

ON (n, k) -QUASI CLASS Q^* OPERATORS

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Abstract. Let T be a bounded linear operator on a complex Hilbert space H . In this paper we introduce a new class of operators: (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operators, superclass of (n, k) -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operators.

An operator T is said to be (n, k) -quasi class Q^* if it satisfies

$$\|T^*(T^k x)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\|T^{n+1}(T^k x)\|^2 + n\|T^k x\|^2 \right),$$

for all $x \in H$ and for some nonnegative integers n and k . We will prove structural and spectral properties of this class of operators, and also prove the spectrum continuity of this class of operators.

1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, let H be a complex Hilbert space with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. Let $L(H)$ denote the C^* algebra of all bounded operators on 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 positive integers by \mathbb{N} , the set of all nonnegative integers by \mathbb{N}_0 and the complex conjugate of a complex number λ by $\bar{\lambda}$. The closure of a set M will be denoted by \bar{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 $\sigma(T)$, $\sigma_p(T)$ and $\sigma_a(T)$ for the spectrum, point spectrum and approximate point spectrum, respectively. Sets of isolated points and accumulation points of $\sigma(T)$ are denoted by $\text{iso}\sigma(T)$ and $\text{acc}\sigma(T)$, 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 $r(T) = \|T\|$.

We write $\alpha(T) = \dim \ker T$, $\beta(T) = \dim(H \setminus \overline{T(H)})$. 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

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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

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

An operator $T \in L(H)$, is said to be paranormal [3], if

$$\|Tx\|^2 \leq \|T^2x\|$$

for any unit vector x in H . An operator $T \in L(H)$, is said to be $*$ -paranormal [1], if

$$\|T^*x\|^2 \leq \|T^2x\|$$

for any unit vector x in H .

In papers [8, 9], the author has proved that a k -quasi- $*$ -class A operator is a k -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operator.

Hoxha and Braha, [6] introduced a new class of operators called k -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operators. An operator T is called k -quasi- $*$ -paranormal if

$$\|T^*T^kx\|^2 \leq \|T^{k+2}x\| \|T^kx\|,$$

for all $x \in H$, where k is a nonnegative integer number.

Q. Zeng and H. Zhong [12] introduced a new class of operators called (n, k) -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operators: An operator $T \in L(H)$ is said to be (n, k) -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operators if

$$\|T^*(T^kx)\| \leq \|T^{n+1}(T^kx)\|^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \|T^kx\|^{\frac{n}{n+1}},$$

for all $x \in H$ and for some nonnegative integers n and k .

2. Structural properties

Now we introduce the class of (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operators defined as follows:

DEFINITION 2.1. An operator $T \in L(H)$ is said to be (n, k) -quasi class Q^* if

$$\|T^*(T^kx)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\|T^{n+1}(T^kx)\|^2 + n\|T^kx\|^2 \right),$$

for all $x \in H$ and for some nonnegative integer numbers n and k .

A $(1, k)$ -quasi class Q^* operator is a k -quasi class Q^* operator:

$$\|T^*(T^kx)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|T^{k+2}x\|^2 + \|T^kx\|^2 \right);$$

a $(1, 1)$ -quasi class Q^* operator is a quasi class Q^* operator:

$$\|T^*(Tx)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|T^3x\|^2 + \|Tx\|^2 \right);$$

a $(1, 0)$ -quasi class Q^* operator is a class Q^* operator:

$$\|T^*x\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} (\|T^2x\|^2 + \|x\|^2);$$

an $(n, 0)$ -quasi class Q^* operator is an n -class Q^* operator

$$\|T^*x\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{n+1} (\|T^{n+1}x\|^2 + n\|x\|^2).$$

Q. Zeng and H. Zhong [12, Lemma 2.2] prove that an operator $T \in L(H)$ is of the (n, k) -quasi- $*$ -paranormal if and only if

$$T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)\lambda^n TT^* + n\lambda^{n+1}I \right) T^k \geq O, \text{ for all } \lambda > 0.$$

THEOREM 2.2. An operator $T \in L(H)$ is of the (n, k) -quasi class Q^* , if and only if

$$T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)TT^* + nI \right) T^k \geq O,$$

where k and n are nonnegative integer numbers.

Proof. Since T is of the (n, k) -quasi class Q^* , then

$$(n+1)\|T^*(T^kx)\|^2 \leq (\|T^{n+1}(T^kx)\|^2 + n\|T^kx\|^2),$$

for all $x \in H$, where $k, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Then,

$$\left\langle T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)TT^* + nI \right) T^kx, x \right\rangle \geq 0$$

for all $x \in H$, where k and n are nonnegative integer numbers. The last relation is equivalent to

$$T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)TT^* + nI \right) T^k \geq O. \quad \square$$

LEMMA 2.3. For positive real numbers $a > 0$ and $b > 0$,

$$\lambda a + \mu b \geq a^\lambda b^\mu$$

holds for $\lambda > 0$ and $\mu > 0$ such that $\lambda + \mu = 1$.

LEMMA 2.4. If T is an (n, k) -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operator, then T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator.

Proof. Let T be an (n, k) -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operator. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^*(T^kx)\|^2 &\leq \|T^{n+1}(T^kx)\|^{\frac{2}{1+n}} \|T^kx\|^{\frac{2n}{n+1}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n+1} \|T^{n+1}(T^kx)\|^2 + \frac{n}{n+1} \|T^kx\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

so, T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator. \square

An operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$, is said to belong to k -quasi class \mathcal{A}_n^* operator ([7]) if

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

for $n, k \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

From [7, Theorem 2.5] if T is a k -quasi class \mathcal{A}_n^* operator, then T is an (n, k) -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operator, from the above theorem T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator.

If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, then T is an $(n, k + 1)$ -quasi class Q^* operator. The inverse is not true, as it can be seen below.

Consider the unilateral weighted shift operators as an infinite dimensional Hilbert space operator. Recall that given a bounded sequence of a positive numbers $\alpha : \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \dots$ (called weights) the unilateral weighted shift W_α associated with weight α is the operator on $H = l_2$ defined by $W_\alpha e_m = \alpha_m e_{m+1}$ for all $m \geq 1$, where $\{e_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ is the canonical orthonormal basis on l_2 .

$$W_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_3 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha_4 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $\text{diag}(\{\alpha_m\}_{m=1}^\infty) = \text{diag}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots)$ denote an infinite diagonal matrix on l_2 . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & W_\alpha^{*k} \left(W_\alpha^{*(n+1)} W_\alpha^{(n+1)} - (n+1)W_\alpha W_\alpha^* + n \right) W_\alpha^k \\ &= \text{diag}(\{\alpha_m^2 \alpha_{m+1}^2 \dots \alpha_{m+k-2}^2 \alpha_{m+k-1}^2 \alpha_{m+k}^2 \alpha_{m+k+1}^2 \dots \alpha_{m+k+n-1}^2 \alpha_{m+k+n}^2\}_{m=1}^\infty) \\ & \quad - (n+1)\text{diag}(\{\alpha_m^2 \alpha_{m+1}^2 \dots \alpha_{m+k-2}^2 \alpha_{m+k-1}^2 \alpha_{m+k-1}^2\}_{m=1}^\infty) \\ & \quad + n\text{diag}(\{\alpha_m^2 \alpha_{m+1}^2 \dots \alpha_{m+k-1}^2\}_{m=1}^\infty) \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_m^2 \alpha_{m+1}^2 \dots \alpha_{m+k-2}^2 \alpha_{m+k-1}^2 (\alpha_{m+k}^2 \alpha_{m+k+1}^2 \dots \alpha_{m+k+n-1}^2 \alpha_{m+k+n}^2 \\ & \quad - (n+1)\alpha_{m+k-1}^2 + n) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, W_α is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, if and only if,

$$\alpha_{m+k}^2 \alpha_{m+k+1}^2 \dots \alpha_{m+k+n-1}^2 \alpha_{m+k+n}^2 - (n+1)\alpha_{m+k-1}^2 + n \geq 0,$$

for $m \geq 1$.

If $\alpha_1 = 2$ and $\alpha_m = 1$ for $m \geq 2$, then W_α is a $(2, 2)$ -quasi class Q^* operator but is not a $(2, 1)$ -quasi class Q^* operator.

Since (n, k) -quasi- $*$ -paranormal is not a normaloid operator [12, Example 2.3(4)], then (n, k) -quasi class Q^* is not a normaloid operator for $k \geq 2$.

THEOREM 2.5. *If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, which commutes with a unitary S , then TS is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator.*

Proof. Let $A = TS$, $TS = ST$, $S^*T^* = T^*S^*$ and $SS^* = S^*S = I$.

$$\begin{aligned} & A^{*(n+k+1)}A^{(n+k+1)} - (n+1)A^{*(k)}AA^*A^k + nA^{*k}A^k \\ = & (TS)^{*(n+k+1)}(TS)^{(n+k+1)} - (n+1)(TS)^{*(k)}(TS)(TS)^*(TS)^k + n(TS)^{*k}(TS)^k \\ = & S^{*k}T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)TT^* + nI \right) T^kS^k \geq O, \end{aligned}$$

so that TS is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator. \square

THEOREM 2.6. *Let T be an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator. If T is unitarily equivalent to an operator S , then S is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator.*

Proof. Since T is unitarily equivalent to an operator S , then $S = U^*TU$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & S^{*k} \left(S^{*(n+1)}S^{(n+1)} - (n+1)SS^* + nI \right) S^k \\ = & (U^*TU)^{*k} \left((U^*TU)^{*(n+1)}(U^*TU)^{(n+1)} - (n+1)(U^*TU)(U^*TU)^* + nI \right) (U^*TU)^k \\ = & U^*T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)TT^* + nI \right) T^kU \geq O \end{aligned}$$

so that S is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator. \square

THEOREM 2.7. *If T does not have a dense range, then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator
- (2)

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

where $A^{*(n+1)}A^{(n+1)} - (n+1)(AA^* + BB^*) + nI \geq O$, and $C^k = O$. Furthermore, $\sigma(T) = \sigma(A) \cup \{0\}$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Consider the matrix representation of T with respect to the decomposition $H = \overline{T^k(H)} \oplus \ker(T^{*k})$:

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

Let P be the projection onto $\overline{T^k(H)}$. Since T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, we have

$$P \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)TT^* + nI \right) P \geq O.$$

Therefore

$$A^{*(n+1)}A^{(n+1)} - (n + 1)(AA^* + BB^*) + nI \geq O.$$

Let $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in H = \overline{T^k(H)} \oplus \ker(T^{*k})$. Then,

$$\langle C^k x_2, x_2 \rangle = \langle T^k(I - P)x, (I - P)x \rangle = \langle (I - P)x, T^{*k}(I - P)x \rangle = 0,$$

thus $C^k = O$.

By [4, Corollary 7], $\sigma(A) \cup \sigma(C) = \sigma(T) \cup \vartheta$, where ϑ is the union of the holes in $\sigma(T)$, which happen to be a subset of $\sigma(A) \cap \sigma(C)$, and $\sigma(A) \cap \sigma(C)$ has no interior points. Therefore $\sigma(T) = \sigma(A) \cup \sigma(C)$. Since C is nilpotent, we have $\sigma(T) = \sigma(A) \cup \{0\}$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Suppose $T = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix}$ on $H = \overline{T^k(H)} \oplus \ker(T^{*k})$, where

$$A^{*(n+1)}A^{(n+1)} - (n + 1)(AA^* + BB^*) + nI \geq O$$

and $C^k = O$. Since

$$T^k = \begin{pmatrix} A^k \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j B C^{k-1-j} \\ O & O \end{pmatrix}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)} T^{(n+1)} - (n + 1) T T^* + nI \right) T^k \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix}^{*k} \left(\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix}^{*(n+1)} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix}^{(n+1)} - (n + 1) \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix}^* + nI \right) \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix}^k \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{*k} & O \\ (\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j B C^{k-1-j})^* & O \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D & E \\ E^* & F \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^k \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j B C^{k-1-j} \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{*k} D A^k & A^{*k} D \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j B C^{k-1-j} \\ (\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j B C^{k-1-j})^* D A^k & (\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j B C^{k-1-j})^* D \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j B C^{k-1-j} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$D = A^{*(n+1)}A^{(n+1)} - (n + 1)(AA^* + BB^*) + n$$

$$E = A^{*(n+1)} \sum_{j=0}^n A^j B C^{n-j} - (n + 1) B C^*$$

$$F = \left(\sum_{j=0}^n A^j B C^{n-j} \right)^* \left(\sum_{j=0}^n A^j B C^{n-j} \right) + C^{*(n+1)} C^{(n+1)} - (n + 1) C C^* + n$$

Let $v = x \oplus y$ be a vector in $H = \overline{T^k(H)} \oplus \ker(T^{*k})$, where $x \in \overline{T^k(H)}$ and $y \in \ker(T^{*k})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)TT^* + nI \right) T^k v, v \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle A^{*k}DA^k x, x \right\rangle + \left\langle A^{*k}D \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j BC^{k-1-j} y, x \right\rangle + \left\langle \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j BC^{k-1-j} \right)^* DA^k x, y \right\rangle \\ &+ \left\langle \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j BC^{k-1-j} \right)^* D \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j BC^{k-1-j} y, y \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle D \left(A^k x + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j BC^{k-1-j} y \right), \left(A^k x + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^j BC^{k-1-j} y \right) \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$D = A^{*(n+1)}A^{(n+1)} - (n+1)(AA^* + BB^*) + n \geq O$$

we have

$$\left\langle T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)TT^* + nI \right) T^k v, v \right\rangle \geq 0,$$

hence

$$T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)TT^* + nI \right) T^k \geq O.$$

Thus, T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator. \square

COROLLARY 2.8. *If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator and $T^k(H)$ is not dense range, then*

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

where A is an n -class Q^* operator on $\overline{T^k(H)}$, and $C^k = O$.

THEOREM 2.9. *If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator and M is an invariant subspace for T , then the restriction $T|_M$ is also an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator.*

Proof. Let P be the projection onto M . Then $TP = PTP$, so that $(T|_M)^* = PT^*P$. Hence, for $x \in M$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(T|_M)^*((T|_M)^k x)\|^2 &= \|(PT^*P)(PTP)^k x\|^2 = \|P(T^*T^k x)\|^2 \leq \|T^*(T^k x)\|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\|T^{n+1}(T^k x)\|^2 + n\|T^k x\|^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\|(T|_M)^{n+1}((T|_M)^k x)\|^2 + n\|(T|_M)^k x\|^2 \right). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 2.10. *Let $T \in L(H)$. If $\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T$ is an operator of the (n, k) -quasi class Q^* then T is (n, k) -quasi- $*$ -paranormal for all $\lambda > 0$.*

Proof. Let $\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T$ be an operator of (n, k) -quasi class Q^* , then

$$(\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T)^{*k} \left((\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T)^{* (n+1)} (\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T)^{(n+1)} - (n+1)(\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T)(\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T)^* + nI \right) (\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T)^k \geq 0$$

$$\lambda^{-\frac{k}{2}}T^{*k} \left(\lambda^{-(n+1)}T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)\lambda^{-1}TT^* + nI \right) \lambda^{-\frac{k}{2}}T^k \geq 0,$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda^{n+k+1}}T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)\lambda^nTT^* + n\lambda^{(n+1)} \right) T^k \geq 0,$$

$$T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)\lambda^nTT^* + n\lambda^{(n+1)} \right) T^k \geq 0$$

for all $\lambda > 0$. By this it is proved that the operator T is an (n, k) -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operator. \square

THEOREM 2.11. *Let us suppose that T is (n, k) -quasi class Q^* and $T \geq 42I$, then it follows that $2 \cdot T$, is $(\frac{n-3}{4}, k)$ -quasi class Q^* , for $n = 4r + 3$ and r integer greater then 10.*

Proof. Let us suppose that T is (n, k) -quasi class Q^* and $T \geq 42I$. Then we have to prove that

$$\|(2T)^*((2T)^kx)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{\frac{n-3}{4} + 1} \left(\|(2T)^{1+\frac{n-3}{4}}((2T)^kx)\|^2 + \frac{n-3}{4}\|(2T)^kx\|^2 \right),$$

for every $n \geq 44$. Let us suppose that last relation is valid, then we get

$$\|T^*(T^kx)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \left(2^{\frac{n-3}{2}}\|T^{\frac{n+1}{4}}(T^kx)\|^2 + \frac{n-3}{4^2}\|T^kx\|^2 \right).$$

From fact that T is (n, k) -quasi class Q^* and $T \geq 42I$, we obtain that

$$\frac{1}{n+1} \left(\|T^{n+1}(T^kx)\|^2 + n\|T^kx\|^2 \right) \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \left(2^{\frac{n-3}{2}}\|T^{\frac{n+1}{4}}(T^kx)\|^2 + \frac{n-3}{4^2}\|T^kx\|^2 \right).$$

Hence, $2 \cdot T$, is $(\frac{n-3}{4}, k)$ -quasi class Q^* , for $n \geq 44$. \square

3. Spectral properties

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 if $p(T - \lambda) < \infty$, for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

PROPOSITION 3.1. *If T is (n, k) -quasi class Q^* , and $T \geq 42I$, then it is $(\frac{n-3}{4}, k)$ -quasi- $*$ -paranormal, for $n = 4r + 3$ and r integer greater then 10. T has finite ascent under above conditions.*

Proof. From theorem 2.11 we obtain that $2 \cdot T$, is $(\frac{n-3}{4}, k)$ -quasi class Q^* . On the other side from theorem 2.10, we have that $\sqrt{4} \cdot T$ is $(\frac{n-3}{4}, k)$ -quasi class Q^* , respectively T is $(\frac{n-3}{4}, k)$ -quasi- $*$ -paranormal for every $\lambda > 0$. Now from corollary 4.5 ([12]), it follows that T has finite ascent. \square

THEOREM 3.2. *If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, $0 \neq \lambda \in \sigma_p(T)$ and T is the form $T = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & A \\ O & B \end{pmatrix}$ on $H = \ker(T - \lambda) \oplus (\ker(T - \lambda))^\perp$, then $A = O$.*

Proof. Let P be the orthogonal projection onto $\ker(T - \lambda)$ and $x \in \ker(T - \lambda)$. Since T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, and $x = \frac{1}{\lambda^k} T^k x \in T^k(H)$, we have

$$P \left(T^{*(n+1)} T^{(n+1)} - (n+1) T T^* + n \right) P \geq O.$$

then

$$\lambda^{2(n+1)} - (n+1)(\lambda^2 + AA^*) + n \geq 0$$

which yields that

$$\lambda^{2(n+1)} - (n+1)\lambda^2 + n \geq (n+1)AA^*$$

hence $A = O$. \square

COROLLARY 3.3. *If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, $0 \neq \lambda$ then $Tx = \lambda x$ implies $T^*x = \bar{\lambda}x$.*

Proof. We may assume that $x \neq 0$. Let M be a span of $\{x\}$. Then M is an invariant subspace of T . We have

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & A \\ O & B \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{on } H = M \oplus M^\perp,$$

and P the orthogonal projection of H onto M . Since T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, then we have

$$P \left(T^{*(n+1)} T^{(n+1)} - (n+1) T T^* + n \right) P \geq O.$$

From above theorem we have $A = O$. Thus

$$(T - \lambda)^* x = \begin{pmatrix} O & O \\ O & B - \lambda \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0. \quad \square$$

A complex number λ is said to be in the point spectrum $\sigma_p(T)$ of T if there is a nonzero $x \in H$ such that $(T - \lambda)x = 0$. If in addition, $(T - \lambda)^*x = 0$, then λ is said to be in the joint point spectrum $\sigma_{jp}(T)$ of T . Clearly $\sigma_{jp}(T) \subseteq \sigma_p(T)$. In general $\sigma_{jp}(T) \neq \sigma_p(T)$.

COROLLARY 3.4. *If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, then $\sigma_{jp}(T) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma_p(T) \setminus \{0\}$.*

COROLLARY 3.5. *Let T be an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, then $\ker(T - \lambda) = \ker(T - \lambda)^2$, for $\lambda \neq 0 \in \mathbb{C}$.*

Proof. We have to tell that $\ker(T - \lambda) = \ker(T - \lambda)^2$. To do that, it is sufficient enough to show that $\ker(T - \lambda)^2 \subseteq \ker(T - \lambda)$, since $\ker(T - \lambda) \subseteq \ker(T - \lambda)^2$ is clear.

Let $x \in \ker(T - \lambda)^2$, then $(T - \lambda)^2x = 0$. From Corollary 3.3 we have $(T - \lambda)^*(T - \lambda)x = 0$. Hence,

$$\|(T - \lambda)x\|^2 = \langle (T - \lambda)^*(T - \lambda)x, x \rangle = 0,$$

so we have $(T - \lambda)x = 0$, which implies $\ker(T - \lambda)^2 \subseteq \ker(T - \lambda)$. \square

REMARK 3.6. If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|T^{n+1}(T^k x)\|^2}{n+1} < \infty$, for $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then there exists an (∞, k) -quasi class Q^* operator.

THEOREM 3.7. *Let T be an (∞, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, and $(T - \lambda)x_m \rightarrow 0$, as $m \rightarrow \infty$ for $\lambda \neq 0$. Then (x_m) is in the resolvent set of $(T^* - \bar{\lambda})$.*

Proof. Let $(T - \lambda)x_m \rightarrow 0$, as $m \rightarrow \infty$, $\|x_m\| = 1$ and $r \in \mathbb{N}$. Then we have

$$(T^r - \lambda^r)x_m \rightarrow 0,$$

because

$$T^r = (T - \lambda + \lambda)^r = \sum_{j=1}^r \binom{r}{j} \lambda^{r-j} (T - \lambda)^j + \lambda^r.$$

From the last relation we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \|\lambda^r x_m\| - \|(T^r - \lambda^r)x_m\| \right| &\leq \|T^r x_m\| = \|\lambda^r x_m + (T^r - \lambda^r)x_m\| \\ &\leq \|\lambda^r x_m\| + \|(T^r - \lambda^r)x_m\|, \end{aligned}$$

and $\|T^r x_m\| \rightarrow |\lambda|^r$. Knowing that

$$\left| \|T^*(\lambda^r x_m)\| - \|T^*(T^r - \lambda^r)x_m\| \right|^2 \leq \|T^*(T^r x_m)\|^2$$

and that T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, we obtain

$$\limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|T^* x_m\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{n+1} (|\lambda|^{2n+2} + n).$$

Now we will distinguish two cases:

I) If $0 < |\lambda| \leq 1$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^*x_m - \bar{\lambda}x_m\|^{2n+2} &= \left(\|T^*x_m - \bar{\lambda}x_m\|^2\right)^{n+1} \\ &= \left(\|T^*x_m\|^2 - \bar{\lambda}\langle(T - \lambda)x_m, x_m\rangle - \lambda\langle x_m, (T - \lambda)x_m\rangle - |\lambda|^2\right)^{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^*x_m - \bar{\lambda}x_m\|^{2n+2} \leq \left(\frac{|\lambda|^{2n+2}}{n+1} + \frac{n}{n+1} - |\lambda|^2\right)^{n+1} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

From the last relation we get that

$$\|T^*x_m - \bar{\lambda}x_m\| < 1,$$

respectively $(T^* - \bar{\lambda})$ is invertible, and $(x_m) \in \rho(T^* - \bar{\lambda})$.

II) Let now consider that $|\lambda| > 1$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|T^*x_m - \bar{\lambda}x_m\|^{2n+2} &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{|\lambda|^{2n+2}}{n+1} + \frac{n}{n+1} - |\lambda|^2\right)^{n+1} = \\ &e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda^{2n+2} - \lambda^{2(n+1)} - 1)} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, like the above, we have that $(T^* - \bar{\lambda})$ is invertible, and $(x_m) \in \rho(T^* - \bar{\lambda})$. \square

COROLLARY 3.8. *If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, and $\alpha, \beta \in \sigma_p(T) \setminus \{0\}$ with $\alpha \neq \beta$, then $\ker(T - \alpha) \perp \ker(T - \beta)$.*

Proof. Let $x \in \ker(T - \alpha)$ and $y \in \ker(T - \beta)$. Then $Tx = \alpha x$ and $Ty = \beta y$. Therefore

$$\alpha \langle x, y \rangle = \langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle = \langle x, \bar{\beta}y \rangle = \beta \langle x, y \rangle,$$

then $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$. Therefore, $\ker(T - \alpha) \perp \ker(T - \beta)$. \square

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 (SVEP) at $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, if for every open neighborhood U of λ the only analytic function $f : U \rightarrow H$ which satisfies the equation $(T - \lambda)f(\lambda) = 0$, is the constant function $f \equiv 0$ on U . The operator T is said to have SVEP if T has SVEP at every $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

COROLLARY 3.9. *If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, then T has SVEP.*

Proof. Let f be an analytic function such that $(T - \lambda)f(\lambda) = 0$ on an open set U . By assumption, $f(\lambda) \in \ker(T - \lambda)$ for each $\lambda \in U$. Thus $f(\lambda) \perp f(\mu)$ for any two different nonzero numbers λ and μ in U by Corollary 3.8. Therefore, for any sequence $\{\mu_n\}$ of non-zero complex numbers such that $\mu_n \rightarrow \lambda$, thus

$$\|f(\lambda)\|^2 = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(\lambda), f(\mu_m) \rangle = 0.$$

That is, T has SVEP. \square

LEMMA 3.10. [2] *Let H be a complex Hilbert space. Then there exists a Hilbert space Y such that $H \subset Y$ and a map $\varphi : L(H) \rightarrow L(Y)$ such that:*

(1). φ is a faithful $*$ -representation of the algebra $L(H)$ on Y , so:

$$\varphi(I_H) = I_Y, \varphi(T^*) = (\varphi(T))^*, \varphi(TS) = \varphi(T)\varphi(S)$$

$$\varphi(\alpha T + \beta S) = \alpha\varphi(T) + \beta\varphi(S) \text{ for any } T, S \in L(H) \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C},$$

(2). $\varphi(T) \geq 0$ for any $T \geq 0$ in $L(H)$,

(3). $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_a(\varphi(T)) = \sigma_p(\varphi(T))$ for any $T \in L(H)$,

COROLLARY 3.11. *If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, then $\varphi(T)$ is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator.*

Proof. Let $\varphi : L(H) \rightarrow L(K)$ be Berberian’s faithful $*$ -representation. First we show that $\varphi(T)$ belongs to the (n, k) -quasi class Q^* . Since T is a (n, k) -quasi class Q^* we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\varphi(T))^{*k} \left[(\varphi(T))^{*(n+1)} (\varphi(T))^{(n+1)} - (n+1)\varphi(T)(\varphi(T))^* + n \right] (\varphi(T))^k \\ & = \varphi \left(T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)} T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)TT^* + nI \right) T^k \right) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

thus $\varphi(T)$ is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator. \square

COROLLARY 3.12. *If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, for every non zero $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T)$, the matrix representation of T with respect to the decomposition $H = \ker(T - \lambda) \oplus \ker(T - \lambda)^\perp$ is $T = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & O \\ O & B \end{pmatrix}$ for some operator B satisfying $\lambda \notin \sigma_p(B)$ and $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda\} \cup \sigma(B)$.*

Proof. By Corollary 3.3, if $\lambda \neq 0$ and $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T)$, we have $\ker(T - \lambda)$ reduces T . So we have that $T = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & O \\ O & B \end{pmatrix}$ on $H = \ker(T - \lambda) \oplus (\ker(T - \lambda))^\perp$ for some operator B satisfying $\lambda \notin \sigma_p(B)$ and $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda\} \cup \sigma(B)$. \square

4. Spectrum continuity on the set of (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator

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

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

If $\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \{E_m\} = \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \{E_m\}$, then $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \{E_m\}$ 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 $T_m \rightarrow T$ then $\limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} p(T_m) \subset p(T)$, and lower semi-continuous at T , if $T_m \rightarrow T$ then $p(T) \subset \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} p(T_m)$. If p is both upper and lower semi-continuous at T , then it is said to be continuous at T and in this case $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} p(T_m) = p(T)$.

The spectrum $\sigma : T \rightarrow \sigma(T)$ is upper semi-continuous by [5, Problem 102], but it is not continuous in general, [11, Example 4.6]

LEMMA 4.1. [10] *If $\{T_m\} \subset L(H)$ and $T \in L(H)$ are such that T_m converges, according to the operator norm topology to T , then $\text{iso}\sigma(T) \subseteq \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(T_m)$.*

THEOREM 4.2. *The spectrum σ is continuous on the set of (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operators.*

Proof. Let $\{T_m\}$ be a sequence of operators from (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operators and $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|T_m - T\| = 0$, where T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator. Since the function σ is upper semi-continuous, $\limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(T_m) \subset \sigma(T)$. Therefore, to prove the theorem, it will be sufficient to prove that $\sigma(T) \subset \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(T_m)$. From Lemma 4.1 it will be sufficient to prove $\text{acc}\sigma(T) \subset \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(T_m)$.

Let $\varphi(T)$ be the Berberian extension to T . From Lemma 3.10 we have $\sigma(T) = \sigma(\varphi(T))$, $\sigma(T_m) = \sigma(\varphi(T)_m)$ and $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_a(\varphi(T)) = \sigma_p(\varphi(T))$.

If T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, from Corollary 3.11 $\varphi(T)$ is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, therefore

$$\text{acc}\sigma(T) \subset \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(T_m) \iff \text{acc}\sigma(\varphi(T)) \subset \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(\varphi(T)_m).$$

Now, assume that $\lambda \in \text{acc}\sigma(\varphi(T))$. Consider two cases:

Case I: Let

$$\lambda \in \sigma(\varphi(T)) \setminus \sigma_a(\varphi(T)) \tag{4.1}$$

So $\varphi(T) - \lambda$ is upper semi-Fredholm operator and $\alpha(\varphi(T) - \lambda) = 0$.

Suppose the contrary, $\lambda \notin \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(\varphi(T)_m)$. Then, there exists a $\delta > 0$, a neighborhood $\mathcal{D}_\delta(\lambda)$ of λ and a subsequence $\{\varphi(T)_{m_l}\}$ of $\{\varphi(T)_m\}$ such that $\sigma(\varphi(T)_{m_l}) \cap \mathcal{D}_\delta(\lambda) = \emptyset$ for every $l \geq 1$. This implies that $\varphi(T)_{m_l} - \mu$ is a Fredholm operator and $\text{ind}(\varphi(T)_{m_l} - \mu) = 0$ for every $\mu \in \mathcal{D}_\delta(\lambda)$ and

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|(\varphi(T)_{m_l} - \mu) - (\varphi(T) - \mu)\| = 0.$$

From the continuity of the index follows that $\text{ind}(\varphi(T) - \mu) = 0$ and $\varphi(T) - \mu$ is a Fredholm operator. Since $\alpha(\varphi(T) - \mu) = 0$, $\mu \notin \sigma(\varphi(T))$ for every μ in a ε -neighborhood of λ . This is a contradiction of relation 4.1, therefore we must have $\lambda \in \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(\varphi(T)_m)$.

Case II: Let $\lambda \in \sigma_a(\varphi(T))$. Then $\lambda \in \sigma_p(\varphi(T))$. By Corollary 3.12 $\varphi(T)$ has a representation

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

Therefore $B - \lambda$ is upper semi-Fredholm operator and $\alpha(B - \lambda) = 0$. There exists a $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $B - (\lambda - \mu_0)$ is upper semi-Fredholm operator with $\text{ind}(B - (\lambda - \mu_0)) = \text{ind}(B - \lambda)$ and $\alpha(B - (\lambda - \mu_0)) = 0$ for every μ_0 such that $0 < |\mu_0| < \varepsilon$.

Choose $0 < \varepsilon < \delta$ and set $\mu = \lambda - \mu_0$, and we have $\varphi(T) - \mu = (\lambda - \mu) \oplus (B - \mu)$ is upper semi-Fredholm operator, $\text{ind}(\varphi(T) - \mu) = \text{ind}(B - \mu)$ and $\alpha(\varphi(T) - \mu) = 0$.

Suppose the contrary, $\lambda \notin \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(\varphi(T)_m)$. Then $\varphi(T)_{m_l} - \mu$ is a Fredholm operator and $\text{ind}(\varphi(T)_{m_l} - \mu) = 0$ and

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|(\varphi(T)_{m_l} - \mu) - (\varphi(T) - \mu)\| = 0.$$

It follows from the continuity of the index that $\text{ind}(\varphi(T) - \mu) = 0$ and $\varphi(T) - \mu$ is a Fredholm operator. Since $\alpha(\varphi(T) - \mu) = 0$, $\mu \notin \sigma(\varphi(T))$ for every μ in a ε -neighborhood of λ . This contradicts the assumption $\lambda \in \sigma_a(\varphi(T))$, therefore we must have $\lambda \in \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(\varphi(T)_m)$. \square

5. Tensor product

Let T be any (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator. We claim that $T \otimes I$ and $I \otimes T$ are both (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator. This can be seen by using the fact that the tensor product of two positive operators is positive and the following computations:

$$\begin{aligned} & (T \otimes I)^{*k} \left((T \otimes I)^{*(n+1)}(T \otimes I)^{(n+1)} - (n+1)(T \otimes I)(T \otimes I)^* + n(I \otimes I) \right) (T \otimes I)^k \\ &= (T^{*k} \otimes I) \left((T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)}) \otimes I - (n+1)(TT^*) \otimes I + n(I \otimes I) \right) (T^k \otimes I) \\ &= \left[T^{*k} \left(T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} - (n+1)TT^* + nI \right) T^k \right] \otimes I \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

By the above relation, we proved that if T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, then the tensor product $T \otimes I$ is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator. However, if T is an (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator, then $T \otimes T$ is not necessarily (n, k) -quasi class Q^* operator. Let's see this through an example:

LEMMA 5.1. *Let $S = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n$, where $H_n \cong \mathbb{R}^2$. For given positive operators A, B on \mathbb{R}^2 and for any fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the operator $T = T_{A,B}$ on S is defined as follows:*

$$T(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (0, Ax_1, Bx_2, Bx_3, Bx_4, \dots),$$

and the adjoint operator of T is

$$T^*(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (Ax_2, Bx_3, Bx_4, Bx_5, \dots).$$

The operator $T_{A,B}$ is an $(n, 1)$ -quasi class Q^* operator, if and only if,

$$A(B^{2n+2} - (n+1)A^2 + nA) \geq 0$$

and

$$B^{2n+2} - (n+1)B^4 + nB^2 \geq 0.$$

EXAMPLE 5.2. In this example we will prove that if T is an $(2, 1)$ -quasi class Q^* , then their tensorial product is not $(2, 1)$ -quasi class Q^* .

Take A and B as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.94 \\ 0.94 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2.82 \\ 2.82 & 8 \end{pmatrix}^{\frac{1}{6}}.$$

Then

$$B^6 - 3B^4 + 2B^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2534 & -0.0263 \\ -0.0263 & 0.1882 \end{pmatrix} \geq 0,$$

and

$$A(B^6 - 3A^2 + 2I)A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.6912 & 2.2477 \\ 2.2477 & 7.3088 \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

So, $T_{A,B}$ is a $(2, 1)$ -quasi class Q^* operator, and

$$AB^6A \otimes AB^6A - 3A^4 \otimes A^4 + 2A^2 \otimes A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 10.2094 & 24.2748 & 24.2748 & 55.8379 \\ 24.2748 & 54.3848 & 55.8379 & 120.9860 \\ 24.2748 & 55.8379 & 54.3848 & 120.9860 \\ 55.8379 & 120.9860 & 120.9860 & 258.9975 \end{pmatrix}$$

is not positive. Then, $T \otimes T$ is not a $(2, 1)$ -quasi class Q^* operator.

Conclusion. In this paper we have defined new class of operators named (n, k) -quasi class Q^* and operator T is from that class if it satisfies

$$\|T^*(T^kx)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\|T^{n+1}(T^kx)\|^2 + n\|T^kx\|^2 \right),$$

for all $x \in H$ and for some nonnegative integers n and k . We have prove structural and spectral properties of this class of operators, and also it is proven the spectrum continuity of this class of operators.

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