



## SCHATTEN-VON NEUMANN CHARACTERISTIC OF INFINITE TRIDIAGONAL BLOCK OPERATOR MATRICES

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, the boundedness and compactness properties of infinite tridiagonal block operator matrices in the direct sum of Hilbert spaces are studied. The necessary and sufficient conditions for these operators belong to Schatten-von Neumann class are given. Then, the results are supported by applications.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The general theory of singular or characteristic numbers for linear compact operators in Hilbert spaces has been investigated by Gohberg and Krein [11], Pietsch [18], [19]. Schmidt [20] and von Neumann, Schatten [24] have used these important results in the theory of non-selfadjoint integral operators.

Now give one definition.

**Definition 1.** Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space,  $C_\infty(\mathcal{H})$  be a class of linear compact operators in  $\mathcal{H}$ , then  $(A^*A)^{1/2} \in C_\infty(\mathcal{H})$ . The eigenvalues of the operator  $(A^*A)^{1/2}$  are called the  $s$ -numbers of the operator  $A$ . We shall enumerate the nonzero  $s$ -numbers in decreasing order, taking account of their multiplicities, so that

$$s_n(A) = \lambda_n((A^*A)^{1/2}), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

The Schatten-von Neumann operator ideals are defined as

$$C_p(\mathcal{H}) = \left\{ A \in C_\infty(\mathcal{H}) : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^p(A) < \infty \right\}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq \infty$$

(see [11]).

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The traditional tool of computational science is the theory of block matrices. There are many applications related to spectral problems of block operator matrices in [3].

In [8], the traditional infinite direct sum of Hilbert spaces  $H_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is defined as

$$H = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n = \left\{ u = (u_n) : u_n \in H_n, n \geq 1, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|u_n\|_{H_n}^2 < +\infty \right\}.$$

Recall that  $H$  is a Hilbert space with the norm induced by the inner product

$$(u, v)_H = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (u_n, v_n)_{H_n}, \quad u, v \in H.$$

Throughout this paper, we use the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned} (\cdot, \cdot)_H &:= (\cdot, \cdot), \quad \|\cdot\|_H := \|\cdot\| \text{ and} \\ (\cdot, \cdot)_{H_n} &:= (\cdot, \cdot)_n, \quad \|\cdot\|_{H_n} := \|\cdot\|_n, \quad n \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

There are numerous physical problems arising in the modelling of processes of multiparticle quantum mechanics, quantum field theory and the physics of rigid bodies. These problems support to study the theory of linear operators in the direct sum of Hilbert spaces (see [14],[25] and references in them). In addition, they have been widely studied in view of spectral analysis of finite or infinite dimensional real and complex entries special matrices (upper and lower triangular double-band or third-band or Toeplitz types) in sequences spaces  $\omega$ ,  $c$ ,  $c_0$ ,  $bs$ ,  $b\omega_p$ ,  $l_p$  (see [1],[2],[4],[5],[6],[9],[23]).

Some spectral analysis of  $2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3$  types block operator matrices have been studied in [13],[15],[22]. The structure of spectrum of diagonal operator matrices has been obtained in [17]. Furthermore, the compactness property and membership to Schatten-von Neumann classes of diagonal operator matrices in the direct sum of Hilbert spaces have been examined in [12].

In the present paper, we study the compactness properties of infinite tridiagonal block operator matrices in the infinite direct sum of Hilbert spaces. Then, membership to Schatten-von Neumann classes of these type operators is examined. Finally, some examples are provided as an application of our results.

Throughout this paper, sets of linear bounded operators, compact operators, Schatten-von Neumann classes from any Hilbert space  $H_1$  to another Hilbert space  $H_2$  and singular numbers of any compact operator are denoted, respectively, by  $L(H_1, H_2)$ ,  $C_\infty(H_1, H_2)$ ,  $C_p(H_1, H_2)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $s_n(\cdot)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , respectively. If  $H_1 = H_2 = H$ , it is denoted by  $L(H) = L(H, H)$ ,  $C_\infty(H) = C_\infty(H, H)$  and  $C_p(H) = C_p(H, H)$ .

2. BOUNDEDNESS AND COMPACTNESS OF INFINITE TRIDIAGONAL BLOCK OPERATOR MATRICES

In this section, we will investigate the continuity and compactness property of tridiagonal block operator matrices which have the following form

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & B_1 & & & & \\ C_1 & A_2 & B_2 & & & \\ & C_2 & A_3 & B_3 & & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & 0 & & C_{n-1} & A_n & B_n \\ & & & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

on the direct sum  $H = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n$  of Hilbert spaces  $H_n$  in the case  $A_n \in L(H_n)$ ,  $B_n \in L(H_{n+1}, H_n)$  and  $C_n \in L(H_n, H_{n+1})$  for  $n \geq 1$ . The operators  $A, B, C : H \rightarrow H$  are defined as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & & & & & \\ & A_2 & & & & \\ & & A_3 & & & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & 0 & & & A_n & \\ & & & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B_1 & & & & \\ & 0 & B_2 & & & \\ & & 0 & B_3 & & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & 0 & & & 0 & B_n \\ & & & & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & & \\ C_1 & 0 & & & & \\ & C_2 & 0 & & & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & 0 & & C_n & 0 & \\ & & & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

First, let us prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.**  $T \in L(H)$  if and only if

$$\max\{\sup_{n \geq 1} \|A_n\|, \sup_{n \geq 1} \|B_n\|, \sup_{n \geq 1} \|C_n\|\} < \infty.$$

In this case,

$$(\|A\|^2 + \|B\|^2 + \|C\|^2)^{1/2} \leq \|T\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\| + \|C\|.$$

*Proof.* Let  $T \in L(H)$ . Then, we have

$$\|Tx\| \leq \|T\|\|x\|$$

for every  $x \in H$ . Later, in following calculations it will be assumed that  $C_0 = 0$ . One can easily calculate that it holds

$$\|(0, 0, \dots, 0, C_{n-1}x_n, A_nx_n, B_nx_n, 0, \dots)\| \leq \|T\| \|x_n\|_n$$

for each special element  $x = (x_n)$  in the form of

$$x = (x_n) = (0, 0, \dots, 0, x_n, 0, \dots) \in H, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Thus, for any  $n \geq 1$  we get

$$\|C_{n-1}x_n\|_{n-1}^2 + \|A_nx_n\|_n^2 + \|B_nx_n\|_{n+1}^2 \leq \|T\|^2 \|x_n\|_n^2.$$

We also have these inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \|C_{n-1}x_n\|_{n-1} &\leq \|T\| \|x_n\|_n, \\ \|A_nx_n\|_n &\leq \|T\| \|x_n\|_n \text{ and} \\ \|B_nx_n\|_n &\leq \|T\| \|x_n\|_n, \quad n \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|A_n\| \leq \|T\|, \quad \|B_n\| \leq \|T\|, \quad \|C_n\| \leq \|T\|, \quad n \geq 1$$

that is,

$$\max\{\sup_{n \geq 1} \|A_n\|, \sup_{n \geq 1} \|B_n\|, \sup_{n \geq 1} \|C_n\|\} \leq \|T\| < \infty.$$

Conversely, assume that

$$\max\{\sup_{n \geq 1} \|A_n\|, \sup_{n \geq 1} \|B_n\|, \sup_{n \geq 1} \|C_n\|\} < \infty.$$

In this case, for every  $x = (x_n) \in H$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Bx\|^2 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|B_nx_{n+1}\|_n^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|B_n\|^2 \|x_{n+1}\|_{n+1}^2 \\ &\leq \left(\sup_{n \geq 1} \|B_n\|\right)^2 \|x\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\|B\| \leq \sup_{n \geq 1} \|B_n\|.$$

Similarly, one can check that it holds

$$\|C\| \leq \sup_{n \geq 1} \|C_n\|.$$

It is also well-known from [16]

$$\|A\| = \sup_{n \geq 1} \|A_n\|.$$

Consequently,

$$\|T\| \leq \|A + B + C\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\| + \|C\| \leq \sup_{n \geq 1} \|A_n\| + \sup_{n \geq 1} \|B_n\| + \sup_{n \geq 1} \|C_n\|.$$

Hence,  $T \in L(H)$ .

Assume that  $T \in L(H)$ . In this case, we have

$$\|Tx\| \leq \|T\|\|x\|$$

for every  $x \in H$ .

Therefore, for each special elements in form

$$x = (0, 0, \dots, 0, x_n, 0, \dots) \in 0 \oplus 0 \oplus \dots \oplus 0 \oplus H_n \oplus 0 \oplus \dots, \quad n \geq 1$$

we have

$$\|(0, 0, \dots, 0, C_{n-1}x_n, A_n x_n, B_n x_n, 0, \dots)\| \leq \|T\|\|x\|_n.$$

The last inequality implies that

$$\left( \frac{\|C_{n-1}x_n\|_{n-1}^2}{\|x_n\|_n^2} + \frac{\|A_n x_n\|_n^2}{\|x_n\|_n^2} + \frac{\|B_n x_n\|_{n+1}^2}{\|x_n\|_n^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \|T\|, \quad \text{for } x_n \neq 0, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Therefore, we get

$$\left( \left( \sup_{n \geq 1} \|C_n\| \right)^2 + \left( \sup_{n \geq 1} \|A_n\| \right)^2 + \left( \sup_{n \geq 1} \|B_n\| \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \|T\|,$$

that is,

$$(\|A\|^2 + \|B\|^2 + \|C\|^2)^{1/2} \leq \|T\|.$$

So, we have

$$(\|A\|^2 + \|B\|^2 + \|C\|^2)^{1/2} \leq \|T\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\| + \|C\|.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 3.** *In the special and scalar case that*

$$A_n = v_n, \quad C_n = -v_n, \quad B_n = 0,$$

$$H_n = (\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|), \quad n \geq 1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$T : l_1 \rightarrow l_1$$

for the norm of corresponding infinite matrix with real entries, the following equality holds

$$\|T\| = 2 \sup_{k \geq 1} |v_k|.$$

This result has been obtained in [2],[21].

**Remark 4.** *In the case of that*

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= a_n, \quad n \geq 1, \\ B_n &= 0, \quad n \geq 1 \text{ and} \\ C_n &= b_n, \quad n \geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

*some properties boundedness and norm of the corresponding lower triangle double-band infinite matrix in  $l_p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$  have been studied in [1].*

Now, let us prove the following proposition on the compactness of the operator  $T$  in  $H$ .

**Theorem 5.**  *$A, B, C \in C_\infty(H)$  if and only if  $A_n \in C_\infty(H_n)$ ,  $B_n \in C_\infty(H_{n+1}, H_n)$ ,  $C_n \in C_\infty(H_n, H_{n+1})$  for any  $n \geq 1$  and*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A_n\| &= 0, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|B_n\| &= 0, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|C_n\| &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

*respectively.*

*Proof.* The fact that  $A \in C_\infty(H)$  if and only if for any  $n \geq 1$   $A_n \in C_\infty(H_n)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A_n\| = 0$  has been proved in [12].

We prove this assertion for the operator  $C$ . It is clear that if  $C \in C_\infty(H)$ , then for any  $n \geq 1$   $C_n \in C_\infty(H_n, H_{n+1})$ .

Let  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|C_n\| > 0$ . In that case, there exist  $c > 0$  and a sequence  $(k_n) \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\|C_{k_n}\| = \sup \left\{ \frac{\|C_{k_n} u_{k_n}\|_{k_{n+1}}}{\|u_{k_n}\|_{k_n}} : u_{k_n} \in H_{k_n}, u_{k_n} \neq 0, n \geq 1 \right\} \geq c > 0.$$

In this case, we can also pick a sequence  $(u_{k_n}^*) \subset H_{k_n}$  such that

$$\frac{\|C_{k_n} u_{k_n}^*\|_{k_{n+1}}}{\|u_{k_n}^*\|_{k_n}} \geq c, \quad n \geq 1.$$

If we define a subset of  $H$  in the following form

$$M := \left\{ \left( \underbrace{0, 0, \dots, 0}_{k_n - 1}, \frac{u_{k_n}^*}{\|C_{k_n} u_{k_n}^*\|_{k_{n+1}}}, 0, \dots \right) \in H : n \geq 1 \right\},$$

then we get

$$\|u\| \leq \frac{1}{c} < \infty,$$

for every  $u \in M$ , i.e.,  $M$  is a bounded set in  $H$ .

On the other hand, it is clear that

$$CM = \left\{ \left( \underbrace{0, 0, \dots, 0}_{k_n}, \frac{C_{k_n} u_{k_n}^*}{\|C_{k_n} u_{k_n}^*\|_{k_n+1}}, 0, \dots \right) \in H : n \geq 1 \right\}.$$

Let show that the set  $\overline{CM} \subset H$  is not compact. In order to see it, take an arbitrary sequence  $(v_n) \subset \overline{CM}$ . In this case, since  $\|v_n\|_H = 1$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , we obtain for the arbitrary  $m$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ,  $m \neq n$

$$\|v_n - v_m\|^2 = (v_n - v_m, v_n - v_m) = \|v_n\|^2 - (v_n, v_m) - (v_m, v_n) + \|v_m\|^2 = 1 + 1 = 2.$$

Therefore,  $(v_n) \subset \overline{CM}$  can not have a convergent subsequence.

Consequently,

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|C_n\| = 0.$$

That is,

$$\lim_n \|C_n\| = 0.$$

On the contrary, in case when  $C_n \in C_\infty(H_n, H_{n+1})$ ,  $n \geq 1$  and  $\lim_n \|C_n\| = 0$  for the operators sequence

$$K_m : H \rightarrow H,$$

$$K_m = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & & \\ C_1 & 0 & & & & \\ & C_2 & 0 & & & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & C_m & 0 & \\ & 0 & & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad m \geq 1,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(C - K_m)(u)\|^2 &= \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} (C_n u_n, C_n u_n)_{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \|C_n u_n\|_{n+1}^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \|C_n\|^2 \|u_n\|_n^2 \\ &\leq \sup_{n \geq m+1} \|C_n\|^2 \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \|u_n\|_n^2 \\ &\leq \left( \sup_{n \geq m+1} \|C_n\|^2 \right)^2 \|u\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

for every  $u \in H$ .

Furthermore, since  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|C_n\| = 0$ , it is clear that  $(K_m)$  which is a sequence of operator in  $B(H)$  converges to the operator  $C$  in the operator norm. On the other hand, since  $(K_m) \in C_\infty(H)$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , then  $C \in C_\infty(H)$  by the theorem of compact operators theory in [10].

Similarly, it can be proved that  $B \in C_\infty(H)$  if and only if  $B_n \in C_\infty(H_{n+1}, H_n)$ ,  $n \geq 1$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|B_n\| = 0.$$

□

### 3. MEMBERSHIP OF $T$ TO SCHATTEN-VON NEUMANN CLASSES

Firstly, let us prove the following theorem for singular numbers of the operators  $A, B, C$ .

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $A, B, C \in C_\infty(H)$ . Then, for the singular numbers of these operators the followings hold*

$$\begin{aligned} \{s_m(A) : m \geq 1\} &= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{s_k(A_n) : k \geq 1\}, \\ \{s_m(B) : m \geq 1\} &= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{s_k(B_n) : k \geq 1\} \cup \{0\}, \\ \{s_m(C) : m \geq 1\} &= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{s_k(C_n) : k \geq 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* For the diagonal block operator matrix

$$A = \text{diag}(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, \dots) : H \rightarrow H,$$

we get

$$\sqrt{A^*A} = \text{diag} \left( \sqrt{A_1^*A_1}, \sqrt{A_2^*A_2}, \dots, \sqrt{A_n^*A_n}, \dots \right).$$

From [12] we obtain

$$\{s_m(A) : m \geq 1\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{s_k(A_n) : k \geq 1\}.$$

On the other hand, one can easily check that

$$\sqrt{B^*B} = \text{diag} \left( 0, \sqrt{B_1^*B_1}, \sqrt{B_2^*B_2}, \dots, \sqrt{B_{n-1}^*B_{n-1}}, \dots \right) : H \rightarrow H.$$

From [12] we have

$$\{s_m(B) : m \geq 1\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{s_k(B_n) : k \geq 1\} \cup \{0\}.$$

Similarly,

$$\sqrt{C^*C} = \text{diag} \left( \sqrt{C_1^*C_1}, \sqrt{C_2^*C_2}, \dots, \sqrt{C_n^*C_n}, \dots \right) : H \rightarrow H.$$

From [12] we get

$$\{s_m(C) : m \geq 1\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{s_k(C_n) : k \geq 1\}.$$

□

We can present the following results by using of Theorem 6 and [12].

**Corollary 7.** *If  $A, B, C \in C_p(H)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , then for every  $n \geq 1$ ,  $A_n \in C_p(H_n)$ ,  $B_n \in C_p(H_{n+1}, H_n)$  and  $C_n \in C_p(H_n, H_{n+1})$ , respectively .*

*Proof.* Since  $A \in C_p(H)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the series  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} s_m^p(A)$  is convergent. By the following inequality

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s_k^p(A_n) \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} s_m^p(A), \quad n \geq 1$$

one can see that the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s_k^p(A_n)$  is also convergent. Then, for every  $n \geq 1$ ,  $A_n \in C_p(H_n)$ .

Similarly, we can prove that if  $B, C \in C_p(H)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , then for every  $n \geq 1$ ,  $B_n \in C_p(H_{n+1}, H_n)$ ,  $C_n \in C_p(H_n, H_{n+1})$ , respectively. □

In the similar way, we can obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 8.**  *$A, B, C \in C_p(H)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$  if and only if the series  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_m^p(A_n)$ ,  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_m^p(B_n)$  and  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_m^p(C_n)$  are convergent, respectively.*

Note that in the case  $B_n = C_n = 0$ ,  $n \geq 1$  the analogous problems have been investigated in Theorem 3.1, Theorem 3.2, Corollary 3.3 and Corollary 3.4 by [12]. Now, we can give the main result of this section.

**Theorem 9.** *If  $A \in C_p(H)$ ,  $B \in C_q(H)$  and  $C \in C_r(H)$ ,  $1 \leq p, q, r < \infty$ , then  $T \in C_{\alpha}(H)$ ,  $\alpha = \max(p, q, r)$ . In this case,*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^{\alpha}(T) \leq 4^{\alpha} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s_n^{\alpha}(A) + s_n^{\alpha}(B) + s_n^{\alpha}(C)).$$

*Proof.* First, assume that

$$\sup_{n \geq 1} \|A_n\| \leq 1, \quad \sup_{n \geq 1} \|B_n\| \leq 1, \quad \sup_{n \geq 1} \|C_n\| \leq 1.$$

In this case, by a well-known property of singular numbers for every  $n \geq 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_{3n-2}^\alpha(T) &= s_{3n-2}^\alpha(A + B + C) \\
 &\leq (s_{2n-1}(A + B) + s_n(C))^\alpha \\
 &\leq 2^\alpha (s_{2n-1}^\alpha(A + B) + s_n^\alpha(C)) \\
 &\leq 2^\alpha ((s_n(A) + s_n(B))^\alpha + s_n^\alpha(C)) \\
 &\leq 2^\alpha (2^\alpha (s_n^\alpha(A) + s_n^\alpha(B)) + s_n^\alpha(C)) \\
 &= 4^\alpha s_n^\alpha(A) + 4^\alpha s_n^\alpha(B) + 2^\alpha s_n^\alpha(C) \\
 &\leq 4^\alpha s_n^p(A) + 4^\alpha s_n^q(B) + 2^\alpha s_n^r(C),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_{3n-1}^\alpha(T) &= s_{3n-1}^\alpha(A + B + C) \\
 &\leq (s_{2n}(A + B) + s_n(C))^\alpha \\
 &\leq 2^\alpha (s_{2n}^\alpha(A + B) + s_n^\alpha(C)) \\
 &\leq 2^\alpha (s_{n+1}(A) + s_n(B))^\alpha + 2^\alpha s_n^\alpha(C) \\
 &\leq 2^\alpha (2^\alpha (s_{n+1}^\alpha(A) + s_n^\alpha(B)) + 2^\alpha s_n^\alpha(C)) \\
 &= 4^\alpha s_{n+1}^\alpha(A) + 4^\alpha s_n^\alpha(B) + 2^\alpha s_n^\alpha(C) \\
 &\leq 4^\alpha s_{n+1}^p(A) + 4^\alpha s_n^q(B) + 2^\alpha s_n^r(C)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_{3n}^\alpha(T) &= s_{(3n+1)-1}^\alpha(T) \\
 &\leq (s_{2n+1}(A + B) + s_n(C))^\alpha \\
 &\leq 2^\alpha ((s_{n+1}(A) + s_{n+1}(B))^\alpha + s_n^\alpha(C)) \\
 &\leq 4^\alpha s_{n+1}^\alpha(A) + 4^\alpha s_{n+1}^\alpha(B) + 2^\alpha s_n^\alpha(C) \\
 &\leq 4^\alpha s_{n+1}^p(A) + 4^\alpha s_{n+1}^q(B) + 2^\alpha s_n^r(C).
 \end{aligned}$$

From these inequalities and convergence of series  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty s_n^p(A)$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty s_n^q(B)$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty s_n^r(C)$ , we have that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty s_{3n-2}^\alpha(T), \sum_{n=1}^\infty s_{3n-1}^\alpha(T) \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^\infty s_{3n}^\alpha(T)$$

are convergent. Consequently, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty s_n^\alpha(T)$  is convergent. This means that  $T \in C_\alpha(H)$ .

Now, consider the general case of operator  $T$ . In this case, for

$$S = kT,$$

where

$$k = \frac{1}{1 + c}, \quad c = \max\{\sup_{n \geq 1} \|A_n\|, \sup_{n \geq 1} \|B_n\|, \sup_{n \geq 1} \|C_n\|\},$$

one can obtain that

$$\|S\| = k\|T\| \leq k \max\{\sup_{n \geq 1} \|A_n\|, \sup_{n \geq 1} \|B_n\|, \sup_{n \geq 1} \|C_n\|\} = \frac{c}{1+c} \leq 1.$$

According to above derived arguments

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^\alpha(S) \leq 4^\alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s_n^\alpha(kA) + s_n^\alpha(kB) + s_n^\alpha(kC)).$$

That is,

$$k^\alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^\alpha(T) \leq 4^\alpha k^\alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s_n^\alpha(A) + s_n^\alpha(B) + s_n^\alpha(C)).$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^\alpha(T) \leq 4^\alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s_n^\alpha(A) + s_n^\alpha(B) + s_n^\alpha(C)).$$

□

Similarly, the following result can be proved.

**Theorem 10.** *If for every  $n \geq 1$ ,  $A_n = A_n^*$ ,  $C_n = B_n^*$  and  $A \in C_p(H)$ ,  $B + C \in C_q(H)$ ,  $1 \leq p, q < \infty$ , then*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_n(T)|^\alpha \leq 2^\alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|\lambda_n(A)|^\alpha + |\lambda_n(B + C)|^\alpha),$$

where  $\alpha = \max(p, q)$ .

**Remark 11.** *In the case of that  $A_n = B_n = 0$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ,  $T \in C_\infty(H)$  (i.e.  $\lim_n \|C_n\| = 0$ ), the spectrum and the singular numbers of the operator  $T$  are following forms*

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(T) &= \sigma_r(T) = \{0\}, \\ \{s_m(T) : m \geq 1\} &= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{s_k(C_n) : k \geq 1\}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively.

*In this situation, the spectral radius  $r_\sigma(T)$  satisfies the following important inequality*

$$r_\sigma(T) = 0 < \|T\|$$

(see [7]).

**Remark 12.** Using this method, the membership to Schatten-von Neumann classes of the following operator

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1m} & & \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & & A_{2m+1} & \\ & & \ddots & & \ddots & \\ A_{k1} & & & A_{kk} & & A_{km+1} \\ & \ddots & & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} : H = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n \rightarrow H$$

can be studied.

#### 4. EXAMPLES

In this section, we provide some examples as applications of our theorem.

**Example 13.** In the direct sum  $H = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n$ ,  $H_n = (\mathbb{C}, |\cdot|)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , consider the following tridiagonal infinite matrix with complex entries in form

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & & & & \\ c_1 & a_2 & b_2 & & & \\ & c_2 & a_3 & b_3 & & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & c_{n-1} & a_n & b_n \\ & & & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} : H \rightarrow H$$

under the condition  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = 0$ . In this case,  $T \in C_{\infty}(H)$  and if for every  $n \geq 1$

$$A_n := a_n, B_n := b_n, C_n := c_n,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} s_m(A_n) &= |\lambda_m(A_n)| = |a_n|, \\ s_m(B_n) &= |\lambda_m(B_n)| = |b_n| \text{ and} \\ s_m(C_n) &= |\lambda_m(C_n)| = |c_n|, \quad n, m \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the singular number of operators  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  are given in the following

$$\begin{aligned} \{s_m(A) : m \geq 1\} &= \{|a_n| : n \geq 1\}, \\ \{s_m(B) : m \geq 1\} &= \{|b_n| : n \geq 1\} \text{ and} \\ \{s_m(C) : m \geq 1\} &= \{|c_n| : n \geq 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

If

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|^p < \infty, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n|^q < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n|^r < \infty, \quad 1 \leq p, r, q < \infty,$$

then

$$T \in C_\alpha(l_2), \alpha = \max(p, q, r).$$

Moreover, we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty s_n^\alpha(T) \leq 4^\alpha \sum_{n=1}^\infty (|a_n|^\alpha + |b_n|^\alpha + |c_n|^\alpha).$$

**Example 14.** Let for  $n \geq 1$   $H_n = (\mathbb{C}^2, |\cdot|_2)$ ,

$$A_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha^n \\ \alpha^{n+1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \beta^n \\ \beta^{n+1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } C_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \gamma^n \\ \gamma^{n+1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

under the condition that  $0 \leq |\alpha|, |\beta|, |\gamma| < 1$ .

Consider the following tridiagonal infinite block operator matrix with  $2 \times 2$  order

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & B_1 & & & & & \\ C_1 & A_2 & B_2 & & & & \\ & C_2 & A_3 & B_3 & & & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & & C_{n-1} & A_n & B_n & \\ & & & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} : H \rightarrow H$$

on the direct sum

$$H = \bigoplus_{n=1}^\infty H_n.$$

Then  $T \in C_\infty(H)$ . Moreover, we have

$$\|A_n\| = |\alpha|^n, \|B_n\| = |\beta|^n, \|C_n\| = |\gamma|^n, n \geq 1$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \{s_m(A) : m \geq 1\} &= \{|\alpha|^n, |\alpha|^{n+1} : n \geq 1\}, \\ \{s_m(B) : m \geq 1\} &= \{|\beta|^n, |\beta|^{n+1} : n \geq 1\}, \\ \{s_m(C) : m \geq 1\} &= \{|\gamma|^n, |\gamma|^{n+1} : n \geq 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

In this case, since  $\sum_{m=1}^\infty s_m^p(A) \leq 2 \sum_{n=1}^\infty |\alpha|^{np} < \infty$ ,  $\sum_{m=1}^\infty s_m^p(B) \leq 2 \sum_{n=1}^\infty |\beta|^{np} < \infty$  and  $\sum_{m=1}^\infty s_m^p(C) \leq 2 \sum_{n=1}^\infty |\gamma|^{np} < \infty$ ,  $T \in C_p(H)$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty s_n^p(T) \leq 2 \sum_{n=1}^\infty (|\alpha|^n + |\beta|^n + |\gamma|^n)$ , for any  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

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