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# Basic properties of certain class of non normal operators

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### Abstract

Some properties of  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal are established in this paper. The ascent and an extension of the well-known Fuglede Putnam's Theorem for such operators as well as other related results are also presented, which complete some results given in [7, 12].

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an infinite dimensional complex separable Hilbert space, and let  $B(\mathcal{H})$  be the Banach algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Denote by  $N(T)$  and  $R(T)$  respectively, for the null space and the range of an operator  $T$  in  $B(\mathcal{H})$ . Operators  $T, S \in B(\mathcal{H})$  are said to be intertwined by an operator  $X \in B(\mathcal{H})$  if  $TX = XS$ . The familiar Fuglede-Putnam's Theorem asserts that if  $X \in B(\mathcal{H})$  intertwines two normal operators  $T, S \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , then  $X$  intertwines their adjoints  $T^*$  and  $S^*$  too. Several extensions of this result for other classes of non normal operators have been studied by other authors, see [3],[5],[8] and [9]. An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be dominant if  $R(T - \lambda) \subset R(T - \lambda)^*$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , [10],  $M$ -hyponormal if there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $M(T - \lambda)^*(T - \lambda) \geq (T - \lambda)(T - \lambda)^*$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , [2]. A 1-hyponormal operator is hyponormal. The operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal for a positive integer  $k$ , if there exists  $M > 0$  such that

$$T^{*k}(M(T - \lambda)^*(T - \lambda))T^k \geq T^{*k}(T - \lambda)(T - \lambda)^*T^k$$

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for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , [7, 12, 13].

This definition is equivalent to

$$\left\| \sqrt{M}(T - \lambda)T^k x \right\| \geq \left\| (T - \lambda)^* T^k x \right\|$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ . If  $k = 1$ ,  $T$  is said to be quasi- $M$ -hyponormal. Clearly,

$$M\text{-hyponormal} \subset \text{quasi-}M\text{-hyponormal} \subset k\text{-quasi-}M\text{-hyponormal}$$

**Example 1.1.** [13] The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is a 2-quasi- $M$ -hyponormal but not  $M$ -hyponormal.

Properties of this class of operators have been presented in [7, 12]. In this paper, we add some complement results. We give the ascent of  $T - \lambda$  where  $T$  is an element of such class for every complex scalar  $\lambda$ . We present an extension of the well-known Fuglede-Putnam’s Theorem for  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal operators. The SVEP, Bishop’s and Dunford’s properties are also established.

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal operator. If  $T$  has dense range, then  $T$  is  $M$ -hyponormal.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ . Since  $\overline{R(T)} = \mathcal{H}$ , there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_n$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T x_n$ . By continuity of  $T$ , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T^k x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T^{k-1} T x_n = T^{k-1} x$$

Since  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal,

$$\left\| \sqrt{M}(T - \lambda)T^k x_n \right\| \geq \left\| (T - \lambda)^* T^k x_n \right\|$$

for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sqrt{M}(T - \lambda)T^{k-1} x \right\| &= \left\| \sqrt{M} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T - \lambda)T^k x_n \right\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sqrt{M}(T - \lambda)T^k x_n \right\| \\ &\geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| (T - \lambda)^* T^k x_n \right\| \\ &= \left\| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T - \lambda)^* T^k x_n \right\| \\ &= \left\| (T - \lambda)^* T^{k-1} x \right\| \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T$  is  $(k - 1)$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal. Since  $T$  has dense range,  $T$  is  $(k - 2)$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal. By iteration,  $T$  is  $M$ -hyponormal. □

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $T$  be a nonzero  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal operator, but not an  $M$ -hyponormal. Then  $T$  admits at least, a non trivial closed invariant subspace.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $T$  has no non trivial closed invariant subspace. Since  $T \neq 0$ ,  $N(T) \neq \mathcal{H}$  and  $\overline{R(T)} \neq \{0\}$  are closed invariant subspaces for  $T$ . Thus, necessarily,  $N(T) = \{0\}$  and  $\overline{R(T)} = \mathcal{H}$ . By Theorem 2.1,  $T$  is  $M$ -hyponormal operator, which contradicts the hypothesis. □

**Definition 2.1.** [1] For  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , the smallest integer  $m$  such that  $N(T^m) = N(T^{m+1})$  is said to be the ascent (length of the null chain) of  $T$ , and is denoted by  $\alpha(T)$ . If such integer does not exist, we shall write  $\alpha(T) = \infty$ .

**Example 2.1.** Since an  $M$ -hyponormal operator is dominant, and according to [9, Lemma 2.1],  $\alpha(T) = 1$  for an  $M$ -hyponormal operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [1] The smallest integer  $m$  such that  $R(T^m) = R(T^{m+1})$  is said to be the descent (length of the range chain) of  $T$ , and is denoted by  $\delta(T)$ . If no such integer exists, we set  $\delta(T) = \infty$ .

According to [1],  $\alpha(T) = \delta(T)$  whenever  $\alpha(T)$  and  $\delta(T)$  are both finite.

In [13], F. Zuo and H. Zuo showed that  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal operators have finite ascent. Now, we give the value of this ascent for all complex scalar  $\lambda$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $T$  be a  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal operator. Then :

- (1)  $N(T^k) = N(T^{k+1})$
- (2)  $N((T - \lambda)^2) = N(T - \lambda)$ , for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \lambda \neq 0$ .

Or equivalent,  $\alpha(T) = k$  and  $\alpha(T - \lambda) = 1$ ,

*Proof.* (1). It is enough to show that  $N(T)^{k+1} \subset N(T)^k$  since clearly  $N((T)^k) \subset N(T)^{k+1}$ . Let  $x$  be in  $N(T^{k+1})$ . Then  $T^{k+1}x = 0$ . Since  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal, there exists  $M > 0$  such that

$$0 = \left\| \sqrt{M}T^{k+1}x \right\| \geq \left\| T^*T^kx \right\|$$

So,  $x \in N(T^*T^k)$ . Thus, for all  $z \in \mathcal{H}$

$$\langle T^*T^kx, z \rangle = 0$$

i.e.,

$$\langle T^kx, Tz \rangle = 0$$

for all  $z \in H$ . Therefore,  $T^kx \in R(T)^\perp$ . Since  $R(T^k) \subset R(T)$ ,

$$T^kx \in R(T^k)^\perp \cap R(T^k) = \{0\}$$

and so  $x \in N(T^k)$ .

(2). Let  $x \in N((T - \lambda)^2)$ . Since  $N(T - \lambda) \subseteq N(T - \lambda)^*$  by [13, Lemma 2.2],  $N(T - \lambda)$  reduces  $(T - \lambda)$ . Hence, according to the decomposition

$$\mathcal{H} = (N(T - \lambda))^\perp \oplus N(T - \lambda)$$

we can write  $x = x_1 + x_2$ , where  $x_1 \in (N(T - \lambda))^\perp$  and  $x_2 \in N(T - \lambda)$ . It follows that

$$(T - \lambda)^2x = 0 = (T - \lambda)^2x_1 = (T - \lambda)((T - \lambda)x_1)$$

Thus,  $(T - \lambda)x_1 \in N(T - \lambda)$  and  $(T - \lambda)x_1 \in (N(T - \lambda))^\perp$ . Therefore,  $(T - \lambda)x_1 = 0$ , and then  $x_1 \in N(T - \lambda)$ . So  $x_1 = 0$ . Finally,  $x = x_2 \in N(T - \lambda)$ . □

**Definition 2.3.** [1] For an operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , the local resolvent set of  $T$  at  $x$  denoted by  $\rho_T(x)$ , is defined to consist of complex elements  $z_0$  such that there exists an analytic function  $f(z)$  defined in a neighborhood of  $z_0$ , with values in  $\mathcal{H}$ , for which  $(T - z)f(z) = x$ . The set  $\sigma_T(x) = \mathbb{C} \setminus \rho_T(x)$  is called the local spectrum of  $T$  at  $x$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [1] For every subset  $F$  of  $\mathbb{C}$ , we define the local spectral subspace of  $T$  by  $\mathcal{H}_T(F) = \{x \in \mathcal{H} : \sigma_T(x) \subset F\}$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [1] An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to have Dunford’s property (C) if  $\mathcal{H}_T(F)$  is closed for each closed subset  $F$  of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [1] An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be polaroid, if every isolated point of the spectrum  $\sigma(T)$  of  $T$  is a pole of the resolvent of  $T$ , or equivalent, if  $\lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$ , then  $\alpha(T - \lambda)$  and  $\delta(T - \lambda)$  are finite.

**Definition 2.7.** [1]  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to have Bishop’s property ( $\beta$ ) if for each open subset  $U \subset \mathbb{C}$  and every sequence of analytic functions  $f_n : U \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  for which  $(T - \lambda)f_n(\lambda) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  locally uniformly on each compact subset of  $U$ ,  $f_n(\lambda) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  again locally uniformly on  $U$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [1] An operator  $T$  in  $B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to have the single valued extension property, briefly SVEP at a complex number  $\alpha$ , if for each open neighborhood  $V$  of  $\alpha$ , the operator  $(T - \lambda)$  is one-to-one for all  $\lambda \in V$ .

If furthermore,  $T$  has SVEP at every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $T$  is said to have SVEP.

According to [1],

$$\text{Bishop’s property } (\beta) \Rightarrow \text{Dunford’s property } (C) \Rightarrow \text{SVEP} \tag{1}$$

F. Zuo and S. Mecheri in [12] proved that  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal operators have Bishop’s property ( $\beta$ ). Using this result, we present in the sequel, an extension of the Fuglede-Putnam’s Theorem for such type of operators. We’ve then

**Proposition 2.1.** The Fuglede-Putnam’s Theorem holds for  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal operators  $T$  and  $S^*$  in  $B(\mathcal{H})$ .

*Proof.* Operators  $T$  and  $S^*$  are reduced by their eigenspaces according to [13, Theorem 5], polaroid and having Bishop’s property by [12]. Thus, our result holds by [6, Theorem 2.4].  $\square$

**Lemma 2.1.** [11] Let  $T$  in  $B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $S$  in  $B(\mathcal{K})$ . Then, the following assertions are equivalent :

- (1) The pair  $(T, S)$  satisfies the Fuglede-Putnam’s Theorem.
- (2) If  $TX = XS$  for some  $X$  in  $B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ , then  $\overline{R(X)}$  reduces  $T$ ,  $(N(X))^\perp$  reduces  $S$ , and the restrictions  $T|_{\overline{R(X)}}$ ,  $S|(N(X))^\perp$  are unitarily equivalent normal operators.

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a pure  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal operator, and let  $S^* \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal. Then, equation  $TX = XS$  implies  $X = 0$ .

*Proof.* Equations  $TX = XS$  and  $T^*X = XS^*$  hold by the previous Proposition. Hence, restrictions  $T|_{\overline{R(X)}}$ ,  $S|(N(X))^\perp$  are unitarily equivalent normal operators by Lemma 2.1. Since  $T$  is pure,  $X = 0$  necessarily.  $\square$

**Definition 2.9.** An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be bounded below if there exists  $c > 0$  such that  $\|x\| \leq c\|Tx\|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Note that such operator is one-to-one. We've then

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a  $k$ -quasi- $M$ -hyponormal operator, and let  $S \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be such that the pair  $(T, S)$  satisfies the Fuglede-Putnam's Theorem. If  $X \in B(\mathcal{H})$  intertwines  $T$  and  $S$ , then :

- (i) If  $X$  is one-to-one, then  $S$  has SVEP.
- (ii) If  $X$  is an isometry, then  $S$  has Dunford's property (C).
- (iii) If  $X$  is bounded below, then  $S$  has Bishop's property ( $\beta$ ).

*Proof.* Since  $T$  has Bishop's property ( $\beta$ ) by [7],  $T$  has SVEP and Dunford's property (C) by (1). Thus, assertions (ii), (i) and (iii) hold by [4, Theorem 2.8].  $\square$

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