

# Complex symmetric operators and their Weyl type theorems

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## Abstract

We study a necessary and sufficient condition for complex symmetric operator matrices to satisfy  $a$ -Weyl's theorem. Moreover, we also give the conditions for such operator matrices to satisfy generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem and generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem, respectively. As some applications, we provide various examples of such operator matrices which satisfy Weyl type theorems.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an infinite dimensional separable Hilbert space and let  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  denote the algebra of bounded linear operators acting on  $\mathcal{H}$ . If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , we write  $\sigma(T)$ ,  $\sigma_p(T)$ ,  $\sigma_s(T)$ , and  $\sigma_a(T)$  for the spectrum, the point spectrum, the surjective spectrum, and the approximate point spectrum of  $T$ , respectively.

If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , we shall write  $N(T)$  and  $R(T)$  for the null space and the range of  $T$ , respectively. Also, let  $\alpha(T) := \dim N(T)$  and  $\beta(T) := \dim N(T^*)$ , respectively. For  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , the smallest nonnegative integer  $p$  such that  $N(T^p) = N(T^{p+1})$  is called the *ascent* of  $T$  and denoted by  $p(T)$ . If no such integer exists, we set  $p(T) = \infty$ . The smallest nonnegative integer  $q$  such that  $R(T^q) = R(T^{q+1})$  is called the *descent* of  $T$  and denoted by  $q(T)$ . If no such integer exists, we set  $q(T) = \infty$ .

A *conjugation* on  $\mathcal{H}$  is an antilinear operator  $C : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  which satisfies  $\langle Cx, Cy \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $C^2 = I$ . For any conjugation  $C$ , there

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is an orthonormal basis  $\{e_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  for  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $Ce_n = e_n$  for all  $n$  (see [7] for more details). An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *complex symmetric* if there exists a conjugation  $C$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $T = CT^*C$ . In this case, we say that  $T$  is complex symmetric with conjugation  $C$ . This concept is due to the fact that  $T$  is a complex symmetric operator if and only if it is unitarily equivalent to a symmetric matrix with complex entries, regarded as an operator acting on an  $l^2$ -space of the appropriate dimension (see [7]). All normal operators, Hankel matrices, finite Toeplitz matrices, all truncated Toeplitz operators, and some Volterra integration operators are included in the class of complex symmetric operators. We refer the reader to [7]-[9] for more details.

The Weyl type theorems for upper triangular operator matrices have been studied by many authors. In general, even though Weyl type theorems hold for entry operators  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , neither  $\begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & T_2 \end{pmatrix}$  nor  $\begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_3 \\ 0 & T_2 \end{pmatrix}$  satisfies Weyl type theorems (see [10], [11], [13], [14], [3], and ect.). So many authors have been studied the relation between a diagonal matrix and an upper triangular operator matrix of Weyl type theorems. Recently, in [17], they provide several forms of complex symmetric operator matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ T_3 & T_4 \end{pmatrix}$  and have studied  $a$ -Weyl's theorem and  $a$ -Browder's theorem for complex symmetric operator matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & CA^*C \end{pmatrix}$ . We now consider how Weyl type theorems hold for upper triangular operator matrices when some entry operators are complex symmetric.

In this paper, we focus on the operator matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & CA^*C \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{H})$  when  $B$  is complex symmetric with the conjugation  $C$ . In this case, we are interested in which the operator matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & CA^*C \end{pmatrix}$  satisfies Weyl type theorems under what behavior of the entry operator  $A$ . In particular, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for this complex symmetric operator matrices to satisfy  $a$ -Weyl's theorem. Moreover, we also provide the conditions for such operator matrices to satisfy generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem and generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem, respectively. As some applications, we give various examples of such operator matrices which satisfy Weyl type theorems.

## 2 Preliminaries

An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is called *upper semi-Fredholm* if it has closed range and finite dimensional null space and is called *lower semi-Fredholm* if it has closed range and its range has finite co-dimension. If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is either upper or lower semi-Fredholm, then  $T$  is called *semi-Fredholm*, and *index of a semi-Fredholm operator*

$T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is defined by

$$i(T) := \alpha(T) - \beta(T).$$

If both  $\alpha(T)$  and  $\beta(T)$  are finite, then  $T$  is called *Fredholm*. An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is called *Weyl* if it is Fredholm of index zero and *Browder* if it is Fredholm of finite ascent and descent, respectively. The left essential spectrum  $\sigma_{SF+}(T)$ , the right essential spectrum  $\sigma_{SF-}(T)$ , the essential spectrum  $\sigma_e(T)$ , the Weyl spectrum  $\sigma_w(T)$ , and the Browder spectrum  $\sigma_b(T)$  of  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  are defined as follows;

$$\sigma_{SF+}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not upper semi-Fredholm}\},$$

$$\sigma_{SF-}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not lower semi-Fredholm}\},$$

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

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

and

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

respectively. Evidently

$$\sigma_{SF+}(T) \cup \sigma_{SF-}(T) = \sigma_e(T) \subseteq \sigma_w(T) \subseteq \sigma_b(T) = \sigma_e(T) \cup \text{acc } \sigma(T),$$

where we write  $\text{acc } \Delta$  for the accumulation points of  $\Delta \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ . If we write  $\text{iso } \Delta = \Delta \setminus \text{acc } \Delta$ , then we let

$$\pi_{00}(T) := \{\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma(T) : 0 < \alpha(T - \lambda) < \infty\},$$

and  $p_{00}(T) := \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_b(T)$ . We say that *Weyl's theorem holds for  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$*  if  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_w(T) = \pi_{00}(T)$ , and that *Browder's theorem holds for  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$*  if  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_w(T) = p_{00}(T)$ . We recall the definitions of some spectra;

$$\sigma_{ea}(T) := \bigcap \{\sigma_a(T + K) : K \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})\}$$

is the essential approximate point spectrum, and

$$\sigma_{ab}(T) := \bigcap \{\sigma_a(T + K) : TK = KT \text{ and } K \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})\}$$

is the Browder essential approximate point spectrum. We put

$$\pi_{00}^a(T) := \{\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_a(T) : 0 < \alpha(T - \lambda) < \infty\}$$

and  $p_{00}^a(T) = \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{ab}(T)$ .

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ . We say that *a-Browder's theorem holds for  $T$*  if

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

and *a-Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$*  if

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

It is known that

*a-Weyl's theorem*  $\implies$  *a-Browder's theorem*  $\implies$  *Browder's theorem*,

*a-Weyl's theorem*  $\implies$  *Weyl's theorem*  $\implies$  *Browder's theorem*.

Let  $T_n = T|_{\mathcal{R}(T^n)}$  for each nonnegative integer  $n$ ; in particular,  $T_0 = T$ . If  $T_n$  is upper semi-Fredholm for some nonnegative integer  $n$ , then  $T$  is called a *upper semi-B-Fredholm operator*. In this case, by [4],  $T_m$  is a upper semi-Fredholm operator and  $\text{ind}(T_m) = \text{ind}(T_n)$  for each  $m \geq n$ . Thus, we can consider the *index* of  $T$  as the index of the semi-Fredholm operator  $T_n$ . Similarly, we define *lower semi-B-Fredholm operators*. We say that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is *B-Fredholm* if it is both upper and lower semi-B-Fredholm. Let  $SBF_+^-(\mathcal{H})$  be the class of all upper semi-B-Fredholm operators such that  $\text{ind}(T) \leq 0$ , and let

$$\sigma_{SBF_+^-}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \notin SBF_+^-(\mathcal{H})\}.$$

An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is called *B-Weyl* if it is *B-Fredholm* of index zero. The *B-Weyl spectrum*  $\sigma_{BW}(T)$  of  $T$  is defined by

$$\sigma_{BW}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not a } B\text{-Weyl operator}\}.$$

In addition, we state two spectra as follows;

$$\sigma_{LD}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid T - \lambda \notin LD(\mathcal{H})\},$$

$$\sigma_{RD}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid T - \lambda \notin RD(\mathcal{H})\},$$

where  $LD(\mathcal{H}) = \{T \in \mathcal{H} \mid p(T) < \infty \text{ and } R(T^{p(T)+1}) \text{ is closed}\}$ , and  $RD(\mathcal{H}) = \{T \in \mathcal{H} \mid q(T) < \infty \text{ and } R(T^{q(T)}) \text{ is closed}\}$ . The notation  $p_0(T)$  (respectively,  $p_0^a(T)$ ) denotes the set of all poles (respectively, left poles) of  $T$ , while  $\pi_0(T)$  (respectively,  $\pi_0^a(T)$ ) is the set of all eigenvalues of  $T$  which is an isolated point in  $\sigma(T)$  (respectively,  $\sigma_a(T)$ ).

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ . We say that

- (i)  $T$  satisfies *generalized Browder's theorem* if  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{BW}(T) = p_0(T)$ ;
- (ii)  $T$  satisfies *generalized a-Browder's theorem* if  $\sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SBF_+^-}(T) = p_0^a(T)$ ;
- (iii)  $T$  satisfies *generalized Weyl's theorem* if  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{BW}(T) = \pi_0(T)$ ;
- (iv)  $T$  satisfies *generalized a-Weyl's theorem* if  $\sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{SBF_+^-}(T) = \pi_0^a(T)$ .

It is known that

*generalized a-Weyl's theorem*  $\implies$  *generalized Weyl's theorem*



**Lemma 3.3** *If  $C$  is a conjugation on  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , then the following identities hold:*

- (i)  $\sigma_b(A)^* = \sigma_b(CAC)$  and  $\sigma_D(A)^* = \sigma_D(CAC)$ .
- (ii)  $\sigma_{LD}(A)^* = \sigma_{LD}(CAC)$  and  $\sigma_{RD}(A) = \sigma_{RD}(CAC)^*$ .
- (iii)  $\sigma_{BF}(A)^* = \sigma_{BF}(CAC)$  and  $\sigma_{BW}(A)^* = \sigma_{BW}(CAC)$ .

Throughout this paper, for operators  $A, B \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and a conjugation  $C$  on  $\mathcal{H}$ , put  $M(A, B) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & CA^*C \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{H}) : B \text{ is complex symmetric with the conjugation } C \right\}$ . We study  $\alpha$ -Weyl theorem and generalized  $\alpha$ -Weyl theorem for complex symmetric operator matrices in  $M(A, B)$ .

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $T \in M(A, B)$ . Suppose that  $A$  is complex symmetric which has the single-valued extension property.*

- (a) *Then the following statements are equivalent;*
  - (i)  *$A$  satisfies Weyl's theorem.*
  - (ii)  *$A$  satisfies  $\alpha$ -Weyl's theorem.*
  - (iii)  *$T$  satisfies Weyl's theorem.*
  - (iv)  *$T$  satisfies  $\alpha$ -Weyl's theorem.*
- (b) *Then the following statements are equivalent;*
  - (i)  *$A$  satisfies generalized Weyl's theorem.*
  - (ii)  *$A$  satisfies generalized  $\alpha$ -Weyl's theorem.*
  - (iii)  *$T$  satisfies generalized Weyl theorem.*
  - (vi)  *$T$  satisfies generalized  $\alpha$ -Weyl theorem.*

Let us recall that the Hilbert Hardy space, denoted by  $H^2$ , consists of all analytic functions  $f$  on the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  with the power series representation

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \text{ where } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 < \infty.$$

It is clear that  $H^2 = \overline{\text{span}\{z^n : n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}}$ .

For any  $\varphi \in L^\infty$ , the Toeplitz operator  $T_\varphi : H^2 \rightarrow H^2$  is defined by the formula

$$T_\varphi f = P(\varphi f)$$

for  $f \in H^2$  where  $P$  denotes the orthogonal projection of  $L^2$  onto  $H^2$ . Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be the conjugations on  $H^2$  given by

$$(C_1 f)(z) = \overline{f(\bar{z})} \text{ and } (C_2 f)(z) = \overline{f(-\bar{z})}$$

for all  $f \in H^2$ , respectively.

**Corollary 3.5** *Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be the conjugations on  $H^2$  given by  $(C_1f)(z) = \overline{f(\bar{z})}$  and  $(C_2f)(z) = f(-\bar{z})$  for all  $f \in H^2$ . Suppose that*

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T_\varphi & T_\psi \\ 0 & C_1T_\varphi^*C_1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } T = \begin{pmatrix} T_\psi & T_\varphi \\ 0 & C_2T_\psi^*C_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

are in  $\mathcal{L}(H^2 \oplus H^2)$  where

$$\begin{cases} \varphi(z) = \varphi_0 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \hat{\varphi}(2k) \operatorname{Re}\{z^{2k}\} + 2i \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \hat{\varphi}(2k-1) \operatorname{Im}\{z^{2k-1}\} \\ \psi(z) = \psi_0 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{\psi}(n) \operatorname{Re}\{z^n\}. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

If  $T_\varphi$  or  $T_\psi$  have the single-valued extension property, then  $T$  satisfies  $a$ -Weyl's theorem.

**Example 3.6** Let  $C$  be a conjugation on  $l^2(\mathbb{Z})$  given by  $Cx = \bar{x}$  for all  $x$  and let  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are bilateral shifts on  $l^2(\mathbb{Z})$ . Then  $\begin{pmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \\ 0 & CU_1^*C \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(l^2(\mathbb{Z}) \oplus l^2(\mathbb{Z}))$  satisfies  $a$ -Weyl's theorem from Theorem 3.4.

**Corollary 3.7** *Let  $T \in M(N, B)$  where  $N$  is normal and  $B = CB^*C$  for a conjugation  $C$ . Then  $T$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Weyl theorem.*

From the similar way with the proof of Theorem 3.4 and [18, Theorem 4.6], we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.8** *Let  $T \in M(A, B)$ . If  $A$  is complex symmetric which has the single-valued extension property, then the following statements are equivalent;*

- (i)  $A$  satisfies Browder's theorem.
- (ii)  $A$  satisfies  $a$ -Browder's theorem.
- (iii)  $A$  satisfies generalized Browder's theorem.
- (iv)  $A$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem.
- (v)  $T$  satisfies Browder's theorem.
- (vi)  $T$  satisfies  $a$ -Browder's theorem.
- (vii)  $T$  satisfies generalized Browder's theorem.
- (viii)  $T$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem.

Recall that an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *isoloid* if every  $\lambda \in \operatorname{iso}\sigma(T)$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ . In [17], they proved that if  $T \in M(A, B)$  where  $A$  and  $A^*$  are isoloid operators with the single-valued extension property and if Weyl's theorem holds for both  $A$  and  $A^*$ , then  $a$ -Weyl's theorem holds for  $T$ . Finally, we consider complex symmetric operator matrices where main diagonal operators are not complex symmetric.

**Theorem 3.9** Let  $T \in M(A, B)$  where  $A$  and  $A^*$  have the single-valued extension property. Then the following statements hold:

(a) If  $A$  satisfies generalized Weyl theorem, then  $T$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Weyl theorem.

(b) If  $A$  is isoloid, then the following statements are equivalent;

- (i)  $A$  satisfies generalized Weyl theorem.
- (ii)  $A$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Weyl theorem.
- (iii)  $T$  satisfies generalized Weyl theorem.
- (iv)  $T$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Weyl theorem.

(c) If  $A$  is isoloid, then the following statements are equivalent;

- (i)  $A$  and  $A^*$  satisfies Weyl's theorem.
- (ii)  $T$  satisfies Weyl's theorem.
- (iii)  $T$  satisfies  $a$ -Weyl theorem.

**Corollary 3.10** Let  $T \in M(A, N)$  where  $A$  is decomposable and  $N$  is normal or nilpotent of order 2 with  $N = CN^*C$ . If  $A$  satisfies generalized Weyl's theorem, then  $T$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem.

**Example 3.11** For  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , define  $C^j(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\alpha}_i e_{n-i+1}$ . Put  $\mathcal{C} = \bigoplus C^j$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a conjugation on  $\mathcal{H}$  where  $\dim \mathcal{H} = \aleph_0$ . Suppose that  $S$  is written as  $S = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\infty} S_j$  where

$$S_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda_1^{(j)} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2^{(j)} & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_{n_j-1}^{(j)} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with respect to an orthonormal basis of  $S_j$  with  $|\lambda_k^{(j)}| = |\lambda_{n_j-k}^{(j)}|$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq n_j - 1$ . Then  $S$  is complex symmetric with  $\mathcal{C}$  from [23, Theorem 3.1]. Let  $W$  be a weighted shift on  $\mathcal{H}$  defined by

$$W = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \cdots) := \left(\frac{1}{2}x_2, \frac{1}{3}x_3, \frac{1}{4}x_4, \cdots\right).$$

If  $T = \begin{pmatrix} W^* & S \\ 0 & CWC \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{H})$ . Then  $T$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem.

Indeed, since  $\sigma(W^*) = \sigma_{BW}(W^*) = \{0\}$  and  $\pi_0(W^*) = \emptyset$ , it follows that  $W^*$  satisfies generalized Weyl's theorem. Moreover, in this case,  $W$  and  $W^*$  have the single-valued extension property. Hence  $T$  satisfies the generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem from Theorem 3.9.



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