# WEYL'S THEOREM, TENSOR PRODUCT, FUGLEDE-PUTNAM THEOREM AND CONTINUITY SPECTRUM FOR k-QUASI CLASS $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. An operator  $T \in L(H)$ , is said to belong to k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator if

 $T^{*k} \left( |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |T^*|^2 \right) T^k \ge O$ 

for some positive integer n and some positive integer k.

First, we will see some properties of this class of operators and prove Weyl's theorem for algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ . Second, we consider the tensor product for k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , giving a necessary and sufficient condition for  $T\otimes S$  to be a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , when T and S are both non-zero operators. Then, the existence of a nontrivial hyperinvariant subspace of k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator will be shown, and it will also be shown that if X is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator, A and  $(B^*)^{-1}$  are k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operators such that AX = XB, then  $A^*X = XB^*$ . Finally, we will prove the spectrum continuity of this class of operators.

## 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, let H and K be infinite dimensional separable complex Hilbert spaces with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . We denote by L(H,K) the set of all bounded operators from H into K. To simplify, we put L(H) := L(H,H). For  $T \in L(H)$ , we denote by  $\ker T$  the null space and by T(H) the range of T. The null operator and the identity on H will be denoted by O and I, respectively. If T is an operator, then  $T^*$  is its adjoint, and  $||T|| = ||T^*||$ . We shall denote the set of all complex numbers by  $\mathbb C$ , the set of all non-negative integers by  $\mathbb N$  and the complex conjugate of a complex number  $\lambda$  by  $\overline{\lambda}$ . The closure of a set M will be denoted by  $\overline{M}$  and we shall henceforth shorten  $T - \lambda I$  to  $T - \lambda$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$ , is a positive operator,  $T \geq O$ , if  $\langle Tx, x \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x \in H$ . We write  $\sigma(T)$ ,  $\sigma_p(T)$ ,  $\sigma_s(T)$  and  $\sigma_a(T)$  for the spectrum, point spectrum, surjective spectrum and approximate point spectrum, respectively.

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Sets of isolated points and accumulation points of  $\sigma(T)$  are denoted by  $iso\sigma(T)$  and  $acc\sigma(T)$ , respectively. We write r(T) for the spectral radius. It is well known that  $r(T) \leq ||T||$ . The operator T is called normaloid if r(T) = ||T||.

For an operator  $T \in L(H)$ , as usual,  $|T| = (T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . An operator T is said to be normal operator if  $T^*T = TT^*$  and T is said to be hyponormal, if  $|T|^2 \geq |T^*|^2$ . The operator T is said to be a p-hyponormal operator if and only if  $(T^*T)^p \geq (TT^*)^p$  for a positive number p [3]. The operator T is said to be (p,k)-quasihyponormal operator if  $T^{*k}((T^*T)^p - (TT^*)^p)T^k \geq O$  for some positive integer k and p > 0. An operator  $T \in L(H)$ , is said to be paranormal [16], if  $||Tx||^2 \leq ||T^2x||$  for any unit vector x in H. Further, T is said to be \*-paranormal [5], if  $||T^*x||^2 \leq ||T^2x||$  for any unit vector x in H. T is said to be n-paranormal operator if  $||Tx||^{n+1} \leq ||T^{n+1}x|| ||x||^n$  for all  $x \in H$ , and T is said to be n-\*-paranormal operator if  $||T^*x||^{n+1} \leq ||T^{n+1}x|| ||x||^n$  for all  $x \in H$ . An operator T is said to be (n,k)-quasi-\*-paranormal [43] if

$$||T^*T^kx|| \le ||T^{1+n+k}x||^{\frac{1}{1+n}} ||T^kx||^{\frac{n}{n+1}}$$
 for all  $x \in H$ .

T. Furuta, M. Ito and T. Yamazaki [18] introduced a very interesting class of bounded linear Hilbert space operators: class  $\mathcal{A}$  defined by  $|T^2| \geq |T|^2$ , and they showed that the class  $\mathcal{A}$  is a subclass of paranormal operators. An operator is said to be quasi class (A, k) operator if  $T^{*k}(|T^2| - |T|^2)T^k > O$  for a positive integer k. B. P. Duggal, I. H. Jeon, and I. H. Kim [13], introduced \*-class  $\mathcal{A}$  operator. An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is said to be a \*-class  $\mathcal{A}$  operator, if  $|T^2| \geq |T^*|^2$ . A \*-class  $\mathcal{A}$  is a generalization of a hyponormal operator, [13, Theorem 1.2], and \*-class  $\mathcal{A}$  is a subclass of the class of \*-paranormal operators, [13, Theorem 1.3]. We denote the set of \*-class  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathcal{A}^*$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$ , is said to be a quasi-\*-class  $\mathcal{A}$  operator, if  $T^*|T^2|T \geq T^*|T^*|^2T$ , [39]. We denote the set of quasi-\*-class  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{A}^*)$ . In [42], is defined class  $\mathcal{A}_n$ operator: an operator  $T \in L(H)$ , is said to be  $\mathcal{A}_n$  operator if  $|T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} \geq |T|^2$ for some positive integer n. An operator  $T \in L(H)$ , is said to be  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator if  $|T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} \geq |T^*|^2$  for some positive integer n. If  $T \in \mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then T is n-\*paranormal operator, thus T is normaloid [36]. An operator  $T \in L(H)$ , is said to belong to k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator if

$$T^{*k}\left(|T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |T^*|^2\right)T^k \ge 0$$

for some positive integer n and some positive integer k [23].

If n = 1 and k = 1, then k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operators coincide with  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{A}^*)$  operators.

Since  $S \geq O$  implies  $T^*ST \geq O$ , then: If T belongs to class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  for some positive integer  $n \geq 1$ , then T belongs k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  for every positive integer k.

Obviously,

1-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^* \subseteq$  2-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^* \subseteq$  3-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^* \subseteq \cdots$ .

We say that  $T \in L(H)$  is an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator if there exists a nonconstant complex polynomial p such that p(T) is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_{n}^{*}$  operator. We have the following implications:

k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^* \Rightarrow$  algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ 

**Lemma 1.1** ([9, Holder-McCarthy inequality]). Let T be a positive operator. Then the following inequalities hold for all  $x \in H$ :

- $\begin{array}{ll} (1) \ \langle T^r x, x \rangle \leq \langle T x, x \rangle^r \, \|x\|^{2(1-r)} \ for \ 0 < r < 1, \\ (2) \ \langle T^r x, x \rangle \geq \langle T x, x \rangle^r \, \|x\|^{2(1-r)} \ for \ r \geq 1. \end{array}$

# 2. Weyl's type theorems for k-quasi class $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ operator

**Theorem 2.1** ([23]). Let  $T \in L(H)$  be a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator,  $T^k$  does not have a dense range, and let T have the following representation

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix}$$
 on  $H = \overline{T^k(H)} \oplus \ker T^{*k}$ .

Then A is a class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  on  $\overline{T^k(H)}$ ,  $C^k = O$  and  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(A) \cup \{0\}$ .

A subspace M of space H is said to be nontrivial invariant (alternatively, Tinvariant) under T, if  $\{0\} \neq M \neq H$  and  $T(M) \subseteq M$ . A closed subspace  $M \subseteq H$ is said to be a nontrivial hyperinvariant subspace for T, if  $\{0\} \neq M \neq H$  and is invariant under every operator  $S \in L(H)$  which fulfills TS = ST.

**Theorem 2.2** ([23]). If T is a k-quasi class  $A_n^*$  and M is a closed T-invariant subspace, then the restriction  $T_{|\mathcal{M}}$  is also a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator.

**Corollary 2.3.** If  $T \in L(H)$ , is a k-quasi class  $A_n^*$  and the restriction A on  $T^k(H)$  is invertible, then T is similar to a direct sum of a class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  and a nilpotent operator.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $T = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix}$  on  $H = T^k(H) \oplus \ker T^{*k}$ . By Theorem 2.1, Ais a class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  and C is a nilpotent operator with nilpotency k. Since  $0 \notin \sigma(A)$ by assumption, we have  $\sigma(A) \cap \sigma(C) = \emptyset$ . Hence by Rosenblum's Corollary [35], there exists an operator S for which AS - SC = B. Therefore

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & S \\ O & I \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} A & O \\ O & C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & S \\ O & I \end{pmatrix}$$

which completes the proof.

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $T \in L(H, K)$  operator, defined as

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix}.$$

If A belongs to class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, surjective and  $C^k = O$ , then T is similar  $to\ (n,k)\mbox{-}quasi\mbox{-}*\mbox{-}paranormal\ operator.$ 

*Proof.* Since A is surjective and  $C^k = O$  we have  $\sigma_s(A) \cap \sigma_a(C) = \emptyset$ . Hence by [26, Theorem 3.5.1], there exists an operator S for which AS - SC = B. Therefore

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & S \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & O \\ O & C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & S \\ O & I \end{pmatrix},$$

so T is similar to  $R = \begin{pmatrix} A & O \\ O & C \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $x = x_1 + x_2 \in H \oplus K$ . Since A is a class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then A is n-\*-paranormal operator, and since  $C^k = O$  we have

$$||R^*(R^k x)||^2 = ||R^*(R^k (x_1 + x_2))||^2$$

$$= ||A^*(A^k (x_1))||^2$$

$$\leq ||A^{1+n}(A^k (x_1))||^{\frac{2}{1+n}} ||A^k (x_1)||^{\frac{2n}{n+1}}$$

$$= ||R^{1+n}(R^k (x_1 + x_2))||^{\frac{2}{1+n}} ||R^k (x_1 + x_2)||^{\frac{2n}{n+1}}$$

$$= ||R^{1+n}(R^k x)||^{\frac{2}{1+n}} ||R^k (x)||^{\frac{2n}{n+1}}$$

so, R is (n, k)-quasi-\*-paranormal operator.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let T be a class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, and assume that  $\sigma(T) = \{0\}$ . Then T = O.

*Proof.* Since T is class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , T is normaloid, therefore T = O. 

Corollary 2.6. Let T be a k-quasi class  $A_n^*$  operator. If T is a quasinilpotent operator, then T is a nilpotent operator.

*Proof.* Suppose that T is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator. Consider two cases:

Case I: If the range of  $T^k$  has dense range, then it is a class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator. Hence by above lemma T is nilpotent operator.

Case II: If T does not have dense range, by Theorem 2.1 we can represent T as the upper triangular matrix

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{on } H = \overline{T^k(H)} \oplus \ker T^{*k}.$$

Since T is quasinilpotent operator,  $\sigma(T) = \{0\}$ . From Theorem 2.1 we have  $\sigma(A) = \{0\}$ . Since A belongs to class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , A = O and we have

$$T^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} O & BC^k \\ O & C^{k+1} \end{pmatrix} = O.$$

**Lemma 2.7.** Let  $T \in L(H)$  be an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator and  $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda_0\}$ . Then  $T - \lambda_0$  is nilpotent.

*Proof.* Assume p(T) is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator for some non-constant polynomial p(z). Since  $\sigma(p(T)) = p(\sigma(T)) = \{p(\lambda_0)\}\$ , the operator  $p(T) - p(\lambda_0)$  is nilpotent by Corollary 2.6.

Let

$$p(z) - p(\lambda_0) = a(z - \lambda_0)^k (z - \lambda_1)^{k_1} \cdot \dots \cdot (z - \lambda_n)^{k_n},$$

where  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . Then

$$O = (p(T) - p(\lambda_0))^m = a^m (T - \lambda_0)^{mk} (T - \lambda_1)^{mk_1} \cdot \dots \cdot (T - \lambda_n)^{mk_n}$$
 and hence  $(T - \lambda_0)^{mk} = O$ .

An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is said to be isoloid if every isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$  is an eigenvalue of T, while an operator  $T \in L(H)$  is said to be polaroid if every isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$  is a pole of the resolvent of T. In general, if T is polaroid, then T is isoloid. However, the converse is not true. For  $T \in L(H)$ , the smallest nonnegative integer p such that  $\ker T^p = \ker T^{p+1}$  is called the ascent of T and is denoted by p(T). If no such integer exists, we set  $p(T) = \infty$ . We say that  $T \in L(H)$  is of finite ascent (finitely ascensive) if  $p(T) < \infty$ . For  $T \in L(H)$ , the smallest nonnegative integer q, such that  $T^q(H) = T^{q+1}(H)$ , is called the descent of T and is denoted by q(T). If no such integer exists, we set  $q(T) = \infty$ . We say that  $T \in L(H)$  is of finite descent if  $q(T - \lambda) < \infty$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** Let T be an algebraically k-quasi class  $A_n^*$  operator. Then T is polaroid.

*Proof.* Suppose T is an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator. Then p(T) is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  for some non-constant polynomial p. Let  $\lambda \in \mathrm{iso}\sigma(T)$ . Using the spectral projection  $P = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} (T - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda$ , where D is an open disk of center  $\lambda$  which contains no other points of  $\sigma(T)$ , we can represent T as the direct sum

$$T = T_1 \oplus T_2$$
, where  $\sigma(T_1) = \{\lambda\}$  and  $\sigma(T_2) = \sigma(T) \setminus \{\lambda\}$ .

Since  $T_1$  is an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator,  $T_1 - \lambda$  is also algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ . But  $\sigma(T_1 - \lambda) = \{0\}$ , it follows from Lemma 2.7 that  $T_1 - \lambda$  is nilpotent operator. Therefrom  $T_1 - \lambda$  has finite ascent and descent. On the other hand, since  $T_2 - \lambda$  is invertible, clearly it has finite ascent and descent. Therefore  $T - \lambda$  has finite ascent and descent. Thus  $\lambda$  is a pole of the resolvent of T. Hence T is polaroid, which means that T is isoloid.

We write  $\alpha(T) = \operatorname{dimker} T$ ,  $\beta(T) = \operatorname{dim} (H/T(H))$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is called an upper semi-Fredholm, if it has a closed range and  $\alpha(T) < \infty$ , while T is called a lower semi-Fredholm if  $\beta(T) < \infty$ . However, T is called a semi-Fredholm operator if T is either an upper or a lower semi-Fredholm, and T is said to be a Fredholm operator if it is both an upper and a lower semi-Fredholm. If  $T \in L(H)$  is semi-Fredholm, then the index is defined by

$$\operatorname{ind}(T) = \alpha(T) - \beta(T).$$

An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is said to be upper semi-Weyl operator if it is upper semi-Fredholm and  $\operatorname{ind}(T) \leq 0$ , while  $T \in L(H)$  is said to be lower semi-Weyl operator if it is lower semi-Fredholm and  $\operatorname{ind}(T) \geq 0$ . An operator is said to

be Weyl operator if it is Fredholm of index zero. The Weyl spectrum and the essential approximate spectrum are defined by

$$\sigma_w(T) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not Weyl} \}$$

and

$$\sigma_{uw}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not upper semi-Weyl}\}.$$

An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is said to be upper semi-Browder operator, if it is upper semi-Fredholm and  $p(T) < \infty$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is said to be lower semi-Browder operator, if it is lower semi-Fredholm and  $q(T) < \infty$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is said to be Browder operator, if it is Fredholm of finite ascent and descent. The Browder spectrum and the upper semi-Browder spectrum are defined by

$$\sigma_b(T) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not Browder} \}$$

and

$$\sigma_{ub}(T) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not upper semi-Browder} \}.$$

For  $T \in L(H)$  we will denote  $p_{00}(T)$  the set of all poles of finite rank of T. We have  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_b(T) = p_{00}(T)$  and we say that T satisfies Browder's theorem if

$$\sigma_w(T) = \sigma_b(T) \text{ or } \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_w(T) = p_{00}(T).$$

For  $T \in L(H)$  we write  $\pi_{00}(T) = \{\lambda \in iso\sigma(T) : 0 < \alpha(T - \lambda) < \infty\}$  for the isolated eigenvalues of finite multiplicity. We say that T satisfies Weyl's theorem, if

$$\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_w(T) = \pi_{00}(T).$$

Let  $\pi_{00}^a(T) = \{\lambda \in iso\sigma_a(T) : 0 < \alpha(T-\lambda) < \infty\}$  be the set of all eigenvalues of T of finite multiplicity, which are isolated in the approximate point spectrum. We say that T satisfies a-Weyl's theorem, if

$$\sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{uw}(T) = \pi_{00}^a(T).$$

We will denote  $p_{00}^a(T)$  the set of all left poles of finite rank of T. We have

$$\sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{ub}(T) = p_{00}^a(T)$$

and we say that T satisfies a-Browder's theorem, if

$$\sigma_{uw}(T) = \sigma_{ub}(T) \text{ or } \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{uw}(T) = p_{00}^a(T).$$

Let  $Hol(\sigma(T))$  be the space of all analytic functions in an open neighborhood of  $\sigma(T)$ . We say that  $T \in L(H)$  has the single valued extension property at  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , if for every open neighborhood U of  $\lambda$  the only analytic function  $f: U \to \mathbb{C}$  which satisfies equation  $(T - \lambda)f(\lambda) = 0$ , is the constant function  $f \equiv 0$ . The operator T is said to have SVEP if T has SVEP at every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** If T or  $T^*$  is an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then Weyl's theorem holds for f(T) for every  $f \in Hol(\sigma(T))$ .

*Proof.* Suppose T is an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ . From Lemma 2.8 we have T is polaroid. Since T is an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , p(T) is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator for some non-constant polynomial p. From [23, Corollary 3.9] p(T) has SVEP. Therefore T has SVEP by [26, Theorem 3.3.9]. Then, from [2, Theorem 3.3], T satisfies Weyl's theorem.

Since T is isoloid from [27] we have

$$f(\sigma(T) \setminus \pi_{00}(T)) = \sigma(f(T)) \setminus \pi_{00}(f(T)).$$

Then, by [23, Theorem 3.10] we have

$$\sigma(f(T)) \setminus \pi_{00}(f(T)) = f(\sigma(T) \setminus \pi_{00}(T)) = f(\sigma_w(T)) = \sigma_w(f(T)),$$

which implies that Weyl's theorem holds for f(T).

Suppose  $T^*$  is an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $T^*$  is polaroid. From [2, Theorem 2.11] T is polaroid as well as isoloid. Since  $T^*$  has SVEP, from [1, Theorem 4.23] T satisfies Browder's theorem, and since T is polaroid then T satisfies Weyl's theorem. Since T is isoloid, as in the proof of the firs part, we have that Weyl's theorem holds for f(T).

**Theorem 2.10.** If  $T^*$  is an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, then T satisfies a-Weyl's theorem.

Proof. Let  $T^*$  be an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator.  $T^*$  has SVEP and from [1, Theorem 4.34], T satisfies a-Browder theorem. We use the fact [1, Theorem 4.51]: T satisfies a-Weyl's theorem, if and only if, T satisfies a-Browder's theorem and  $\pi_{00}^a(T) = p_{00}^a(T)$ . We show that  $\pi_{00}^a(T) = p_{00}^a(T)$ . Since  $\pi_{00}^a(T) \supseteq p_{00}^a(T)$  holds for every operator T, it would suffice to prove the inclusion  $\pi_{00}^a(T) \subseteq p_{00}^a(T)$ . Let  $\lambda$  be an arbitrary point of  $\pi_{00}^a(T)$ . Then  $\lambda \in \text{iso} \sigma_a(T)$  and  $0 < \alpha(T - \lambda) < \infty$ . Thus  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T)$ . But  $T^*$  has SVEP, hence  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_a(T)$  by [1, Corollary 2.28]. Therefore  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ . So,  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}(T)$ . Since Weyl's theorem holds for T,  $\lambda \notin \sigma_w(T)$ . Since  $T - \lambda$  is Fredholm operator and T has SVEP in  $\lambda$ , then  $p(T - \lambda) < \infty$ , by [1, Theorem 2.45.]. Therefore,  $T - \lambda$  is semi-upper Browder operator, and hence  $\lambda \in p_{00}^a(T)$ .

Let  $T \in L(H)$ . It is well known that the inclusion  $\sigma_{uw}(f(T)) \subseteq f(\sigma_{uw}(T))$  holds for every  $f \in Hol(\sigma(T))$  with no restriction on T [33, Theorem 3.3.].

**Lemma 2.11.** If  $T^*$  is an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, then

$$\sigma_{uw}(f(T)) = f(\sigma_{uw}(T))$$

holds for every  $f \in Hol(\sigma(T))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T^*$  be an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  and let  $f \in Hol(\sigma(T))$ . It suffices to show that  $f(\sigma_{uw}(T)) \subseteq \sigma_{uw}(f(T))$ . Suppose that  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{uw}(f(T))$ . Then  $f(T) - \lambda$  is semi-upper Weyl operator and

(1) 
$$f(T) - \lambda = c(T - \lambda_1)(T - \lambda_2) \cdot \dots \cdot (T - \lambda_n)g(T),$$

where  $c, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$ , and g(T) is invertible. Since  $T^*$  is an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ ,  $T^*$  has SVEP. It follows from [1, Corollary 2.48] that  $\operatorname{ind}(T - \lambda_i) \geq 0$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ . Since

$$0 \le \sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{ind}(T - \lambda_i) = \operatorname{ind}(f(T) - \lambda) \le 0,$$

 $T - \lambda_i$  is Weyl for each i = 1, 2, ..., n. Hence  $\lambda \notin f(\sigma_{uw}(T))$ , and so  $f(\sigma_{uw}(T)) \subseteq \sigma_{uw}(f(T))$ . This completes the proof.

An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is called a-isoloid if every isolated point of  $\sigma_a(T)$  is an eigenvalue of T. Clearly, if T is a-isoloid, then T is isoloid. However, the converse is not true.

**Lemma 2.12.** If  $T^*$  is an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, then T is a-isoloid.

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be an isolated point of  $\sigma_a(T)$ . Since  $T^*$  has SVEP, by [1, Corollary 2.28]  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ . But  $T^*$  is polaroid, hence T is also polaroid. Therefore it is isoloid, and hence  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T)$ . Thus T is a-isoloid.

**Theorem 2.13.** If  $T^*$  is an algebraically k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, then a-Weyl's theorem holds for f(T) for every  $f \in Hol(\sigma(T))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f \in Hol(\sigma(T))$ . From Theorem 2.10, T satisfies a-Weyl's theorem and we have  $\sigma_{uw}(T) = \sigma_{ub}(T)$ . It follows

$$\sigma_{ub}(f(T)) = f(\sigma_{ub}(T)) = f(\sigma_{uw}(T)) = \sigma_{uw}(f(T))$$

and hence f(T) satisfies a-Browders theorem.

It is sufficient to show  $\pi_{00}^a(f(T)) \subseteq p_{00}^a(f(T))$ . Suppose  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}^a(f(T))$ . Then  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma_a(f(T))$  and  $0 < \alpha(f(T) - \lambda) < \infty$ . Thus  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(f(T))$  and equation (1) is fulfilled.

Since  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $f(\sigma_a(T))$ , if  $\lambda_i \in \sigma_a(T)$ , then  $\lambda_i$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma_a(T)$  by (1). Since T is a-isoloid,  $0 < \alpha(T - \lambda_i) < \infty$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ . Thus  $\lambda_i \in \pi_{00}^a(T)$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ . Since T satisfies a-Weyl's theorem,  $T - \lambda_i$  is upper-semi Fredholm and  $\operatorname{ind}(T - \lambda_i) \leq 0$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ . Therefore  $f(T) - \lambda$  is upper semi-Fredholm. Since  $\lambda \in \operatorname{iso}\sigma_a(f(T))$ , f(T) has SVEP in  $\lambda$ , thus by [1, Theorem 2.45]  $p(f(T) - \lambda) < \infty$ , so  $f(T) - \lambda$  is semi-upper Browder operator. Therefore  $\lambda \in p_{00}^a(f(T))$ .  $\square$ 

## 3. Tensor products for k-quasi class $\mathcal{A}_n^*$

Let H and K denote the Hilbert spaces. For given non zero operators  $T \in L(H)$  and  $S \in L(K)$ ,  $T \otimes S$  denotes the tensor product on the product space  $H \otimes K$ . The normaloid property is invariant under tensor products, [37]. There exist paranormal operators T and S, such that  $T \otimes S$  is not paranormal, [4]. In [40], Stochel proved that  $T \otimes S$  is normal, if and only if, T and S are normal. This result was extended to class A operators, \*-class A operators,

class  $\mathcal{A}_n$  operators and quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n$  operators in [24], [13], [30], and [31] respectively. In this section, we prove an analogues result for k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operators.

Let  $T \in L(H)$  and  $S \in L(K)$  be non zero operators. Then  $(T \otimes S)^*(T \otimes S) = T^*T \otimes S^*S$  holds. By the uniqueness of positive square roots, we have  $|T \otimes S|^r = |T|^r \otimes |S|^r$  for any positive rational number r. From the density of the rationales in the real, we obtain  $|T \otimes S|^p = |T|^p \otimes |S|^p$  for any positive real number p.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $T \in L(H)$  and  $S \in L(K)$  be non zero operators. Then  $T \otimes S$  is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, if and only if, one of the following holds:

- (1) T and S are k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ ,
- (2)  $T^{k+1} = O \text{ or } S^{k+1} = O.$

*Proof.* We have

$$(T \otimes S)^{*k} \left( |(T \otimes S)^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |(T \otimes S)^*|^2 \right) (T \otimes S)^k$$

$$= (T \otimes S)^{*k} \left( |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} \otimes |S^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |T^*|^2 \otimes |S^*|^2 \right) (T \otimes S)^k$$

$$= T^{*k} \left( |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |T^*|^2 \right) T^k \otimes S^{*k} |S^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} S^k$$

$$+ T^{*k} |T^*|^2 T^k \otimes S^{*k} \left( |S^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |S^*|^2 \right) S^k.$$

Hence, if either (1) T and S are k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operators or (2)  $T^{k+1} = O$  or  $S^{k+1} = O$ , then  $T \otimes S$  is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator.

Conversely, suppose that  $T \otimes S$  is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator. Then, for  $x \in H, y \in K$  we get

$$\begin{split} & \left\langle T^{*k} \left( |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |T^*|^2 \right) T^k x, x \right\rangle \left\langle S^{*k} |S^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} S^k y, y \right\rangle \\ & + \left\langle T^{*k} |T^*|^2 T^k x, x \right\rangle \left\langle S^{*k} (|S^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |S^*|^2) S^k y, y \right\rangle \geq 0. \end{split}$$

It suffices to show that if the statement (1) does not hold, then the statement (2) holds. Thus, assume to the contrary that neither  $T^{k+1}$  nor  $S^{k+1}$  is the zero operator, and T is not a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator. Then, there exists  $x_0 \in H$ , such that:

$$\left\langle T^{*k} \left( |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |T^*|^2 \right) T^k x_0, x_0 \right\rangle = \alpha < 0 \text{ and }$$
$$\left\langle T^{*k} |T^*|^2 T^k x_0, x_0 \right\rangle = \beta > 0.$$

From the above relation, we have

$$(\alpha+\beta)\left\langle S^{*k}|S^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}}S^ky,y\right\rangle \geq \beta\left\langle S^{*k}|S^*|^2S^ky,y\right\rangle.$$

Thus, S is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, because  $\alpha + \beta < \beta$ . We have.

$$\left\langle S^{*k}|S^*|^2S^ky,y\right\rangle = \left\langle |S^*|^2S^ky,S^ky\right\rangle = \left\langle S^*S^ky,S^*S^ky\right\rangle = \|S^*S^ky\|^2$$

and using the Holder McCarthy inequality, we get

$$\begin{split} \left\langle S^{*k} | S^{n+1} |^{\frac{2}{n+1}} S^k y, y \right\rangle &= \left\langle \left( S^{*(n+1)} S^{n+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} S^k y, S^k y \right\rangle \\ &\leq \left\langle S^{*(n+1)} S^{n+1} S^k y, S^k y \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \| S^k y \|^{\frac{2n}{n+1}} \\ &= \| S^{n+k+1} y \|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} \| S^k y \|^{\frac{2n}{n+1}}. \end{split}$$

Then

$$(\alpha + \beta) \|S^{n+k+1}y\|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} \|S^ky\|^{\frac{2n}{n+1}} \ge \beta \|S^*S^ky\|^2.$$

Since S is a  $k\text{-quasi class }\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, from Theorem 2.1 S has decomposition of the form

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix}$$
 on  $H = \overline{S^k(H)} \oplus ker S^{*k}$ ,

where  $A = S \mid_{\overline{S^k(H)}}$  is  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, we have

$$(\alpha + \beta) \|A^{n+1}\mu\|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} \|\mu\|^{\frac{2n}{n+1}} \ge \beta \|S^*\mu\|^2 \ge \beta \|A^*\mu\|^2$$

for all  $\mu \in \overline{S^k(H)}$ .

Since  $A \in \mathcal{A}_n^*$ , A is normaloid. Thus, taking supremum on both sides of the above inequality, we have

$$(\alpha + \beta) ||A||^2 \ge \beta ||A^*||^2 = \beta ||A||^2.$$

This inequality makes A=O. From Corollary 2.6, we have  $S^{k+1}=O$ . This is a contradiction to that  $S^{k+1}$  is not a zero operator. So T must be a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator. A similar argument shows that S is also a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, which completes the proof.

## 4. Fuglede-Putnam theorem for k-quasi class $\mathcal{A}_n^*$

The famous Fuglede-Putnam's theorem is as follows:

**Theorem 4.1.** Let A and B be normal operators, and X be an operator so that AX = XB. Then,  $A^*X = XB^*$ .

The Fuglede-Putnam's theorem is very useful in operators' theory, thanks to its numerous applications. In fact, the Fuglede-Putnam's theorem was first proved in the A=B case by B. Fuglede [15], and then a proof in the general case by C. R. Putnam [32]. A lot of researchers have worked on it since the papers of Fuglede and Putnam.

Suppose  $\{e_n\}$  is an orthonormal bases in H. We define the Hilbert-Schmidt norm of T to be  $||T||_2 = (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ||Te_n||^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . This definition is independent of the choice of basis (see [10]). If  $||T||_2 < \infty$ , T is said to be a Hilbert-Schmidt operator. The set of all Hilbert-Schmidt operators will be denoted by  $\mathcal{C}_2(H)$ .

In the past several years, many authors have extended this theorem for several classes of nonnormal operators. In [6], S. Berberian has extended the result

by assuming A and  $B^*$  are hyponormal operators and X is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator. In [17], Furuta extended the result by assuming A and  $B^*$  are subnormal operators and X is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator. A. Uchiyama and K. Tanahashi [41] showed that Fuglede-Putnam's theorem holds for p-hyponormal and log-hyponormal operators. If let  $X \in L(H)$  be Hilbert-Schmidt class, S. Mecheri and A. Uchiyama [28] showed that normality in Fuglede-Putnam's theorem can be replaced by A and  $B^*$  class  $\mathcal A$  operators. Recently M. H. M. Rashid and M. S. M. Noorani [34] showed that the above result of S. Mecheri and A. Uchiyama holds for A and  $B^*$  quasi-class  $\mathcal A$  operators with the additional condition  $\| \ |A^*| \ \| \ \| \ |B|^{-1} \ \| \le 1$ . In this paper, we show that if X is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator, A and  $(B^*)^{-1}$  are k-quasi class  $\mathcal A_n^*$  operators such that AX = XB, then  $A^*X = XB^*$ .

For each pair of operators  $A, B \in L(H)$ , there is an operator  $\Gamma_{A,B}$  defined on  $\mathcal{C}_2(H)$  via the formula  $\Gamma_{A,B}(X) = AXB$ .

Let  $C_1(H)$  be the set  $\{C = AB : A, B \in C_2(H)\}$ . Then, operators belonging to  $C_1(H)$  are called trace class operators. We define the linear functional

$$tr: \mathcal{C}_1(H) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ by } tr(C) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle Ce_n, e_n \rangle$$

for an orthonormal basis  $\{e_n\}$  for H. In this case, the definition of tr(C) does not depend on the choice of an orthonormal basis, and tr(C) is called the trace of C.

**Lemma 4.2** ([10]). If  $\langle A, B \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle Ae_n, Be_n \rangle = tr(B^*A) = tr(AB^*)$  for A and B in  $C_2(H)$ , and for any orthonormal basis  $\{e_n\}$  for H, then  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product on  $C_2(H)$ , and  $C_2(H)$  is a Hilbert-Schmidt space with respect to this inner product.

From the above lemma, we have:

$$\begin{split} \langle \Gamma^* X, Y \rangle &= \langle X, \Gamma Y \rangle = \langle X, AYB \rangle = tr((AYB)^* X) \\ &= tr(XB^* Y^* A^*) = tr(A^* X B^* Y^*) = \langle A^* X B^*, Y \rangle. \end{split}$$

So, the adjoint of  $\Gamma$  is given by the formula  $\Gamma^*X = A^*XB^*$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let A and  $B \in L(H)$ . Then  $\Gamma_{A,B}$  is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator on  $\mathcal{C}_2(H)$  if and only if one of the following assertions holds:

- (1)  $A^{k+1} = O$  or  $B^{k+1} = O$ ;
- (2) A and  $B^*$  are k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operators.

*Proof.* The unitary operator  $U: \mathcal{C}_2(H) \to H \otimes H$  by a map  $x \otimes y^* \to x \otimes y$  induces the \*-isomorphism  $\Psi: L(\mathcal{C}_2(H)) \to L(H \otimes H)$  by a map  $X \to UXU^*$ . Then we can obtain  $\Psi(\Gamma_{A,B}) = A \otimes B^*$  [8]. The complete proof comes from Theorem 3.1.

**Lemma 4.4** ([23]). Let  $T \in L(H)$  be a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator for a positive integer k. If  $\lambda \neq 0$  and  $(T - \lambda)x = 0$  for some  $x \in H$ , then  $(T - \lambda)^*x = 0$ .

Now we are ready to extend Fuglede-Putnam's theorem to k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operators.

**Theorem 4.5.** Let A and  $(B^*)^{-1}$  be k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operators. If AX = XB for  $X \in \mathcal{C}_2(H)$ , then  $A^*X = XB^*$ .

Proof. Let  $\Gamma$  be defined on  $C_2(H)$  by  $\Gamma Y = AYB^{-1}$ . Since A and  $(B^*)^{-1}$  are k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operators,  $\Gamma$  is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator on  $C_2(H)$ , by Theorem 4.3. Since AX = XB,  $\Gamma X = AXB^{-1} = X$ , so X is an eigenvector of  $\Gamma$ . By Lemma 4.4 we have  $\Gamma^*X = A^*X(B^{-1})^* = X$ , which implies  $A^*X = XB^*$ .  $\square$ 

# 5. Hyperinvariant subspace

Let  $\sigma_T(x) \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  denote the local spectral of T at the point  $x \in H$ , i.e., the complement of the set  $\rho_T(x)$  of all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  for which there exists an open neighborhood U of  $\lambda$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  and an analytic function  $f: U \to H$  such that  $(T-\mu)f(\mu) = x$  holds for all  $\mu \in U$ . Moreover,  $\sigma_T(x) \subseteq \sigma(T)$ . For every closed subset F of  $\mathbb{C}$ , let  $H_T(F) = \{x \in H : \sigma_T(x) \subseteq F\}$  denote the corresponding analytic spectral subspace of T.

An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is said to be decomposable if, for any open covering  $\{U,V\}$  of the complex plane  $\mathbb C$  there are two closed T-invariant subspaces Y and Z of H such that H=Y+Z,  $\sigma(T_{|Y})\subseteq U$  and  $\sigma(T_{|Z})\subseteq V$ . For every decomposable operator T the identity  $H=H_T(\overline{U})+H_T(\overline{V})$  holds for every open cover  $\{U,V\}$  of  $\mathbb C$  [26, Theorem 1.2.23].

An operator  $A \in L(H, K)$  is called quasi-affine if it has trivial kernel and has dense range. An operator  $S \in L(H)$  is said to be a quasi-affine transform of  $T \in L(K)$  if there exists a quasi-affine  $A \in L(H, K)$  such that AS = TA.

**Theorem 5.1.** Let  $T \in L(H)$  be a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator such that  $T \neq zI$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . If S is a decomposable quasi-affine transform of T, then T has a nontrivial hyperinvariant subspace.

*Proof.* If S is a decomposable quasi-affine transform of T, then there exists a quasi-affine A such that AS = TA, where S is decomposable. Assume that T has no nontrivial hyperinvariant subspace. From [25, Lemma 3.6.1]  $\sigma_p(T) = \emptyset$  and  $H_T(F) = \{0\}$  for each closed set F proper in  $\sigma(T)$ . Let  $\{U, V\}$  be an open cover of  $\mathbb C$  such that  $\sigma(T) \setminus \overline{U} \neq \emptyset$  and  $\sigma(T) \setminus \overline{V} \neq \emptyset$ .

Now, if  $x \in H_S(\overline{U})$ , then  $\sigma_S(x) \subset \overline{U}$ . Hence there exists an analytic H-valued function f defined on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{U}$  such that (S-z)f(z) = x for all  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{U}$ . So (T-z)Af(z) = A(S-z)f(z) = Ax. Hence  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{U} \subset \rho_T(Ax)$ , this implies  $Ax \in H_T(\overline{U})$ . Thus  $A(H_S(\overline{U})) \subseteq H_T(\overline{U})$ , similar  $A(H_S(\overline{V})) \subseteq H_T(\overline{V})$ .

Therefore, since S is decomposable then  $H = H_S(\overline{U}) + H_S(\overline{V})$ , and finally

$$A(H) = A(H_S(\overline{U})) + A(H_S(\overline{V})) \subseteq H_T(\overline{U}) + H_T(\overline{V}) = \{0\}.$$

This is a contradiction. Hence, T has a nontrivial hyperinvariant subspace.

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**Theorem 5.2.** Let  $T \in L(H \oplus K)$  be a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator. If there exists a nonzero vector  $x \in H \oplus K$  such that  $\sigma_T(x) \subsetneq \sigma(T)$ , then T has a nontrivial hyperinvariant subspace.

Proof. Let's set  $M = H_T(\sigma_T(x)) = \{y \in H \oplus K : \sigma_T(y) \subseteq \sigma_T(x)\}$ . From [26, Theorem 1.2.16] M is a T-hyperinvariant subspace. Since  $x \in M$ ,  $M \neq \{0\}$ . Suppose  $M = H \oplus K$ . Since T is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, from [23, Corollary 3.11], T has SVEP. From [26, Theorem 1.3.2]

$$\sigma(T) = \bigcup \{ \sigma_T(y) : y \in H \oplus K \} \subseteq \sigma_T(x) \subsetneq \sigma(T),$$

which is contradiction. Hence M is a nontrivial T-hyperinvariant subspace.  $\square$ 

## 6. Spectrum continuity on the set of k-quasi class $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ operator

Let  $\{E_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of compact subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let's define the inferior and superior limits of  $\{E_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ , denoted respectively by  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \{E_n\}$  and  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} \{E_n\}$  as it follows:

- 1)  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \{E_n\} = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \text{for every } \epsilon > 0, \text{ there exists } N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } B(\lambda, \epsilon) \cap E_n \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } n > N\},$
- 2)  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} \{E_n\} = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \text{for every } \epsilon > 0, \text{ there exists } J \subseteq \mathbb{N} \text{ infinite such that } B(\lambda,\epsilon) \cap E_n \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } n \in J\}.$

If  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \{E_n\} = \limsup_{n\to\infty} \{E_n\}$ , then  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \{E_n\}$  is defined by this common limit.

A mapping p, defined on L(H), whose values are compact subsets on  $\mathbb C$  is said to be upper semi-continuous at T, if  $T_n \to T$ , then  $\limsup_{n \to \infty} p(T_n) \subset p(T)$ , and lower semi-continuous at T, if  $T_n \to T$ , then  $p(T) \subset \liminf_{n \to \infty} p(T_n)$ . If p is both upper and lower semi-continuous at T, then it is said to be continuous at T and in this case  $\lim_{n \to \infty} p(T_n) = p(T)$ .

The spectrum  $\sigma: T \to \sigma(T)$  is upper semi-continuous by [21, Problem 102], but it is not continuous in general as shown in the next example.

**Example 6.1.** Let U be the unilateral shift on  $l^2(\mathbb{N})$  and let T and  $T_n$ , be operators defined on  $l^2(\mathbb{N}) \oplus l^2(\mathbb{N})$  as

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} U & O \\ O & U^* \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $T_n = \begin{pmatrix} U & \frac{1}{n}(I - UU^*) \\ O & U^* \end{pmatrix}$ .

Observe that  $T_n \to T$ , but  $\sigma(T_n) \nrightarrow \sigma(T)$ . Indeed, each  $T_n$  is similar to  $T_1$  and  $T_1$  is an unitary operator, so for every n,  $\sigma(T_n) = \sigma(T_1) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| = 1\}$  and  $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| \leq 1\}$ .

It has been proved that  $\sigma$  is continuous in the set of normal operators and hyponormal operators by Halmos in [21]. And this result has been extended to quasihyponormal operators by S. V. Djordjević in [11], to p-hyponormal operators by Hwang and Lee in [22], to (p,k)-quasihyponomal operators and paranormal operators by Duggal, Jeon and Kim in [14], to quasi-clas  $(\mathcal{A}, k)$  operators by Gao and Fang in [19], to k-quasi-\*-class  $\mathcal{A}$  by Gao and Li in [20].

The Berberian extension theorem [7] says that for a given operator  $T \in L(H)$  there exists a Hilbert space Y such that  $H \subset Y$  and a map  $\varphi : L(H) \to L(Y)$  such that  $\varphi : T \to \varphi(T) = T^0$  preserving order such that  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_a\left(T^0\right) = \sigma_p\left(T^0\right)$  and  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(T^0)$ . If T is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, then  $T^0$  is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator too, [23, Theorem 3.7].

**Lemma 6.2** ([29]). If  $\{T_n\} \subset L(H)$  and  $T \in L(H)$  are such that  $T_n$  converges, according to the operator norm topology to T, then  $iso\sigma(T) \subseteq \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sigma(T_n)$ .

**Theorem 6.3.** The spectrum  $\sigma$  is continuous on the set of k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  for a positive integer k.

Proof. Let  $\{T_n\}$  be a sequence of operators so that it belongs to k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operators and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \|T_n - T\| = 0$ , where T is a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator. Since the function  $\sigma$  is upper semi-continuous,  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} \sigma(T_n) \subset \sigma(T)$ . Therefore, to prove the theorem, it will be sufficient to prove that  $\sigma(T) \subset \liminf_{n\to\infty} \sigma(T_n)$ . From [38, Proposition 4.9] it will be sufficient to prove  $\sigma_a(T) \subset \liminf_{n\to\infty} \sigma(T_n)$ . Since  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(T^0)$ ,  $\sigma(T_n) = \sigma(T^0)$  and  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_a(T^0)$  we have

$$\sigma_a(T) \subset \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sigma(T_n) \Longleftrightarrow \sigma_a(T^0) \subset \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sigma(T_n^0).$$

Let  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T^0)$ . Then  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T^0)$ . By [23, Theorem 3.5]  $T^0$  has a representation

$$T^0 = \lambda \oplus A$$
 on  $H = \ker(T^0 - \lambda) \oplus (\ker(T^0 - \lambda))^{\perp}$  and  $\ker(A - \lambda) = \{0\}$ .

Therefore  $A-\lambda$  is an upper semi-Fredholm operator and  $\alpha(A-\lambda)=0$ . There exists an  $\epsilon>0$  such that  $A-(\lambda-\mu_0)$  is an upper semi-Fredholm operator with  $\operatorname{ind}(A-(\lambda-\mu_0))=\operatorname{ind}(A-\lambda)$  and  $\alpha(A-(\lambda-\mu_0))=0$  for every  $\mu_0$  such that  $0<|\mu_0|<\epsilon$ . Let's set  $\mu=\lambda-\mu_0$ , and we have  $T^0-\mu=(\lambda-\mu)\oplus(A-\mu)$  is upper semi-Fredholm operator,  $\operatorname{ind}(T^0-\mu)=\operatorname{ind}(A-\mu)$  and  $\alpha(T^0-\mu)=0$ .

Suppose the contrary,  $\lambda \not\in \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sigma(T_n^0)$ . Then, there exists a  $\delta > 0$ , a neighborhood  $\mathcal{D}_{\delta}(\lambda)$  of  $\lambda$  and a subsequence  $\{T_{n_k}^0\}$  of  $\{T_n^0\}$  such that  $\sigma(T_{n_k}^0) \cap \mathcal{D}_{\delta}(\lambda) = \emptyset$  for every  $k \geq 1$ . This implies that  $T_{n_k}^0 - \mu$  is a Fredholm operator and  $\operatorname{ind}(T_{n_k}^0 - \mu) = 0$  for every  $\mu \in \mathcal{D}_{\delta}(\lambda)$  and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \| (T_{n_k}^0 - \mu) - (T^0 - \mu) \| = 0.$$

It follows from the continuity of the index that  $\operatorname{ind}(T^0 - \mu) = 0$  and  $T^0 - \mu$  is a Fredholm operator. Since  $\alpha(T^0 - \mu) = 0$ ,  $\mu \notin \sigma(T^0)$  for every  $\mu$  in a  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $\lambda$ . This contradicts Lemma 6.2, therefore we must have  $\lambda \in \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sigma(T_n^0)$ .

Corollary 6.4. The spectrum  $\sigma_w$  is continuous on the set of a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  for a positive integer k.

*Proof.* Since Weyl's theorem holds for k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operators, then  $\sigma_w$  is continuous from Theorem 6.3 and [12, Theorem 2.1].

Corollary 6.5. The spectrum  $\sigma_b$  is continuous on the set of a k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  for a positive integer k.

*Proof.* Since Weyl's theorem holds for k-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operators, then  $\sigma_b$  is continuous from Theorem 6.3 and [12, Theorem 2.2].

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