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## **Continuity of Spectra on Class of** *p*-*wA*(*s*, *t*) **Operators**

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we show that spectrum, Weyl spectrum and Browder spectrum are continuous on the set of p-wA(s, t) operators with  $0 and <math>0 < s, t, s + t \le 1$ .

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators on a complex Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Finding subsets  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  for which the spectrum  $\sigma$  is continuous when restricted to  $\mathcal{A}$  is one of challenging problems in operator theory.

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  $T^*T \ge TT^*$ . The Aluthge transformation introduced by Aluthge [1] is defined by  $T(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) = |T|^{\frac{1}{2}}U|T|^{\frac{1}{2}}$  where T = U|T| be the polar decomposition of  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . The generalized Aluthge transformation T(s, t) with 0 < s, t is defined by  $T(s, t) = |T|^s U|T|^t$ . Recall that an operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be p-hyponormal if  $(T^*T)^p \ge (TT^*)^p$ , and class wA(s, t) if  $(|T^*|^t|T|^{2s}|T^*|^t)^{\frac{1}{s+t}} \ge |T^*|^{2t}$  and  $|T|^{2s} \ge (|T|^s|^{2t}|T|^s)^{\frac{s}{s+t}}$  ([13]). In [18], the authors introduced class p-wA(s, t) operators as follows,

**Definition 1.1.** [18] Let T = U|T| be the polar decomposition of T and let 0 and <math>0 < s, t. T is called class p-wA(s, t) if

$$\begin{split} (|T^*|^t|T|^{2s}|T^*|^t)^{\frac{tp}{s+t}} &\geq |T^*|^{2tp}, \\ (|T|^s|T^*|^{2t}|T|^s)^{\frac{sp}{s+t}} &\leq |T|^{2sp}. \end{split}$$

Class *p*-*wA*(*s*, *t*) operators are extension of hyponormal operators and many interesting properties have been studied in [3, 4, 18–21].

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Let  $\mathcal{G}$  denote the set of all compact subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$  equipped with the Hausdorff metric. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a unital Banach algebra, then the spectrum can be viewed as a function  $\sigma : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{G}$ , mapping each  $T \in \mathcal{A}$  to its spectrum  $\sigma(T) \in \mathcal{G}$ .

If  $\{T_n\}$  is a sequence of elements of a unital Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , then

$$\liminf_{n} \sigma(T_n) = \{\lambda : \text{ there exists } \lambda_n \in \sigma(T_n) \text{ such that } \lambda = \lim_{n \to \infty} \lambda_n\},\$$

 $\limsup_{n} \sigma(T_n) = \{\lambda : \text{ there exists } \lambda_{n_k} \in \sigma(T_{n_k}) \text{ such that } \lambda = \lim_{k \to \infty} \lambda_{n_k} \}.$ 

If  $\liminf_n \sigma(T_n) = \limsup_n \sigma(T_n)$ , we say

$$\lim_{n} \sigma(T_{n}) = \lim \inf_{n} \sigma(T_{n}) = \limsup_{n} \sigma(T_{n})$$

It is known that if  $T_n$  converges to T in  $\mathcal{A}$ , then

$$\liminf_n \sigma(T_n) \subset \limsup_n \sigma(T_n) \subset \sigma(T).$$

Hence the function  $\sigma$  is upper semicontinuous. We say  $\sigma$  is continuous if

$$\sigma(T) = \lim_n \sigma(T_n),$$

or equivalently

 $\sigma(T) \subset \lim_n \sigma(T_n).$ 

It is known that  $\sigma$  does have points of discontinuity in noncommutative algebras. The work of J. Newburgh [17] contains fundamental results on spectral continuity in general Banach algebras. J. Conway and B. Morrel [6] have undertaken a detailed study of spectral continuity in the case where the Banach algebra is the *C*\*-algebra of all operators acting on a complex separable Hilbert space. Farenick and Lee [9] and Hwang and Lee [11] considered the spectral continuity when restricted to certain subsets of the entire manifold of Toeplitz operators. Hwang and Lee [12] proved that  $\sigma(T)$  is continuous on the set of *p*-hyponormal operators. Jeon and Kim [15] proved that  $\sigma(T)$  is continuous on the set of class *A*(*k*, 1) operators by using the arguments of Chō and Yamazaki [5]. In this article we focus continuity of spectrum, Weyl spectrum and Browder spectrum on the set of class *p*-*wA*(*s*, *t*) operators with  $0 and <math>0 < s, t, s + t \le 1$ . There are many papers in the topic of spectral continuity for non normal operators. We refer the reader to [7, 15, 16].

Let  $\alpha(T)$  and  $\beta(T)$  denote the nullity and the deficiency of  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , defined by  $\alpha(T) = \dim(\ker(T))$  and  $\beta(T) = \dim(\ker(T^*))$ . An operator T is said to be upper semi-Fredholm (resp., lower semi-Fredholm) if the range R(T) of  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is closed and  $\alpha(T) < \infty$  (resp.,  $\beta(T) < \infty$ ). Let  $SF_+(\mathcal{H})$  (resp.,  $SF_-(\mathcal{H})$ ) denote the semigroup of upper semi-Fredholm (resp., lower semi-Fredholm) operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be semi-Fredholm if  $T \in SF_+(\mathcal{H}) \cup SF_-(\mathcal{H}) = SF(\mathcal{H})$ , and Fredholm if  $T \in SF_+(\mathcal{H}) \cap SF_-(\mathcal{H}) = F(\mathcal{H})$ . The index of semi-Fredholm operator  $T \in SF(\mathcal{H})$  is defined by ind  $(T) = \alpha(T) - \beta(T)$ . Recall, the ascent a(T) of  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is the smallest non negative integer p such that  $\ker(T^p) = \ker(T^{p+1})$ . If such p does not exist, then  $a(T) = \infty$ . An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is Weyl if T is Fredholm of index zero, and Browder if T is Fredholm of finite ascent and descent. The Weyl spectrum  $\sigma_w(T)$  and the Browder spectrum  $\sigma_b(T)$  of T are defined by

 $\sigma_w(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not Weyl}\},\$  $\sigma_b(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not Browder}\}.$ 

We say that  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  satisfies Weyl's theorem if

$$\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_w(T) = \pi_{00}(T)$$

where  $\pi_{00}(T)$  denote the set of all isolated points  $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$  for which  $0 < \dim \ker(T - \lambda) < \infty$ .

## 2. Results

We prove the spectrum, Weyl spectrum and Browder spectrum are continious in the class of all p-wA(s, t) operator with  $0 and <math>0 < s, t, s + t \le 1$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** [18] Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and 0 and <math>0 < s, t. Let T = U|T| be the polar decomposion of T and  $T(s,t) = |T|^s U|T|^t$ . Then T is class p-wA(s,t) if and only if

$$|T(s,t)|^{\frac{2tp}{s+t}} \ge |T|^{2tp}$$

and

$$|T|^{2sp} \ge |T(s,t)^*|^{\frac{2sp}{s+t}}.$$

Hence

$$|T(s,t)|^{\frac{2\rho p}{s+t}} \ge |T|^{2\rho p} \ge |T(s,t)^*|^{\frac{2\rho p}{s+t}}$$

and T(s,t) is  $\frac{\rho p}{s+t}$ -hyponormal for any  $\rho \in (0, \min\{s, t\}]$ .

A complex number  $\lambda$  is said to be an approximate eigenvalue of *T* if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of unit vectors such that

$$(T-\lambda)x_n \to 0 \quad (n \to \infty).$$

We denote the set of all approximate eigenvalues of *T* by  $\sigma_a(T)$ . We say that  $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$  belongs to the (Xia's) residual spectrum  $\sigma_r^X(T)$  of *T* if  $(T - \lambda)\mathcal{H} \neq \mathcal{H}$  and there exists a positive number c > 0 such that

$$||(T - \lambda)x|| \ge c||x||$$
 for  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ .

By the definition,  $\sigma(T)$  is a disjoint union of  $\sigma_a(T)$  and  $\sigma_r^X(T)$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** [19] If  $T = U|T| \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is class p-wA(s, t) with  $0 and <math>0 < s, t, s + t \le 1$  and if  $T_{\alpha} = U|T|^{\alpha}$  with  $s + t \le \alpha$ , then

$$\sigma_{a}(T_{\alpha}) = \{ r^{\alpha} e^{i\theta} \mid re^{i\theta} \in \sigma_{a}(T) \}, \sigma_{r}^{X}(T_{\alpha}) = \{ r^{\alpha} e^{i\theta} \mid re^{i\theta} \in \sigma_{r}^{X}(T) \}, \sigma(T_{\alpha}) = \{ r^{\alpha} e^{i\theta} \mid re^{i\theta} \in \sigma(T) \}.$$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $T_n, T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $0 . If <math>T_n$  is class p-wA(s, t) and  $||T_n - T|| \rightarrow 0$ , then T is class p-wA(s, t) and  $\lim_n \sigma(T_n) = \sigma(T)$ . Hence the spectrum  $\sigma$  is continuous on the set of p-wA(s, t) operators with  $0 and <math>0 < s, t, s + t \le 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T_n = U_n|T_n|$ , T = U|T| be the polar decomposions of  $T_n$ , T and  $T_n$  be class p-wA(s, t). Let  $||T_n - T|| \rightarrow 0$ . Then  $|T_n|^2 = T_n^*T_n \rightarrow T^*T = |T|^2$ . Similarly,  $|T_n|^{2k} \rightarrow |T|^{2k}$  for  $k = 1, 2, \cdots$ . We may assume  $\sigma(|T_n|), \sigma(|T|) \subset [0, M]$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a polynomial p(t) such that  $\sup\{|\sqrt{t} - p(t)| : 0 \le t \le M\} < \varepsilon$ . Since  $p(|T_n|^2) \rightarrow p(|T|^2)$ , we have  $|T_n| \rightarrow |T|$ . Similarly, we have  $|T_n|^s \rightarrow |T|^s$  and  $|T_n|^t \rightarrow |T|^t$ . Since

$$T_n - U_n|T| = U_n(|T_n| - |T|) \rightarrow 0,$$

we have

$$U_n|T| = T_n - U_n(|T_n| - |T|) \rightarrow T = U|T|.$$

Hence

$$(U_n - U)|T| \to 0.$$

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Then 
$$(U_n - U)|T|^2$$
,  $(U_n - U)|T|^3 \rightarrow 0, \cdots$ , and we have  $(U_n - U)|T|^t \rightarrow 0$ . Then

$$U_n |T_n|^t = U_n (|T_n|^t - |T|^t) + (U_n - U)|T|^t + U|T|^t \to U|T|^t$$

because  $||U_n|| \le 1$ . Hence

$$T_n(s,t) = |T_n|^s U_n |T_n|^t \rightarrow |T|^s U |T|^t = T(s,t).$$

Since

$$T_n^* - |T|U_n^* = (|T_n| - |T|)U_n^* \to 0$$

we have

$$|T|U_n^* = T_n^* - (|T_n| - |T|)U_n^* \to T^* = |T|U^*$$

and

$$|T|(U_n^* - U^*) \to 0.$$

Then  $|T|^2(U_n^* - U^*) \to 0$ , and  $|T|^t(U_n^* - U^*) \to 0$ . Hence

$$|T_n|^t U_n^* = \left( |T_n|^t - |T|^t \right) U_n^* + |T|^t (U_n^* - U^*) + |T|^t U^* \to |T|^t U^*,$$

and

$$(T_n(s,t))^* = |T_n|^t U_n^* |T_n|^s \to |T|^t U^* |T|^s = (T(s,t))^*.$$

Since  $T_n$  is class p-wA(s, t), this implies that T is class p-wA(s, t).

Then  $T_n(s,t), T(s,t)$  are  $\frac{\rho p}{s+t}$ -hyponormal by Proposition 2.1. Since  $\sigma$  is continuous on the set of *p*-hyponormal operators by [12], we have

$$\sigma(T(s,t)) = \liminf_n \sigma(T_n(s,t)).$$

Since

$$\sigma(|T|^{s}U|T|^{t}) = \sigma(U|T|^{s+t}), \sigma(|T_{n}|^{s}U_{n}|T_{n}|^{t}) = \sigma(U_{n}|T_{n}|^{s+t})$$

by [23, Lemma 6] and

$$\sigma(U|T|^{s+t}) = \{r^{s+t}e^{i\theta} : re^{i\theta} \in \sigma(T)\}, \sigma(U_n|T_n|^{s+t}) = \{r^{s+t}e^{i\theta} : re^{i\theta} \in \sigma(T_n)\}$$

by Proposition 2.2, we have

$$\sigma(T) = \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sigma(T_n).$$

This completes proof.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 2.4.** *The Weyl spectrum and Browder spectrum are continious on the set of* p*-wA*(s,t) *operators with* 0 and <math>0 < s, t,  $s + t \le 1$ .

*Proof.* By [20, Theorem 5.1], class p-wA(s,t) operator T with  $0 and <math>0 < s,t,s + t \le 1$  satisfies Weyl's theorem. From Theorem 2.3, spectrum  $\sigma$  is continuous on the set of class p-wA(s,t) operators with  $0 and <math>0 < s,t,s + t \le 1$ . Applying Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 2.3 of [8], it follows that Weyl spectrum and Browder spectrum are continious on the set of class p-wA(s,t) operators with  $0 and <math>0 < s,t,s + t \le 1$ .  $\Box$ 

It is known that *p*-hyponormal operators with 0 and log-hyponormal operators are class <math>1-wA(s, t) operators for any 0 < s, t. Class 1-wA(1/2, 1/2) is called *p*-*w*-hyponormal ([2], [13]).

**Corollary 2.5.** *The Weyl spectrum and Browder spectrum are continious on the set of p-w-hyponormal operators with* 0*.* 

**Definition 2.6.** [23] Let T = U|T| be the polar decomposition of T and let 0 < s, t. T is called class A(s, t) if

 $(|T|^s|T^*|^{2t}|T|^s)^{\frac{s}{s+t}} \leq |T|^{2s}.$ 

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Ito and Yamazaki [14] proved that if *T* is class A(s, t), then

$$(|T^*|^t |T|^{2s} |T^*|^t)^{\frac{t}{s+t}} \ge |T^*|^{2t}.$$

Hence *T* is class 1-*wA*(*s*, *t*). Hence we have the following Corollary.

**Corollary 2.7.** *The spectrum, Weyl spectrum and Browder spectrum are continious on the set of class A*(*s*, *t*) *operators with*  $0 < s, t, s + t \le 1$ .

However, in this case, we prove more general results.

**Theorem 2.8.** The spectrum, Weyl spectrum and Browder spectrum are continious on the set of class A(s, t) operators with  $0 < s, t \le 1$ .

*Proof.* We prove the case 1 < s + t. Let  $T_n, T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $T_n = U_n|T_n|, T = U|T|$  be the polar decomposions of  $T_n, T$ . Let  $T_n$  be class A(s, t) and  $||T_n - T|| \to 0$ . Then T is class A(s, t),

$$T_n(s,t) = |T_n|^s U_n |T_n|^t \to |T|^s U |T|$$

and

$$\sigma(T(s,t)) = \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sigma(T_n(s,t)).$$

by the same arguement of Theorem 2.3. Since

$$\sigma(|T|^{s}U|T|^{t}) = \sigma(U|T|^{s+t}), \sigma(|T_{n}|^{s}U_{n}|T_{n}|^{t}) = \sigma(U_{n}|T_{n}|^{s+t})$$

by [23, Lemma 6] and

$$\sigma(U|T|^{s+t}) = \{r^{s+t}e^{i\theta} : re^{i\theta} \in \sigma(T)\}, \sigma(U_n|T_n|^{s+t}) = \{r^{s+t}e^{i\theta} : re^{i\theta} \in \sigma(T_n)\}$$

by [23, Theorem 5], we have

$$\sigma(T) = \liminf \sigma(T_n).$$

Hence the spectrum is continious on the set of class A(s, t) operators with  $0 < s, t \le 1$ .

It is known that A(s, t) operator T with  $0 < s, t \le 1$  is class A(1, 1) by [13, Theorem 3.5] and class A(1, 1) operator is paranormal by [10, Theorem 1]. Class A(1, 1) operator is called class A and Uchiyama [22] proved class A operators satisfy Weyl's theorem. The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Corollary 2.4.  $\Box$ 

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