

## ON WEIGHTED WEYL SPECTRUM, II

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we show that if  $T$  is a hyponormal operator on a non-separable Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , then  $\operatorname{Re} \omega_\alpha^0(T) \subset \omega_\alpha^0(\operatorname{Re} T)$ , where  $\omega_\alpha^c(T)$  is the weighted Weyl spectrum of weight  $\alpha$  with  $\aleph_0 \leq \alpha \leq h := \dim \mathcal{H}$ . We also give some conditions under which the product of two  $\alpha$ -Weyl operators is  $\alpha$ -Weyl and its converse implication holds, too. Finally, we show that the weighted Weyl spectrum of a hyponormal operator satisfies the spectral mapping theorem for analytic functions under certain conditions.

### 1. Introduction

If  $T$  is a normal operator on a separable Hilbert space and if  $\sigma(T)$  denotes the spectrum of  $T$ , then  $\operatorname{Re} \sigma(T)$ , the real part of  $\sigma(T)$ , always equals  $\sigma(\operatorname{Re} T)$ , the spectrum of real part of  $T$ . S. K. Berberian in [2] showed that the equality of these two subsets of real numbers remains true even for some non-normal operators. Arora and Arora [1] further generalized the work for a non-separable Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  and showed that for hyponormal operators,  $\sigma_\alpha(\operatorname{Re} T) = \operatorname{Re} \sigma_\alpha(T)$ , where  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$  is the weighted Weyl spectrum of weight  $\alpha$  with  $\aleph_0 \leq \alpha \leq h := \dim \mathcal{H}$ . Motivated by these results, we show in Section 2 that if  $T$  is hyponormal, then  $\operatorname{Re} \omega_\alpha^0(T) \subset \omega_\alpha^0(\operatorname{Re} T)$ . Section 3 focusses on the product of  $\alpha$ -Weyl operators. The aim of Section 4 is to discuss the spectral mapping theorem for weighted Weyl spectrum. We show that the weighted Weyl spectrum of a hyponormal operator satisfies spectral mapping theorem for analytic functions under certain conditions.

Throughout the paper,  $\mathcal{H}$  is a fixed (complex) non separable Hilbert space of dimension  $h > \aleph_0$  and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  denotes the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . For each cardinal  $\alpha$ ,  $\aleph_0 \leq \alpha \leq h$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha$  denotes the two sided ideal in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  of all bounded linear operators of rank less

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than  $\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  denotes the norm closure of  $\vartheta_\alpha$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ . We write  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$ ,  $\pi_\alpha(T)$ , and  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$  for the weighted spectrum, the weighted approximate spectrum, and the weighted Weyl spectrum of  $T$  of weight  $\alpha$ , respectively. We denote  $R(T)$ ,  $N(T)$ , and  $\nu(T)$  for the range, the null space, and the nullity of  $T$ , respectively. For the definitions of  $\alpha$ -Fredholm operators,  $\alpha$ -compact operators etc., we refer to [6].

## 2. Operator satisfying $\operatorname{Re} \omega_\alpha^0(T) \subset \omega_\alpha^0(\operatorname{Re} T)$

If  $T$  is a normal, closed range and  $\alpha$ -compact operator, then  $\omega_\alpha^0(T) = \{0\}$  [5]. Since  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  is self adjoint ideal [6],  $\operatorname{Re} \omega_\alpha^0(T) = \{0\} = \omega_\alpha^0(\operatorname{Re} T)$ . To proceed further, we begin with the following:

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $T$  be an  $\alpha$ -Fredholm operator. Then there is an  $\eta > 0$  such that for any  $S$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  satisfying  $\|S\| < \eta$ ,  $T + S$  is also  $\alpha$ -Fredholm and  $i(T + S) = i(T)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm, there exist operators  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  in  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  such that

$$TT_1 = I + K_1 \quad \text{and} \quad T_2T = I + K_2.$$

Then,  $(T + S)T_1 = I + K_1 + ST_1$  and  $T_2(T + S) = I + K_2 + T_2S$ . Put  $\eta = \min(\|T_1\|^{-1}, \|T_2\|^{-1})$ . Then

$$\|ST_1\| \leq \|S\| \|T_1\| < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|T_2S\| \leq \|T_2\| \|S\| < 1 \quad \text{if} \quad \|S\| < \eta.$$

Hence the operators  $I + ST_1$  and  $I + T_2S$  are invertible. Thus

$$(I + T_2S)^{-1}T_2(T + S) = I + (I + T_2S)^{-1}K_2$$

and

$$(T + S)T_1(I + ST_1)^{-1} = I + K_1(I + ST_1)^{-1}.$$

Since  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  is a two sided ideal, the above equations show that  $(T + S)$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm. Also, since the index ‘ $i$ ’ [3] is a group homomorphism,

$$i[(I + T_2S)^{-1}] + i[T_2] + i[(T + S)] = 0.$$

Since  $i[(I + T_2S)^{-1}] = 0$ , this implies that  $i(T + S) = -i(T_2) = i(T)$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 2.2. *For an operator  $T$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $\omega_\alpha^0(T) - \sigma_\alpha(T)$  is an open set.*

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \omega_\alpha^0(T) - \sigma_\alpha(T) \\ &= \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid (T - \lambda I) \text{ is } \alpha\text{-Fredholm with } i(T - \lambda I) \neq 0 \} \\ &= \theta_c(T) \quad (\text{say}). \end{aligned}$$

If  $\theta_\alpha(T)$  is empty, it is trivially open. So, suppose some  $\lambda_0$  is in  $\theta_\alpha(T)$ . Then  $(T - \lambda_0 I)$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm and  $i(T - \lambda_0 I)$  is nonzero. Hence, by Lemma 2.1, there is some  $\epsilon > 0$  such that for any bounded linear operator  $S$  satisfying  $\|S\| < \epsilon$ ,  $(T - \lambda_0 I + S)$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm and  $i(T - \lambda_0 I + S)$  is nonzero. In particular, if  $|\mu - \lambda_0| < \epsilon$ , then  $\|(\mu - \lambda_0)I\| < \epsilon$  and hence

$$i((T - \lambda_0 I) - (\mu - \lambda_0)I) = i(T - \mu I) \neq 0$$

and  $(T - \mu I)$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm. This implies that  $\mu$  is in  $\theta_\alpha(T)$  or  $\theta_\alpha(T)$  is open.  $\square$

LEMMA 2.3.  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$  is closed for any operator  $T$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(\lambda_n)$  be a sequence in  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$  such that  $(\lambda_n)$  converges to  $\lambda_0$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Since  $\lambda_n$  is in  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$  for each  $n$ ,  $T - \lambda_n I$  is not  $\alpha$ -Weyl for each  $n$ . Also, since  $\omega_\alpha^0(T) = \sigma_\alpha(T) \cup \theta_\alpha(T)$ , where  $\theta_\alpha(T) = \omega_\alpha^0(T) - \sigma_\alpha(T)$ , and the union is disjoint, either  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$  contains only finitely many  $\lambda_n$  or  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$  contains infinitely many  $\lambda_n$ . In the first case, without loss of generality, it can be assumed that  $\lambda_n$  is not in  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$  for each  $n$ . Hence,  $T - \lambda_n I$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm with nonzero index for each  $n$ . Since  $\lambda_n$  converges to  $\lambda_0$ , by Lemma 2.1,  $T - \lambda_0 I$  is also  $\alpha$ -Fredholm with nonzero index and hence,  $\lambda_0$  is in  $\theta_\alpha(T)$ , which, in turn, implies that  $\lambda_0$  is in  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$ . If  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$  contains infinitely many  $\lambda_n$ , then there exists a subsequence  $(\lambda_{n_k})$  of  $(\lambda_n)$  such that each  $\lambda_{n_k}$  is in  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$  and  $(\lambda_{n_k})$  converges to  $\lambda_0$ . Since  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$  is compact,  $\lambda_0$  is in  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$ , which leads to the conclusion.  $\square$

THEOREM 2.4. Let  $T$  be an operator in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then  $\partial\omega_\alpha^0(T) \subset \sigma_\alpha(T)$ , i.e., the boundary of  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$  is contained in  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda_0$  be an arbitrary element of  $\partial\omega_\alpha^0(T)$ . Then there exists a sequence  $(\lambda_r)$  in  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$  and also, a sequence  $(\mu_n)$  in  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)'$ , the complement of  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$  such that both  $(\lambda_n)$  and  $(\mu_n)$  converge to  $\lambda_0$ . Now, the following two cases arise:

*Case 1.* If infinitely many  $\lambda_n$  are in  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$ , then there exists a subsequence  $(\lambda_{n_k})$  of  $(\lambda_n)$  such that each  $\lambda_{n_k}$  is in  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$  and  $(\lambda_{n_k})$  converges to  $\lambda_0$ . As  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$  is compact,  $\lambda_0$  is in  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$  and we are done.

*Case 2.* If finitely many  $\lambda_n$  belong to  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$  only, then without loss of generality, we can say that  $\lambda_n$  is not in  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$  for each  $n$ . Thus,  $\lambda_n$  is in  $\omega_\alpha^0(T) - \sigma_\alpha(T)$  for each  $n$ . Hence, each  $T - \lambda_n I$  is an  $\alpha$ -Fredholm operator with index nonzero. Also,  $\lambda_n$  converges to  $\lambda_0$ . Therefore,  $T - \lambda_0 I$  is an  $\alpha$ -Fredholm operator with index nonzero [Lemma 2.1].

Again,  $\mu_n$  is not in  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$  for each  $n$ . Therefore,  $T - \mu_n I$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm with index zero for each  $n$ . Let  $\lambda_0$  be not in  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$ . Then,  $T - \lambda_0 I$  is an  $\alpha$ -Fredholm operator and since  $T - \mu_n I$  converges to  $T - \lambda_0 I$ , index of  $T - \lambda_0 I$  is also zero, which provides a contradiction. Hence,  $\lambda_0$  is in  $\sigma_\alpha(T)$  and  $\partial\omega_\alpha^0(T) \subset \sigma_\alpha(T)$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.5.** *If  $T$  is a hyponormal operator in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , then  $\text{Re}\omega_\alpha^0(T) \subset \omega_\alpha^0(\text{Re } T)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a$  be in  $\text{Re}\omega_\alpha^0(T)$ . Consider the vertical line  $\text{Re } \lambda = a$ . This line meets the boundary of  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$  at a point  $\mu = a + ib$ . Now,  $\partial\omega_\alpha^0(T) \subset \sigma_\alpha(T)$  (Theorem 2.4). Thus  $a$  is in  $\text{Re}\sigma_\alpha(T)$ . But since  $\text{Re}\sigma_\alpha(T) = \sigma_\alpha(\text{Re } T)$  for a hyponormal operator  $T$  [1],  $a$  belongs to  $\sigma_\alpha(\text{Re } T)$ , which implies that  $\text{Re}\omega_\alpha^0(T) \subset \omega_\alpha^0(\text{Re } T)$ .  $\square$

### 3. The product of $\alpha$ -Weyl operators

In this section, we present few results giving the conditions under which the product of two  $\alpha$ -Weyl operators is  $\alpha$ -Weyl and the converse implication holds. We now begin with the section as the following lemma.

**LEMMA 3.1.** *Let  $S \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  be  $\alpha$ -Fredholm. Then  $ST$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm.*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  and  $T$  be  $\alpha$ -Fredholm. This implies that both are invertible modulo  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$ . Hence, there exist operators  $S_1, T_1$  and  $S_2, T_2$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $K_1, K_1'$  and  $K_2, K_2'$  in  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  such that

$$S_1 S = I - K_1; S S_2 = I - K_1' \quad \text{and} \quad T_1 T = I - K_2; T T_2 = I - K_2'.$$

And so we now have that

$$(T_1 S_1)(ST) = T_1(I - K_1)(T) = (T_1 T - T_1 K_1 T) = I - K_1 - T_1 K_1 T$$

is in  $I + \mathcal{T}_\alpha$ . Similarly,  $(ST)(T_2 S_2)$  is in  $I + \mathcal{T}_\alpha$ . Thus,  $ST$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm.  $\square$

For the converse, we have :

LEMMA 3.2. *Let  $S \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $ST$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm and  $ST = TS$ , then  $S$  and  $T$  both are  $\alpha$ -Fredholm.*

*Proof.* Let  $ST$  be  $\alpha$ -Fredholm. This implies that  $ST$  is invertible modulo  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  and in particular, is left invertible modulo  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$ . Hence,  $ST$  is bounded from below on some closed subspace  $\mathbf{M}$  of codimension less than  $\alpha$  [6], which means that there is an  $\epsilon > 0$ , such that  $\|(ST)x\| \geq \epsilon\|x\|$ , for every  $x$  in  $\mathbf{M}$ . Now,

$$\epsilon\|x\| \leq \|(ST)x\| = \|(TS)x\| \leq \|T\| \|Sx\|$$

for every  $x$  in  $\mathbf{M}$ . Thus, there exists an  $\epsilon_1$  ( $= \epsilon/\|T\| > 0$ ) such that  $\epsilon_1\|x\| \leq \|Sx\|$  for every  $x$  in  $\mathbf{M}$ . Thus,  $S$  is bounded from below on a closed subspace  $\mathbf{M}$  of codimension less than  $\alpha$ . Since  $ST = TS$ , similarly we can get  $T$  to be bounded from below on some closed subspace of codimension less than  $\alpha$ . Thus,  $S$  and  $T$  both are left invertible modulo  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  [6]. Also, this gives that  $S^*$  and  $T^*$  are left invertible modulo  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$ , which implies that  $S$  and  $T$  are right invertible modulo  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$ . Thus  $S$  and  $T$  are  $\alpha$ -Fredholm. □

Recall that an operator is said to be  $\alpha$ -Weyl if it is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm and is in  $\ker i$  [5]. We have:

LEMMA 3.3. *If  $S$  and  $T$  are commuting closed range operators with  $\nu(S) = \nu(S^*)$  and  $\nu(T) = \nu(T^*)$ , then  $ST$  is  $\alpha$ -Weyl if and only if  $S$  and  $T$  are  $\alpha$ -Weyl.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.2, we have  $ST$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm if and only if  $S$  and  $T$  are  $\alpha$ -Fredholm. Since  $\nu(S) = \nu(S^*)$  and  $\nu(T) = \nu(T^*)$ , both  $S$  and  $T$  are in  $\ker i$  [5], which implies that  $S$  and  $T$  are  $\alpha$ -Weyl. Conversely, since  $S$  and  $T$  are  $\alpha$ -Weyl and  $i(S) + i(T) = i(ST)$ ,  $i(ST) = 0$ , we have that  $(ST)$  is  $\alpha$ -Weyl. □

LEMMA 3.4. *If  $S$  and  $T$  are commuting closed range  $\alpha$ -Weyl operators and  $ST$  is  $\alpha$ -Weyl, then  $S$  is  $\alpha$ -Weyl if and only if  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -Weyl.*

*Proof.* If  $S$  and  $T$  are  $\alpha$ -Weyl, then by Lemma 3.3,  $ST$  is  $\alpha$ -Weyl. If  $ST$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm, then  $S$  and  $T$  are  $\alpha$ -Fredholm by Lemma 3.2. Since  $i(ST) = i(S) + i(T)$ ,  $i(S) = 0$  if and only if  $i(T) = 0$  whenever  $i(ST) = 0$ . Thus,  $ST$  is  $\alpha$ -Weyl, which implies that  $S$  is  $\alpha$ -Weyl if and only if  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -Weyl. □

#### 4. Spectral mapping theorem

Our aim in this section is to discuss the spectral mapping theorem for weighted Weyl spectrum. We show that the weighted Weyl spectrum of a hyponormal operator satisfies the spectral mapping theorem for analytic functions under certain conditions. The motivation for the following result comes from [7]. The main result is as follows:

**THEOREM 4.1.** *If  $T$  is a hyponormal operator with  $\nu(T - \lambda I) = \nu(T^* - \bar{\lambda}I)$  and  $\overline{R(T - \lambda I)}$  being the smallest  $\alpha$ -closed subset of  $R(T - \lambda I)$  for all  $\lambda$  in  $\sigma(T)$ , and if  $f$  is a function analytic on a neighborhood of  $\sigma(T)$ , then*

$$f(\omega_\alpha^0(T)) = \omega_\alpha^0(f(T)).$$

Before beginning the proof, first we recall upper and lower semi-continuity of a mapping  $\Gamma$  on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  with values as compact subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$  [9] and show that the mapping  $T \mapsto \omega_\alpha^0(T)$  is upper semi-continuous.

**DEFINITION 4.2** ([9]). Let  $(G_n)$  be a sequence of compact subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$ . The limit inferior,  $\liminf G_n$ , is the set of all  $\lambda$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  such that every neighborhood of  $\lambda$  has a non-empty intersection with all but finitely many  $G_n$ . The limit superior,  $\limsup G_n$ , is the set of all  $\lambda$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  such that every neighborhood of  $\lambda$  intersects infinitely many  $G_n$ . If  $\liminf G_n = \limsup G_n$  then  $\lim G_n$  is said to exist and is equal to this common limit.

**DEFINITION 4.3** ([9]). A mapping  $\Gamma$  defined on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  where values are compact subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$  is said to be *upper semi-continuous* at  $T$  if  $T_n \rightarrow T$  then  $\limsup \Gamma(T_n) \subset \Gamma(T)$ ,  $\Gamma$  is *lower semi-continuous* at  $T$  if  $\Gamma(T) \subset \liminf \Gamma(T_n)$ . If  $\Gamma$  is both upper and lower semi-continuous at  $T$ , then it is said to be *continuous* at  $T$  and in this case,  $\lim \Gamma(T_n) = \Gamma(T)$ .

The following is an analogous result to Theorem 1 of [9].

**THEOREM 4.4.** *The mapping  $T \mapsto \omega_\alpha^0(T)$  is upper semi-continuous at  $T$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be not in  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$ . Then  $T - \lambda I$  is  $\alpha$ -Weyl, i.e.,  $T - \lambda I$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm and  $i(T - \lambda I) = 0$ . By Lemma 2.1 of Section 2, there exists an  $\eta > 0$  such that if  $S$  is in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\|\lambda I - T - S\| < \eta$ , then  $S$  is  $\alpha$ -Weyl. Let  $(T_n)$  be a sequence of operators in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $T_n \rightarrow T$ . Then, corresponding to  $\eta > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that

$$\|(\lambda I - T) - (\lambda I - T_n)\| < \frac{\eta}{2} \quad \text{for all } n \geq N.$$

Let  $U_\lambda$  be an open  $(\eta/2)$ -neighborhood of  $\lambda$ . Then, for  $\mu$  in  $U_\lambda$  and  $n \geq N$ ,  $\|(\lambda I - T) - (\lambda I - T_n)\| < \eta$  so that  $(\mu I - T_n)$  are  $\alpha$ -Weyl for all  $n \geq N$ . This implies that  $\lambda$  is not in  $\limsup \omega_\alpha^0(T_n)$ . Thus,

$$\limsup \omega_\alpha^0(T_n) \subset \omega_\alpha^0(T).$$

□

**THEOREM 4.5.** *Let  $T_n \rightarrow T$ . Then it holds that if  $\lim \sigma_\alpha(T_n) = \sigma_\alpha(T)$ , then  $\lim \omega_\alpha^0(T_n) = \omega_\alpha^0(T)$ .*

*Proof.* In the light of Theorem 4.4, it suffices to show that  $\omega_\alpha^0(T) \subset \liminf \omega_\alpha^0(T_n)$ . Suppose  $\lambda$  is not in  $\liminf \omega_\alpha^0(T_n)$ . Then there is a neighborhood  $U_\lambda$  of  $\lambda$  that does not intersect infinitely many  $\omega_\alpha^0(T_n)$ . Since  $\sigma_\alpha(T_n) \subset \omega_\alpha^0(T_n)$ ,  $U_\lambda$  does not intersect infinitely many  $\sigma_\alpha(T_n)$ , i.e.,  $\lambda$  is not in  $\lim \sigma_\alpha(T_n) = \sigma_\alpha(T)$ . Hence  $T - \lambda I$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm. By Lemma 2.1, there exists an  $\eta > 0$  such that if  $S$  is in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\|(T - \lambda I) - S\| < \eta$ , then  $S$  is  $\alpha$ -Fredholm and  $i(S) = i(T - \lambda I)$ . Let  $V_\lambda$  be  $(\eta/2)$ -open neighborhood of  $\lambda$ . Then, for  $\mu$  in  $V_\lambda$  and  $n \geq N$ ,  $\|(T_n - \mu I) - (T - \lambda I)\| < \eta$  so that, for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $(T_n - \mu I)$  are  $\alpha$ -Fredholm and  $i(T_n - \mu I) = i(T - \lambda I)$ . But  $i(T_n - \mu I) = 0$  for all  $n \geq N$ . Hence,  $i(T - \lambda I) = 0$ , so  $\lambda$  is not in  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$ . □

**COROLLARY 4.6.** *Let  $T_n \rightarrow T$ . Then it holds that if  $T_n T = T T_n$  for each  $n$ , then  $\lim \omega_\alpha^0(T_n) = \omega_\alpha^0(T)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $T_n \rightarrow T$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $\widehat{T}_n \rightarrow \widehat{T}$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})/\mathcal{T}_\alpha$ . Also,  $T_n T = T T_n$  for each  $n$ . This implies  $\widehat{T}_n \widehat{T} = \widehat{T} \widehat{T}_n$ , for each  $n$ . Hence, by Theorem 4 [8],  $\lim \sigma(\widehat{T}_n) = \sigma(\widehat{T})$ . Thus, by Theorem 4.5,  $\lim \omega_\alpha^0(T_n) = \omega_\alpha^0(T)$ . □

*Proof of Theorem 4.1.* Suppose  $p$  is any polynomial. Let

$$p(T) - \lambda I = a_0(T - \mu_1 I) \cdots (T - \mu_n I).$$

If  $T$  is hyponormal, then  $(T - \mu_i I)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) are commuting hyponormal operators, and hence it follows from Section 3 that

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \notin \omega_\alpha^0(p(T)) &\iff a_0(T - \mu_1 I) \cdots (T - \mu_n I) \text{ is } \alpha\text{-Weyl} \\ &\iff (T - \mu_i I) \text{ is } \alpha\text{-Weyl for all } i = 1, \dots, n \\ &\iff \mu_i \notin \omega_\alpha^0(T) \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n \\ &\iff \lambda \notin p(\omega_\alpha^0(T)), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$(1) \quad \omega_\alpha^0(p(T)) = p(\omega_\alpha^0(T)).$$

Now, suppose that  $r$  is any rational function with no poles in  $\sigma(T)$ . Write  $r = p/q$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are polynomials and  $q$  has no zeros in  $\sigma(T)$ . Then,

$$r(T) - \lambda I = (p/q)(T) - \lambda I = (p - \lambda q)(T)(q(T))^{-1}.$$

By (1),  $(p - \lambda q)(T)$  is  $\alpha$ -Weyl if and only if  $(p - \lambda q)$  has no zeros in  $\omega_\alpha^0(T)$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \notin \omega_\alpha^0(r(T)) &\iff (p - \lambda q)(T) \text{ is } \alpha\text{-Weyl} \\ &\iff (p - \lambda q) \text{ has no zeros in } \omega_\alpha^0(T) \\ &\iff (p - \lambda q)(x)(q(x))^{-1} \neq 0 \text{ for any } x \text{ in } \omega_\alpha^0(T) \\ &\iff \lambda \notin r(\omega_\alpha^0(T)), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\omega_\alpha^0(r(T)) = r(\omega_\alpha^0(T))$ . If  $f$  is an analytic function on a neighborhood of  $\sigma(T)$ , then by Runge's theorem [4], there is a sequence  $\{r_n\}$  of rational functions with no poles in  $\sigma(T)$  such that  $\{r_n\}$  converges to  $f$  uniformly on  $\sigma(T)$ . Since  $\{r_n(T)\}$  commutes with  $f(T)$ , the result follows from Corollary 4.6.  $\square$

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