



A Note on Class p - $wA(s, t)$ Operators

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Abstract. Let A and B be positive operators and $0 < q \leq 1$. In this paper, we shall show that if

$$A^{q\alpha_0} \geq (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta_0} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{q\alpha_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}}$$

and

$$(B^{\beta_0/2} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{q\beta_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} \geq B^{q\beta_0}$$

hold for fixed $\alpha_0 > 0$ and $\beta_0 > 0$. Then the following inequalities hold:

$$A^{q_1\alpha} \geq (A^{\alpha/2} B^{\beta} A^{\alpha/2})^{\frac{q_1\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}}$$

and

$$(B^{\beta/2} A^{\alpha} B^{\beta/2})^{\frac{q_1\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} \geq B^{q_1\beta}$$

for all $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$, $\beta \geq \beta_0$ and $0 < q_1 \leq q$. Also, we shall show a normality of class p - $A(s, t)$ for $s > 0, t > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$. Moreover, we shall show that if T or T^* belongs to class p - $wA(s, t)$ for some $s > 0, t > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$ and S is an operator for which $0 \notin \overline{W(S)}$ and $ST = T^*S$, then T is self-adjoint.

1. Introduction

In what follows, an operator means a bounded linear operator on a complex Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators on a complex Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . An operator T is said to be positive (denoted $T \geq 0$) if $\langle Tx, x \rangle \geq 0$ for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$, and also T is said to be strictly positive (denoted by $T > 0$) if T is positive and invertible. As a recent development on order preserving operator inequalities, it is known the following Theorem.

Theorem 1.1 (Furuta's inequality[10]). *If $A \geq B \geq 0$, then for each $r \geq 0$,*

- (i) $(B^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p B^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq B^{\frac{r+p}{q}}$ and
- (ii) $A^{\frac{r+p}{q}} \geq (A^{\frac{p}{2}} B^r A^{\frac{p}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}}$

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hold for $p \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ with $(1+r)q \geq p+r$.

Theorem 1.1 yields the famous Löwner-Heinz theorem " $A \geq B \geq 0$ ensures $A^\alpha \geq B^\alpha$ for any $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ " by putting $r = 0$ in (i) or (ii) of Theorem 1.1.

As an application of Theorem 1.1, in [8] and [11], it was shown the following: For positive invertible operators A and B , $\log A \geq \log B$ (this order is called chaotic order) if and only if $(B^{\frac{r}{2}}A^pB^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{r}{p+r}} \geq B^r$ for all $p \geq 0$ and $r \geq 0$ if and only if $A^p \geq (A^{\frac{p}{2}}B^rA^{\frac{p}{2}})^{\frac{p}{p+r}}$ for all $p \geq 0$ and $r \geq 0$. We remark that this result is an extension of [2] in case $p = r$. Related to these operator inequalities, the following assertions are well-known: Let A and B be strictly positive operators. Then

- (a) $A \geq B \Rightarrow \log A \geq \log B$.
- (b) $\log A \geq \log B \Rightarrow (B^{\frac{r}{2}}A^pB^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{r}{p+r}} \geq B^r$ and $A^p \geq (A^{\frac{p}{2}}B^rA^{\frac{p}{2}})^{\frac{p}{p+r}}$ for all $p \geq 0$ and $r \geq 0$.
- (c) For each $p \geq 0$ and $r \geq 0$, $(B^{\frac{r}{2}}A^pB^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{r}{p+r}} \geq B^r \Leftrightarrow A^p \geq (A^{\frac{p}{2}}B^rA^{\frac{p}{2}})^{\frac{p}{p+r}}$ [11].

Related to these results, it is shown in [23] that the invertibility in (a) and (b) can be replaced with the condition $\ker(A) = \ker(B) = \{0\}$, that is, (a) and (b) hold for some non-invertible operators A and B . In [15], the authors studied relations between

$$(B^{\frac{r}{2}}A^pB^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{r}{p+r}} \geq B^r \quad \text{and} \quad A^p \geq (A^{\frac{p}{2}}B^rA^{\frac{p}{2}})^{\frac{p}{p+r}}$$

when A and B are not invertible.

Every operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ can be decomposed into $T = U|T|$ with a partial isometry U where $|T|$ is the square root of T^*T . If U is determined uniquely by the kernel condition $\ker U = \ker |T|$, then this decomposition is called the polar decomposition of T . In this paper, $T = U|T|$ denotes the polar decomposition satisfying the kernel condition $\ker U = \ker |T|$. An operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be hyponormal if $T^*T \geq TT^*$. The Aluthge transformation introduced by Aluthge[1] is defined by $\tilde{T} = |T|^{\frac{1}{2}}U|T|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ where $T = U|T|$ is the polar decomposition of $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. The generalized Aluthge transformation $\tilde{T}_{s,t}$ with $0 < s, t$ is defined by $\tilde{T}_{s,t} = |T|^sU|T|^t$. Recall that an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be p -hyponormal if $(T^*T)^p \geq (TT^*)^p$, and class $wA(s, t)$ if $(|T^*|^t|T|^{2s}|T^*|^t)^{\frac{t}{s+t}} \geq |T^*|^{2t}$ and $|T|^{2s} \geq (|T|^s|T^*|^{2t}|T|^s)^{\frac{s}{s+t}}$ ([14]). Furuta et al. [9] introduced class $A(k)$ for $k > 0$ as a class of operators including p -hyponormal and log-hyponormal operators, where $A(1)$ coincides with class A operator. We say that an operator T is class $A(k)$, $k > 0$ if $(T^*|T|^{2k}T)^{\frac{1}{s+t}} \geq |T|^2$.

Definition 1.2. Let $s > 0, t > 0, 0 < p \leq 1$ and $T = U|T|$ be the polar decomposition of T .

- (i) T belongs to class p - $A(s, t) \Leftrightarrow (|T^*|^t|T|^{2s}|T^*|^t)^{\frac{pt}{s+t}} \geq |T^*|^{2tp}$ [16].
- (ii) T belongs to class p - $wA(s, t)$
 - $\Leftrightarrow (|T^*|^t|T|^{2s}|T^*|^t)^{\frac{pt}{s+t}} \geq |T^*|^{2tp}$ and $|T|^{2sp} \geq (|T|^s|T^*|^{2t}|T|^s)^{\frac{sp}{s+t}}$
 - $\Leftrightarrow |\tilde{T}_{s,t}|^{\frac{2tp}{t+s}} \geq |T|^{2tp}$ and $|T|^{2sp} \geq |(\tilde{T}_{s,t})^*|^{\frac{2sp}{s+t}}$,

where $\tilde{T}_{s,t} = |T|^sU|T|^t$ is the generalized Aluthge transformation [16].

(iii) T belongs to class p - $A \Leftrightarrow |T|^{2p} \geq |T|^{2p}$, that is, T belongs to class p - $A(1, 1)$ [16].

(iv) T is p - w -hyponormal $\Leftrightarrow |\tilde{T}|^{\frac{p}{2}} \geq |T|^p \geq |(\tilde{T})^*|^{\frac{p}{2}}$, that is, T belongs to class p - $wA(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, where $\tilde{T} = |T|^{\frac{1}{2}}U|T|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is the Aluthge transformation[3].

(v) T is (s, p) - w -hyponormal $\Leftrightarrow |\tilde{T}_{s,s}|^{\frac{p}{2}} \geq |T|^{2sp} \geq |(\tilde{T}_{s,s})^*|^{\frac{p}{2}}$, that is, T belongs to class p - $wA(s, s)$, where $\tilde{T}_{s,s} = |T|^sU|T|^s$ is the generalized Aluthge transformation [12].

It is well known that class p - $wA(s, t)$ operators enjoy many interesting properties as hyponormal operators, for example, Fuglede-Putnam type theorem, Weyl type theorem, subscalarity and Putnam's inequality ([5],[6],[17], [18],[22]). We remark that Aluthge transformation has many interesting properties, and many authors study this transformation, for instance, [1], [5], [7] and [25]. These classes are included in normaloid (i.e., $\|T\| = r(T)$, where $r(T)$ is the spectral radius of T) (see [17],[3] and [12]). It has been shown that for $s > 0, t > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$, class p - $A(s, t)$ includes class p - $wA(s, t)$ by the definition 1.2 (i) and (ii). and also for each $s > 0, t > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$, class p - $A(s, t)$ and class p - $wA(s, t)$ are invertible which was shown in [16]. More precise inclusion relations among class p - $wA(s, t)$ were already shown as follows:

Theorem 1.3. [5] If $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ is class p - $wA(s, t)$ and $0 < s \leq \alpha, 0 < t \leq \beta, 0 < p_1 \leq p \leq 1$, then T is class p_1 - $wA(\alpha, \beta)$.

In this paper, we shall show a normality of class p - $A(s, t)$ for $s > 0, t > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$. Moreover, we shall show that if T or T^* belongs to class p - $wA(s, t)$ for some $s > 0, t > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$ and S is an operator for which $0 \notin \overline{W(S)}$ and $ST = T^*S$, then T is self-adjoint.

2. Main results

In order to give the proof of our results. We need the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. [13, Löwner-Heinz inequality] $A \geq B \geq 0$ ensure $A^\alpha \geq B^\alpha$ for any $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.

Lemma 2.2. [25] Let $A > 0$ and B be an invertible operator. Then

$$(BAB^*)^\lambda = BA^{1/2}(A^{1/2}B^*BA^{1/2})^{\lambda-1}A^{1/2}B^*$$

holds for any real number λ .

Proposition 2.3. Let A and B be positive operators. Then the following assertions hold:

(i) If $(B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{\beta_0 p}{\alpha_0 + \beta_0}} \geq B^{\beta_0 p}$ holds for fixed $\alpha_0 > 0, \beta_0 > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$, then

$$(B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})^{\frac{\beta p_1}{\alpha_0 + \beta}} \geq B^{\beta p_1} \tag{1}$$

holds for any $\beta \geq \beta_0$ and $0 < p_1 \leq p \leq 1$. Moreover, for each fixed $\gamma \geq -\alpha_0$,

$$f_{\alpha_0, \gamma}(\beta) = (A^{\frac{\alpha_0}{2}} B^\beta A^{\frac{\alpha_0}{2}})^{\frac{(\alpha_0 + \gamma)p_1}{\alpha_0 + \beta}}$$

is a decreasing function for $\beta \geq \max\{\beta_0, \gamma\}$. Hence the inequality

$$(A^{\frac{\alpha_0}{2}} B^{\beta_1} A^{\frac{\alpha_0}{2}})^{p_1} \geq (A^{\frac{\alpha_0}{2}} B^{\beta_2} A^{\frac{\alpha_0}{2}})^{\frac{p_1(\alpha_0 + \beta_1)}{\alpha_0 + \beta_2}} \tag{2}$$

holds for any β_1 and β_2 such that $\beta_2 \geq \beta_1 \geq \beta_0$ and $0 < p_1 \leq p$.

(ii) If $A^{\alpha_0 p} \geq (A^{\frac{\alpha_0}{2}} B^{\beta_0} A^{\frac{\alpha_0}{2}})^{\frac{\alpha_0 p}{\alpha_0 + \beta_0}}$ holds for fixed $\alpha_0 > 0$ and $\beta_0 > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$, then

$$A^{\alpha p_1} \geq (A^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} B^{\beta_0} A^{\frac{\alpha}{2}})^{\frac{\alpha p_1}{\alpha + \beta_0}} \tag{3}$$

holds for any $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$ and $0 < p_1 \leq p \leq 1$. Moreover, for each fixed $\delta \geq -\beta_0$,

$$g_{\beta_0, \delta}(\alpha) = (B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^\alpha B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{(\delta + \beta_0)p_1}{\alpha + \beta_0}}$$

is an increasing function for $\alpha \geq \max\{\alpha_0, \delta\}$. Hence the inequality

$$(B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^{\alpha_2} B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{p_1(\alpha_1 + \beta_0)}{\alpha_2 + \beta_0}} \geq (B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^{\alpha_1} B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{p_1} \tag{4}$$

holds for any α_1 and α_2 such that $\alpha_2 \geq \alpha_1 \geq \alpha_0$ and $0 < p_1 \leq p$.

Proposition 2.3 can be obtained as an application of Furuta inequality 1.1. We actually use the following form which is the essential part of Furuta inequality 1.1.

Lemma 2.4. If $A \geq B \geq 0$, then

(i) $(B^{x/2} A^y B^{x/2})^{\frac{1+x}{x+y}} \geq B^{1+x}$ and

(ii) $A^{1+x} \geq (A^{x/2} B^y A^{x/2})^{\frac{1+x}{x+y}}$

hold for $x \geq 0$ and $y \geq 1$.

Proof. [Proof of Proposition 2.3] (i) Put $A_1 = (B^{\beta_0/2} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{\beta_0 p}{\alpha_0 + \beta_0}}$ and $B_1 = B^{\beta_0 p}$, then $A_1 \geq B_1 \geq 0$ holds by the hypothesis. By applying (i) of Lemma 2.4 to A_1 and B_1 , we have

$$(B_1^{x_1/2} A_1^{y_1} B_1^{x_1/2})^{\frac{1+x_1}{x_1+y_1}} \geq B_1^{1+x_1} \text{ for any } y_1 \geq 1 \text{ and } x_1 \geq 0. \tag{5}$$

Let $\beta \geq \beta_0$, $y_1 = \frac{\alpha_0 + \beta_0}{\beta_0 p}$ and $x_1 = \frac{\beta - \beta_0}{\beta_0 p} \geq 0$. Then

$$(B^{\beta/2} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\beta/2})^{\frac{\beta_0 p + \beta - \beta_0}{\beta_0 + \beta}} \geq B^{\beta_0 p + \beta - \beta_0} \text{ for any } \beta \geq \beta_0. \tag{6}$$

Since $\frac{p_1 \beta}{\beta_0 p + \beta - \beta_0} \in (0, 1]$, applying Löwner-Heinz theorem to (6), we have

$$(B^{\beta/2} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\beta/2})^{\frac{p_1 \beta}{\alpha_0 + \beta}} \geq B^{p_1 \beta} \text{ for any } \beta \geq \beta_0 \text{ and } 0 < p_1 \leq p. \tag{7}$$

By applying Löwner-Heinz theorem to (7), we have

$$(B^{\beta/2} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\beta/2})^{\frac{w}{\alpha_0 + \beta}} \geq B^w \text{ for any } 0 < w \leq p_1 \beta. \tag{8}$$

For each $\gamma \geq -\alpha_0$, $\beta \geq \max\{\beta_0, \gamma\}$ and w such that $p_1 \beta \geq w \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\alpha_0, \gamma}(\beta) &= (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{(\gamma + \alpha_0) p_1}{\alpha_0 + \beta}} \\ &= \{(A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{\alpha_0 + \beta + w}{\alpha_0 + \beta}}\}^{\frac{(\gamma + \alpha_0) p_1}{\alpha_0 + \beta + w}} \\ &= \{A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta/2} (B^{\beta/2} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\beta/2})^{\frac{w}{\alpha_0 + \beta}} B^{\beta/2} A^{\alpha_0/2}\}^{\frac{(\gamma + \alpha_0) p_1}{\alpha_0 + \beta + w}} \\ &\geq \{A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta/2} B^w B^{\beta/2} A^{\alpha_0/2}\}^{\frac{(\gamma + \alpha_0) p_1}{\alpha_0 + \beta + w}} \\ &= (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta + w} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{(\gamma + \alpha_0) p_1}{\alpha_0 + \beta + w}} \\ &= f_{\alpha_0, \gamma}(\beta + w). \end{aligned}$$

The above inequality holds by (8) and Löwner-Heinz theorem for $\frac{(\gamma + \alpha_0) p_1}{\alpha_0 + \beta + w} \in [0, 1]$. Hence $f_{\alpha_0, \gamma}(\beta)$ is decreasing for $\beta \geq \max\{\beta_0, \gamma\}$. Moreover, in case $\gamma \geq \beta_0$,

$$(A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\gamma} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{p_1} = f_{\alpha_0, \gamma}(\gamma) \geq f_{\alpha_0, \gamma}(\beta) = (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{(\gamma + \alpha_0) p_1}{\alpha_0 + \beta}}$$

holds for any $\beta \geq \gamma$, so that we have (2) by replacing γ and β with β_1 and β_2 , respectively.

(ii) Put $A_2 = A^{\alpha_0 p}$ and $B_2 = (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta_0} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{\alpha_0 p}{\alpha_0 + \beta_0}}$, then $A_2 \geq B_2$ holds by hypothesis. By applying (ii) of Lemma 2.4 to A_2 and B_2 , we have

$$A_2^{1+x_2} \geq (A_2^{x_2/2} B_2^{y_2} A_2^{x_2/2})^{\frac{1+x_2}{y_2+x_2}} \text{ for any } y_2 \geq 1 \text{ and } x_2 \geq 0. \tag{9}$$

Put $y_2 = \frac{\alpha_0 + \beta_0}{\alpha_0 p}$ and $x_2 = \frac{\alpha - \alpha_0}{\alpha_0 p} \geq 0$ in (9). Then we have

$$A^{\alpha_0 p + \alpha - \alpha_0} \geq (A^{\alpha/2} B^{\beta_0} A^{\alpha/2})^{\frac{\alpha_0 p + \alpha - \alpha_0}{\alpha + \beta_0}} \text{ for any } \alpha \geq \alpha_0. \tag{10}$$

Since $\frac{p_1 \alpha}{\alpha_0 p + \alpha - \alpha_0} \in (0, 1]$, applying Löwner-Heinz theorem to (10), we have

$$A^{p_1 \alpha} \geq (A^{\alpha/2} B^{\beta_0} A^{\alpha/2})^{\frac{p_1 \alpha}{\alpha + \beta_0}} \text{ for any } \alpha \geq \alpha_0 \text{ and } 0 < p_1 \leq p. \tag{11}$$

By applying Löwner-Heinz theorem to (11), we have

$$A^u \geq (A^{\alpha/2} B^{\beta_0} A^{\alpha/2})^{\frac{u}{\alpha+\beta_0}} \text{ for any } 0 < u \leq p_1 \alpha. \tag{12}$$

For each $\delta \geq -\beta_0$, $\alpha \geq \max\{\alpha_0, \delta\}$ and u such that $p_1 \alpha \geq u \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\beta_0, \delta}(\alpha) &= (B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^\alpha B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{(\delta+\beta_0)p_1}{\alpha+\beta_0}} \\ &= \left\{ (B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^\alpha B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{\alpha+u+\beta_0}{\alpha+\beta_0}} \right\}^{\frac{(\delta+\beta_0)p_1}{\alpha+u+\beta_0}} \\ &= \{B^{\beta_0/2} A^{\alpha/2} (A^{\alpha/2} B^{\beta_0} A^{\alpha/2})^{\frac{u}{\alpha+\beta_0}} A^{\alpha/2} B^{\beta_0/2}\}^{\frac{(\delta+\beta_0)p_1}{\alpha+u+\beta_0}} \\ &\leq \{B^{\beta_0/2} A^{\alpha/2} A^u A^{\alpha/2} B^{\beta_0/2}\}^{\frac{(\delta+\beta_0)p_1}{\alpha+u+\beta_0}} \\ &= (B^{\beta_0/2} A^{u+\alpha} B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{(\delta+\beta_0)p_1}{\alpha+u+\beta_0}} \\ &= g_{\beta_0, \delta}(\alpha + u). \end{aligned}$$

The above inequality holds by (12) and Löwner-Heinz theorem for $\frac{(\delta+\beta_0)p_1}{\alpha+u+\beta_0} \in [0, 1]$. Hence $g_{\beta_0, \delta}(\alpha)$ is increasing for $\alpha \geq \max\{\alpha_0, \delta\}$. Moreover, in case $\delta \geq \alpha_0$,

$$(B^{\beta_0/2} A^\alpha B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{(\delta+\beta_0)p_1}{\alpha+\beta_0}} = g_{\beta_0, \delta}(\alpha) \geq g_{\beta_0, \delta}(\delta) = (B^{\beta_0/2} A^\delta B^{\beta_0/2})^{p_1} \tag{13}$$

holds for any $\alpha \geq \delta$, so that we have (4) by replacing δ and α with α_1 and α_2 , respectively. \square

Theorem 2.5. Let $0 < q \leq 1$ and let A and B be positive operators such that

$$A^{q\alpha_0} \geq (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta_0} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{q\alpha_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} \tag{14}$$

and

$$(B^{\beta_0/2} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{q\beta_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} \geq B^{q\beta_0} \tag{15}$$

hold for fixed $\alpha_0 > 0$ and $\beta_0 > 0$. Then the following inequalities hold:

$$A^{q_1\alpha} \geq (A^{\alpha/2} B^\beta A^{\alpha/2})^{\frac{q_1\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}} \tag{16}$$

and

$$(B^{\beta/2} A^\alpha B^{\beta/2})^{\frac{q_1\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} \geq B^{q_1\beta} \tag{17}$$

for all $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$, $\beta \geq \beta_0$ and $0 < q_1 \leq q$.

Proof. [Proof of (16)] Applying Lemma 2.4 to (15), we have

$$\left\{ B^{\frac{q\beta_0 r_1}{2}} (B^{\beta_0/2} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{r_1 q \beta_0}{\alpha_0 + \beta_0}} B^{\frac{q\beta_0 r_1}{2}} \right\}^{\frac{1+r_1}{p_1+r_1}} \geq B^{q\beta_0(1+r_1)} \tag{18}$$

for any $p_1 \geq 1$ and $r_1 \geq 0$. Putting $p_1 = \frac{\alpha_0 + \beta_0}{q\beta_0}$ in (18), we have

$$\left(B^{\frac{\beta_0(1+qr_1)}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta_0(1+qr_1)}{2}} \right)^{\frac{q\beta_0(1+r_1)}{\alpha_0 + \beta_0 + r_1 q \beta_0}} \geq B^{q\beta_0(1+r_1)} \tag{19}$$

for any $r_1 \geq 0$. Put $\beta = \beta_0(1 + qr_1) \geq \beta_0$ in (19). Then we have

$$\left(B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} \right)^{\frac{\beta-(1-q)\beta_0}{\alpha_0+\beta}} \geq B^{\beta-(1-q)\beta_0}. \tag{20}$$

Hence we have

$$(B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})^{\frac{w}{\alpha_0+\beta}} \geq B^w \text{ for } 0 < w \leq \beta - (1 - q)\beta_0. \tag{21}$$

Next we show $f(\beta) = (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{q\alpha_0}{\alpha_0+\beta}}$ is decreasing for $\beta \geq \beta_0$. By Löwner-Heinz theorem, (21) ensures the following (22)

$$(B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})^{\frac{w}{\alpha_0+\beta}} \geq B^w \text{ for } 0 < w \leq \beta - (1 - q)\beta_0. \tag{22}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(\beta) &= (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{q\alpha_0}{\alpha_0+\beta}} \\ &= \{(A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{\alpha_0+\beta+w}{\alpha_0+\beta}}\}^{\frac{q\alpha_0}{\alpha_0+\beta+w}} \\ &= \{A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta/2} (B^{\beta/2} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\beta/2})^{\frac{w}{\alpha_0+\beta}} B^{\beta/2} A^{\alpha_0/2}\}^{\frac{q\alpha_0}{\alpha_0+\beta+w}} \text{ (by Lemma 2.2)} \\ &\geq (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta+w} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{q\alpha_0}{\alpha_0+\beta+w}} \\ &= f(\beta + w). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $f(\beta)$ is decreasing for $\beta \geq \beta_0$. Therefore

$$A^{q\alpha_0} \geq (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{q\alpha_0}{\alpha_0+\beta}} \text{ for } \beta \geq \beta_0 \tag{23}$$

holds since

$$A^{q\alpha_0} \geq (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta_0} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{q\alpha_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} = f(\beta_0) \geq f(\beta) = (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{q\alpha_0}{\alpha_0+\beta}}.$$

Again applying Lemma 1.1 to (23), we have

$$A^{q\alpha_0(1+r_2)} \geq (A^{\frac{q_2\alpha_0}{2}} (A^{qr_2\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{p_2 q_2 \alpha_0}{\alpha_0+\beta}} A^{\frac{q_2 r_2 \alpha_0}{2}})^{\frac{1+r_2}{p_2+r_2}} \tag{24}$$

for any $p_2 \geq 1$ and $r_2 \geq 0$. Putting $p_2 = \frac{\alpha_0+\beta}{q\alpha_0} \geq 1$ in (24), we have

$$A^{q\alpha_0(1+r_2)} \geq (A^{\frac{\alpha_0(1+qr_2)}{2}} B^{\beta} A^{\frac{\alpha_0(1+qr_2)}{2}})^{\frac{q\alpha_0(1+r_2)}{\alpha_0+\beta+qr_2\alpha_0}} \tag{25}$$

for any $r_2 \geq 0$. Put $\alpha = \alpha_0(1 + qr_2) \geq \alpha_0$ in (25). Then we have

$$A^{\alpha+\alpha_0(q-1)} \geq (A^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} B^{\beta} A^{\frac{\alpha}{2}})^{\frac{\alpha+\alpha_0(q-1)}{\beta+\alpha}} \tag{26}$$

for all $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$ and $\beta \geq \beta_0$. Now, since $\frac{q_1\alpha}{\alpha+\alpha_0(q-1)} \in (0, 1]$, applying Löwner-Heinz theorem to (26), we have

$$A^{q_1\alpha} \geq (A^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} B^{\beta} A^{\frac{\alpha}{2}})^{\frac{q_1\alpha}{\beta+\alpha}}$$

for all $\alpha \geq \alpha_0, \beta \geq \beta_0$ and $0 < q_1 \leq q$.

Proof of (17). Applying Lemma 2.4 to (14), we have

$$A^{q\alpha_0(1+r_3)} \geq (A^{\frac{q_3\alpha_0}{2}} (A^{\alpha_0/2} B^{\beta_0} A^{\alpha_0/2})^{\frac{p_3 q_3 \alpha_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} A^{\frac{q_3 r_3 \alpha_0}{2}})^{\frac{1+r_3}{p_3+r_3}} \tag{27}$$

for any $p_3 \geq 1$ and $r_3 \geq 0$. Putting $p_3 = \frac{\alpha_0+\beta_0}{q\alpha_0} \geq 1$ in (27), we have

$$A^{q\alpha_0(1+r_3)} \geq (A^{\frac{\alpha_0(1+qr_3)}{2}} B^{\beta_0} A^{\frac{\alpha_0(1+qr_3)}{2}})^{\frac{q\alpha_0(1+r_3)}{\alpha_0+\beta_0+qr_3\alpha_0}} \tag{28}$$

for any $r_3 \geq 0$. Put $\alpha = \alpha_0(1 + qr_3) \geq \alpha_0$ in (28). Then we have

$$A^{\alpha+\alpha_0(q-1)} \geq (A^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} B^{\beta_0} A^{\frac{\alpha}{2}})^{\frac{\alpha+\alpha_0(q-1)}{\beta_0+\alpha}} \text{ for } \alpha \geq \alpha_0. \tag{29}$$

Next we show that $g(\alpha) = (B^{\beta_0/2} A^\alpha B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{q\beta_0}{\alpha+\beta_0}}$ is increasing for $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$. By Löwner-Heinz theorem, (29) ensures the following (30).

$$A^u \geq (A^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} B^{\beta_0} A^{\frac{\alpha}{2}})^{\frac{u}{\beta_0+\alpha}} \text{ for } 0 \leq u \leq \alpha + \alpha_0(q - 1). \tag{30}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(\alpha) &= (B^{\beta_0/2} A^\alpha B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{q\beta_0}{\alpha+\beta_0}} \\ &= \{(B^{\beta_0/2} A^\alpha B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{\alpha+\beta_0+u}{\alpha+\beta_0}}\}^{\frac{q\beta_0}{u+\beta_0+\alpha}} \\ &= \{B^{\beta_0/2} A^{\alpha/2} (A^{\alpha/2} B^{\beta_0} A^{\alpha/2})^{\frac{u}{\alpha+\beta_0}} A^{\alpha/2} B^{\beta_0/2}\}^{\frac{q\beta_0}{u+\beta_0+\alpha}} \\ &\leq (B^{\beta_0/2} A^{\alpha+u} B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{q\beta_0}{u+\beta_0+\alpha}} \\ &= g(\alpha + u). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $g(\alpha)$ is increasing for $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$. Therefore

$$(B^{\beta_0/2} A^\alpha B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{q\beta_0}{\alpha+\beta_0}} \geq B^{q\beta_0} \text{ for } \alpha \geq \alpha_0 \tag{31}$$

holds since

$$(B^{\beta_0/2} A^\alpha B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{q\beta_0}{\alpha+\beta_0}} = g(\alpha) \geq g(\alpha_0) = (B^{\beta_0/2} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{q\beta_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} \geq B^{q\beta_0}.$$

Again applying Lemma 1.1 to (31), we have

$$\{B^{\frac{qr_4\beta_0}{2}} (B^{\beta_0/2} A^\alpha B^{\beta_0/2})^{\frac{p_4 q\beta_0}{\alpha+\beta_0}} B^{\frac{qr_4\beta_0}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r_4}{p_4+r_4}} \geq B^{q\beta_0(1+r_4)} \tag{32}$$

for any $p_4 \geq 1$ and $r_4 \geq 0$. Putting $p_4 = \frac{\alpha+\beta_0}{q\beta_0} \geq 1$ in (32), we have

$$(B^{\frac{\beta_0(1+qr_4)}{2}} A^\alpha B^{\frac{\beta_0(1+qr_4)}{2}})^{\frac{q\beta_0(1+r_4)}{\alpha+\beta_0+q\beta_0r_4}} \geq B^{q\beta_0(1+r_4)} \tag{33}$$

for any $r_4 \geq 0$. Put $\beta = \beta_0(1 + qr_4) \geq \beta_0$ in (33). Then we have

$$(B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} A^\alpha B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})^{\frac{\beta+\beta_0(q-1)}{\alpha+\beta}} \geq B^{\beta+\beta_0(q-1)} \text{ for } \alpha \geq \alpha_0 \text{ and } \beta \geq \beta_0. \tag{34}$$

Now, since $\frac{q_1\beta}{\beta+\beta_0(q-1)} \in (0, 1]$, applying Löwner-Heinz theorem to (34), we have

$$(B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} A^\alpha B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})^{\frac{q_1\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} \geq B^{q_1\beta}$$

for all $\alpha \geq \alpha_0, \beta \geq \beta_0$ and $0 < q_1 \leq q$, so the proof is complete. \square

By using Theorem 2.5, We shall give simplified proof of Theorem 1.3.

Corollary 2.6. *If $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ is class p - $wA(s, t)$ and $0 < s \leq \alpha, 0 < t \leq \beta, 0 < p_1 \leq p \leq 1$, then T is class p_1 - $wA(\alpha, \beta)$.*

Proof. Suppose that T is class p - $wA(s, t)$ for $s > 0, t > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$, i.e., the following (35) and (36) hold.

$$(|T^*|^t |T|^{2s} |T^*|^t)^{\frac{tp}{s+t}} \geq |T^*|^{2tp}. \tag{35}$$

$$|T|^{2sp} \geq (|T|^s |T^*|^{2t} |T|^s)^{\frac{sp}{s+t}}. \tag{36}$$

By Theorem 2.5, we have

$$(|T^*|^\beta |T|^{2\alpha} |T^*|^\beta)^{\frac{p_1\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} \geq |T^*|^{2p_1\beta} \text{ and } |T|^{2p_1\alpha} \geq (|T|^\alpha |T^*|^{2\beta} |T|^\alpha)^{\frac{p_1\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}}$$

for any $\alpha \geq s, \beta \geq t$ and $0 < p_1 \leq p$. Therefore T is class p_1 - $wA(\alpha, \beta)$ for any $\alpha \geq s, \beta \geq t$ and $0 < p_1 \leq p$. \square

In this section, we shall show a normality of some non-normal operators. It is known that if T and T^* are class A , then T is normal. But in the case T and T^* belong to weaker class than class A , the assertion is not obvious. Many authors obtained many results on this problem, and the following result were known until now.

Theorem 2.7 ([19]). *Let $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. If T and T^* are (s, p) - w -hyponormal, then T is normal.*

Theorem 2.8. *Let $s_i, t_i > 0$ and $0 < p_i \leq 1$, where $i = 1, 2$. If T is a class p_1 - $wA(s_1, t_1)$ operator and T^* is a class p_2 - $wA(s_2, t_2)$ operator, then T is normal.*

Theorem 2.9. *Let $p, r > 0$, $0 < q \leq 1$, $s \geq p$ and $t \geq r$. If T is a class q - $wA(p, r)$ operator and $\tilde{T}_{s,t}$ is normal, then T is normal.*

To prove Theorem 2.8 and Theorem 2.9, we need the following results.

Lemma 2.10 ([14]). *Let $A > 0$ and $T = U|T|$ be the polar decomposition of T . Then for each $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta > 0$, the following assertions hold:*

- (i) $U^*U(|T|^\beta A|T|^\beta)^\alpha = (|T|^\beta A|T|^\beta)^\alpha$.
- (ii) $UU^*(|T^*|^\beta A|T^*|^\beta)^\alpha = (|T^*|^\beta A|T^*|^\beta)^\alpha$.
- (iii) $(U|T|^\beta A|T|^\beta U^*)^\alpha = U(|T|^\beta A|T|^\beta)^\alpha U^*$.
- (iv) $(U^*|T^*|^\beta A|T^*|^\beta U)^\alpha = U^*(|T^*|^\beta A|T^*|^\beta)^\alpha U$.

Lemma 2.11 ([15]). *Let $A \geq 0$ and $B \geq 0$. If*

$$B^{\frac{1}{2}}AB^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq B^2 \text{ and } A^{\frac{1}{2}}BA^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq A^2,$$

then $A = B$.

Lemma 2.12 ([4]). *Let $A, B \geq 0$ and $s, t \geq 0$. If $B^s A^{2t} B^s = B^{2t+2s}$ and $A^t B^{2s} A^t = A^{2t+2s}$, then $A = B$.*

Lemma 2.13. *([26, Proposition 4.5]) Let $A, B \geq 0$; $p_i, r_i > 0$; $-r_i < \delta_i \leq p_i$, $0 \leq \bar{\delta}_i < p_i$; $i = 1, 2$. Then the following assertions are mutually equivalent.*

- (i) $A = B$.
- (ii) $B^{\frac{r_1}{2}} A^{p_1} B^{\frac{r_1}{2}} = B^{r_1+p_1}$ and $A^{\frac{r_2}{2}} B^{p_2} A^{\frac{r_2}{2}} = A^{r_2+p_2}$.
- (iii) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(B^{\frac{r_1}{2}} A^{p_1} B^{\frac{r_1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{r_1+\delta_1}{r_1+p_1}} \geq B^{r_1+p_1}, \quad A^{p_1-\bar{\delta}_1} \geq \left(A^{\frac{p_1}{2}} B^{r_1} A^{\frac{p_1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{p_1-\bar{\delta}_1}{p_1+r_1}} \\ \left(B^{\frac{r_2}{2}} A^{p_2} B^{\frac{r_2}{2}} \right)^{\frac{r_2+\delta_2}{r_2+p_2}} \geq B^{r_2+p_2}, \quad A^{p_2-\bar{\delta}_2} \geq \left(A^{\frac{p_2}{2}} B^{r_2} A^{\frac{p_2}{2}} \right)^{\frac{p_2-\bar{\delta}_2}{p_2+r_2}} \end{array} \right.$

Proof. [Proof of Theorem 2.8] Let $s = \max\{s_1, t_1, s_2, t_2\}$ and $p = \min\{p_1, p_2\}$.

Firstly, if T belongs to class p_1 - $wA(s_1, t_1)$, then T belongs to class p - $wA(s, s)$ by Theorem 1.3. Hence we have

$$(|T^*|^s |T|^{2s} |T^*|^s)^{\frac{p}{2}} \geq |T^*|^{2sp} \quad \text{and} \quad |T|^{2sp} \geq (|T|^s |T^*|^{2s} |T|^s)^{\frac{p}{2}}. \tag{37}$$

Secondly, if T^* belongs to class p_2 - $wA(s_2, t_2)$, then T^* belongs to class p - $wA(s, s)$ by Theorem 1.3. Hence we have

$$(|T|^s |T^*|^{2s} |T|^s)^{\frac{p}{2}} \geq |T|^{2sp} \quad \text{and} \quad |T^*|^{2sp} \geq (|T^*|^s |T|^{2s} |T^*|^s)^{\frac{p}{2}}. \tag{38}$$

Therefore

$$|T|^s |T^*|^{2s} |T|^s = |T|^{4s} \quad \text{and} \quad |T^*|^s |T|^{2s} |T^*|^s = |T^*|^{4s}$$

hold by (37) and (38), and then $|T| = |T^*|$ by Lemma 2.12. \square

Proof. [Proof of Theorem 2.9] By hypothesis T belongs to class q - $wA(s, t)$ by Theorem 1.3. Hence it follows by (ii) of Definition 1.2 that

$$|\tilde{T}_{s,t}|^{\frac{2q}{s+t}} \geq |T|^{2tq} \quad \text{and} \quad |T|^{2sq} \geq |(\tilde{T}_{s,t})^*|^{\frac{2sq}{s+t}}.$$

Hence

$$|\tilde{T}_{s,t}|^{\frac{2rq}{s+t}} \geq |T|^{2rq} \geq |(\tilde{T}_{s,t})^*|^{\frac{2rq}{s+t}} \quad \text{for all } r \in (0, \min\{s, t\}].$$

On the other hand, $\tilde{T}_{s,t}$ is normal, i.e., $|\tilde{T}_{s,t}|^2 = |(\tilde{T}_{s,t})^*|^2$. It follows by Lemma 2.10 that

$$|T^*|^t |T|^{2s} |T|^t = |T^*|^{2(s+t)} \quad \text{and} \quad |T|^s |T^*|^{2t} |T|^s = |T|^{2(s+t)},$$

and then $|T| = |T^*|$ by Lemma 2.12. \square

The numerical range of an operator T , denoted by $W(T)$, is the set defined by

$$W(T) = \{\langle Tx, x \rangle : \|x\| = 1\}.$$

In general, the condition $S^{-1}TS = T^*$ and $0 \notin \overline{W(T)}$ do not imply that T is normal. If $T = SB$, where S is positive and invertible, B is self-adjoint, and S and B do not commute, then $S^{-1}TS = T^*$ and $0 \notin \overline{W(S)}$, but T is not normal. Therefore the following question arises naturally.

Question: Which operator T satisfying the condition $S^{-1}TS = T^*$ and $0 \notin \overline{W(S)}$ is normal?

In 1966, Sheth [21] showed that if T is a hyponormal operator and $S^{-1}TS = T^*$ for some operator S , where $0 \notin \overline{W(S)}$, then T is self-adjoint. Recently, Rashid [20] extended the result of Sheth to the class $A(k)$, $k > 0$ operators. In this paper, we extend the result of Sheth to the class p - $wA(s, t)$ as follows.

Theorem 2.14. *Let $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. If T or T^* belongs to class p - $wA(s, t)$ for some $s > 0$, $t > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$ and S is an operator for which $0 \notin \overline{W(S)}$ and $ST = T^*S$, then T is self-adjoint.*

To prove Theorem 2.14 we need the following Lemmas.

Lemma 2.15 ([24]). *If $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is any operator such that $S^{-1}TS = T^*$, where $0 \notin \overline{W(S)}$, then $\sigma(T) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.*

Lemma 2.16 ([18]). *Let $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and let T belongs to the class p - $wA(s, t)$ for some $s > 0$, $t > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$. If $m_2(\sigma(T)) = 0$, where m_2 means the planer Lebesgue measure, then T is normal.*

Proof. [Proof of Theorem 2.14] Suppose that T or T^* is a class p - $wA(s, t)$ for $s, t > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$. Since $\sigma(S) \subseteq \overline{W(S)}$, S is invertible and hence $ST = T^*S$ becomes $S^{-1}T^*S = T = (T^*)^*$. Apply Lemma 2.15 to T^* to get $\sigma(T^*) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then $\sigma(T) = \overline{\sigma(T^*)} = \sigma(T^*) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Thus $m_2(\sigma(T)) = m_2(\sigma(T^*)) = 0$ for the planer Lebesgue measure m_2 . It follows from Lemma 2.16 that T or T^* is normal. Since $\sigma(T) = \sigma(T^*) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Therefore, T is self-adjoint. \square

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