

AN EXTENSION OF FUGLEDE-PUTNAM THEOREM FOR CLASS $A(t, t)$ OPERATORS

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Abstract

The familiar Fuglede-Putnam theorem asserts that if A and B are normal operators and $AX = XB$ for some bounded operator X , then $A^*X = XB^*$. In this paper, the hypothesis on A and B are relaxed by using a Hilbert Schmidt operator X : if A is class $A(t, t)$ and B^* is invertible class $A(t, t)$ such that $AX = XB$ for some Hilbert Schmidt operator X , then $A^*X = XB^*$. As a consequence of this result, we obtain that the range of the generalized derivation induced by this class of operators is orthogonal to its kernel.

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1. Introduction

Let \mathcal{H} be a separable infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space, and let $B(\mathcal{H})$, C_2 and C_1 denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators on \mathcal{H} , the Hilbert Schmidt class, and the trace class in $B(\mathcal{H})$, respectively. It is well known that $C_2(\mathcal{H})$ and $C_1(\mathcal{H})$ each form a two-sided $*$ -ideal in $B(\mathcal{H})$ and $C_2(\mathcal{H})$ is itself a Hilbert space with the inner product

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \sum \langle Xe_i, Ye_i \rangle = tr(Y^*X) = tr(XY^*),$$

where $\{e_i\}$ is any orthonormal basis of \mathcal{H} and $tr(\cdot)$ is the natural trace on $C_1(\mathcal{H})$. The Hilbert-Schmidt norm of $X \in C_2(\mathcal{H})$ is given by $\|X\|_2 = \langle X, X \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}$. For any operator A in $B(\mathcal{H})$, set, as usual, $|A| = (A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $[A^*, A] = A^*A - AA^* = |A^*|^2 - |A|^2$ (the self commutator of A), and consider the following definitions: A is normal if $A^*A = AA^*$, hyponormal if $A^*A - AA^* \geq 0$, p -hyponormal if $|A|^{2p} \geq |A^*|^{2p}$ ($0 < p \leq 1$), class $A(s, t)$ ($0 < s, t \leq 1$), if

$$(|A^*|^t |A|^{2s} |A^*|^t)^{\frac{t}{s+t}} \geq |A^*|^{2t}.$$

Especially, the class $A(1, 1)$ denote by \mathcal{A} was defined first by the inequality $|A^2| \geq |A|^2$, which is equivalent to $(|A^*| |A|^2 |A^*|)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq |A^*|^2$. Class \mathcal{A} operators has been defined in [13] as a nice application of Furuta inequality [11]. So as a generalization of class \mathcal{A} , class $A(s, t)$, ($0 < s, t \leq 1$) was defined in [10]. Inclusion relation among these classes are known as follows:

$$\{\text{class } A(s, t), \quad s, t \in (0, 1]\} \subset \{\text{class } \mathcal{A}\}.$$

An operator $A = U|A|$ is said to be *w-hyponormal*, if $|\tilde{A}| \geq |A| \geq |(\tilde{A})^*|$, where $\tilde{A} = |A|^{\frac{1}{2}}U|A|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is the Aluthge transform of A (see [1] and [2]). It is known that the class of *w-hyponormal* operators coincides with class $A(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ (see [15, 16]).

The famous Fuglede-Putnam theorem (see [6, 14]) asserts that if A and B are normal operators and $AX = XB$ for some operator X , then $A^*X = XB^*$. Several authors have extended this theorem to non normal operators (see [6], [9], [17], [19], [18], [20]).

Berberian [5] relaxes the hypothesis on A and B by assuming A and B^* hyponormal operators and X to be Hilbert-Schmidt class. Recently, Patel [19] proved that if A and B^* are p -hyponormal such that $AX = XB$ for $X \in C_2(\mathcal{H})$, then $A^*X = XB^*$.

Let A, B in $B(\mathcal{H})$, we define the generalized derivation $\delta_{A,B}$ induced by A and B as follows:

$$\delta_{A,B}(X) = AX - XB \text{ for all } X \in B(\mathcal{H}).$$

Anderson and Foias [4] proved that if A and B are normal, S is an operator such that $AS = SB$, then

$$\|\delta_{A,B}(X) - S\| \geq \|S\|, \text{ for all } X \in B(\mathcal{H}),$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ is the usual operator norm. Hence the range of $\delta_{A,B}$ is orthogonal to the null space of $\delta_{A,B}$. The orthogonality here is understood to be in the sense of Definition 1.2 in [3]. The purpose of this paper is to prove that the Fuglede-Putnam theorem remains true if A and B^* are class $A(t, t)$ ($0 < t \leq 1$). As a consequence of this result, we give a similar orthogonality result by proving that the range of the generalized derivation induced by this class of operators is orthogonal to its kernel.

2. Main Results

The basic elementary operator $M_{A,B}$ induced by the operators A and B is defined on $C_2(\mathcal{H})$ by $M_{A,B}(X) = AXB$, and the adjoint of $M_{A,B}$ is given by the formula $M_{A,B}^* = A^*XB^*$.

Proposition 2.1. *Let $A, B \in B(\mathcal{H})$. If $A \geq 0$ and $B \geq 0$, then $M_{A,B} \geq 0$.*

Proof. Let $X \in C_2(\mathcal{H})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle M_{A,B}X, X \rangle &= \text{tr}(AXBX^*) \\ &= \text{tr}(A^{\frac{1}{2}}XBX^*A^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &= \text{tr}((A^{\frac{1}{2}}XB^{\frac{1}{2}})(A^{\frac{1}{2}}X^*B^{\frac{1}{2}})) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 2.2. *Let $A, B \in B(\mathcal{H})$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} |M_{A,B}|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2}}(X) &= |A|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2}}|X|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2}}|B^*|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \\ |M_{A,B}^*|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2}}(X) &= |A^*|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2}}|X|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2}}|B|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

for each integer n .

Proof. Since $M_{A,B}^*M_{A,B}(X) = A^*AXBB^*$ and $M_{A,B}M_{A,B}^*(X) = AA^*XB^*B$ for any operator $X \in C_2(\mathcal{H})$, this yields

$$|M_{A,B}(X)| = |A|X|B^*| \text{ and } |M_{A,B}^*(X)| = |A^*|X|B|,$$

and so,

$$|M_{A,B}(X)|_{\frac{1}{2}} = |A|_{\frac{1}{2}}|X|_{\frac{1}{2}}|B^*|_{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ and } |M_{A,B}^*(X)|_{\frac{1}{2}} = |A^*|_{\frac{1}{2}}|X|_{\frac{1}{2}}|B|_{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Consequently, we get

$$|M_{A,B}(X)|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2^n}} = |A|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2^n}} X |B^*|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2^n}} \quad \text{and} \quad |M_{A,B}^*(X)|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2^n}} = |A^*|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2^n}} X |B|_{2^n}^{\frac{1}{2^n}} \quad \text{for}$$

each $n \geq 0$. □

Lemma 2.3. *If $A, B^* \in B(\mathcal{H})$ are class $A(t, t)$ operators such that $0 < t \leq 1$, then the operator $M_{A,B}$ in $C_2(\mathcal{H})$ is also class $A(t, t)$.*

Proof. Without loss of the generality, we may assume that $t = 2^{-n}$ for some integer $n \geq 0$.

$$|M_{A,B}^*|^t |M_{A,B}|^{2t} |M_{A,B}^*|^t (X) = |A^*|^t |A|^{2t} |A^*|^t X |B|^t |B^*|^{2t} |B|^t,$$

for each $X \in C_2(\mathcal{H})$ and, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (|M_{A,B}^*|^t |M_{A,B}|^{2t} |M_{A,B}^*|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}} (X) &= (|A^*|^t |A|^{2t} |A^*|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}} X (|B|^t |B^*|^{2t} |B|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= M_{(|A^*|^t |A|^{2t} |A^*|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}}, (|B|^t |B^*|^{2t} |B|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}}} (X). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} &(|M_{A,B}^*|^t |M_{A,B}|^{2t} |M_{A,B}^*|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}} (X) - |M_{A,B}^*|^{2t} (X) \\ &= M_{(|A^*|^t |A|^{2t} |A^*|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}}, (|B|^t |B^*|^{2t} |B|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}}} (X) - M_{|A^*|^{2t}, |B|^{2t}} (X) \\ &= [(|A^*|^t |A|^{2t} |A^*|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}} - |A^*|^{2t}] X [(|B|^t |B^*|^{2t} |B|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}} - |B|^{2t}] \\ &\quad + |A^*|^{2t} X (|B|^t |B^*|^{2t} |B|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}} + (|A^*|^t |A|^{2t} |A^*|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}} |B|^{2t}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Proposition 2.1 that $(|M_{A,B}^*|^t |M_{A,B}|^{2t} |M_{A,B}^*|^t)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq |M_{A,B}^*|^{2t}$, and hence $M_{A,B}$ is class $A(t, t)$. □

Lemma 2.4. *Let $A, B^* \in B(\mathcal{H})$ be class $A(s, t)$ operators such that $0 < s, t \leq 1$ and $M_{A,B}$ defined on $C_2(\mathcal{H})$, then $\ker(M_{A,B} - I) \subset \ker(M_{A,B}^* - I)$, where I is the identity on \mathcal{H} .*

Proof. Let $X \in \ker(M_{A,B} - I)$, then $(M_{A,B} - I)(X) = 0$ and $(M_{A,B}^2 - I)(X) = 0$. Hence,

$$\|M_{A,B}\|_2 = \|X\|_2 \text{ and } \|M_{A,B}^2\|_2 = \|X\|_2. \quad (2.1)$$

Since A, B^* are class $A(s, t)$ operators, then from [16, Theorem 4], A, B^* are class \mathcal{A} and from Lemma 2.1, we deduce that $M_{A,B}$ is class \mathcal{A} in $B(C_2(\mathcal{H}))$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_{A,B}X\|_2^2 &= \langle |M_{A,B}|^2 X, X \rangle \\ &\leq \langle |M_{A,B}^2| X, X \rangle \\ &\leq \| |M_{A,B}^2| X \|_2 \|X\|_2 \\ &= \|M_{A,B}^2 X\|_2 \|X\|_2, \end{aligned}$$

and from (2.1), it follows that

$$\langle |M_{A,B}^2| X, X \rangle = \|X\|_2^2. \quad (2.2)$$

Therefore, from (2.1) and (2.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|(|M_{A,B}^2| - I)X\|_2^2 &= \| |M_{A,B}^2| X \|_2^2 - 2\langle |M_{A,B}^2| X, X \rangle + \|X\|_2^2 \\ &= \| |M_{A,B}^2| X \|_2^2 - 2\|X\|_2^2 + \|X\|_2^2 \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$|M_{A,B}^2|X = X. \tag{2.3}$$

On the other hand, from (2.1) and (2.3), we get

$$\left\| (|M_{A,B}^2| - |M_{A,B}|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} X \right\|_2^2 = \langle |M_{A,B}^2|X, X \rangle - \langle |M_{A,B}|^2 X, X \rangle = 0,$$

that is,

$$(|M_{A,B}^2| - |M_{A,B}|^2)X = 0. \tag{2.4}$$

Thus, from (2.3) and (2.4), it follows that

$$(|M_{A,B}|^2 - I)X = (|M_{A,B}|^2 - |M_{A,B}^2|)X + (|M_{A,B}^2| - I)X = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$(M_{A,B}^* - I)X = (|M_{A,B}|^2 - I)X - M_{A,B}^*(M_{A,B} - I)X = 0,$$

and the proof is complete. □

Lemma 2.5. *Let $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$, if A is invertible class $A(s, t)$ operator, then A^{-1} is class $A(s, t)$ operator.*

Proof. From [12], we have

$$(|A^*|^t |A|^{2s} |A^*|^t)_{s+t}^{\frac{t}{s+t}} = |A^*|^t |A|^s (|A|^s |A^*|^{2t} |A|^s)_{s+t}^{\frac{-s}{s+t}} |A|^s |A^*|^t. \tag{2.5}$$

Since A is class $A(s, t)$ operator, then $(|A^*|^t |A|^{2s} |A^*|^t)_{s+t}^{\frac{t}{s+t}} \geq |A^*|^{2t}$, and so

$$|A^*|^{-t} (|A^*|^t |A|^{2s} |A^*|^t)_{s+t}^{\frac{t}{s+t}} |A^*|^{-t} \geq I. \tag{2.6}$$

Therefore, from (2.5) and (2.6), we get

$$|A|^s (|A|^s |A^*|^{2t} |A|^s)_{s+t}^{\frac{-s}{s+t}} |A|^s \geq I.$$

Hence

$$(|(A^{-1})^*|^s |A^{-1}|^{2t} |(A^{-1})^*|^s)^{\frac{s}{s+t}} \geq |(A^{-1})^*|^s.$$

Therefore A^{-1} is class $A(s, t)$ operator. \square

Theorem 2.6. *If A is class $A(t, t)$ operator and B^* is invertible class $A(t, t)$ operator such that $AX = XB$ for some X in $C_2(\mathcal{H})$, then $A^*X = XB^*$.*

Proof. Let $AX = XB$ for some X in $C_2(\mathcal{H})$, then $M_{A, B^{-1}}(X) = X$. Since B^* is invertible class $A(t, t)$ operator, then by Lemma 2.3, $(B^*)^{-1}$ is class $A(t, t)$ operator and by Lemma 2.1, $M_{A, B^{-1}}$ is also class $A(t, t)$ operator. Hence by lemma $M_{A, B^{-1}}^*(X) = X$, that is, $A^*X = XB^*$, by this, we complete the proof. \square

Corollary 2.7 ([14]). *If A is w -hyponormal and B^* is invertible w -hyponormal operator such that $AX = XB$ for some X in $C_2(\mathcal{H})$, then $A^*X = XB^*$.*

Corollary 2.8. *If A is class A and B^* is invertible class A such that $AX = XB$ for some X in $C_2(\mathcal{H})$, then $A^*X = XB^*$.*

Now, we ready to extend the orthogonality result to the class $A(t, t)$ operators.

Theorem 2.9. *Let A, B be operators in $B(\mathcal{H})$ and $S \in C_2(\mathcal{H})$. Then*

$$\|\delta_{A, B}(X) + S\|_2^2 = \|\delta_{A, B}(X)\|_2^2 + \|S\|_2^2, \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$\|\delta_{A, B}^*(X) + S\|_2^2 = \|\delta_{A, B}^*(X)\|_2^2 + \|S\|_2^2, \quad (2.8)$$

if and only if $\delta_{A, B}(S) = 0 = \delta_{A^*, B^*}(S)$ for all $S \in C_2(\mathcal{H})$.

Proof. We known that the Hilbert-Schmidt class $C_2(\mathcal{H})$ is a Hilbert space. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\|\delta_{A,B}(X) + S\|_2^2 &= \|\delta_{A,B}(X)\|_2^2 + \|S\|_2^2 + \operatorname{Re}\langle \delta_{A,B}(X), S \rangle \\ &= \|\delta_{A,B}(X)\|_2^2 + \|S\|_2^2 + \operatorname{Re}\langle X, \delta_{A,B}^*(S) \rangle,\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|\delta_{A,B}^*(X) + S\|_2^2 = \|\delta_{A,B}^*(X)\|_2^2 + \|S\|_2^2 + \operatorname{Re}\langle X, \delta_{A,B}(S) \rangle.$$

Hence by the equality $\delta_{A,B}(S) = 0 = \delta_{A^*,B^*}(S)$, we obtain (2.7) and (2.8).

□

The claim is verified and the proof is complete.

Corollary 2.10. *Let A, B be operators in $B(\mathcal{H})$ and $S \in C_2(\mathcal{H})$. Then*

$$\|\delta_{A,B}(X) + S\|_2^2 = \|\delta_{A,B}(X)\|_2^2 + \|S\|_2^2,$$

and

$$\|\delta_{A,B}^*(X) + S\|_2^2 = \|\delta_{A,B}^*(X)\|_2^2 + \|S\|_2^2,$$

if and only if either of the following hypothesis hold:

- (1) *A is class $A(t, t)$ operator and B^* is invertible class $A(t, t)$ operator.*
- (2) *A is w -hyponormal operator and B^* is invertible w -hyponormal operator.*
- (3) *A is class \mathcal{A} and B^* is invertible class \mathcal{A} .*

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