

## ON THE CLASS OF $n$ -POWER $D$ - $m$ -QUASI-NORMAL OPERATORS ON HILBERT SPACES

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*Abstract.* As a continuation of our previous work [22], this paper is devoted to the study for further properties of the class of  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal operators ( $(n, m)DN$ ) and introduce some classes of operators on Hilbert space called  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal operators and it is denoted by  $([D(QN)^m])$ ,  $n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal operators and it is denoted by  $([nD(QN)^m])$ , associated with a Drazin invertible operator using its Drazin inverse. Some characterizations of  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal and  $n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal operators are discussed. Inclusion relations among the various classes of normal operators are characterized.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex Hilbert space,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be the algebra of all bounded linear operators defined in  $\mathcal{H}$ . For every  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , denote by  $\mathcal{R}(T)$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(T)$  and  $T^*$  the range, the null space and the adjoint of  $T$ , respectively. If  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{H}$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$  satisfying  $T\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{M}$ , then  $\mathcal{M}$  is called an invariant subspace of  $T$ . In addition, if  $\mathcal{M}$  also is invariant subspace of  $T^*$ , then  $\mathcal{M}$  is called a reducing subspace of  $T$ .

An operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be

- (1) normal if  $T^*T = TT^*$  ([9, 20]),
- (2) quasi-normal if  $T(T^*T) = (T^*T)T$  ([3]),
- (3)  $n$ -power normal if  $T^n T^* = T^* T^n$  ([18]),
- (4)  $n$ -power quasi-normal if  $T^n(T^*T) = (T^*T)T^n$  ([23, 24]),
- (5)  $(n, m)$ -power normal if  $T^n T^{*m} = T^{*m} T^n$  ([1]),
- (6)  $m$ -quasi-normal if  $T(T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^m T$  ([21]),
- (7)  $n$ -power  $m$ -quasi-normal if  $T^n(T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^m T^n$  ([25]),
- (8)  $(n, m)$ -power quasi-normal if  $T^n(T^{*m}T) = (T^{*m}T)T^n$  ([2]).

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For any arbitrary operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  may always be expressed as  $T = S + iR$  with  $S, R \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  being both self-adjoint. Necessarily,  $S = \frac{1}{2}(T + T^*)$  which will be denoted by  $ReT$  and it is called the real part of  $T$ . Also,  $R = \frac{1}{2i}(T - T^*)$  is the imaginary part of  $T$ , written  $ImT$ . We shall write  $C^2 = T^*T$  and  $B = TT^*$ , where  $B$  and  $C$  are non-negative definite. For any operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $|T| = (T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and

$$[T^*, T] = T^*T - TT^* = |T|^2 - |T^*|^2.$$

An element  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  will be called Drazin invertible, if there exists a necessarily unique  $S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$T^kST = T^k, \quad STS = S, \quad TS = ST.$$

If the Drazin inverse of  $T$  exists, then it will be denoted by  $T^D$ . In addition, the index of  $T$ , which will be denoted by  $\text{ind}(T)$ , is the least non-negative integer  $k$  for which the above equations hold. For more details see [4, 5, 6, 8, 6].

Next consider the set

$$D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H}) = \{T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : T \text{ is Drazin invertible}\}.$$

LEMMA 1.1. ([5], [27]) *Let  $T, S \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})^D$ . Then the following properties hold.*

(1)  *$TS$  is Drazin invertible if and only if  $ST$  is Drazin invertible. Moreover*

$$(TS)^D = T[(ST)^D]^2S \text{ and } \text{ind}(TS) \leq \text{ind}(ST) + 1.$$

(2) *If  $TS = ST$ , then  $(TS)^D = S^DT^D = T^DS^D, T^DS = ST^D$  and  $TS^D = S^DT$ .*

(3) *If  $TS = ST = 0$ , then  $(T + S)^D = T^D + S^D$ .*

The authors M. Dana and R. Yousofi [10, 11, 12] has introduced and studied the following classes of operators. Let  $T \in D\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then  $T$  is said to be

(i)  *$D$ -normal if  $T^DT^* = T^*T^D$ .*

(ii)  *$D$ -quasi-normal if  $T^D(T^*T) = (T^*T)T^D$ .*

(iii)  *$n$ -power  $D$ -normal if  $(T^D)^nT^* = T^*(T^D)^n$ .*

(iv)  *$n$ -power  $D$ -quasi-normal if  $(T^D)^n(T^*T) = (T^*T)(T^D)^n$ .*

(v) *Skew  $D$ -quasi-normal if  $T^*TT^D = TT^DT^*$ .*

Let  $[DN]$ ,  $[nDN]$ ,  $[DQN]$ ,  $[nDQN]$  and  $[\mathfrak{G}\mathfrak{D}]$  denote the classes constituting of  $D$ -normal,  $n$ -power  $D$ -normal,  $D$ -quasi-normal,  $n$ -power  $D$ -quasi-normal operators and skew  $D$ -normal operators, respectively. The following inclusions hold:

$$(i) [DN] \subset [DQN] \subset [nDQN].$$

$$(ii) [DN] \subset [nDN] \subset [nDQN].$$

$$(iii) [DN] \subset [nDN] \subset [\mathfrak{G}\mathfrak{D}].$$

For more details on these classes, we refer the interested reader to [10, 11, 12].

Recently the present authors [22] has introduced a new classes of operators called  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal and  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -quasi normal as follows.

Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$ . We said that

(1)  $T$  is  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal if

$$(T^D)^n T^{*m} = T^{*m} (T^D)^n, \quad (1.1)$$

for some positive integers  $n$  and  $m$ . This class of operators will denoted by  $[(n, m)DN]$ .

(2)  $T$  is  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -quasi-normal if

$$(T^D)^n (T^{*m} T) = (T^{*m} T) (T^D)^n, \quad (1.2)$$

for some positive integers  $n$  and  $m$ . This class of operators will denoted by  $[(n, m)DQN]$ .

From the above definitions, we get that the class of  $n$ -power  $D$ -normal ( $n$ -power  $D$ -quasi-normal) operators form a subclass of the class of  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal ( $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -quasi-normal) operators for all positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ .

Many results about the classes of  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal and  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -quasi-normal operators have been found in [22].

## 2. Some results on the class $[(n, m)DN]$

In this section we give some results about  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal operators where the authors in [22] also have depicted some properties of such operators.

In [12, Proposition 2.8] it has proved that  $[nDN] \subset [\mathfrak{G}\mathfrak{D}]$ . In the following proposition, we extend this inclusion to the class  $[(n, m)DN]$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$  be a  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal operator for some positive integers  $n$  and  $m$ . Then  $T$  is skew  $D$ -quasi normal. i.e.;  $[(n, m)DN] \subset [\mathfrak{G}\mathfrak{D}]$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal operator, it follows that  $T^{nm}$  is  $D$ -normal and hence  $T$  is  $nm$ -power  $D$ -normal or equivalently  $T \in [nmDN]$ . So,  $T$  is skew- $D$ -quasi normal by the statement (2) of Proposition 2.8 in [12].

COROLLARY 2.1. Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$  be a  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal operator for some positive integers  $n$  and  $m$ . Then the following statements hold.

- (1)  $\mathcal{N}(T^k) \subset \mathcal{N}(T^{*D})$ , for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{N}(T^D) \subset \mathcal{N}(T^{*D})$ .

*Proof.* The statement (1) follows from Proposition 2.1 and [12, Lemma 2.29]. However the statement (2) follows from Proposition 2.1 and [12, Corollary 2.30].

PROPOSITION 2.2. Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T^n$  is normal operator, then  $T$  is of class  $[(n, m)DN]$ .

*Proof.* Indeed, since  $T^n$  is normal and  $T^m T^n = T^n T^m$ , it follows from Fuglede theorem ([15]) that  $T^{*m} T^n = T^n T^{*m}$ . Taking in consideration Lemma 1.1 we get

$$T^{*m} (T^D)^n = (T^D)^n T^{*m}.$$

Hence  $T$  is  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal.

THEOREM 2.1. If  $T, S \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$  are doubly commuting  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal operators, then  $TS$  is  $(k, j)$ -power  $D$ -normal for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $k$  is the least common multiple of  $n$  and  $m$ .

*Proof.* Since  $T$  and  $S$  are doubly commuting  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal operators, it follows that  $TS$  is  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal operator (by [22, Theorem 2.2]). Since  $k$  is the least common multiple of  $n$  and  $m$ , by [22, Theorem 2.1],  $(TS)^k$  is  $D$ -normal. On the other hand, we have  $(TS)^k$  commutes with  $(TS)^j$  for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . By Fuglede's theorem, it holds  $(TS)^{*j} ((TS)^D)^k = ((TS)^D)^k (TS)^{*j}$ . Hence  $TS$  is  $(k, j)$ -power  $D$ -normal for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Consider two normal operators  $T$  and  $S$  on a Hilbert space. It is known that, in general,  $TS$  is not normal. Kaplansky showed that it may be possible that  $TS$  is normal while  $ST$  is not. Indeed, he showed that if  $T$  and  $TS$  are normal, then  $ST$  is normal if and only if  $S$  commutes with  $TT^*$ . The study of operators satisfying Kaplansky theorem is of significant interest and is currently being done by a number of mathematicians around the world.

In the following two theorems we give sufficient conditions on two some operators defined on a Hilbert space, which make their product are  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal and  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -quasi-normal.

THEOREM 2.2. Let  $T, S \in D\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $T$  is normal and  $TS$  is  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal. Then

$$TT^*S = STT^* \implies ST \text{ is } (n, m)\text{-power } D\text{-normal.}$$

*Proof.* Under the assumption that  $T$  is normal it is well known that  $T = UP = PU$  where  $U$  is unitary and  $P$  is positive operator.

$$TT^*S = STT^* \implies UPU^*PS = SUPP^*U^* \implies PS = SP.$$

On the other hand

$$U^*TSU = U^*UPSU = ST.$$

Form which it follows that  $ST$  is unitary equivalent to a  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal. In view of [22, Proposition 2.1] we obtain that  $ST$  is  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal as required.

REMARK 2.1. The reverse implication does not hold in the previous result as shown in the following example.

EXAMPLE 2.1. Consider the operators  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  acting on the three dimensional Hilbert space  $\mathbb{C}^3$ . A simple calculation shows that  $(TS)^D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $ST = (TS)^D$ . Moreover  $TS$  and  $ST$  are  $(1, 1)$ -power  $D$ -normal, however  $TT^*S \neq STT^*$ .

REMARK 2.2. If  $m = 1$ , then Theorem 2.2 coincides with Proposition 3.2 in [11].

In [22, Theorem 3.3] it was observed that the class  $[(n, m)DQN]$  is closed under unitary equivalence.

THEOREM 2.3. Let  $T, S \in D\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $T$  is normal and  $TS$  is  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -quasi-normal. Then

$$TT^*S = STT^* \implies ST \text{ is } (n, m) \text{ - power } D \text{ - quasi-normal.}$$

*Proof.* A similar arguments as in proof of Theorem 2.2 show that  $ST$  is unitary equivalent to a  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -quasi-normal and the conclusion of this theorem follows from [22, Theorem 3.3].

It was proved in [13] that  $TS$  and  $ST$  are normal if and only if  $S^*ST = TSS^*$  and  $T^*TS = STT^*$ . In the following theorem we generalize this result to the class of  $(n, m)$ -power  $D$ -normal operators.

THEOREM 2.4. Let  $S, T \in D\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $(TS)^m = T^mS^m$  and  $(ST)^m = S^mT^m$ . the following hold:

(1) If  $ST$  and  $TS$  are of class  $[(n, m)DN]$ , then

$$S^{*m}((ST)^D)^{nm} = ((TS)^D)^{nm}S^{*m} \text{ and } ((ST)^D)^{nm}T^{*m} = T^{*m}((TS)^D)^{nm}.$$

(2) If  $S^{*m}((ST)^D)^{nm} = ((TS)^D)^{nm}S^{*m}$  and  $((ST)^D)^{nm}T^{*m} = T^{*m}((TS)^D)^{nm}$ , then  $TS$  and  $ST$  are of class  $[(nm, m)DN]$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since  $ST$  and  $TS$  are of class  $[(n, m)DN]$ , it follows that  $(TS)^{nm}$  and  $(ST)^{nm}$  are of class  $[DN]$  (by [22, Theorem 2.1]). By using [8, Corollary 1.1] it is easily seen that

$$S^m((S^mT^m)^D)^n = ((T^mS^m)^D)^nS^m \text{ or equivalently } S^m((ST)^D)^{nm} = ((TS)^D)^{nm}S^m$$

and

$$T^m((S^mT^m)^D)^n = ((T^mS^m)^D)^nT^m \text{ or equivalently } T^m((ST)^D)^{nm} = ((TS)^D)^{nm}T^m.$$

By Fuglede Putnam theorem we get

$$S^{*m}((ST)^D)^{nm} = ((TS)^D)^{nm}S^{*m}$$

and

$$T^{*m}((ST)^D)^{nm} = ((TS)^D)^{nm}T^{*m}.$$

(2) If  $S^{*m}((ST)^D)^{nm} = ((TS)^D)^{nm}S^{*m}$ , then multiplying this equation from the left by  $T^{*m}$  we get

$$T^{*m}S^{*m}((ST)^D)^{nm} = T^{*m}((TS)^D)^{nm}S^{*m} = ((ST)^D)^{nm}T^{*m}S^{*m}$$

and so that

$$(ST)^{*m}((ST)^D)^{nm} = ((ST)^D)^{nm}(ST)^{*m}.$$

Similarly, if  $((ST)^D)^{nm}T^{*m} = T^{*m}((TS)^D)^{nm}$ , then multiplying this equation from the right by  $S^{*m}$  we get

$$((TS)^D)^{nm}(TS)^{*m} = (TS)^{*m}((TS)^D)^{nm}.$$

Hence,  $TS$  and  $ST$  are of class  $[(nm, m)DN]$ .

REMARK 2.3. If  $m = 1$ , then the statements (1) and (2) are equivalent. In this case Theorem 2.3 coincides with [11, Theorem 2.4].

The following Theorem extended [11, Theorem 3.5].

THEOREM 2.5. Let  $T, S \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T$  and  $S$  are of class  $[(n, m)DN]$  and  $TA = AS$ , then the following statement hold:

- (1)  $(T^D)^{*j}A = A(S^D)^{*j}$  where  $j$  is the least common multiple of  $n$  and  $m$ .
- (2)  $(T^D)^{*nm}A = A(S^D)^{*nm}$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since  $T$  and  $S$  are of class  $[(n, m)DN]$ , it follows that  $T^j, S^j, T^{nm}$  and  $S^{nm}$  are of class  $[DN]$  (by [22, Theorem 2.1]. On the other hand, under the assumption that  $TA = AS$ , we obtain in view of [11, Lemma 2.6] that  $T^D A = A S^D$ . From which we deduce that  $(T^D)^j A = A (S^D)^j$ . It is well known that  $(T^D)^j$  and  $(S^D)^j$  are normal operators. Thanks to Fuglede-Putnam theorem we obtain that

$$(T^D)^{*j} A = A (S^D)^{*j}.$$

(2) The proof of this statement is similar to the statement (1) since we omit it.

We have the following corollary from this theorem.

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T$  is of class  $[(n, m)DN]$  and  $TA = AT$ , then the following statement hold:*

- (1)  $(T^D)^{*j} A = A (T^D)^{*j}$  where  $j$  is the least common multiple of  $n$  and  $m$ .
- (2)  $(T^D)^{*nm} A = A (T^D)^{*nm}$ .

For  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  it is well know that the ascent  $p(T)$  of an operator  $T$  is the smallest non-negative integer  $r$  such that  $\mathcal{N}(T^r) = \mathcal{N}(T^{r+1})$  and if such an integer does not exist then we put  $p(T) = \infty$ . Analogously, descent  $q(T)$  of the operator  $T$  is the smallest non-negative integer  $s$  such that  $\mathcal{R}(T^s) = \mathcal{R}(T^{s+1})$  and if such an integer does not exist then we put  $q(T) = \infty$ . If  $p(T)$  and  $q(T)$  are finite then  $p(T) = q(T)$  [17, Proposition 38.3].

**THEOREM 2.6.** ([7]) *For an operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  we have the following:*

- (1) *If  $\mathcal{N}(T^k) = \mathcal{N}(T^{k+1})$  for some  $k$ , then  $\mathcal{N}(T^n) = \mathcal{N}(T^k)$  for all  $n \geq k$ .*
- (2) *If  $\mathcal{R}(T^k) = \mathcal{R}(T^{k+1})$  for some  $k$ , then  $\mathcal{R}(T^n) = \mathcal{R}(T^k)$  for all  $n \geq k$ .*

The following proposition shows that the ascent and descent of  $T^D$  are finite if  $T \in [(n, m)DN]$ .

**THEOREM 2.7.** *For any operator  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $T$  is of class  $[(n, m)DN]$ , the following assertions hold:*

- (1)  $p(T^D) = q(T^D) \leq j$ , where  $j$  is the least common multiple of  $n$  and  $m$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{N}^\infty(T^D) = \mathcal{N}((T^D)^j)$  and  $(T^D)^\infty(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{R}((T^D)^j)$ , where

$$\mathcal{N}^\infty(T^D) = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{N}((T^D)^k) \quad \text{and} \quad (T^D)^\infty(\mathcal{H}) = \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} ((T^D)^k)(\mathcal{H})$$

*are the hyper kernel and hyper range respectively.*

*Proof.* It is well known that, for any normal operator  $S$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(S^2) = \mathcal{N}(S)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(S^2) = \mathcal{R}(S)$ .

Since  $T$  is of class  $[(n,m)DN]$ , it follows that  $T^j$  is of class  $[DN]$ , then  $(T^D)^j$  is normal. This implies that

$$\mathcal{N}((T^D)^{2j}) = \mathcal{N}((T^D)^j) \text{ and } \mathcal{R}((T^D)^{2j}) = \mathcal{R}((T^D)^j).$$

From the following subspace inclusions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(T^D) \subset \mathcal{N}((T^D)^{2j}) \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{N}((T^D)^j) \subset \mathcal{N}((T^D)^{j+1}) \subset \dots \\ \subset \mathcal{N}((T^D)^{2j}) = \mathcal{N}((T^D)^j) \subset \mathcal{N}((T^D)^{2j+1}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}((T^D)^j) = \mathcal{R}((T^D)^{2j}) \subset \mathcal{R}((T^D)^{2j-1}) \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{R}((T^D)^{j+1}) \subset \mathcal{R}((T^D)^j) \subset \\ \subset \mathcal{R}((T^D)^{j-1}) \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{R}(T^D), \end{aligned}$$

it follows by applying Theorem 2.6 that

$$\mathcal{N}((T^D)^j) = \mathcal{N}((T^D)^{j+1}) \text{ and } \mathcal{R}((T^D)^j) = \mathcal{R}((T^D)^{j+1}).$$

Hence this implies that the ascent and descent of the Drazin inverse  $T^D$  of  $T$  are less than or equal to  $j$  i.e.;  $p(T^D) \leq j$  and  $q(T^D) \leq j$ .

Since both are finite  $p(T^D) = q(T^D)$  ([17]).

(2) Also

$$\mathcal{N}^\infty(T^D) = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{N}((T^D)^k) = \mathcal{N}((T^D)^j)$$

and

$$(T^D)^\infty(\mathcal{H}) = \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} ((T^D)^k)(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{R}((T^D)^j).$$

### 3. $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal operators

In this section, the class of  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal operators as a generalization of the classes of  $D$ -quasi-normal operators is introduced. We make several observations about members from this class.

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$ . We said that  $T$  is  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal if

$$T^D(T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^m T^D \tag{3.1}$$

for some positive integer  $m$ . This class of operators will denoted by  $[D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ .



REMARK 3.1. (i) If  $m = 1$ , then  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal becomes  $D$ -quasi-normal.

(ii)  $T \in [mDQN] \iff [T^D, (T^*T)^m] = 0.$

(iii)  $T \in [mDQN] \iff T^D|T|^{2m} = |T|^{2m}T^D.$

REMARK 3.2. Obviously, that the class of  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal operators includes classes of quasi-normal and  $D$ -quasi-normal operators,ie., the following inclusions holds

$$[QN] \subset [DQN] \subset [(DQN)^m].$$

THEOREM 3.1. *Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then  $T$  is of class  $[D(QN)^m]$  if and only if  $C$  commutes with  $ReT^D$  and  $ImT^D$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $T$  be  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal, i.e.,

$$T^D(T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^mT^D,$$

it follows that  $C^2ReT^D = ReT^DC^2$ . Since  $C$  is non-negative definite, it follows that  $CReT^D = ReT^DC$ . In Similar way we can prove that  $CImT^D = ImT^DC$ .

Conversely, Assume that  $CReT^D = ReT^DC$  and  $CImT^D = ImT^DC$ . Then

$$C^2ReT^D = ReT^DC^2 \quad \text{and} \quad C^2ImT^D = ImT^DC^2.$$

Hence

$$C^2(ReT^D + iImT^D) = (ReT^D + iImT^D)C^2$$

and we have  $C^2T^D = T^DC^2$ . Consequently,  $T^D(T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^mT^D$ .

THEOREM 3.2. *Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $T$  satisfied the following conditions*

(i)  $B$  commutes with  $ReT^D$  and  $ImT^D$

(ii)  $C^2T^D = T^DB^2,$

then  $T$  is of class  $[D(QN)^m]$ .

*Proof.* Since  $BReT^D = ReT^DB$  and  $BImT^D = ImT^DB$ , it follows that

$$\begin{cases} B^2T^D + B^2(T^D)^* = T^DB^2 + (T^D)^*B^2 \\ B^2T^D - B^2(T^D)^* = T^DB^2 - (T^D)^*B^2 \end{cases}.$$

This gives  $B^2T^D = T^DB^2 = C^2T^D$ . Hence  $T$  is  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal or  $T \in [D(QN)^m]$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T$  is normal and  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal, then  $T^D$  is  $m$ -quasi-normal.*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is  $m$ - $D$ -quasi-normal, it follows in view of Lemma 1.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} T^D(T^*T)^m &= (T^*T)^m T^D \\ \Rightarrow T^D((T^*T)^D)^m &= ((T^*T)^D)^m T^D \\ \Rightarrow T^D(((T)^D)^* T^D)^m &= (((T)^D)^* T^D)^m T^D \quad (\text{since } T^*T = TT^*). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $T^D$  is  $m$ -quasi-normal operator.

#### 4. $n$ -power $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal operators

In this section, the class of  $n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal operators as a generalization of the classes of  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal and  $n$ -power  $m$ -quasi-normal operators is introduced. In addition, we make several observations about members from this class.

**DEFINITION 4.1.** Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$ . We said that  $T$  is  $n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal if

$$(T^D)^n (T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^m (T^D)^n \tag{4.1}$$

for some positive integers  $n$  and  $m$ . This class of operators will denoted by  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ .

**REMARK 4.1.** We make the following observations

- (1)  $[D\mathbf{QN}]$  is the class of  $D$ -quasi-normal operator i.e.,  $[(1, 1)D\mathbf{QN}] = [D\mathbf{QN}]$ .
- (2)  $[nD\mathbf{QN}]$  is the class of  $n$ -power  $D$ -quasi normal operators:
- (3)  $n$ -power  $m$ -quasi-normal operator is an  $n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal.
- (4) Every  $n$ -power- $D$ -quasi-normal operator is an  $n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal:

$$[nD\mathbf{QN}] \subset [nD(\mathbf{QN})^m].$$

- (5) Every  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal operator is an  $n$ -power- $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal:  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})] \subset [nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ .

**REMARK 4.2.** (i)  $T \in [nD(\mathbf{QN})^m] \iff [(T^D)^n, (T^*T)^m] = 0$ .

(ii)  $T \in [nD(\mathbf{QN})^m] \iff (T^D)^n |T|^{2m} = |T|^{2m} (T^D)^n$ .

**REMARK 4.3.** Clearly, that the class of  $n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal operators includes classes of  $n$ -power quasi-normal,  $n$ -power  $D$ -quasi-normal and  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal operators,ie., the following inclusions holds

$$[n\mathbf{QN}] \subset [nD\mathbf{QN}] \subset [nD(\mathbf{QN})^m], \quad [D(\mathbf{QN})^m] \subset [nD(\mathbf{QN})^m].$$

REMARK 4.4. If  $T$  is an  $n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasi normal, then  $T$  is

- $2n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasinormal operator.
- $n$ -power  $D$ - $2m$ -quasi-normal operator.
- $2n$ -power  $D$ - $2m$ -quasinormal quasi-normal operator.

The following proposition gives a characterization of an  $n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal operators.

PROPOSITION 4.1. *Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $A = (T^D)^n + (T^*T)^m$  and  $B = (T^D)^n - (T^*T)^m$ , then  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  if and only if  $A$  commutes with  $B$ .*

*Proof.* Commutativity of  $A$  and  $B$  is equivalent to  $(T^D)^n(T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^m(T^D)^n$ .

PROPOSITION 4.2. *Let  $T, A, B$  be as in Proposition 4.1. If  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ , then  $(T^D)^n(T^*T)^m$  commutes with  $A$  and  $B$ .*

*Proof.* By (4.1) we have that

$$(T^D)^n(T^*T)^m \left( (T^D)^n \pm (T^*T)^m \right) = \left( (T^D)^n \pm (T^*T)^m \right) (T^D)^n(T^*T)^m.$$

In general, the two classes  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  and  $[(n+1)D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  are not the same (see [23]).

PROPOSITION 4.3. *Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T$  is both of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  and  $[(n+1)D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ , then it is of class  $[(2n+1)D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ . i.e.,*

$$[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m] \cap [(n+1)D(\mathbf{QN})^m] \subset [(2n+1)D(\mathbf{QN})^m].$$

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is both of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  and  $[(n+1)D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ , it follows that

$$(T^D)^{n+1}(T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^m(T^D)^{n+1}, \quad (4.2)$$

and

$$(T^D)^{2n+1}(T^*T)^m = (T^D)^n(T^*T)^m(T^D)^{n+1} = (T^*T)^m(T^D)^{2n+1},$$

so that  $(T^D)^{2n+1}(T^*T)^m$  may be transformed into  $(T^*T)^m(T^D)^{2n+1}$ .

PROPOSITION 4.4. *Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  such that  $T$  is a partial isometry, then  $T$  is of class  $[(n+1)D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is a partial isometry, therefore

$$TT^*T = T. \tag{4.3}$$

and hence  $(T^*T)^m = T^*T$ . From which we deduce that if is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ , then  $T$  is of class  $[nD\mathbf{QN}]$ . By applying [10, Theorem 5.18] we deduce that  $T$  is of class  $[(n + 1)D\mathbf{QN}]$ . Hence  $T$  is of class  $[(n + 1)D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  in view of the statement (4) of Remark 4.1.

The class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  has the following properties.

**THEOREM 4.1.** *The class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  is closed under unitary equivalence.*

*Proof.* Let  $S \in D\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be unitary equivalent to  $T$ . Then there is a unitary operator  $U \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $T = U^*SU$  which implies that  $T^* = U^*S^*U$ . Noting that  $T^n = U^*S^nU$ ,  $(T^*T)^m = U^*(S^*S)^mU$  and  $(U^*TU)^D = U^*T^DU$ . Inserting  $I = UU^*$  suitably, then if  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  we deduce that

$$U^*(S^D)^n(S^*S)^mU = (T^D)^n(T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^m(T^D)^n = U^*(S^*S)^m(S^D)^nU.$$

Therefore  $S$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ .

The following example shows that the unitarily equivalence in Theorem 4.1 is replaced by similarity then the result is need not be true.

**EXAMPLE 4.1.** Consider the two operators  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  acting on the two dimensional Hilbert space  $\mathbb{C}^2$ , then  $T$  is  $D$ -2-quasi-normal operator, but  $S = XTX^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not  $D$ -2-quasi-normal operator.

**PROPOSITION 4.5.** *Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T$  is both of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  and  $[(n + 1)D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  such that  $T$  is injective, then  $T^D$  is  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal i.e.  $T^D \in [D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m] \cap [(n + 1)D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ , it follows that

$$(T^D)^n(T^D(T^*T)^m - (T^*T)^mT^D) = 0.$$

If  $T^D$  is injective, then so is  $(T^D)^n$  and we have  $T^D(T^*T)^m - (T^*T)^mT^D = 0$ , whence  $T^D$  is  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal.

**PROPOSITION 4.6.** *Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $T$  is of class  $[2D(\mathbf{QN})^m] \cap [3D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ , then  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  for all positive integers  $n \geq 4$  and  $m \geq 1$ .*

*Proof.* We proof the assertion by using the mathematical induction. For  $n = 4$  it is a consequence of Remark 3.2 .

We prove this for  $n = 5$ . Since  $T \in [2D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  ,

$$(T^D)^2(T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^m(T^D)^2, \quad (4.4)$$

multiplying (4.4) to the left by  $(T^D)^3$  we get

$$(T^D)^5(T^*T)^m = (T^D)^3(T^*T)^m(T^D)^2.$$

Thus implies

$$(T^D)^5(T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^m(T^D)^5.$$

Now assume that the result is true for  $n \geq 5$  that is

$$(T^D)^n(T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^m(T^D)^n,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (T^D)^{n+1}(T^*T)^m &= T^D(T^*T)^mT^n = T^D(T^*T)^mT^2T^{n-2} = (T^D)^3(T^*T)^m(T^D)^{n-2} \\ &= (T^*T)^m(T^D)^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $T$  is of class  $[(n+1)D(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ . The proof is complete.

**PROPOSITION 4.7.** *Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^2] \cap [nD(\mathbf{QN})^3]$ , then  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  for all positive integer  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \geq 4$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is in  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^2]$  and in  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^3]$  we have

$$(T^D)^n(T^*T)^2 = (T^*T)^2(T^D)^n \quad \text{and} \quad (T^D)^n(T^*T)^3 = (T^*T)^3(T^D)^n$$

from which it follows that

$$(T^D)^n(T^*T)^4 = (T^*T)^4(T^D)^n \quad \text{and} \quad (T^D)^n(T^*T)^5 = (T^*T)^5(T^D)^n.$$

Hence  $T$  is in  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^4]$  and in  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^5]$ . Now assume that  $T$  is in  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  for some positive integer  $m \geq 5$ .

We have to distinguish two cases: First case: if  $m$  is even we have

$$\begin{aligned} (T^D)^n(T^*T)^{m+1} &= (T^D)^n(T^*T)^2(T^*T)^{m-1} = (T^*T)^2(T^D)^n(T^*T)^2(T^*T)^{m-3} \\ &= (T^*T)^4(T^D)^n(T^*T)^{m-3} \\ &= (T^*T)^4(T^D)^n(T^*T)^2(T^*T)^{m-5} = (T^*T)^6(T^*T)^3(T^D)^n(T^*T)^{m-5} \\ &= \vdots \\ &= (T^*T)^{m-2}(T^D)^n(T^*T)^2 = (T^*T)^{m+1}(T^D)^n. \end{aligned}$$

Second case: if  $m$  is odd, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (T^D)^n(T^*T)^{m+1} &= (T^D)^n(T^*T)^2(T^*T)^{m-1} = (T^*T)^2(T^D)^n(T^*T)^2(T^*T)^{m-3} \\
 &= (T^*T)^4(T^D)^n(T^*T)^{m-3} = (T^*T)^4(T^D)^n(T^*T)^2(T^*T)^{n-5} \\
 &= (T^*T)^6(T^*T)^3(T^D)^n(T^*T)^{k-5} \\
 &= \vdots \\
 &= (T^*T)^{m-2}(T^D)^n(T^*T)^3 = (T^*T)^{m+1}(T^D)^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

So that  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^{m+1}]$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.8.**  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  and of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^{m+1}]$ . If  $T$  is injective, then  $T$  is of class  $[nD\mathbf{QN}]$ .

*Proof.* Since  $T \in [nD(\mathbf{QN})^m] \cap [nD(\mathbf{QN})^{m+1}]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (T^D)^n(T^*T)^{m+1} &= (T^*T)^{m+1}(T^D)^n \\
 \implies (T^*T)^m(T^D)^n(T^*T) &= (T^*T)^{m+1}(T^D)^n \\
 \implies (T^*T)^m[(T^D)^nT^*T - T^*T(T^D)^n] &= 0 \\
 \implies (T^*T)^{m-1}[(T^D)^nT^*T - T^*T(T^D)^n] &= 0 \quad (\text{by } \mathcal{N}(T^*T) = \mathcal{N}(T)) \\
 \implies (T^*T)^{m-2}[(T^D)^nT^*T - T^*T(T^D)^n] &= 0 \quad (\text{by } \mathcal{N}(T^*T) = \mathcal{N}(T)) \\
 &\vdots \\
 \implies (T^*T)[(T^D)^nT^*T - T^*T(T^D)^n] &= 0 \quad (\text{by } \mathcal{N}(T^*T) = \mathcal{N}(T)) \\
 \implies [(T^D)^nT^*T - T^*T(T^D)^n] &= 0 \quad (\text{by } \mathcal{N}(T^*T) = \mathcal{N}(T)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $T$  is of class  $[nD\mathbf{QN}]$ .

**THEOREM 4.2.** Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})^D$ . If  $T$  is normal and  $n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal, then  $T^D$  is  $n$ -power  $m$ -quasi-normal.

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is  $n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal, it follows in view of Lemma 1.1 that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (T^D)^n(T^*T)^m &= (T^*T)^m(T^D)^n \\
 \implies (T^D)^n((T^*T)^D)^m &= ((T^*T)^D)^m(T^D)^n \\
 \implies (T^D)^n(((T^D)^*)^*T^D)^m &= (((T^D)^*)^*T^D)^m(T^D)^n \quad (\text{since } T^*T = TT^*).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $T^D$  is  $n$ -power  $m$ -quasi-normal operator as required.

**THEOREM 4.3.** Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ , then the following statements hold:

- (1)  $T$  is of class  $[jD(\mathbf{QN})^j]$  where  $j$  is the least common multiple of  $n$  and  $m$ .  
 (2)  $T$  is of class  $[nmD(\mathbf{QN})^{nm}]$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since  $T$  is  $n$ -power  $D$ - $m$ -quasi-normal we have

$$(T^D)^n (T^*T)^m = (T^*T)^m (T^D)^n.$$

Let  $j = rn$  and  $j = sm$ , it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} (T^D)^j (T^*T)^j &= (T^D)^{rn} (T^*T)^{sm} = [(T^D)^n]^r [(T^*T)^m]^s \\ &= \underbrace{(T^D)^n \cdots (T^D)^n}_{r\text{-times}} \underbrace{(T^*T)^m \cdots (T^*T)^m}_{s\text{-times}} \\ &= \underbrace{(T^*T)^m \cdots (T^*T)^m}_{s\text{-times}} \underbrace{(T^D)^n \cdots (T^D)^n}_{r\text{-times}} \\ &= (T^*T)^{sm} (T^D)^{rn} = (T^*T)^{sm} (T^D)^{rn} = (T^*T)^j (T^D)^j, \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $T^j$  is  $j$ -power  $D$ - $j$ -quasi-normal.

(ii) By similar way.

The following proposition gives a sufficient condition for which  $T^*$  is of  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$  whenever  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ . We declare its proof obvious.

**PROPOSITION 4.9.** *Let  $T \in D\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $T$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ . If  $T$  is normal, then  $T^*$  is of class  $[nD(\mathbf{QN})^m]$ .*

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