



Quasi-Fredholm Spectrum for Operator Matrices

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Abstract. For $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$ and $C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$ we denote by M_C the operator matrix defined on $X \oplus Y$ by $M_C = \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$. In this paper, we prove that

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) \subseteq \bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \cup \sigma_p(B) \cup \sigma_p(A^*),$$

where $\sigma_{qF}(\cdot)$ (resp. $\sigma_p(\cdot)$) denotes the quasi-Fredholm spectrum (resp. the point spectrum). Furthermore, we consider some sufficient conditions for M_C to be quasi-Fredholm and sufficient conditions to have

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) = \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C).$$

1. Introduction

Let X and Y denote infinite dimensional complex Banach spaces and $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ denotes the set of all bounded linear operators from X into Y . If $X = Y$ we write $\mathcal{L}(X)$ instead of $\mathcal{L}(X, X)$. For $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, we denote by $N(T)$ the kernel of T , by $R(T)$ the range of T and by $\sigma_p(T)$ the point spectrum of T .

An operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ is called quasi-nilpotent if and only if, for all $x \in X$, $\limsup_n \|T^n x\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0$, so $\sigma(T) = \{0\}$.

Recall that the degree of stable iteration is the quantity $dis(T) = \inf \Delta(T)$ (with $dis(T) = +\infty$, if $\Delta(T) = \emptyset$) such that

$$\Delta(T) = \{n \in \mathbb{N}; \forall m \in \mathbb{N}, m \geq n \implies R(T^m) \cap N(T) = R(T^n) \cap N(T)\}.$$

In 1980, Labrousse was the first to introduce the class of quasi-Fredholm operators [3] in the case of Hilbert spaces. In 1996, M. Mbekhta and V. Müller [6] generalized this class to Banach spaces. An operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ is called quasi-Fredholm if $dis(T) = d \in \mathbb{N}$, and for all $n \geq d$, $R(T) + N(T^n)$ and $R(T^n)$ are closed in X . We

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denote by $qF(d)$ the class of quasi-Fredholm operators of degree d . An operator is quasi-Fredholm if it is quasi-Fredholm of some degree d . We denote by $qF(X)$ the set of all quasi-Fredholm operators on X .

Note that if $dis(T) = d$, we have: $R(T) + N(T^n)$ and $R(T^n)$ are closed in X , for all $n \geq d$, if and only if for all $n \geq d$, $R(T^n)$ is closed in X if and only if $R(T^{d+1})$ is closed in X (see [7, proposition 3]). For every bounded operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, let us define the quasi-Fredholm spectrum as follows :

$$\sigma_{qF}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, T - \lambda I \text{ is not quasi-Fredholm}\}.$$

Recall that $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ is called semi-regular if $R(T)$ is closed and $dis(T) = 0$.

An operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ is called of Kato type if there exists a pair of T -invariant closed subspaces (M, N) such that $X = M \oplus N$, $T|_M$ is semi-regular and $T|_N$ is nilpotent. A classic result from Labrousse [5] states that, in the case of Hilbert spaces, the set of quasi-Fredholm operators coincides with the set of Kato type operators.

Let's consider the upper triangular operator matrix M_C defined on $X \oplus Y$ by :

$$M_C = \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix},$$

with $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$ and $C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$. The spectra and related problems of M_C are extensively studied. In general, the upper triangular operator matrix does not conserve the properties of their diagonal elements. For example, in [3] the authors gave an example which show that this equality

$$\sigma(M_C) = \sigma(A) \cup \sigma(B), \text{ for arbitrary } C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X),$$

is not always true. So, an obvious question arises: Under what conditions, on A and B , we will have equality? Serval articles have given answers to this question. For example, in [4] an answer is given by: $\sigma(A) \cap \sigma(B)$ has no interior points. This has prompted many authors to carry out similar studies concerning the perturbations of others spectra of upper triangular operator matrices, see for instance [2],[8], [9] and [10]. In their article [2], M. Barraa and M. Boumazgour established some results, on Hilbert spaces, concerning the spectrum associate to Kato-essential operators. Recall that any Kato-essential operator is a quasi-Fredholm operator of degree 0.

In this paper, we obtain some results concerning the perturbation of the quasi-Fredholm spectrum of M_C in the case of Banach spaces. This leads us to study the behavior of upper triangular operator matrices with powers.

2. Main results

We start by the following lemmas which will be needed in the sequel.

Lemma 2.1. *Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$ and $C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n \geq 2$. We have*

$$M_C^n = \begin{pmatrix} A^n & \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A^{n-1-k}CB^k \\ 0 & B^n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proof. By induction. \square

Lemma 2.2. *Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$ and $C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. We Have*

1. $x \in N(A^n) \iff x \oplus 0 \in N(M_C^n)$, for all $x \in X$.
2. If B is injective, then for all $x \in X$ we have

$$x \in R(A^n) \iff x \oplus 0 \in R(M_C^n).$$

3. If B is injective, then for all $x \oplus y \in X \oplus Y$ we have

$$x \oplus y \in R(M_C^n) \cap N(M_C) \iff x \in R(A^n) \cap N(A) \text{ and } y = 0.$$

Proof. 1. Let $x \in N(A^n)$, then $A^n x = 0$. Then

$$\begin{cases} A^n x + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A^{n-1-k} C B^k 0 = 0 \\ B^n 0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence $x \oplus 0 \in N(M_C^n)$. The other implication is obvious.

2. Let $x \in R(A^n)$, then there exists $z \in X$ such that $A^n z = x$. Then

$$\begin{cases} A^n z + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A^{n-1-k} C B^k 0 = x \\ B^n 0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence $x \oplus 0 \in R(M_C^n)$.

If $x \oplus 0 \in R(M_C^n)$, then there exists $z \in X$ and $t \in Y$ such that

$$\begin{cases} A^n z + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A^{n-1-k} C B^k t = x \\ B^n t = 0 \end{cases}$$

Since B is injective, $t = 0$. Indeed $B^n t = B(B^{n-1})t = 0 \implies B^{n-1}t = B(B^{n-2})t = 0 \implies \dots \implies B^2 t = B(Bt) = 0 \implies Bt = 0 \implies t = 0$. Hence $A^n z + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A^{n-1-k} C B^k 0 = A^n z = x$, it follows that $x \in R(A^n)$.

3. Let $x \oplus y \in R(M_C^n) \cap N(M_C)$. Then there exists $z \oplus t \in X \oplus Y$, such that

$$\begin{cases} A^n z + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A^{n-1-k} C B^k t = x \\ B^n t = y \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} Ax + Cy = 0 \\ By = 0 \end{cases}$$

Since B is injective, $y = t = 0$. Hence:

$$\begin{cases} A^n z = x \\ y = 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence $x \in R(A^n) \cap N(A)$ and $y = 0$.

From 1 and 2, it is easy to see the reciprocal implication.

□

Theorem 2.3. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$, $C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$ and $d \in \mathbb{N}$. If B is injective and $M_C \in qF(d)$, then $A \in qF(d)$.

Proof. Let $n \geq d$ and $x \in R(A^d) \cap N(A)$.

From lemma 2.2, we have $x \oplus 0 \in R(M_C^d) \cap N(M_C)$.

Since $dis(M_C) = d$, we have $x \oplus 0 \in R(M_C^n) \cap N(M_C)$. Hence, by lemma 2.2, $x \in R(A^n) \cap N(A)$. Hence $dis(A) \leq d$.

Suppose that $dis(A) = p < d$. Let $x \oplus y \in R(M_C^p) \cap N(M_C)$. From lemma 2.2, we have $x \in R(A^p) \cap N(A)$ and $y = 0$. Then $x \in R(A^d) \cap N(A)$ and $y = 0$. Then, by lemma 2.2, $x \oplus y \in R(M_C^d) \cap N(M_C)$, which is absurd because $dis(M_C) = d > p$. Hence $dis(A) = d$.

Let $n \geq d$ and $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq R(A^n)$ such that $x_k \rightarrow x$ when $k \rightarrow +\infty$.

By lemma 2.2, we have $(x_k \oplus 0)_k \subseteq R(M_C^n)$ and $x_k \oplus 0 \rightarrow x \oplus 0$ when $k \rightarrow +\infty$. Since $R(M_C^n)$ is closed, $(x \oplus 0) \in R(M_C^n)$. Then, by lemma 2.2, $x \in R(A^n)$. Hence $R(A^n)$ is closed in X .

Let $n \geq d$ and $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq R(A) + N(A^n)$ such that $x_k \rightarrow x$ when $k \rightarrow +\infty$. Then, for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $x_k = x_{k,1} + x_{k,2}$ such that $x_{k,1} \in R(A)$ and $x_{k,2} \in N(A^n)$. Hence, by lemma 2.2, we have $x_{k,1} \oplus 0 \in R(M_C)$ and $x_{k,2} \oplus 0 \in N(M_C^n)$, for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $(x_{k,1} \oplus 0) + (x_{k,2} \oplus 0) = x_k \oplus 0 \in R(M_C) + N(M_C^n)$, for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $R(M_C) + N(M_C^n)$ is closed, $x \oplus 0 \in R(M_C) + N(M_C^n)$. Then $x \oplus 0 = (x_1 \oplus 0) + (x_2 \oplus 0)$ such that $x_1 \oplus 0 \in R(M_C)$ and $x_2 \oplus 0 \in N(M_C^d)$. Since B is injective, the lemma 2.2 assures that $x_1 \in R(A)$ and $x_2 \in N(A^n)$. Hence $x = x_1 + x_2 \in R(A) + N(A^n)$. Thus $R(A) + N(A^n)$ is closed.

Therefore $A \in qF(d)$.

□

Corollary 2.4. Let H and K be two Hilbert spaces. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(H)$, $B \in \mathcal{L}(K)$, $C \in \mathcal{L}(H, K)$ and $d \in \mathbb{N}$. If A^* is injective and $M_C \in qF(d)$, then $B \in qF(d)$.

Proof. We have

$$M_C^* = \begin{pmatrix} A^* & 0 \\ C^* & B^* \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since $M_C \in qF(d)$, $M_C^* \in qF(d)$ (See [1]). Hence, by following the same procedure as in the proof of theorem 2.3, we will have $B^* \in qF(d)$. Then $B \in qF(d)$. \square

Corollary 2.5. *Let H and K be two Hilbert spaces. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(H)$, $B \in \mathcal{L}(K)$. We have*

$$\sigma_{qF}(B) \cup \sigma_{qF}(A) \subseteq \bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{L}(K,H)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \cup \sigma_p(B) \cup \sigma_p(A^*).$$

Proof. Firstly, let $\lambda \in \rho_p(B) \cap \rho_{qF}(M_C)$. The theorem 2.3 entails $\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(A)$. Hence

$$\rho_p(B) \cap \rho_{qF}(M_C) \subseteq \rho_{qF}(A).$$

Thus $\sigma_{qF}(A) \subseteq \sigma_p(B) \cup \sigma_{qF}(M_C)$.

Secondly, let $\lambda \in \rho_p(A^*) \cap \rho_{qF}(M_C)$. The corollary 2.4 (ii) entails $\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(B)$. Hence

$$\rho_p(A^*) \cap \rho_{qF}(M_C) \subseteq \rho_{qF}(B).$$

Hence $\sigma_{qF}(B) \subseteq \sigma_p(A^*) \cup \sigma_{qF}(M_C)$. Therefore

$$\sigma_{qF}(B) \cup \sigma_{qF}(A) \subseteq \bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{L}(K,H)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \cup \sigma_p(B) \cup \sigma_p(A^*).$$

\square

Example 2.6. *Let $X = Y = l^2(\mathbb{N})$. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(l^2(\mathbb{N}))$ defined by $Ax = A(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (x_1, 0, 0, \dots)$. Let $T : l^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow l^2(\mathbb{N})$ such that $Tx = T(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (x_1, \frac{x_2}{2}, \frac{x_3}{3}, \dots)$. Let $B = C = T$.*

It is easy to see that T is injective.

We have $\text{dis}(A) = 1$ (Indeed, we have $R(A^0) \cap N(A) = R(I) \cap N(A) = X \cap N(A) = N(A) = \text{vect}(e_2, e_3, \dots)$ and, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^$, $A^n(x) = (x_1, 0, 0, \dots)$, then $R(A^n) \cap N(A) = 0$, thus $\text{dis}(A) = 1$) and $\dim(R(A^n)) < \infty$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, then $R(A^n)$ is closed for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. Hence $A \in qF(1)$.*

By lemma 2.2, it is easy to see that $\text{dis}(M_C) = 1$.

Let's show that $R(M_C)$ is not closed.

Let $(x_n)_n \subseteq l^2(\mathbb{N})$ defined by

$$x_n^k = \begin{cases} 1 & ; k \leq n \\ 0 & ; k > n \end{cases}$$

Thus

$$T(x_n^k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k} & ; k \leq n \\ 0 & ; k > n \end{cases}$$

and $T(x_n) \rightarrow y = (1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots)$ when $n \rightarrow +\infty$. Thus $y \notin R(B)$ (Indeed, we have $R(T) = \{(x_k) \in l^2(\mathbb{N}) / (kx_k) \in l^2(\mathbb{N})\}$, but $(ky_k)_k = (1, 1, 1, \dots) \notin l^2(\mathbb{N})$. Hence $y = (y_k) \notin R(T)$). Then $(x_n \oplus x_n)_n \subseteq R(M_C)$ such that $x_n \oplus x_n \rightarrow y \oplus y$. Since $y \notin R(B)$, $y \oplus y \notin R(M_C)$. Hence $R(M_C)$ is not closed. It follows that M_C is not quasi-Fredholm.

This example shows that (This result is also true in case of Banach spaces)

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \subseteq \bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y,X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \cup \sigma_p(B).$$

Example 2.7. *Let $X = Y = l^2(\mathbb{N})$. Let $S \in \mathcal{L}(l^2(\mathbb{N}))$ defined by $Sx = S(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (x_1, 0, 0, \dots)$. Let $T : l^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow l^2(\mathbb{N})$ such that $Tx = T(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (x_1, \frac{x_2}{2}, \frac{x_3}{3}, \dots)$. Let $A = C = T^*$ and $B = S^*$. We have*

$$M_C^* = \begin{pmatrix} A^* & 0 \\ C^* & B^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T & 0 \\ T & S \end{pmatrix}.$$

By the same procedure of example 2.6, it is easy to see that $A^* = T$ is injective and $B^* \in qF(1)$, but M_C^* is not quasi-Fredholm. Hence M_C is not quasi-Fredholm.

This example shows that

$$\sigma_{qF}(B) \subseteq \bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \cup \sigma_p(A^*).$$

Corollary 2.8. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(H)$ and $B \in \mathcal{L}(K)$. We have:

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) \subseteq \bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{L}(K, H)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \cup \sigma_p(B) \cup \sigma_p(A^*)$$

Proof. It is obvious from theorem 2.3, example 2.6 and example 2.7 \square

Lemma 2.9. Let $x \oplus y \in X \oplus Y$. For all positive integer n , we have:

$$x \oplus y \in R(M_0) + N(M_0^n) \iff x \in R(A) + N(A^n) \quad \text{and} \quad y \in R(B) + N(B^n)$$

Proof. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $x \oplus y \in R(M_0) + N(M_0^n)$, then:

$$x \oplus y = (x_1 \oplus y_1) + (x_2 \oplus y_2) \text{ such that } x_1 \oplus y_1 \in R(M_0) \text{ and } x_2 \oplus y_2 \in N(M_0^n).$$

Hence

$$\begin{cases} x_1 \in R(A) \\ y_1 \in R(B) \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} x_2 \in N(A^n) \\ y_2 \in N(B^n) \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\begin{cases} x = x_1 + x_2 \in R(A) + N(A^n) \\ y = y_1 + y_2 \in R(B) + N(B^n) \end{cases}$$

Conversely, if $x \in R(A) + N(A^n)$ and $y \in R(B) + N(B^n)$, then

$$\begin{cases} x = x_1 + x_2 \\ y = y_1 + y_2 \end{cases} \text{ such that } \begin{cases} x_1 \in R(A) \text{ and } x_2 \in N(A^n) \\ y_1 \in R(B) \text{ and } y_2 \in N(B^n) \end{cases}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{cases} x_1 \oplus y_1 \in R(M_0) \\ x_2 \oplus y_2 \in N(M_0^n) \end{cases}$$

Therefore $x \oplus y = (x_1 \oplus y_1) + (x_2 \oplus y_2) \in R(M_0) + N(M_0^n)$. \square

Theorem 2.10. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$. If $A \in qF(d)$ and $B \in qF(d')$ such that $d' \leq d$, then $M_0 \in qF(d)$.

Proof. Suppose that $A \in qF(d)$ and $B \in qF(d')$ such that $d' \leq d$.

Firstly, let's show that $dis(M_0) = d$.

Let $n \geq d$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus y \in R(M_0^d) \cap N(M_0) &\iff \begin{cases} x \in R(A^d) \cap N(A) \\ y \in R(B^d) \cap N(B) \end{cases} \\ &\iff \begin{cases} x \in R(A^n) \cap N(A) \\ y \in R(B^n) \cap N(B) \end{cases} \\ &\iff x \oplus y \in R(M_0^n) \cap N(M_0) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $R(M_0^n) \cap N(M_0) = R(M_0^d) \cap N(M_0)$. Hence $d \in \Delta(M_0)$, which implies that $dis(M_0) \leq d$.

If $dis(M_0) = d'' < d$, then $R(A^n) \cap N(A) = R(A^{d''}) \cap N(A)$, for all $n \geq d''$. Since $dis(A) = d > d''$, that is absurd. Hence $dis(M_0) = d$.

Secondly, let's show that $R(M_0^n)$ is closed in $X \oplus Y, \forall n \geq d$.

Let $n \geq d$ and $(x_k \oplus y_k)_{k \geq 0} \in R(M_0^n)$ such that $x_k \oplus y_k \rightarrow x \oplus y$ when $k \rightarrow +\infty$. Hence, for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have:

$$\begin{cases} x_k \in R(A^n) \\ y_k \in R(B^n) \end{cases}$$

Since $R(A^n)$ and $R(B^n)$ are closed, we have

$$\begin{cases} x \in R(A^n) \\ y \in R(B^n) \end{cases}$$

Therefore $x \oplus y \in R(M_0^n)$. Thus $R(M_0^n)$ is closed in $X \oplus Y, \forall n \geq d$.

So it remains to show that $R(M_0) + N(M_0^n)$ is closed in $X \oplus Y, \forall n \geq d$.

Let $n \geq d$ and let $(x_k \oplus y_k)_{k \geq 0} \in R(M_0) + N(M_0^n)$ such that $x_k \oplus y_k \rightarrow x \oplus y$ when $k \rightarrow +\infty$. Hence, by lemma 2.9, for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have:

$$x_k \oplus y_k \in R(M_0) + N(M_0^n) \iff x_k \in R(A) + N(A^n) \quad \text{and} \quad y_k \in R(B) + N(B^n).$$

Since $R(A) + N(A^n)$ and $R(B) + N(B^n)$ are closed, hence $x \in R(A) + N(A^n)$ and $y \in R(B) + N(B^n)$. Hence, by lemma 2.9, $x \oplus y \in R(M_0) + N(M_0^n)$. Thus $R(M_0) + N(M_0^n)$ is closed in $X \oplus Y, \forall n \geq d$. \square

Remark 2.11. *A and B play symmetrical roles in the matrix M_0 . That is: If $A \in qF(d)$ and $B \in qF(d')$ such that $d \leq d'$, then $M_0 \in qF(d')$. Indeed, the proof is analogous to that of the theorem 2.10.*

Corollary 2.12. *Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$. We have*

$$\sigma_{qF}(M_0) \subseteq \sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B).$$

Proof. Let $\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B)$, then, by theorem 2.10, $\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(M_0)$. Hence $\rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B) \subseteq \rho_{qF}(M_0)$. Therefore $\sigma_{qF}(M_0) \subseteq \sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B)$. \square

Example 2.13. *Let Z and Y be two Banach spaces.*

Let $D \in \mathcal{L}(Z)$ such that D is injective and $R(D)$ is not closed. Then we have: $\Delta(T) = \mathbb{N}$, then $dis(D) = 0$. We consider the operator matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ D & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ acting on $X = Z \oplus Z$. It follows that $dis(A) = 0$ and $R(A)$ is not closed (Indeed. We have $x \oplus y \in R(A) \iff (\theta.z + \theta.t) \oplus (D.z + \theta.t) = x \oplus y$ for some $(z, t) \in Z^2 \iff x = 0$ and $y \in R(D)$. Let $(y_k)_k \subseteq R(D)$ such that $y_k \rightarrow z \notin R(D)$. Then $(0 \oplus y_k)_k \subseteq R(A)$ and $0 \oplus y_k \rightarrow 0 \oplus z$. If $0 \oplus z \in R(A)$, then $z \in R(D)$ which is absurde). Hence A is not quasi-Fredholm. Let $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$ a quasi-Fredholm operator of degree 2.

By The proposition 3 in [2] (it suffices to show that $R(M_0^3)$ is closed), it is easy to see that $M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(X \oplus Y)$ is a quasi-Fredholm of degree 2.

Conclusion: $M_C \in qF(2)$ and $B \in qF(2)$ but A is not quasi-Fredholm operator.

By this example, there exists $\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(M_0)$ such that $\lambda \notin \rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B)$. Hence $\rho_{qF}(M_0) \not\subseteq \rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B)$. Thus $\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) \not\subseteq \sigma_{qF}(M_0)$. Hence

$$\sigma_{qF}(M_0) \not\subseteq \sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B).$$

Corollary 2.14. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be Banach spaces. Let $T_k \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, for all $1 \leq k \leq n$. If $T \in qF(d_k)$, for all $1 \leq k \leq n$. Then $\bigoplus_{k=1}^n T_k \in qF(d)$ such that $d = \max\{d_k / 1 \leq k \leq n\}$.*

Proof. By induction. \square

Corollary 2.15. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be Banach spaces. Let $T_k \in \mathcal{L}(X_k)$, for all $1 \leq k \leq n$. We have*

$$\sigma_{qF}\left(\bigoplus_{k=1}^n T_k\right) \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^n \sigma_{qF}(T_k).$$

Theorem 2.16. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$, then the following statements hold:

1. If $M_0 \in qF(d)$, then $A \in qF(d)$ or $B \in qF(d)$.
2. If $M_0 \in qF(d)$ and $dis(A) = dis(B)$, then $A \in qF(d)$ and $B \in qF(d)$.

Proof. By a similar proof of than of theorem 2.10, it is easy to see that:

$$\begin{cases} \text{For all } n \in \mathbb{N}. \text{ If } R(M_0^n) \text{ is closed, then } R(A^n) \text{ and } R(B^n) \text{ are closed.} \\ \text{For all } n \in \mathbb{N}. \text{ If } R(M_0) + N(M_0^n) \text{ is closed, then } R(A) + N(A^n) \text{ and } R(B) + N(B^n) \text{ are closed.} \end{cases}$$

1. Suppose that $dis(M_0) = d$. It is easy to see that $dis(A) \leq d$ and $dis(B) \leq d$. Suppose that $dis(B) \leq dis(A) = d' < d$. Then $x \oplus y \in R(M_0^{d'}) \cap N(M_0) \iff x \oplus y \in R(M_0^d) \cap N(M_0)$. Hence $dis(M_0) < d$, which is absurd. Thus

$$\begin{cases} dis(A) = d \\ dis(B) \leq d \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} dis(B) = d \\ dis(A) \leq d \end{cases}$$

Therefore, if $M_0 \in qF(d)$, then $A \in qF(d)$ or $B \in qF(d)$.

2. If $dis(M_0) = d$, then $dis(A) = d$ and $dis(B) \leq d$ (A and B play symmetrical role). Suppose that $dis(A) = dis(B)$, then $dis(A) = dis(B) = d$. Hence, if $M_0 \in qF(d)$, then $A \in qF(d)$ and $B \in qF(d)$. Therefore, if $M_0 \in qF(d)$ and $dis(A) = dis(B)$, then $A \in qF(d)$ or $B \in qF(d)$.

□

Proposition 2.17. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$. We have

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) \subseteq \sigma_{qF}(M_0) \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} / dis(A - \lambda) \neq dis(B - \lambda)\}.$$

Proof. Let $\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(M_0) \cap \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} / dis(A - \lambda) = dis(B - \lambda)\}$. By theorem 2.16 (2), it follows that $\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B)$. Hence $\rho_{qF}(M_0) \cap \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} / dis(A - \lambda) = dis(B - \lambda)\} \subseteq \rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B)$. Hence $\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) \subseteq \sigma_{qF}(M_0) \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} / dis(A - \lambda) \neq dis(B - \lambda)\}$.

Furthermore, the theorem 2.10 ensures the existence of a $\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B)$ such that $\lambda \notin \rho_{qF}(M_0) \cap \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} / dis(A - \lambda) = dis(B - \lambda)\}$. Hence $\rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B) \not\subseteq \rho_{qF}(M_0) \cap \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} / dis(A - \lambda) = dis(B - \lambda)\}$. Which implies that $\sigma_{qF}(M_0) \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} / dis(A - \lambda) \neq dis(B - \lambda)\} \not\subseteq \sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B)$. □

Lemma 2.18. (See Theorem 1.110, p 73, [1]) If $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ is quasi-Fredholm and $K \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ is finite-dimensional, then $T + K$ is quasi-Fredholm.

Proposition 2.19. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$. We have:

$$\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \subseteq \sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B).$$

Proof. Let $C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$ a finite-dimensional operator. Hence $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & C \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(X \oplus Y)$ is finite-dimentional. We have

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

Since A and B are quasi-Fredholm, M_0 is quasi-Fredholm. The lemma 2.18 ensures that M_C is quasi-Fredholm.

Let $\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B)$. Then there exists $C_0 \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$ ($C_0 \neq 0$), such that $\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(M_{C_0})$. Hence $\rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B) \subseteq \rho_{qF}(M_{C_0})$. Thus $\rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B) \subseteq \bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \rho_{qF}(M_C)$. Hence $\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \subseteq \sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B)$. □

Example 2.20. Let Z be a Banach space. Let $X = Z \oplus Z \oplus Z$. Let $D \in \mathcal{L}(Z)$ ($D \neq 0$) such that D is injective and with not closed range. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(X)$. Hence A is nilpotent of index 2 and $\text{dis}(A) = 0$. Hence A is not a quasi-Fredholm operator (Indeed. $R(D)$ is not closed $R(A)$ is not closed hence $A \notin qF(0)$). Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(Z)$ such that $T \in qF(2)$. Let $B = \begin{pmatrix} T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, then $AB = 0$ and $B \in qF(2)$. Let $M_B = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(X \oplus X)$. Hence $M_B^n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B^n \\ 0 & B^n \end{pmatrix}$, for all $n \geq 2$. Let's show that $M_B \in qF(2)$.

Step 1: If $1 \in \Delta(M_B)$, then $1 \in \Delta(M_B^*)$. Hence $R(M_B^*) \cap N(M_B^*) = R((M_B^*)^2) \cap N(M_B^*)$. Since $\text{dis}(B) = \text{dis}(B^*) = 2$, there exists $y_0 \in R(B^*) \cap N(B^*)$ such that $y_0^* \notin R((B^*)^2) \cap N(B^*)$ and $y_0^* \neq 0$. Thus $0 \oplus y_0^* \in R(M_B^*) \cap N(M_B^*)$. Therefore $0 \oplus y_0^* \in R((M_B^*)^2) \cap N(M_B^*)$. Hence $y_0^* = 0$, which is absurd. Thus $\text{dis}(M_B) \geq 2$. Let $n \geq 2$. For all $x \oplus y \in X \oplus X$, we have $x \oplus y \in R(M_B^n) \cap N(M_B^n) \Leftrightarrow x = y \in R(B^n) \cap N(B^n) \Leftrightarrow x = y \in R(B^n) \cap N(B^n) \Leftrightarrow x \oplus y \in R(M_B^n) \cap N(M_B^n)$. Therefore $\text{dis}(M_B) = 2$.

Step 2: Let $n \geq 2$ and $(x_k \oplus y_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \in R(M_B^n)$ such that $x_k \oplus y_k \rightarrow x \oplus y$ when $k \rightarrow +\infty$. Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then there exists $t_k \in X$ such that $B^n t_k = x_k = y_k$. Since $B \in qF(2)$, $R(B^n)$ is closed in X . Hence $y \in R(B^n)$. Thus $y \oplus y = x \oplus y \in R(M_B^n)$. Hence $R(M_B^n)$ is closed.

Therefore $M_B \in qF(2)$.

Conclusion: For all $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and $A \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$, we have:

$$\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \subseteq \sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B).$$

Indeed, The inclusion is proved in proposition 2.19. By this example, we have $\rho_{qF}(M_B) \not\subseteq \rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B)$. Hence $\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) \not\subseteq \sigma_{qF}(M_B)$. It follows that $\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) \not\subseteq \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C)$.

Proposition 2.21. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$. Then there exists an operator $C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$ ($C \neq 0$) such that:

1. If M_C is quasi-Fredholm, then $A \in qF$ or $B \in qF$.
2. If M_C is quasi-Fredholm and $\text{dis}(A) = \text{dis}(B)$, then A and B are quasi-Fredholm.

M_C is quasi-Fredholm and $\text{dis}(A) = \text{dis}(B)$ which implies that A and B are quasi-Fredholm.

Proof. Let $C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$ a finite-dimensional operator. Thus $M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -C \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is finite-dimensional. Suppose that M_C is quasi-Fredholm. By lemma 2.18 $M_C + M = M_0$ is quasi-Fredholm. Hence, by a direct application of the theorem 2.16, we will have the requested result. \square

Proposition 2.22. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$. We have:

1.

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \cap \sigma_{qF}(B) \subseteq \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C).$$

2.

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) \subseteq \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} ; \text{dis}(A - \lambda) \neq \text{dis}(B - \lambda)\}.$$

Proof. 1. Let $C_0 \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$ ($C_0 \neq 0$) be a finite-dimensional operator. By proposition 2.21 we have $\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(M_{C_0}) \implies \lambda \in \rho_{qF}(A) \cup \rho_{qF}(B)$. Hence $\rho_{qF}(M_{C_0}) \subseteq \rho_{qF}(A) \cup \rho_{qF}(B)$. Thus $\sigma_{qF}(A) \cap \sigma_{qF}(B) \subseteq \sigma_{qF}(M_{C_0})$. It follows that $\sigma_{qF}(A) \cap \sigma_{qF}(B) \subseteq \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C)$.

2. Let $C_0 \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$ ($C_0 \neq 0$) be a finite-dimensional operator. By proposition 2.21 we have

$$\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(M_{C_0}) \cap \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} ; \text{dis}(A - \lambda) = \text{dis}(B - \lambda)\} \implies \lambda \in \rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B).$$

But the equivalence is not satisfied. In fact, if A and B are quasi-Fredholm, then we do not have necessary $\text{dis}(A) = \text{dis}(B)$. Hence $\rho_{qF}(M_{C_0}) \cap \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} ; \text{dis}(A - \lambda) = \text{dis}(B - \lambda)\} \subsetneq \rho_{qF}(A) \cap \rho_{qF}(B)$. It follows that

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) \subsetneq \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \text{dis}(A - \lambda) \neq \text{dis}(B - \lambda)\}.$$

□

Corollary 2.23. If $\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} ; \text{dis}(A - \lambda) \neq \text{dis}(B - \lambda)\} \subseteq \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C)$ Then

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) = \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C).$$

Corollary 2.24. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$ such that A and B are quasi-nilpotent and injective. We have:

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) = \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C).$$

Proof. We have

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) \subsetneq \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} ; \text{dis}(A - \lambda) \neq \text{dis}(B - \lambda)\}.$$

and

$$\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \subsetneq \sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B).$$

Since A and B are quasi-nilpotent, $\sigma(A) = \sigma(B) = 0$. Then $A - \lambda$ and $B - \lambda$ are injectif for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$. Thus $\text{dis}(A - \lambda) = \text{dis}(B - \lambda) = 0$.

Furthermore A and B are injectif, then $\text{dis}(A) = \text{dis}(B) = 0$. Therefore $\text{dis}(A - \lambda) = \text{dis}(B - \lambda) = 0$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Hence $\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} ; \text{dis}(A - \lambda) \neq \text{dis}(B - \lambda)\} = \emptyset$. Hence

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \cup \sigma_{qF}(B) = \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C).$$

□

Example 2.25. Let Z be a Banach space. Let $X = Z \oplus Z \oplus Z$. Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(Z)$ bounded below. Hence $T \in qF(0)$. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & T \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(X). \text{ Hence } A \in qF(d). \text{ Let } S \in \mathcal{L}(Z) \text{ such that } \text{dis}(S) = +\infty. \text{ Let } B = \begin{pmatrix} S & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(X), \text{ then}$$

$$\text{dis}(B) = +\infty \text{ and } AB = 0. \text{ Let } M_B = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{L}(X \oplus X). \text{ Hence } M_B^n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B^n \\ 0 & B^n \end{pmatrix}, \text{ for all } n \geq 2. \text{ Thus } \text{dis}(M_B) = +\infty.$$

It follows that M_B is not quasi-Fredholm.

By this example, there exists $\lambda \in \rho_{qF}(A) \cup \rho_{qF}(B)$ but $\lambda \notin \rho_{qF}(M_B)$. Hence $\rho_{qF}(A) \cup \rho_{qF}(B) \not\subseteq \rho_{qF}(M_B)$. Thus $\sigma_{qF}(M_B) \not\subseteq \sigma_{qF}(A) \cap \sigma_{qF}(B)$. It follows that

$$\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C) \not\subseteq \sigma_{qF}(A) \cap \sigma_{qF}(B).$$

By proposition 2.22, we have

$$\sigma_{qF}(A) \cap \sigma_{qF}(B) \subsetneq \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)} \sigma_{qF}(M_C).$$

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