

## On The $\Phi$ Class Operators

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### Abstract

*In this paper we characterize Hermitian operators defined on Hilbert space. Using this result we establish several new characterizations to  $(\Phi)$  class operators. Further, we apply these results to investigate on the relation between this class and other usual classes of operators. Some applications are also given.*

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle, \rangle$  and let  $B(\mathcal{H})$  be the algebra of all bounded operators acting on  $\mathcal{H}$ . We denote by  $(\Phi)$  the class of operators satisfying the following equality

$$T^*[T^*, T]T = [T^*, T], \quad [T^*, T] = T^*T - TT^*.$$

This class was introduced by F. Ming[2].

It is clear that the class  $(\Phi)$  contains the class of normal operators. For any operators  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  set, as usual,  $|T| = (T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $[T^*, T] = T^*T - TT^* = |T|^2 - |T^*|^2$  (the self commutant of  $T$ ), and consider the following standard definitions:  $T$  is hyponormal if  $|T^*|^2 \leq |T|^2$  (i.e., if  $[T^*, T]$  is nonnegative or, equivalently, if  $\|T^*x\| \leq \|Tx\|$  for every  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ ), co-hyponormal, if  $T^*$  is hyponormal, normal if  $T^*T = TT^*$ . For the related topics and basic properties of class  $(\Phi)$  operators, (see [1]).

Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , in the following we will denote the kernel, the range, the spectrum, the convex hull of the spectrum and the numerical range of the operator  $T$  by  $\ker T$ ,  $\text{ran } T$ ,  $\sigma(T)$ ,  $\text{cov}\sigma(T)$  and  $W(T)$  respectively. The present

paper is organized as follows. In Theorem 2.1 in section two we give a characterization of hermitian operators. Hence, by using this result, in section three we will give a characterization of the  $(\Phi)$  class operators and we will investigate on the relation between this class and other usual classes of operators. Some applications are also given.

## 2 Preliminaries

In the next, we need to prove the following famous theorem concerning the decomposition of Hermitian operators.

**Theorem 2.1** *If  $D \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is a self-adjoint operator and  $D = U|D|$  its polar decomposition, then  $D = D^+ \oplus D^-$ , where  $D^+$  is a positif operator and  $D^-$  is a negative operator. Moreover,  $U$  is Hermitian, commutes with  $D$  and verify  $U^2 = I$ .*

To prove theorem 2.1 we need to show the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.2** *Let  $D \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a Hermitian operator. If  $\mathcal{H}^+ = \{x \in \mathcal{H} : (Dx, x) \geq 0\}$  and  $\mathcal{H}^- = \{x \in \mathcal{H} : (Dx, x) \leq 0\}$  are two subsets of  $\mathcal{H}$ , then  $\mathcal{H}^+$  and  $\mathcal{H}^-$  are two closed linear subspaces of  $\mathcal{H}$ .*

The proof of the proposition follows from the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.3** *Let  $D = U|D|$  be the polar decomposition of the Hermitian operator  $D$ . If  $V$  and  $S$  are the restrictions of  $U$  and  $D$  on  $\overline{\text{ran } D}$  respectively, then  $V$  is a Hermitian isometry which commutes with  $S$ . Where  $\overline{\text{ran } D}$  is the closure of  $\text{ran } D$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{H} = \ker D \oplus \overline{\text{ran } D}$ , since  $D$  is Hermitian,  $\ker D$  reduces  $D$  orthogonally and if  $x \in \ker D$ , we get  $Dx = |D|U^*x = 0$ , therefore  $U^*x \in \ker |U| = \ker U$ . Thus

$$U^*(\ker D) = U^*(\ker U) \subseteq \ker D.$$

We know also that  $\ker U$  reduces orthogonally  $U$ . Thus  $U$  and  $D$  can be written as follows:

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & V \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S \end{bmatrix},$$

Hence,  $S$  has the polar decomposition

$$S = V|S|, \tag{1}$$

where  $V$  is an isometry, i.e.,

$$V^*V = I_R, \tag{2}$$

where  $I_R$  denote the identity on  $\overline{\text{ran } D}$ . Since  $S$  is Hermitian, we get  $S^2 = V|S|^2V^* = VS^2V^*$ . Thus  $S^2V = VS^2$  and so  $V$  commutes with  $|S|$ . From the relations (2.1), (2.2) and the commutativity, it follows that  $|S| = |S|V^2$ , since  $|S|$  is injective, then

$$V^2 = I_R. \quad (3)$$

Now, from the injectivity of  $V^*$ , (2.1) and (2.2), we get that  $V$  is a Hermitian isometry which commutes with  $|S|$ , and hence commutes with  $S$ .

**Lemma 2.4** *let  $D = U|D|$  be the polar decomposition of the Hermitian operator  $D$  and  $P = I - U^*U$ , then the following statements are satisfied*

1.  $P$  is an orthogonal projection on  $\ker D$  and  $Q = I - P$  is an orthogonal projection on  $\overline{\text{ran } D}$ ;
2.  $Q(\mathcal{H}^+) = \mathcal{H}^+ \cap \overline{\text{ran } D}$  and  $Q(\mathcal{H}^-) = \mathcal{H}^- \cap \overline{\text{ran } D}$ .

**Proof.** On  $\mathcal{H} = \ker D \oplus \overline{\text{ran } D}$ , it is clear that  $P$  is an orthogonal projection on  $\ker D$  and so  $Q = I - P$  is an orthogonal projection on  $\overline{\text{ran } D}$ . We first remark that  $Q(\mathcal{H}^+) \subseteq \overline{\text{ran } D}$ , Let  $x \in \mathcal{H}^+$ , if  $y = Qx$ , then  $y - x \in \ker D$  and so there exists  $z \in \ker D$  such that  $y = x + z$ , consequently

$$(Dx, x) = (Dy, y) \geq 0.$$

Hence  $y \in \mathcal{H}^+$ . Thus  $Q(\mathcal{H}^+) \subseteq \mathcal{H}^+ \cap \overline{\text{ran } D}$ . To prove the reverse inclusion, let  $x \in \mathcal{H}^+ \cap \overline{\text{ran } D}$ , then  $x \in \mathcal{H}^+$  and  $Qx = x$ , so  $x \in Q(\mathcal{H}^+)$ . Hence  $Q(\mathcal{H}^+) = \mathcal{H}^+ \cap \overline{\text{ran } D}$ . Analogously, we prove that  $Q(\mathcal{H}^-) = \mathcal{H}^- \cap \overline{\text{ran } D}$ .

**Lemma 2.5**  $\langle Dx, x \rangle = \langle |D|x, x \rangle$ , for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}^+$ .

**Proof.** From lemma 2.2, we obtain, for all  $x \in Q(\mathcal{H}^+)$  that

$$\langle S(x + Vx), (x + Vx) \rangle = 2[\langle Sx, x \rangle + \langle |S|x, x \rangle].$$

Hence by lemma 2.3,  $\langle S(x + Vx), (x + Vx) \rangle \geq 0$ . Thus, for all  $x \in Q(\mathcal{H}^+)$ ,  $x + Vx \in Q(\mathcal{H}^+)$ . Since  $S$  and  $|S|$  are injective, then  $x + Vx \neq 0$ , consequently if  $x \neq 0$ , then  $Vx = x$  for all  $x \in Q(\mathcal{H}^+)$ .

Moreover, for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}^+$ , let  $x = z + Qz$  where  $z \in \ker D$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Dx, x \rangle &= \langle DQx, Qx \rangle = \langle SQx, Qx \rangle \\ &= \langle |S|Qx, Qx \rangle \\ &= \langle |D|x, x \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

In the next, we give the proof of the Proposition 2.2.

**Proof.** Let us prove that  $\mathcal{H}^+$  is a linear subspace. We have for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}^+$  and all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\langle D\lambda x, x \rangle = |\lambda| \langle Dx, x \rangle.$$

Thus  $\lambda x \in \mathcal{H}^+$ . For  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}^+$ , we obtain

$$\langle D(x+y), (x+y) \rangle = \langle Dx, x \rangle + 2\operatorname{Re}\langle Dx, y \rangle + \langle Dy, y \rangle.$$

We distinguish two cases:

1. If  $\operatorname{Re}\langle Dx, y \rangle \geq 0$ , then  $\langle D(x+y), (x+y) \rangle \geq 0$ . Thus  $x+y \in \mathcal{H}^+$ .
2. If  $\operatorname{Re}\langle Dx, y \rangle \leq 0$ . Apply lemma 2.4 and the Schwartz's inequality, we obtain

$$|\operatorname{Re}\langle Dx, y \rangle|^2 \leq |\langle Dx, y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle |D|x, x \rangle \langle |D|y, y \rangle, \text{ for all } x, y \in \mathcal{H}^+, \quad (4)$$

or

$$\langle Dx, x \rangle \langle Dy, y \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2} (\langle Dx, x \rangle^2 + \langle Dy, y \rangle^2). \quad (5)$$

Hence from 2.4 and 2.4, it follows that

$$|\operatorname{Re}\langle Dx, y \rangle| \leq \frac{1}{2} (\langle Dx, x \rangle + \langle Dy, y \rangle). \quad (6)$$

Thus

$$-2\operatorname{Re}\langle Dx, y \rangle \leq \langle Dx, x \rangle + \langle Dy, y \rangle.$$

Consequently,  $x+y \in \mathcal{H}^+$  and  $\mathcal{H}^+$  is a linear subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Analogously, we prove that  $\mathcal{H}^-$  is a linear subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ , (take  $(-D)$ ). Now, we have to prove that  $\mathcal{H}^+$  and  $\mathcal{H}^-$  are closed for the topology of  $\mathcal{H}$ , for this, we have to show the following lemma:

**Lemma 2.6** *The function  $f : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = \langle Dx, x \rangle$  is strongly continuous on  $\mathcal{H}$ .*

**Proof.** Note that, since  $D$  is bounded that

$$|f(x)| = |\langle Dx, x \rangle| \leq \|D\| \|x\|^2 \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{H}. \quad (7)$$

Hence  $f$  is strongly continued at  $x = 0$ , let  $\{y_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$  defined by  $y_n = x_n - x$ , where  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$  which converges strongly to  $x$ , by simple computation, we obtain

$$|f(x_n) - f(x)| = |f(y_n) + 2\operatorname{Re}\langle Dx_n, x \rangle - f(x)| \leq |f(y_n)| + 2|\operatorname{Re}\langle Dx_n, x \rangle - f(x)|. \quad (8)$$

By letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\langle Dx_n, x \rangle$  converges to  $\langle Dx, x \rangle = f(x)$ , and so  $Re\langle Dx_n, x \rangle$  converges to  $f(x)$ . Thus by 2.7 and 2.8 it follows that  $f$  is strongly continuous on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Since  $\mathcal{H}^+ = f^{-1}([0, \infty))$  and  $\mathcal{H}^- = f^{-1}((-\infty, 0])$ , by lemma 2.6, we deduces that  $\mathcal{H}^+$  and  $\mathcal{H}^-$  are closed linear subspaces in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

In the next, we give the proof of the Theorem 2.1.

**Proof.** To establish that  $\overline{ran D} = Q(\mathcal{H}^+) \oplus Q(\mathcal{H}^-)$ , we need to claim that  $\mathcal{H}^+ \cap \mathcal{H}^- = \ker D$ . Let us suppose the contrary, then there exists a vector  $z$  such that  $z \in \mathcal{H}^+ \cap \mathcal{H}^-$  and  $z \notin \ker D$ . Set  $z = a + Qz$ , where  $a \in \ker D$  and  $Qz \in \overline{ran D}$ . Since  $Qz \neq 0$  and  $\langle Dz, z \rangle = 0$  for all  $z \in \mathcal{H}^+ \cap \mathcal{H}^-$ , the following equalities

$$\langle Dz, z \rangle = \langle SQz, Qz \rangle = \langle |S|Qz, Qz \rangle = \| |S|^{\frac{1}{2}}Qz \|^2 = 0, \quad z \in \mathcal{H}^+$$

implies that  $|S|Qz = 0$  and so  $Qz = 0$ , this contradicts the assumptions. Hence  $\mathcal{H}^+ \cap \mathcal{H}^- \subseteq \ker D$ . The reverse inclusion is trivial. Therefore  $\mathcal{H}^+ \cap \mathcal{H}^- = \ker D$ .

Since  $\langle Dx, x \rangle$  is real for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , then it is either positive or negative, this implies that  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}^+ \cup \mathcal{H}^-$  and so

$$Q(\mathcal{H}) = \overline{ran D} = Q(\mathcal{H}^+) \cup Q(\mathcal{H}^-).$$

The subspace  $Q(\mathcal{H})$  is generated by  $Q(\mathcal{H}^+)$  and  $Q(\mathcal{H}^-)$  and so

$$\overline{ran D} = Q(\mathcal{H}^+) + Q(\mathcal{H}^-).$$

Now, from lemma 2.5 and the result above, it follows that  $Q(\mathcal{H}^+) \cap Q(\mathcal{H}^-) = \{0\}$ . In the other hand, let  $z$  be a nonzero vector in  $\overline{ran D}$ , if  $z \in (Q(\mathcal{H}^+))^\perp$  and  $z \notin Q(\mathcal{H}^-)$ , then  $\langle Dz, z \rangle > 0$  or equivalently  $z \in (Q(\mathcal{H}^+))^\perp \cap Q(\mathcal{H}^+) = \{0\}$ , this is absurd. Hence  $(Q(\mathcal{H}^+))^\perp \subseteq Q(\mathcal{H}^-)$ . Therefore  $\overline{ran D} = Q(\mathcal{H}^+) \oplus Q(\mathcal{H}^-)$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{H}$  can be represented as follows

$$\mathcal{H} = \ker D \oplus Q(\mathcal{H}^+) \oplus Q(\mathcal{H}^-).$$

Since  $S$  is the restriction of  $D$  on  $\overline{ran D}$ , we have  $Sx = |S|x$  for all  $x \in Q(\mathcal{H}^+)$ . Hence

$$\langle S(Sx), Sx \rangle = \langle S|S|x, |S|x \rangle = \langle |S|Sx, |S|x \rangle = \| |S|^{\frac{3}{2}}x \|^2 \quad \text{for all } x \in Q(\mathcal{H}^+).$$

Thus,  $Q(\mathcal{H}^+)$  reduces orthogonally  $S$ , this restriction denoted by  $D^+$  is positive. Analogously, the restriction  $(-S)$  to  $Q(\mathcal{H}^-)$  denoted by  $D^-$  is negative. Finally  $D$  can be represented with respect to the decomposition  $\mathcal{H} = \ker D \oplus Q(\mathcal{H}^+) \oplus Q(\mathcal{H}^-)$  as

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D^+ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D^- \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $D^+$  is a positive operator and  $D^-$  is a negative operator. Hence the proof is complete.

**Remark 2.7** *If  $D$  is injective, then  $\mathcal{H}^+ \cap \mathcal{H}^- = \{0\}$ , where  $Q(\mathcal{H}^+) = \mathcal{H}^+$  and  $Q(\mathcal{H}^-) = \mathcal{H}^-$ .*

### 3 Main Results

In this section we give a characterization of a subset of the  $(\Phi)$  class operators when we suppose that  $D = [T^*, T]$  is injective.

**Proposition 3.1** *If  $T \in \Phi$  and  $D$  is injective, then  $T = A \oplus B$ , where  $A$  is hyponormal completely nonnormal and  $B$  is co-hyponormal completely nonnormal.*

**Proof.** First let us prove that  $\mathcal{H}^+$  and  $\mathcal{H}^-$  are invariant for  $T$ . In fact, in view of the remark 2.7 and the following equality

$$\langle Dx, x \rangle = \langle T^*DTx, x \rangle = \langle DTx, Tx \rangle \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{H},$$

we obtain either  $Tx \in \mathcal{H}^+$  if  $x \in \mathcal{H}^+$  or  $Tx \in \mathcal{H}^-$  if  $x \in \mathcal{H}^-$ . In the next, we show that the restriction  $A = T|_{\mathcal{H}^+}$  is hyponormal (resp.  $B = T|_{\mathcal{H}^-}$  is co-hyponormal). Let  $P$  be the orthogonal projection on  $\mathcal{H}^+$ , since  $\mathcal{H}^+$  is reduisant for  $T$ , then  $[A^*, A] = PT^*TP - TPPT^* = P[T^*, T]P$ . Hence  $A$  is hyponormal and  $B$  is co-hyponormal. In the next, we give an illustrative example for the above result.

**Example 1.** *Let  $\{e_n : n \in \mathbb{Z}^2\}$  be an orthonormal system of a complex Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $T$  be the bilateral shift with weights  $(\gamma_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  where  $|\gamma_n| \neq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and defined by  $Te_n = \gamma_n e_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  denotes the set of integers.*

By direct computation, we obtain  $T^*e_n = \overline{\gamma_{n-1}}e_{n-1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and

$$TT^*x = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} |\gamma_n|^2 x_n e_n, \quad T^*Tx = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} |\gamma_{n-1}|^2 x_n e_n$$

Hence

$$[T^*, T]x = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} (|\gamma_n|^2 - |\gamma_{n-1}|^2) x_n e_n, \tag{9}$$

and

$$T^*[T^*, T]Tx = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} (|\gamma_{n+1}|^2 - |\gamma_n|^2)(|\gamma_n|^2) x_n e_n, \tag{10}$$

for all  $x = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} x_n e_n$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  (i.e.,  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} |x_n|^2 < \infty$ ).

Now  $T \in \Phi$  is equivalent to

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} [(|\gamma_{n+1}|^2 - |\gamma_n|^2)(|\gamma_n|^2) - |\gamma_n|^2 + |\gamma_{n-1}|^2]x_n e_n = 0, \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{H}.$$

Hence

$$(|\gamma_{n+1}|^2 - |\gamma_n|^2)(|\gamma_n|^2) - |\gamma_n|^2 + |\gamma_{n-1}|^2 = 0, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Or

$$|\gamma_n|^2 = |\gamma_0|^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} \left(1 - \frac{|\gamma_{k-1}|^2}{|\gamma_k|^2}\right), n \geq 1 \quad (11)$$

$$|\gamma_{-n}|^2 = |\gamma_0|^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} \left(1 - \frac{|\gamma_{-k-1}|^2}{|\gamma_{-k}|^2}\right), n \geq 1. \quad (12)$$

We remark that if  $n$  is sufficiently large, then  $|\gamma_n| > 1$  and so the sums 3.3 and 3.4 are finite, hence we can choose two sequences  $(|\alpha_n|)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(|\beta_n|)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  such that  $(|\alpha_n|)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is increasing and  $(|\beta_n|)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is decreasing defined as follows

$$|\alpha_{-1}| = \frac{1}{2}, |\alpha_0| = \frac{3}{4}, |\beta_{-1}| = \frac{1}{2}, |\beta_0| = \frac{1}{3},$$

The others terms are computed from relations 3.3 and 3.4. The operators  $A$  and  $B$  are the bilateral shifts with weights  $(\alpha_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(\beta_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  respectively. From 3.2, it is easy to check that  $A$  is hyponormal in the  $(\Phi)$  class,  $B$  is co-hyponormal in the  $(\Phi)$  class and  $D$  is injective.

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $T \in \Phi$ . If  $\ker [T^*, T]$  is invariant by  $T^*$ , then  $T = N \oplus A \oplus B$ , where  $N$  is a normal operator,  $A$  is a pur hyponormal operator and  $B$  is a pur co-hyponormal operator.*

**Proof.** Let  $D = [T^*, T]$ , we first remark that  $\ker D$  is invariant by  $T$ , in fact, if  $x \in \ker D$ , then

$$\langle DTx, Tx \rangle = \langle T^* DTx, x \rangle = \langle Dx, x \rangle = 0.$$

By applying theorem 2.1,  $\ker D$  reduces orthogonally  $T$ , consequently we can write  $T$  as  $T = N \oplus L$ , where  $N = T|_{\ker D}$  is normal and  $L = T|_{\overline{\text{ran } U^*}}$  is in  $\Phi$  and in which the commutator is injective. Therefore  $L = A \oplus B$  by proposition 3.1. In the next, we will investigate on the relation between this class and other usual classes of operators.

**Theorem 3.3** *If  $T \in \Phi$  such that  $\ker [T^*, T]$  is invariant by  $T^*$ , then  $r(T) = \|T\|$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $\ker [T^*, T]$  is invariant by  $T^*$ , then  $T = N \oplus A \oplus B$ . In view of [4, Lemma 1],  $\|T\| = \max(\|N\|, \|A\|, \|B\|)$ .

Also From [3],  $r(T) = \max(r(N), r(A), r(B))$ . Since  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(N) \cup \sigma(A) \cup \sigma(B)$ , it follows that  $\|T\| = r(T)$ .

**Definition 3.4**  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is called  $(G_1)$  class operator if

$$\|(T - zI)^{-1}\| = [\text{dist}(z, \sigma(T))]^{-1}, \text{ for all } z \notin \sigma(T).$$

This class includes normal, subnormal and hyponormal operators [5].

**Theorem 3.5** If  $T \in \Phi$  such that  $\ker [T^*, T]$  is invariant by  $T^*$ , then  $T \in G_1$ .

To prove this theorem, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.6** The class  $(G_1)$  operators contains the hyponormal operators and their adjoints.

**Proof.** We known [6] that the hyponormal operators belongs to the class  $(G_1)$ , we have to prove that  $(G_1)$  contains also their adjoints. In fact, let  $B$  be a co-hyponormal operator, then

$$\|(B^* - \lambda I)^{-1}\| = \|(B - \bar{\lambda}I)^{-1}\| = [\text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(B^*))]^{-1}, \text{ for all } \lambda \notin \sigma(B^*).$$

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(B^*)) &= \text{dist}(\lambda, \overline{\sigma(B)}) = \inf_{\mu \in \sigma(B)} |\lambda - \mu| \\ &= \inf_{\bar{\mu} \in \sigma(B)} |\lambda - \mu| = \inf_{\bar{\mu} \in \sigma(B)} |\bar{\lambda} - \mu| \\ &= \text{dist}(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma(B)) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, set  $\zeta = \bar{\lambda}$ , it follows

$$\|(B - \zeta I)^{-1}\| = [\text{dist}(\zeta, \sigma(B))]^{-1}, \text{ for all } \zeta \notin \sigma(B).$$

This completes the proof. If  $T \in \Phi$  such that  $\ker D$  is invariant by  $T^*$ , then by theorem 3.2,  $T$  can be written as  $T = N \oplus A \oplus B$ . From the previous lemma, we have for all  $\lambda \notin \sigma(T)$

$$\begin{aligned} \|(N - \lambda I)^{-1}\| &= [\text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(N))]^{-1} \\ \|(A - \lambda I)^{-1}\| &= [\text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(A))]^{-1} \\ \|(B - \lambda I)^{-1}\| &= [\text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(B))]^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\|(T - \lambda I)\| = \max(\|(N - \lambda I)\|, \|(A - \lambda I)\|, \|(B - \lambda I)\|).$$



Hence

$$\|(T - \lambda I)^{-1}\| = \max(\|(N - \lambda I)^{-1}\|, \|(A - \lambda I)^{-1}\|, \|(B - \lambda I)^{-1}\|).$$

Thus

$$\text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(N)) = \inf_{\mu \in \sigma(N)} |\lambda - \mu| \geq \inf_{\mu \in \sigma(T)} |\lambda - \mu| = \text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(T)).$$

It follows that

$$\|(N - \lambda I)^{-1}\| = [\text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(N))]^{-1} \leq [\text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(T))]^{-1}. \quad (13)$$

The inequality 3.5 is also verified by  $A$  and  $B$ , finally we deduces that

$$\|(T - \lambda I)^{-1}\| \leq [\text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(T))]^{-1}, \text{ for all } \lambda \notin \sigma(T).$$

Since the reverse inequality is trivially verified for all bounded operators, then the proof is complete.

**Corollary 3.7** *If  $T \in \Phi$  such that  $\ker [T^*, T]$  is invariant by  $T^*$ , then  $\text{cov}\sigma(T) = \overline{W(T)}$ .*

**Proof.** In [5] it is shown that if  $T \in G_1$ , then  $\text{cov}\sigma(T) = \overline{W(T)}$ . Thus the result follows from the theorem 3.6.

## 4 Open Problem

The following problems are open till now.

1. What the class  $\Phi$  contains exactly,
2. Is  $T \in \Phi$  with real spectrum self-adjoint.

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