{x}||,$$

which implies that T-4 is not paranormal.

The semi-hyponormal operator valued bilateral weighted shift T which is provided in Theorem 3 is convexed by Theorem C. Therefore it is the example which is convexed semi-hyponormal but not translation-invariant.

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