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Some Theorems on Operators. ()**

A bounded operator T defined on a HILBERT space H is said to be hyponormal if $\|T^*x\| \leq \|Tx\|$ for any $x \in H$. This definition has also an equivalent form: We say that the operator T is hyponormal if $T^*T \geq TT^*$. The notion of hyponormality was introduced by HALMOS [2].

A closed linear manifold in the HILBERT space is called a subspace of H . The set of all complex numbers λ for which $(T - \lambda I)^{-1}$ does not exist is called the spectrum of T and is denoted by $\sigma(T)$.

An operator T defined on a HILBERT space H is said to be compact (completely continuous) if it maps every bounded set into a compact set. In other words an operator T is called completely continuous if there exists a sequence of elements $x_n \in H$ ($\|x_n\| = 1$) such that $\{Tx_n\}$ contains a convergent subsequence. Recently another class of operators known as completely continuous operators have been in prominence. The first fundamental result concerning completely continuous hyponormal operators was proved by ANDÔ [1]. He proved *inter alia* that a completely continuous hyponormal operator is necessarily normal.

Here in this Note we prove certain results concerning hyponormal operators.

Theorem 1. *Let T be a hyponormal operator defined on a Hilbert space H and let M be a closed subspace of H such that*

$$M = \{x: Tx = \lambda x, x \neq \emptyset\},$$

then the subspace M will be spanned by eigen vectors of T .

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Proof. Let there be a vector Φ not orthogonal to M . We may express it as $\Phi = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2$, where $\Phi_1 = \varnothing \in M$ and $\Phi_2 \in M^\perp$. Hence $\lambda\Phi = \lambda\Phi_1 + \lambda\Phi_2 = T\Phi = T\Phi_1 + T\Phi_2$ and so $T\Phi_1 - \lambda\Phi_1 = \lambda\Phi_2 - T\Phi_2$. It is easily verified that M is invariant under T . Now, on account of invariant property of T , we have $T\Phi_1 \in M$ and $T\Phi_2 \in M^\perp$. Now only the null element is common between M and M^\perp . Hence $T\Phi_1 = \lambda\Phi_1$ where $\Phi_1 \neq \varnothing$. Hence the result follows from Theorem 2 (cf. [3]).

Theorem 2. Let T be a hyponormal operator and M a set such that

$$M = \{x: \|Tx\| = \|T^*x\|, Tx = \lambda_i x, x \in H\},$$

where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the eigen values of T . Further let $\sum_1^\infty \lambda_i^n \omega_i = 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^\infty |\omega_i| < \infty$ imply that $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \dots = 0$. Then M is generated by eigen vectors of T .

Proof. Under the hypothesis of the Theorem, it is easy to see that M is a closed subspace invariant under T and T^* . It is also known that the eigenspaces corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal. So any $x \in M$ may be expressed as $x = \sum_{i=1}^\infty x_i$ where $x_i \in N_T(\lambda_i) = \{x_i: Tx_i = \lambda_i x_i\}$. Let $y \perp M$, we write $y = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \eta_i$ and $\eta_i \in N_{T^*}(\lambda_i)$. Since $T^n x \in M$, $n \geq 0$, we have

$$(T^n x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \lambda_i^n (\eta_i, x_i) = 0.$$

Putting $(\eta_i, x_i) = \omega_i$, we have $\sum_{i=1}^\infty \lambda_i^n \omega_i = 0$ where $n \geq 0$. Now since

$$\sum_{i=1}^\infty \|x_i\|^2 < \infty, \quad \sum_{i=1}^\infty \|\eta_i\|^2 < \infty,$$

we further have $\sum_{i=1}^\infty |\omega_i| < \infty$. So it follows that $(y, x_i) = 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots$. It means that every $x_i \in M$ and the conclusion of the theorem follows.

Theorem 3. Let T be a hyponormal operator and let

$$M_i = \{x: x \in H, Tx = \lambda_i x\}.$$

where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ are eigenvalues of T . Then $\sigma(T) = \cup \sigma(T|_{M_i})$, where $T|_{M_i}$ denotes the restriction of T to M_i .

Proof. Now M_i 's are invariant under T . The subspaces M_i, M_j are mutually orthogonal for $i \neq j$. The restriction of T to M_i , denoted by $T|_{M_i}$ is the mapping $T|_{M_i}: M_i \rightarrow M_i$ defined by $T|_{M_i} x = Tx$. Let $\lambda \in' \cup \sigma(T|_{M_i})$.

Then, supposing $T_\lambda = T - \lambda I$, we have

$$\|T_{\lambda|_{M_1}} x_1\| = \|Tx_1\| \geq c \|x_1\|, \quad \|T_{\lambda|_{M_2}} x_2\| = \|Tx_2\| \geq c \|x_2\|$$

and so on. Any $x \in H$ may be expressed in the form $x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i$ where $x_i \in M_i$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots$). Then

$$\|T_\lambda x\| = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} T_{\lambda|_{M_i}} x_i \right\| = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} Tx_i \right\| \geq c \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|x_i\|^2 \right)^{1/2} = c \|x\|.$$

But this is indicative of the fact that $\lambda \in' \sigma(T)$. Hence the Theorem is proved.

It is known that if T is completely continuous then T^* is also completely continuous. But the converse relationship is not known. In the theorem given below we have pointed out that under the hyponormality of T^* and complete continuity of T^* , T is completely continuous. We state this elementary result in the form of

Theorem 4. *If T^* is completely continuous hyponormal operator, then T is completely continuous.*

Proof. By definition of hyponormality, we have

$$\|T(x_n - x_m)\| \leq \|T^*(x_n - x_m)\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (m, n \rightarrow \infty),$$

where $\{x_n\}$ is any bounded sequence of elements $x_n \in H$, such that $\|x_n\| = 1$.

Theorem 5. *If T is a hyponormal operator and λ an isolated point in the spectrum of T , then λ belongs to the point spectrum of T .*

Proof. Since λ is an isolated point in the spectrum of T , we can find a circle with centre λ such that $|\mu - \lambda| = r$ is free from the points of $\sigma(T)$

except the point λ which is inside the circle. Then

$$P = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\mu-\lambda|=r} (T - \mu I)^{-1} d\mu$$

is a projection which commutes with T and

$$\|P\| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \|T - \mu I\|^{-1} d\mu \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} 2\pi r \frac{1}{r} = 1.$$

Thus P is self-adjoint. Now for $x \in PH$, we have

$$\|(T - \lambda I)x\| = \left\| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int (\mu - \lambda)(T - \lambda I)^{-1} x d\mu \right\| \leq r.$$

Letting $r \rightarrow 0$, we have $Tx = \lambda x$. It proves our assertion. It is also proved by STAMPELI [4].

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