

## ON $k$ -QUASI CLASS $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ OPERATORS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we introduce a new class of operators, called  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operators, which is a superclass of hyponormal operators and a subclass of  $(n, k)$ -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operators. We will show basic structural properties and some spectral properties of this class of operators. We show that, if  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  then  $\sigma_{jp}(T) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma_p(T) \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\sigma_{ja}(T) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma_a(T) \setminus \{0\}$  and  $T - \lambda$  has finite ascent for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Also, we will prove Browder's theorem and  $a$ -Browders theorem for  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an infinite dimensional separable complex Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  denote the  $C^*$  algebra for all bounded operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . We shall denote the set of all complex numbers by  $\mathbb{C}$  and the complex conjugate of a complex number  $\lambda$  by  $\bar{\lambda}$ . The closure of a set  $M$  will be denoted by  $\bar{M}$  and we shall henceforth shorten  $T - \mu I$  to  $T - \mu$ . For  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , we denote by  $\ker T$  the null space and by  $T(\mathcal{H})$  the range of  $T$ . We write  $\alpha(T) = \dim \ker T$ ,  $\beta(T) = \dim \mathcal{H}/T(\mathcal{H})$ , and  $\sigma(T)$  for the spectrum of  $T$ .

For an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , as usual,  $|T| = (T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $[T^*, T] = T^*T - TT^*$  (the self-commutator of  $T$ ). An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be normal, if  $[T^*, T]$  is zero, and  $T$  is said to be hyponormal, if  $[T^*, T]$  is nonnegative (equivalently if  $|T|^2 \geq |T^*|^2$ ). An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be paranormal [11], if  $\|Tx\|^2 \leq \|T^2x\|^2$  for any unit vector  $x$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Further,  $T$  is said to be  $*$ -paranormal [3], if  $\|T^*x\|^2 \leq \|T^2x\|^2$  for any unit vector  $x$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ .  $T$  is said to be  $n$ -paranormal operator if  $\|Tx\|^{n+1} \leq \|T^{n+1}x\| \|x\|^n$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , and  $T$  is said to be  $n$ - $*$ -paranormal operator if  $\|T^*x\|^{n+1} \leq \|T^{n+1}x\| \|x\|^n$ , for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ . An operator  $T$  is said to be  $(n, k)$ -quasi- $*$ -paranormal [22] if

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

T. Furuta, M. Ito and T. Yamazaki [12] 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. B. P. Duggal, I. H.

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Jeon, and I. H. Kim [10], introduced  $*$ -class  $\mathcal{A}$  operator. An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  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, [10, Theorem 1.2], and  $*$ -class  $\mathcal{A}$  is a subclass of the class of  $*$ -paranormal operators, [10, Theorem 1.3]. We denote the set of  $*$ -class  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathcal{A}^*$ . An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be a quasi- $*$ -class  $\mathcal{A}$  operator, if  $T^*|T^2|T \geq T^*|T^*|^2T$ , [17]. We denote the set of quasi- $*$ -class  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{A}^*)$ . T. Furuta and J. Haketa [13], introduced  $n$ -perinormal operator: an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , is said to be  $n$ -perinormal operator, if  $T^{*n}T^n \geq (T^*T)^n$ , for each  $n \geq 1$ . An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , is said to be  $n$ - $*$ -perinormal operator [7], if  $T^{*n}T^n \geq (TT^*)^n$ , for each  $n \geq 1$ . For  $n = 1$ ,  $T$  is hyponormal operator, while, if  $T$  is  $2$ - $*$ -perinormal operator, then  $T$  is  $*$ -paranormal operator. If  $T$  is  $n$ - $*$ -perinormal operator, then  $T$  is  $(n+1)$ -perinormal operator. Further properties of the extended class of the  $n$ - $*$ -paranormal operators are given in [5]. In [20], is defined class  $\mathcal{A}_n$  operator: an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , is said to be  $\mathcal{A}_n$  operator if  $|T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} \geq |T|^2$ , for some positive integer  $n$ .

**Definition 1.1.** An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , is said to belongs to  $*$ -class  $\mathcal{A}_n$  operator if

$$|T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} \geq |T^*|^2$$

for some positive integer  $n$ .

We denote the set of  $*$ -class  $\mathcal{A}_n$  by  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ .

If  $n = 1$ , then  $\mathcal{A}_1^*$  coincides with the class  $\mathcal{A}^*$  operator.

If  $T$  is  $(n+1)$ - $*$ -perinormal operator, then  $T$  is class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ . If  $T \in \mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $T$  is  $n$ - $*$ -paranormal operator.

## 2. DEFINITION AND BASIC PROPERTIES

**Definition 2.1.** An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , is said to belong to  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator if

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

for some positive integer  $n$  and some positive integer  $k$ .

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

Since  $S \geq 0$  implies  $T^*ST \geq 0$ , 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,

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

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $K = \oplus_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}_n$ , where  $\mathcal{H}_n \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ . For given positive operators  $A, B$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and for any fixed  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  define the operator  $T = T_{A,B,n}$  on  $K$  as follows:

$$T(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (0, Ax_1, Ax_2, \dots, Ax_n, Bx_{n+1}, \dots),$$

and the adjoint operator of  $T$  is

$$T^*(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (Ax_2, Ax_3, \dots, Ax_{n+1}, Bx_{n+2}, \dots).$$

The operator  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator for  $n \geq k$ , if and only if

$$A^k (A^{n+1-i} B^{2i} A^{n+1-i})^{\frac{1}{n+1}} A^k \geq A^{2k+2} \text{ for } i = k+1, k+2, \dots, n+1.$$

**Example 2.2.** Let  $0 \leq k \leq n$  and  $T = T_{A,B,n}$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator.

**Lemma 2.2.** [14, Hansen Inequality] If  $A, B \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , satisfying  $A \geq 0$  and  $\|B\| \leq 1$ , then

$$(B^*AB)^\delta \geq B^*A^\delta B \text{ for all } \delta \in (0, 1].$$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  be a  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator,  $T^k$  not have a dense range, and  $T$  let have the following representation

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{on } \mathcal{H} = \overline{T^k(\mathcal{H})} \oplus \ker T^{*k}.$$

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

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be the projection of  $\mathcal{H}$  onto  $\overline{T^k(\mathcal{H})}$ , where  $A = T|_{\overline{T^k(\mathcal{H})}}$  and

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = TP = PTP.$$

Since  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , we have

$$P \left( |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |T^*|^2 \right) P \geq 0.$$

We remark,

$$P|T^*|^2P = PTT^*P = \begin{pmatrix} AA^* + BB^* & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} |A^*|^2 + |B^*|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and by Hansen inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P|T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}}P &= P \left( T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} P \leq \left( PT^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)}P \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \\ &= \left( (TP)^{*(n+1)}(TP)^{(n+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} = \begin{pmatrix} |A^{n+1}|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} |A^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{pmatrix} |A^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \geq P|T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}}P \geq P|T^*|^2P = \begin{pmatrix} |A^*|^2 + |B^*|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \geq \begin{pmatrix} |A^*|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

so  $A$  is  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator on  $\overline{T^k(\mathcal{H})}$ .

Let  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{H} = \overline{T^k(\mathcal{H})} \oplus \ker T^{*k}$ . 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  $C^k = 0$ .

By [15, Corollary 7],  $\sigma(A) \cup \sigma(C) = \sigma(T) \cup \vartheta$ , where  $\vartheta$  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  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(A) \cup \sigma(C) = \sigma(A) \cup \{0\}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  is a closed  $T$ -invariant subspace, then the restriction  $T|_{\mathcal{M}}$  is also  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator.*

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be the projection of  $\mathcal{H}$  onto  $\mathcal{M}$ . Thus we can represent  $T$  as the following matrix with respect to the decomposition  $\mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^\perp$ ,

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix}.$$

Put  $A = T|_{\mathcal{M}}$  and we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = TP = PTP.$$

Since  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , we have

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

We remark,

$$\begin{aligned} PT^{*k} |T^*|^2 T^k P &= PT^{*k} P |T^*|^2 PT^k P = PT^{*k} P T T^* PT^k P \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{*k} |A^*|^2 A^k + |B^* A^k|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \geq \begin{pmatrix} A^{*k} |A^*|^2 A^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and by Hansen inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} PT^{*k} |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} T^k P &= PT^{*k} P \left( T^{*(n+1)} T^{(n+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} PT^k P \\ &\leq PT^{*k} \left( PT^{*(n+1)} T^{(n+1)} P \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} T^k P \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{*k} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |A^{n+1}|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \begin{pmatrix} A^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{*k} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |A^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{*k} |A^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} A^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} A^{*k} |A^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} A^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &\geq PT^{*k} |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} T^k P \\ &\geq PT^{*k} |T^*|^2 T^k P \geq \begin{pmatrix} A^{*k} |A^*|^2 A^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

so  $A$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator on  $\mathcal{M}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** [6, Holder-McCarthy inequality] Let  $T$  be a positive operator. Then, the following inequalities hold for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ :

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

**Theorem 2.5.** *If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  then  $T$  is  $(n, k)$ -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operator.*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  belongs to  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , by Holder-McCarthy inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^*T^kx\|^2 &= \langle T^{*k}|T^*|^2T^kx, x \rangle \\ &\leq \langle T^{*k}|T^{1+n}|^{\frac{2}{1+n}}T^kx, x \rangle \\ &\leq \langle |T^{1+n}|^2T^k, T^kx \rangle^{\frac{1}{1+n}} \|T^kx\|^{\frac{2n}{n+1}} \\ &= \|T^{1+n+k}x\|^{\frac{2}{1+n}} \|T^kx\|^{\frac{2n}{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

so

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

thus  $T$  is  $(n, k)$ -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operator.  $\square$

Hence, if  $T$  is 1-quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $T$  is  $(n, 1)$ - $*$ -quasi paranormal operator.

### 3. SPECTRAL PROPERTIES

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

There are many classes of operators for which

$$\sigma_{jp}(T) = \sigma_p(T) \quad (2)$$

for example, if  $T$  is either normal or hyponormal operator. In [21] Xia showed that if  $T$  is a semihyponormal operator then holds (2). Duggal et.al extended this result to  $*$ -paranormal operators in [10]. In [17] the authors this result extended to quasi-class  $\mathcal{A}^*$ . Uchiyama [19] showed that if  $T$  is class  $\mathcal{A}$  operator then non zero points of  $\sigma_{jp}(T)$  and  $\sigma_p(T)$  are identical. The same thing is true for many operators' classes as well. In the following, we will show that if  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then nonzero points of  $\sigma_{jp}(T)$  and  $\sigma_p(T)$  are identical.

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , and  $(T - \lambda)x = 0$ , then  $(T - \lambda)^*x = 0$  for all  $\lambda \neq 0$ .*

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

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & B \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{on } \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^\perp.$$

Let  $P$  be the projection of  $\mathcal{H}$  onto  $\mathcal{M}$ , where  $T|_{\mathcal{M}} = \lambda \neq 0$ . For the proof, it is sufficient to show that  $B = 0$ . Since  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator and  $x = T^k(\frac{x}{\lambda^k}) \in \overline{T^k(\mathcal{H})}$  we have

$$P \left( |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |T^*|^2 \right) P \geq 0.$$

By Hansen Inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{pmatrix} |\lambda|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \left( P T^{*(n+1)} T^{(n+1)} P \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \geq P \left( T^{*(n+1)} T^{(n+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} P \\
&= P |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} P \geq P |T^*|^2 P = \begin{pmatrix} |\lambda|^2 + |B^*|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

thus  $B = 0$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $\sigma_{jp}(T) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma_p(T) \setminus \{0\}$ .*

**Corollary 3.3.** *If  $T^*$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $\beta(T - \lambda) \leq \alpha(T - \lambda)$  for all  $\lambda \neq 0$ .*

*Proof.* It is obvious from Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , 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,  $\ker(T - \alpha) \perp \ker(T - \beta)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , has the representation  $T = \lambda \oplus A$  on  $\ker(T - \lambda) \oplus \ker(T - \lambda)^\perp$ , where  $\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ , then  $A$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  with  $\ker(A - \lambda) = \{0\}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $T = \lambda \oplus A$ , then  $T = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}$  and we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
& T^{*k} |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} T^k - T^{*k} |T^*|^2 T^k \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} |\lambda|^{2(k+1)} & 0 \\ 0 & A^{*k} |A^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} A^k \end{pmatrix} \\
&- \begin{pmatrix} |\lambda|^{2(k+1)} & 0 \\ 0 & A^{*k} |A^*|^2 A^k \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A^{*k} |A^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} A^k - A^{*k} |A^*|^2 A^k \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $A$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ .

Let  $x_2 \in \ker(A - \lambda)$ . Then

$$(T - \lambda) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence  $x_2 \in \ker(T - \lambda)$ . Since  $\ker(A - \lambda) \subseteq \ker(T - \lambda)^\perp$ , this implies  $x_2 = 0$ .  $\square$

A complex number  $\lambda$  is said to be in the approximate point spectrum  $\sigma_a(T)$  of  $T$  if there is a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of unit vectors satisfying  $(T - \lambda)x_n \rightarrow 0$ . If in additions  $(T - \lambda)^* x_n \rightarrow 0$  then  $\lambda$  is said to be in the joint approximate point spectrum  $\sigma_{ja}(T)$  of operator  $T$ . Clearly  $\sigma_{ja}(T) \subseteq \sigma_a(T)$ . In general  $\sigma_{ja}(T) \neq \sigma_a(T)$ .

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**Lemma 3.1.** [4] Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex Hilbert space. Then there exists a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{Y}$  such that  $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{Y}$  and a map  $\varphi : \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{Y})$  such that:

- (1).  $\varphi$  is a faithful  $*$ -representation of the algebra  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  on  $\mathcal{Y}$ , so:

$$\varphi(I_{\mathcal{H}}) = I_{\mathcal{Y}}, \quad \varphi(T^*) = (\varphi(T))^*, \quad \varphi(TS) = \varphi(T)\varphi(S)$$

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

- (2).  $\varphi(T) \geq 0$  for any  $T \geq 0$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  
(3).  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_a(\varphi(T)) = \sigma_p(\varphi(T))$  for any  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  
(4). If  $T$  is positive operator, then  $\varphi(T^\alpha) = |\varphi(T)|^\alpha$ , for  $\alpha > 0$ ,  
(5). [21]  $\sigma_{ja}(T) = \sigma_{jp}(\varphi(T))$  for any  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** If  $T$  is of the  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, then  $\sigma_{ja}(T) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma_a(T) \setminus \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi : \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{K})$  be Berberian's faithful  $*$ -representation. First we show that  $\varphi(T)$  belongs to the  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ . Since  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\varphi(T))^{*k} \left( \left| (\varphi(T))^{n+1} \right|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |(\varphi(T))^*|^2 \right) (\varphi(T))^k \\ &= \varphi(T^{*k}) \left( \left| \varphi(T^{n+1}) \right|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |\varphi(T^*)|^2 \right) \varphi(T^k) \\ &= \varphi(T^{*k}) \left( \varphi \left( |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} \right) - \varphi(|T^*|^2) \right) \varphi(T^k) \\ &= \varphi \left( T^{*k} \left( |T^{n+1}|^{\frac{2}{n+1}} - |T^*|^2 \right) T^k \right) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

thus  $\varphi(T)$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator.

Now by Corollary 3.2 and Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_a(T) \setminus \{0\} &= \sigma_a(\varphi(T)) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma_p(\varphi(T)) \setminus \{0\} \\ &= \sigma_{jp}(\varphi(T)) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma_{ja}(T) \setminus \{0\}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 3.2.** [2] Let  $T = U|T|$  be the polar decomposition of  $T$ ,  $\lambda = |\lambda|e^{i\theta} \neq 0$  and  $\{x_m\}$  a sequence of vectors. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (1)  $(T - \lambda)x_m \rightarrow 0$  and  $(T^* - \bar{\lambda})x_m \rightarrow 0$ ,  
(2)  $(|T| - |\lambda|)x_m \rightarrow 0$  and  $(U - e^{i\theta})x_m \rightarrow 0$ ,  
(3)  $(|T^*| - |\lambda|)x_m \rightarrow 0$  and  $(U^* - e^{-i\theta})x_m \rightarrow 0$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , and  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T) \setminus \{0\}$  then  $|\lambda| \in \sigma_a(|T|) \cap \sigma_a(|T^*|)$ .

*Proof.* If  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T) \setminus \{0\}$ , then by Theorem 3.6, there exists a sequence of unit vectors  $\{x_m\}$  such that  $(T - \lambda)x_m \rightarrow 0$  and  $(T - \lambda)^*x_m \rightarrow 0$ . Hence, from Lemma 3.2 we have  $|\lambda| \in \sigma_a(|T|) \cap \sigma_a(|T^*|)$ . □

Let  $Hol(\sigma(T))$  be the space of all analytic functions in an open neighborhood of  $\sigma(T)$ . We say that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  has the single valued extension property at  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , if for every open neighborhood  $U$  of  $\lambda$  the only analytic function  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  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  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  has SVEP at every point of the resolvent  $\rho(T) = \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(T)$ . Every operator  $T$  has SVEP at an isolated point of the spectrum.

For  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , 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  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is of finite ascent (finitely ascentsive) if  $p(T) < \infty$ .

**Corollary 3.8.** *If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $\ker(T - \lambda) = \ker(T - \lambda)^2$  if  $\lambda \neq 0$  and  $\ker(T^k) = \ker(T^{k+1})$  if  $\lambda = 0$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\lambda \neq 0$ , 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  $(T - \lambda)^2 x = 0$ . From Theorem 3.1 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  $\ker(T - \lambda)^2 \subseteq \ker(T - \lambda)$ .

If  $\lambda = 0$  and  $x \in \ker(T^{k+1})$ , from relation (1) we have

$$\|T^* T^k x\| \leq \|T^n (T^{k+1} x)\|^{\frac{1}{1+n}} \|T^k x\|^{\frac{n}{n+1}} = 0.$$

Hence  $T^* T^k x = 0$ . Then

$$\|T^k x\|^2 = \langle T^* T^k x, T^{k-1} x \rangle = 0,$$

thus  $x \in \ker(T^k)$ . □

**Corollary 3.9.** *If  $T$  is of the  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  operator, then  $T$  has SVEP.*

*Proof.* Proof, obvious from [1, Theorem 2.39]. □

An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  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  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is semi-Fredholm, then the index is defined by

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

An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be upper semi-Weyl operator if it is upper semi-Fredholm and  $\text{ind}(T) \leq 0$ , while  $T$  is said to be lower semi-Weyl operator if it is lower semi-Fredholm and  $\text{ind}(T) \geq 0$ . 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  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be upper semi-Browder operator, if it is upper semi-Fredholm and  $p(T) < \infty$ . An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be lower semi-Browder operator, if it is lower semi-Fredholm and  $q(T) < \infty$ . An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be Browder operator, if it is Fredholm of finite ascent and descent. The Browder spectrum and the upper semi-Browder spectrum (Browder essential approximate spectrum) are defined by

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

and

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

**Theorem 3.10.** *If  $T$  or  $T^*$  belongs to  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $\sigma_w(f(T)) = f(\sigma_w(T))$  for all  $f \in \text{Hol}(\sigma(T))$ .*

*Proof.* The inclusion  $f(\sigma_w(T)) \subseteq \sigma_w(f(T))$  holds for any operator. If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $T$  has SVEP, then from [1, Theorem 4.19] holds  $\sigma_w(f(T)) \subseteq f(\sigma_w(T))$ . If  $T^*$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , similar to above.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** *If  $T$  or  $T^*$  belongs to  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $\sigma_{uw}(f(T)) = f(\sigma_{uw}(T))$  for all  $f \in \text{Hol}(\sigma(T))$ .*

*Proof.* The inclusion  $f(\sigma_{uw}(T)) \subseteq \sigma_{uw}(f(T))$  holds for any operator. If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $T$  has SVEP, then from [1, Theorem 4.19] holds  $\sigma_{uw}(f(T)) \subseteq f(\sigma_{uw}(T))$ . If  $T^*$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , similar to above.  $\square$

The following concept has been introduced in 1997 by Harte and W.Y. Lee [16]: A bounded operator  $T$  is said to satisfy Browder's theorem if

$$\sigma_w(T) = \sigma_b(T).$$

The following concept has been introduced in, [9]: A bounded operator  $T$  is said to satisfy  $a$ -Browder's theorem if

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

It is well known that

$$a\text{-Browder's theorem} \Rightarrow \text{Browder's theorem}.$$

**Theorem 3.12.** *If  $T$  or  $T^*$  belongs to  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $a$ -Browder's theorem holds for  $f(T)$  and  $f(T)^*$  for all  $f \in \text{Hol}(\sigma(T))$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  or  $T^*$  has SVEP, then from [1, Theorem 4.33]  $f(T)$  and  $f(T)^*$  satisfies  $a$ -Browder's theorem for all  $f \in \text{Hol}(\sigma(T))$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.13.** *If  $T$  or  $T^*$  belongs to  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , then  $f(T)$  and  $f(T)^*$  satisfies Browder's theorem for all  $f \in \text{Hol}(\sigma(T))$ .*

$S, T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  are said to be quasisimilar if there exist injections  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  with dense range such that  $XS = TX$  and  $YT = SY$ , respectively, and this relation is denoted by  $S \sim T$ , [18].

**Theorem 3.14.** *If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  and if  $S \sim T$ , then  $S$  has SVEP.*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$ , it follows from Corollary 3.9 that  $T$  has SVEP. Let  $U$  be any open set and  $f : U \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be any analytic function such that  $(S - \lambda)f(\lambda) = 0$  for all  $\lambda \in U$ . Since  $S \sim T$ , there exists an injective operator  $X$  with dense range such that  $XS = TX$ . Thus  $X(S - \lambda) = (T - \lambda)X$  for all  $\lambda \in U$ . Since  $(S - \lambda)f(\lambda) = 0$  for all  $\lambda \in U$ ,  $X(S - \lambda) = 0 = (T - \lambda)X$  for all  $\lambda \in U$ . But  $T$  has SVEP, hence  $Xf(\lambda) = 0$  for all  $\lambda \in U$ . Since  $X$  is injective,  $f(\lambda) = 0$  for all  $\lambda \in U$ . Thus  $S$  has SVEP.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.15.** *If  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi class  $\mathcal{A}_n^*$  and if  $S \sim T$ , then  $a$ -Browder's theorem holds for  $f(S)$  for every  $f \in \text{Hol}(\sigma(T))$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $a$ -Browder's theorem holds for  $S$ , and  $\sigma_{ub}(f(T)) = f(\sigma_{ub}(T))$  for all  $f \in \text{Hol}(\sigma(T))$ , we have

$$\sigma_{ub}(f(S)) = f(\sigma_{ub}(S)) = f(\sigma_{uw}(S)) = \sigma_{uw}(f(S)).$$

Hence  $a$ -Browder's theorem holds for  $f(S)$ .  $\square$

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