

# Bishop's property, Weyl's Theorem and Riesz idempotent

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**Abstract.** Important fundamental and spectral properties of the classes of quasi  $n$ -normal and  $k$ -quasi  $n$ -normal operators defined on a separable complex Hilbert space constitute the aim of the present paper. We prove that the considered operators satisfy Bishop's property  $(\beta)$  and that are polaroid, subscalar and decomposable. It's also proved that a  $k$ -quasi  $n$ -normal operator has a non trivial invariant subspace and Weyl's theorem holds for this operator. Other results related to the Riesz idempotent of elements of these classes are also established.

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## 1. Introduction and Background

Let  $H$  denote a separable complex Hilbert space, and let  $B(H)$  be the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $H$ . An operator  $A \in B(H)$  is said to be normal if  $A$  commutes with its adjoint  $A^*$ , and  $n$ -normal if  $A^n A^* = A^* A^n$ . It's obvious that if  $A$  is a  $n$ -normal operator, then  $A^n$  is normal. An operator  $A \in B(H)$  is said to be an isometry if  $A^* A = I$ , where  $I$  is the identity operator on  $H$ , and a co-isometry if  $A A^*$  is an isometry.

An operator  $A$  in  $B(H)$  is said to have the *Single Valued Extension Property* (SVEP) at a complex number  $\alpha$ , if for each open neighborhood  $U$  of  $\alpha$ , the zero function is the unique analytic solution on  $U$  of the equation

$$(A - \lambda)f(\lambda) = 0$$

Moreover,  $A$  is said to have SVEP if  $A$  has SVEP at each complex scalar [1]. For  $A \in B(H)$ , the smallest integer  $j$  for which  $N(A^j) = N(A^{j+1})$  is said to be the *ascent* of  $A$  and is denoted  $p(A)$ . If such integer does not exist, we

shall write  $p(A) = \infty$  [1].

Also, if  $A \in B(H)$ , then the Riesz idempotent  $E$  with respect to an isolated point  $\mu$  in the spectrum  $\sigma(A)$  of  $A$  is defined by

$$E = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} (z - A)^{-1} dz$$

where the integral is taken in the positive sense,  $D$  is a closed disk concentrated at  $\lambda$  with a small radius  $r$  satisfying  $D \cap \sigma(A) = \{\lambda\}$  and  $\partial D$  denotes its boundary, [1, 9, 10]. The operator  $A \in B(H)$  is said to have Bishop's property ( $\beta$ ) if for each open subset  $G$  of  $C$ , and all sequence  $(f_n : G \rightarrow H)$ , of analytic functions such that  $(A - \lambda)f_n$  converges uniformly to 0 in norm of compact subsets of  $G$ ,  $(f_n)_n$  converges uniformly to 0, in norm of compact subsets of  $G$ . See [1, 9, 10] for more details.

In this paper, we investigate the class of operators verifying  $AA^{An}A^n = A^{An}A^{n+1}$  for an operator  $A \in B(H)$ , and a natural integer  $n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Elements of this class are said to be quasi-normal operators of order  $n$ , [7]. For  $n = 1$ , the operator  $A$  is quasi normal. We show that if  $A$  is quasi-normal of order  $n$ , then  $A$  has Bishop's property  $\beta$ ,  $A$  is isoloid and it satisfies Weyl's Theorem. We also establish other spectral results related to the compacity and the Riesz idempotent.

*Example.* Matrices on  $C^2$  of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $a \neq 0$  are quasi-normal of order 2 but not quasi normal. However, the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , ( $i^2 = -1$ ) is quasi-normal of order  $n$  for all integer  $n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .

*Example.* The matrices  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  are quasi-normal of order 2. Nonetheless, the matrix  $A + S$  is not quasi-normal of order 2.

Finally,  $N(A)$ ,  $R(A)$  and  $|A| = (A^*A)^{1/2}$  denote respectively the null space, the range and the modulus of an operator  $A$  in  $B(H)$ .

## 2. Quasi-normal operators of order $n$

**Proposition 2.1.** [7] *The class of quasi-normal operators of order  $n$  contains the class of  $n$ -normal operators.*

**Proposition 2.2.** [7] *Let  $A \in B(H)$  be a quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ , and let  $B \in B(H)$  be unitarily equivalent to  $A$ . Then,  $B$  is a quasi-normal operator of order  $n$  too.*

The following example shows that if  $A$  and  $B$  are quasisimilar, then the Proposition 2.2 is in general not true.

Example. The operator  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is quasi-normal of order 2, and

$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is invertible and not unitary. The matrix  $B = XAX^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is not quasi-normal of order 2 since

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = BB^{\wedge 2}B^2 \neq B^{\wedge 2}B^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is also given in [7] that a quasi-normal operator of order 2 needs not to be quasi-normal operator of order 3.

Example. The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a 3-quasi-normal operator of order 2 but not quasi-normal of order 2.

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $A \in B(H)$  be an invertible quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ . Then, so is its inverse  $A^{-1}$ .

*Proof.* Under the hypotheses,  $A$  is  $n$ -normal. Indeed,  $A^n$  is also invertible, and

$$AA^{\wedge n} = AA^{\wedge n}A^nA^{-n} = A^{\wedge n}A^{n+1}A^{-n} = A^{\wedge n}A$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1}(A^{-1})^{\wedge n}A^{-n} &= (A^nA^{\wedge n}A)^{-1} = (A^nAA^{\wedge n})^{-1} = (A^{n+1}A^{\wedge n})^{-1} \\ &= (A^{-1})^{\wedge n}(A^{-1})^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.4.** If  $A \in B(H)$  is a quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ , then  $(A^{*n}A^n)^3 = A^{*3n}A^{3n}$ .

*Proof.* By the hypothesis,  $(A^{*n}A^n)^2 = A^{*2n}A^{2n}$ . Then,

$$(A^{*n}A^n)^3 = (A^{*n}A^n)^2A^{*n}A^n = A^{*2n}A^{2n}A^{*n}A^n.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} A^{*2n}A^{2n}A^{*n}A^n &= A^{*2n}A^{2n-1}A^{*n}A^{n+1} &= A^{*2n}A^{2n-2}A^{*n}A^{n+2} \\ &= A^{*2n}A^{2n-3}A^{*n}A^{n+3} \\ &= \dots \\ &= A^{*3n}A^{3n} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.5.** An operator  $A \in B(H)$  is said to be paranormal if for all unit vector  $x$  in  $H$   $\|Ax\|^2 \leq \|A^2x\|$ .

We've then,

**Proposition 2.6.** *If  $A \in B(H)$  is a quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ , then  $A^n$  is paranormal.*

*Proof.* According to the hypothesis and Lemma 2.4,  $(A^{*n}A^n)^2 = A^{*2n}A^{2n}$ . Then, for each unit vector  $x$  in  $H$ ,

$$\|A^{*n}A^n x\|^2 = \langle (A^{*n}A^n)^2 x, x \rangle = \langle A^{*2n}A^{2n} x, x \rangle = \|A^{2n} x\|^2$$

By Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we get

$$\|A^n x\|^2 = \langle A^{*n}A^n x, x \rangle \leq \|A^{*n}A^n x\| \|x\| = \|A^{*n}A^n x\| = \|A^{2n} x\| = \|(A^n)^2 x\|$$

||This shows the paranormality of  $A$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [1] For  $A \in H$ , the smallest integer  $j$  for which  $N(A^j) = N(A^{j+1})$  is said to be the *ascent* of  $A$  and is denoted  $p(A)$ . If such integer does not exist, we shall write  $p(A) = \infty$ .

In view of [1, Theorem 3.8], operators that have finite ascent have SVEP too. We've then

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $A$  be quasi-normal of order  $n$ . Then,  $N(A^n) = N(A^{n+1})$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be in  $N(A^{n+1})$ . Then,  $A^{n+1}x = 0$ . Since  $A$  is quasi-normal of order  $n$ ,

$$AA^{\wedge n}A^n x = 0$$

Hence,

$$\langle AA^{\wedge n}A^n x, z \rangle = \langle A^{\wedge n}A^n x, A^{\wedge} z \rangle = 0$$

for all  $z \in H$ . Thus,

$$A^{\wedge n}A^n x \in R(A^{\wedge})^{\perp} \cap \overline{R(A^{\wedge n})}$$

Since  $R(A^{\wedge})^{\perp} \subset R(A^{\wedge n})^{\perp}$ ,

$$A^{\wedge n}A^n x \in R(A^{\wedge n})^{\perp} \cap \overline{R(A^{\wedge n})} = \{0\}$$

Finally,  $A^n x = 0$ . That is  $x \in N(A^n)$ . This achieves the proof since the second inclusion is evident.

**Corollary 2.9.** *If  $A$  is quasi-normal of order  $n$ , then  $p(A) \leq n$ .*

**Corollary 2.10.** *Quasi-normal operators of order  $n$  have SVEP at 0.*

### 3. $k$ -quasi-normal operators of order $n$

**Definition 3.1.** An operator  $A \in B(H)$  is said to be  $k$ -quasi-normal of order  $n$ . If

$$A^{\wedge k}(AA^{\wedge n}A^n - A^{\wedge n}A^{n+1})A^k = 0$$

1-quasi-normal operators of order  $n$  are quasi-normal of order  $n$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $A$  be a  $k$ -quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ . Assume that  $R(A^k)$  is dense in  $H$ . Then,  $A$  is quasi-normal of order  $n$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is  $k$ -quasi-normal of order  $n$ ,

$$A^{\wedge k}(AA^{\wedge n}A^n - A^{\wedge n}A^{n+1})A^k = 0$$

Let  $x$  be in  $H$ . Since  $\overline{R(A^k)} = H$ ,  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^k x_n$  for some sequence  $(x_n)_n$  of elements of  $H$ . Since  $A$  is  $k$ -quasi-normal of order  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle A^{\wedge k}(AA^{\wedge n}A^n - A^{\wedge n}A^{n+1})A^k x_n, x_n \rangle \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (AA^{\wedge n}A^n - A^{\wedge n}A^{n+1})A^k x_n, A^k x_n \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$0 = \langle (AA^{\wedge n}A^n - A^{\wedge n}A^{n+1}) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^k x_n, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^k x_n \rangle$$

by the continuity of the inner product. Hence,

$$\langle (AA^{\wedge n}A^n - A^{\wedge n}A^{n+1})x, x \rangle = 0$$

This shows that  $A$  is  $k$ -quasi-normal of order  $n$ .

**Corollary 3.3.** If  $A$  is  $k$ -quasi-normal operator of order  $n$  such that  $A$  is not quasi-normal of order  $n$ , then  $A$  is not invertible.

**Theorem 3.4.** The restriction of a  $k$ -quasi-normal operator  $A \in B(H)$  of order  $n$  on an invariant closed subspace  $M \subset H$  is also  $k$ -quasi-normal of order  $n$ .

*Proof.*  $A = \begin{matrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{matrix}$  under the orthogonal decomposition  $H = M \oplus M^\perp$ .

Since  $A$  is  $k$ -quasi  $n$ -normal,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= A^{\wedge k}(AA^{\wedge n}A^n - A^{\wedge n}A^{n+1})A^k \\ &= \begin{matrix} A_1^{\wedge k}(A_1 A_1^{\wedge n} A_1^n - A_1^{\wedge n} A_1^{n+1})A_1^k & R \\ S & T \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$

for certain operators  $R, S, T \in B(H)$ . Hence,

$$A_1^{\wedge k}(A_1 A_1^{\wedge n} A_1^n - A_1^{\wedge n} A_1^{n+1})A_1^k = 0$$

The desired result is proved.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $A$  be a  $k$ -quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ , for which

$$R(A^k) \neq H. \text{ If } A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ on } H = \overline{R(A^k)} \oplus N(A^k), \text{ then}$$

1.  $A_1$  is quasi-normal of order  $n$ .
2.  $A_3^k = 0$  and  $\sigma(A) = \sigma(A_1) \cup \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in H$ . Since  $A$  is  $k$ -quasi-normal of order  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle A^k(AA^{\wedge n}A^n - A^{\wedge n}A^{n+1})A^kx, x \rangle \\ &= \langle (AA^{\wedge n}A^n - A^{\wedge n}A^{n+1})A^kx, A^kx \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Then, for all  $y \in \overline{R(A^k)}$

$$\langle (AA^{\wedge n}A^n - A^{\wedge n}A^{n+1})y, y \rangle = 0$$

Hence,

$$(AA^{\wedge n}A^n - A^{\wedge n}A^{n+1}) \frac{\overline{\phantom{x}}}{R(A^k)} = A_1A_1^{\wedge n}A_1^n - A_1^{\wedge n}A_1^{n+1} = 0$$

Thus,  $A$  is quasi-normal of order  $n$ .

Let now  $P$  be the orthogonal projection on  $\overline{R(A^k)}$ . For all  $x = x_1 + x_2, y = y_1 + y_2 \in H$ ,

$$A_3^kx_2, y_2 = A^k(I - P)x, (I - P)y = (I - P)x, A^{*k}(I - P)y = 0$$

Thus,  $A_3$  is nilpotent of order  $k$ .

Moreover,  $\sigma(A) \cup \sigma(A_3) = \sigma(A) \cup \Omega$ , where  $\Omega$  is the union of holes in  $\sigma(A)$  which happen to be a subset of  $\sigma(A) \cap \sigma(A_3)$  by [4, Corollary 7], with the interior of  $\sigma(A) \cap \sigma(A_3)$  is empty and  $A_3$  is nilpotent. Thus,  $\sigma(A) = \sigma(A_3) \cup \{0\}$ .

## 4. Spectral study

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $A \in B(H)$  be a quasi-normal operator of both order 2 and 3. Then, equation  $Ax = \mu x$  implies  $A^{\wedge}x = \mu^{\wedge}x$  for some  $x \in H$  and a nonzero complex scalar  $\mu$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is quasi-normal operator of order 2,

$$AA^{*2}A^2 = A^{*2}A^3$$

Then,

$$A^2A^{*2}A^3 = AA^{*2}A^4$$

and so for each  $x \in H$

$$\langle A^2A^{*2}A^3x, x \rangle = \langle AA^{*2}A^4x, x \rangle$$

Since  $\mu \neq 0$ ,

$$\|A^{*2}x\| = |\mu^2| \|x\| \tag{4.1}$$

Thus, for all vector  $x$  in  $H$ ,

$$\|(A^2 - \mu^2)^{*}x\|^2 = \|A^{*2}x\|^2 + |\mu|^2 \|x\|^2 - 2|\mu|^2 \|x\|^2 = 0$$

by (4.1). That is,

$$A^{*2}x = \overline{\mu^2}x$$

Analogously, since  $A$  is also quasi-normal of order 3,

$$AA^{*3}A^3 = A^{*3}A^4$$

Then,

$$A^3A^{*3}A^3 = A^2A^{*3}A^4 = AAA^{*3}A^3A = AA^{*3}A^4A = AA^{*3}A^3A^2$$

So for each  $x \in H$ ,

$$\langle A^3A^{*3}A^3x, x \rangle = \langle A^{*3}A^6x, x \rangle$$

Since  $\mu \neq 0$ ,

$$\|A^{*3}x\| = |\mu^3| \|x\|$$

Thus, for all vector  $x$  in  $H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(A^3 - \mu^3)^*x\|^2 &= \|A^{*3}x\|^2 + |\mu^3|^2 \|x\|^2 - 2|\mu^3| \|x\| \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

by (4.3). That is,

$$A^{*3}x = \overline{\mu^3}x$$

Finally, for each  $x \in H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu^2\|^2 \|x\|^2 &= \|A^{*3}x\|^2 = \langle A^*A^{*2}x, A^*A^{*2}x \rangle = \\ &= \mu^2\mu^2 \langle A^2x, A^*x \rangle = |\mu^2|^2 \|A^*x\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|A^*x\| &= |\mu| \|x\| \\ \|(A - \mu)^*x\|^2 &= \|A^*x\|^2 + |\mu|^2 \|x\|^2 - \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2|\mu|^2 \|x\|^2 &= 0 \\ \text{by (4.2) and (4.4). Then,} \\ A^*x &= \mu x. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

**Corollary 4.2.** Let  $A \in B(H)$  be  $k$ -quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ . Then,  $N(A - \mu) = N(A - \mu)^m$ , for all non-zero complex scalar  $\mu$  and all integer  $m \geq 1$ .

**Corollary 4.3.** If  $A \in B(H)$  is  $k$ -quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ , then  $A$  has  $\overline{SVEP}$ .

*Proof.* A straightforward consequence of Theorem 2.8 and the previous Corollary.

**Definition 4.4.** An operator  $A \in B(H)$  is said to be isoloid, if every isolated point of its spectrum is (an) eigenvalue of  $A$ .

We've then,

**Theorem 4.5.** If  $A \in B(H)$  is a  $k$ -quasi-normal operator of both orders  $n$  and  $n + 1$ , then  $A$  is isoloid. (4.4)

*Proof.* According to Theorem 3.5,  $A =$

0  $A_3$

. under the decomposition  $H = R(A^k) \oplus N(A^{A^k})$ . Let  $\lambda \in \sigma(A)$  be an isolated point of  $A$ . Since  $\sigma(A) = \sigma(A_1) \cup \{0\}$  by Theorem 3.5,  $\lambda$  is an isolated point in  $\sigma(A_1)$  or  $\lambda = 0$ .  
 a. If  $\lambda$  is an isolated point in  $\sigma(A_1)$ , then  $\lambda$  is in the ponctual spectrum  $\sigma_p(A_1)$  of  $A_1$ .  
 b. Assume that  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda \notin \sigma(A_1)$ . Then, for all  $x \in N(A_3)$ ,

$$A(-A_1^{-1}A_2x \oplus x) = 0$$

That is,  $u = (-A_1^{-1}A_2x \oplus x) \in N(A_3)$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** Let  $A \in B(H)$  be a  $k$ -quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ , and let  $M \subseteq H$  be a closed invariant subspace for  $A$ . If the restriction  $A|_M$  of  $A$  on  $M$  is one-to-one and normal, then  $M$  reduces  $A$ , that is,  $M$  is invariant for  $A^*$  too.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $P$  is an orthogonal projection of  $H$  onto  $\overline{R(A^k)}$ . Since  $A$  is  $k$ -quasi-normal of order  $n$ ,

$$P(A^{*2}A^2 - AA^*)P \geq 0$$

By the hypothesis,  $A|_M$  is an injective and normal operator. Then,  $E \leq P$  for the orthogonal projection  $E$  of  $H$  onto  $M$ , and  $\overline{R(A^k|_M)} = M$  because  $A|_{R(A^k)}$  and hence

$$E(A^{*2}A^2 - AA^*)E \geq 0.$$

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A|_M & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{pmatrix},$$

on  $M \oplus M^\perp$ . Then,

$$AA^* = \begin{pmatrix} A|_M A^*|_M + A_2 A_2^* & A_2 A_3^* \\ A_3 A_2^* & A_3 A_3^* \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$A^{A^2}A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} A^{*2}|_M A^2|_M & S \\ T & R \end{pmatrix}$$

for some bounded linear operators  $S, T$  and  $R$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} A|_M A^*|_M + A_2 A_2^* & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= E(AA^*)E = E|A^*|^2 E \leq E(A^{*2}A^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} E \\ &\leq (E(A^{*2}A^2 E))^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{*2}|_M A^2|_M & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$A|_M A^*|_M + A_2 A_2^* \leq A|_M A^*|_M.$$

Since  $A|_M$  is normal and  $A_1 A_1^*$  is positive, it follows that  $A_2 = 0$ . Hence  $M$  reduces  $A$ .



*Remark 4.7.* The previous result is in general false if the restriction  $A|_M$  is not injective. In fact, if  $A$  is a nilpotent operator of order  $k$ , such that  $A^{k-1} \neq 0$ , then  $A \overline{R(A^{k-1})} = 0$  is a normal operator. Assume that  $\overline{R(A^{k-1})}$  reduces  $A$ . Then,  $A^\wedge A^{k-1} H \subset \overline{R(A^{k-1})}$ . Thus,

$$A^{*k-1} A^{k-1} H \subset \overline{R(A^{k-1})}$$

and

$$N(A^{*k-1}) \subset N(A^{*k-1} A^{k-1}) = N(A^{k-1})$$

Since  $A^{**} = A^{*k-1} A^* = 0$ ,  $A^{k-1} A^* = 0$ . Hence,  $A^{k-1} A^{*k-1} = 0$ . Therefore,  $A^{k-1} = 0$ . This contradicts the hypotheses on  $A$ .

**Definition 4.8.** For an operator  $A$  in  $B(H)$ , the Riesz idempotent  $E$  with respect to an isolated point  $\mu$  in the spectrum  $\sigma(A)$  of  $A$  is defined by

$$E = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} (z - A)^{-1} dz$$

Here, the integral is taken in the positive sense,  $D$  is a closed disk concentrated at  $\lambda$  with a small radius  $r$  satisfying  $D \cap \sigma(A) = \{\lambda\}$  and  $\partial D$  denotes its boundary.

It's known that  $E^2 = E$ ,  $EA = AE$  and  $\sigma(A|_{EH}) = \{\lambda\}$ . Reader is referred to [1, 8] for more information.

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $A \in B(H)$  be a  $k$ -quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ , and let  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$  be a nonzero isolated point of  $\sigma(A)$ . The Riesz idempotent  $E$  with respect to  $\mu$  satisfies

$$EH = N(A - \mu) = N(A - \mu)^\wedge$$

Furthermore,  $E$  is self-adjoint.

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.5,  $\mu$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , and  $EH = N(A - \mu)$ . According to Theorem 4.1, it suffices to show that  $N(A - \mu)^\wedge \subset N(A - \mu)$ . The subspace  $N(A - \mu)$  reduces  $A$  by Theorem 4.1, and the restriction of  $A$  on its reducing subspace is also  $k$ -quasi-normal of order  $n$  by Theorem 3.4. It follows that

$$A = \mu \oplus B \text{ on } H = N(A - \mu) \oplus (N(A - \mu))^\perp$$

where  $B$  is  $k$ -quasi-normal of order  $n$ , and  $N(B - \mu) = \{0\}$ . We've

$$\mu \in \sigma(A) = \{\mu\} \cup \sigma(B)$$

and  $\lambda$  is isolated. Then, either  $\mu \in \sigma(B)$ , or  $\mu$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(B)$ , which contradicts the fact that  $N(B - \mu) = \{0\}$ . Since  $B$  is invertible on  $(N(A - \mu))^\perp$ ,

$$N(A - \mu) = N(A - \mu)^\wedge$$

Furthermore, since  $EH = N(A - \mu) = N(A - \mu)^\wedge$ ,

$$((z - A)^\wedge)^{-1} E = \overline{(z - \mu)^{-1} E}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 E^\wedge &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} ((z - A)^\wedge)^{-1} E \, dz = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int \frac{1}{(z - \mu)^{-1} E \, dz} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} (z - \mu)^{-1} dz E \\
 &= E
 \end{aligned}$$

$E$  is then self-adjoint.

**Definition 4.10.** An operator  $A \in B(H)$  is said to be polaroid, if each isolated point of its spectrum is a pole of the resolvent of  $A$ .

**Theorem 4.11.** Let  $A \in B(H)$  be a  $k$ -quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ . Then, Weyl's theorem holds for  $A$ .

*Proof.* According to the hypotheses and by Corollary 2.9,  $A$  has SVEP at zero. Suppose that  $A$  admits a representation as in Theorem 3.5. Either  $\sigma(A) \subseteq \partial D$  or  $\sigma(A) = \overline{D}$ , where  $D$  is the open unit disc, and  $\partial D$  denotes its boundary.

If  $\sigma(A) \subseteq \partial D$ , then  $A$  has SVEP everywhere: else  $\sigma(A) = \overline{D}$ . The operator  $A$  has SVEP on  $\sigma(A) \setminus w(A)$ , then  $< 0 \dim(A - \lambda) < \infty$ . We have

$$\lambda \in \sigma_p(A) \subseteq \partial D \cup \{0\}$$

An operator such that its point spectrum has empty interior has SVEP [1, Remark 2.4(d)]. Hence  $A$  has SVEP. Also, if

$$\sigma(A) = \overline{D}$$

then  $iso\sigma(A) = \emptyset$ . If  $\sigma(A) \subset \partial D$ , then  $A$  is polaroid. This achieves the proof by [3].

**Lemma 4.12.** Let  $A$  be a  $k$ -quasi-normal operator of order  $n$  but a quasi-normal of order  $n$ , then  $A$  admits at least a non-trivial closed invariant subspace.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A$  has no non-trivial closed invariant subspace. Since  $A \neq 0, N(A) \neq H$  and  $\overline{R(A)} \neq 0$  are closed invariant subspace for  $A$ . Thus necessarily,  $N(A) = \{0\}$  and  $\overline{R(A)} = H$ . Thus,  $A$  is quasi normal operator of order  $n$ , which contradicts the hypothesis.

**Definition 4.13.** An operator  $A$  is said to be  $n$ -perinormal if  $(A^{*n})(A^n) \geq (A^*A)^n$  for a positive integer  $n$  such that  $n \geq 2$ .

**Lemma 4.14.** Let  $A$  be a quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ . Then  $A^n$  is 2-perinormal operator.

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ ,

$$(A^{*n}A^n)^2 = A^{*2n}A^{2n}$$

Then,

$$(A^{*n})^2(A^n)^2 \geq (A^{*n}A^n)^2$$

Hence,  $A^n$  is 2-perinormal operator.

**Lemma 4.15.** [11] *Let  $A$  be a  $n$ -perinormal operator. Then,*

1.  $\sigma_{jp}(A) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma_p(A) \setminus \{0\}$ .
2.  $\sigma_{ja}(A) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma_a(A) \setminus \{0\}$

**Theorem 4.16.** *Let  $A$  be a quasi-normal operator of both orders  $n$  and  $n + 1$ . Then,*

$$\sigma_{ja}(A) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma_a(A) \setminus \{0\}$$

*Proof.* By the hypothesis on  $A$ , both of  $A^n$  and  $A^{n+1}$  are 2-perinormal operators.

Let  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(A) \setminus \{0\}$ . Then, there exists a sequence of units vectors  $\{x_m\}$  such that  $(A - \lambda)x_m \rightarrow 0$

Hence,

$$\begin{cases} (A^n - \lambda^n)x_m \rightarrow 0 \\ (A^{n+1} - \lambda^{n+1})x_m \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

Since  $A^n$  and  $A^{n+1}$  are 2-perinormal,

$$\begin{cases} (A^{*n} - \bar{\lambda}^n)x_m \rightarrow 0 \\ (A^{*(n+1)} - \bar{\lambda}^{n+1})x_m \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

Finally,

$$(A^* - \bar{\lambda})x_m \rightarrow 0$$

**Definition 4.17.** [1, 9] An operator  $A \in B(H)$  is said to have Bishop's ( $\beta$ ) property if for each open subset  $G$  of  $\mathbb{C}$ , and all sequence  $(f_n : G \rightarrow H)$ , of analytic functions such that  $(T - \lambda)f_n$  converges uniformly to 0 in norm of compact subsets of  $G$ ,  $(f_n)_n$  converges uniformly to 0, in norm of compact subsets of  $G$ .

**Lemma 4.18.** *Let  $A$  be a quasi-normal operator of orders  $n$  and  $n + 1$ . Then,  $A$  has Bishop's property ( $\beta$ ).*

*Proof.* An immediate consequence of Theorem 4.16 and [12, Lemma 2.1].

As an extension of Lemma 4.18, we state the following result :

**Theorem 4.19.** *Let  $A$  be a  $k$ -quasi-normal operator of order  $n$  and  $n + 1$ , then  $A$  has Bishop's property ( $\beta$ ).*

*Proof.* Let's consider two cases :

1. If  $A^k(H)$  is dense, then  $A$  is quasi-normal of order  $n$  and  $n + 1$  and hence,  $A$  has Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ .
2. If  $A^k(H)$  is not dense, we write  $A$  on

$$H = \overline{A^k(H)} \oplus N(A^{*k})$$

as  $A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $A_1$  is a quasi-normal operator of orders  $n$  and

$n+1$ , and  $A_3^k = 0$ . Let  $g_k(u)$  be analytic on  $D \subseteq C$  with  $(A - u)g_k(u) = 0$  uniformly on each compact  $K$  of  $D$ . Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1 - u & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 - u \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g_{k_1}(u) \\ g_{k_2}(u) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (A_1 - u)g_{k_1}(u) + A_2g_{k_2}(u) \\ (A_3 - u)g_{k_2}(u) \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $A_3$  is nilpotent,  $A_3$  satisfies Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ .

Thus,  $g_{k_2}$  uniformly on each compact  $K$  on  $D$ . Therefore,  $(A_1 - u)g_{k_1}(u) \rightarrow 0$  as  $K_1 \rightarrow 0$ , since  $A_1$  satisfies Bishop's property. It follows that  $g_{k_1}(u) \rightarrow 0$  and then,  $A$  has Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ .

**Theorem 4.20.** Let  $A \in B(H)$  be a quasi-normal operator of order  $n$  and  $n + 1$ . If  $\sigma(A) = \lambda$ , then  $A = \lambda$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\sigma(A) = \lambda$ . Using the spectral mapping theorem, we get

$$\begin{cases} \sigma(A^n) = \sigma(A)^n = \lambda^n \\ \sigma(A^{n+1}) = \sigma(A)^{n+1} = \lambda^{n+1} \end{cases}$$

Since  $A$  is quasi-normal of both orders  $n$  and  $n + 1$ , and according to Proposition 2.6,  $A^n$  and  $A^{n+1}$  are paranormal operators. Hence

$$\begin{cases} A^n = \lambda^n \\ A^{n+1} = \lambda^{n+1} \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$A = \lambda$$

**Proposition 4.21.** If  $A \in B(H)$  is quasi-normal of order  $n$  and  $n + 1$ . If  $A^{2n}$  and  $A^{2n+2}$  are compact operators then  $A$  is also compact.

*Proof.* assume that  $A \in B(H)$  is a quasi-normal operator of both orders  $n$  and  $n + 1$ . By paranormality of  $A^n$  and  $A^{n+1}$  we get

$$\begin{cases} \|A^n x\|^2 \leq \|A^{2n} x\| \\ \|A^{n+1} x\|^2 \leq \|A^{2n+2} x\| \\ \| \end{cases}$$

for all unit vector  $x$ . Let  $\{x_m\}$  in  $H$  be weakly convergent sequence with limit  $0$  in  $H$ . From the compactness of  $A^{2n}$  we get that

$$\|A^n x_m\|^2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\|A^{n+1}x_m\|^2 \rightarrow 0$$

Thus,  $A^n$  and  $A^{n+1}$  are compact operators. Put  $y_m = A^n x_m$ . Then, from the compactness of  $A^{n+1}$ , we get

$$\|A^{n+1}x_m\|^2 = \|A(A^n)x_m\|^2 = \|Ay_m\|^2 \rightarrow 0$$

Therefore,  $A$  is compact operator.

**Definition 4.22.** Let  $A \in B(H)$ . The local resolvent set of  $A$  at a vector  $x \in H$  denoted by  $\rho_A(x)$ , is defined to consist of complex element  $z_0$  such that there exists an analytic function  $f(z)$  defined in a neighborhood of  $z_0$ , with values in  $H$ , for which

$$(A - z)f(z) = x$$

**Theorem 4.23.** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{pmatrix}$  be a  $k$ -quasi-normal operator of order  $n$  with respect to the decomposition  $H = \overline{R(A^k)} \oplus N(A^{A^k})$ . Then, for all  $x = x_1 + x_2 \in H$  :

- a.  $\sigma_{A_3}(x_2) \subset \sigma_A(x_1 + x_2)$
- b.  $\sigma_{A_1}(x) = \sigma_{A_1}(x_1 + 0)$

*Proof.* a. Let  $z_0 \in \rho_A(x_1 + x_2)$ . Then, there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $z_0$  and an analytic function  $f(z)$  defined on  $U$ , with values in  $H$ , for which

$$(A - z)f(z) = x, z \in U$$

Let  $f = f_1 + f_2$  where  $f_1, f_2$  are in the spaces  $O_U, \overline{\text{ran}(A^k)}$  and  $O_U, \ker A^{A^k}$  respectively, consisting of analytic functions on  $U$  with values in  $H$ , with respect to the uniform topology [1]. Equality (2) can then be written

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1 - z & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 - z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_1(z) \\ f_2(z) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$(A_3 - z) f_2(z) = x_2, z \in U$$

Hence,  $z_0 \in \rho_{A_3}(x_2)$ . Thus, (a) holds by passing to the complement. b. If  $z_1 \in \rho_A(x_1 + 0)$ , then, there exists a neighborhood  $V_1$  of  $z_1$  and an analytic function  $g$  defined on  $V_1$  with values in  $H$  verifying

$$(A - z)f(z) = x_1 + 0, z \in V_1$$

Let  $g = g_1 + g_2$ , where  $g_1 \in O \overline{V_1, \text{ran}(A^k)}$ ,  $g_2 \in O V_1, \ker A^k$  are as in (a). From equation (3) we obtain and

$$(A_1 - z) g_1(z) + A_2 g_2(z) = x_1$$

$$(A_3 - z) g_2(z) = 0, z \in V_1$$

Since  $A_3$  is nilpotent by Theorem 3.5,  $A_3$  has SVEP. Thus,  $g_2(z) = 0$ . Consequently,  $(A_1 - z) g_1(z) = x_1$ . Therefore,  $z_1 \in \rho_{A_1}(x_1)$ , and then  $\rho_A(x_1 + 0) \subset \rho_{A_1}(x_1)$ . Thus,  $\sigma_{A_1}(x) = \sigma_A(x_1 + 0)$ .

Now, if  $z_2 \in \rho_{A_1}(x_1)$ , then, there exists a neighborhood  $V_2$  of  $z_2$  and an analytic function  $h$  from  $V_2$  onto  $H$ , such that  $(A_1 - z) h(z) = x_1$ , for all  $z \in V_2$ . Thus,

$$(A - z)(h(z) + 0) = (A_1 - z) h(z) = x_1 = x_1 + 0$$

Hence,  $z_2 \in \rho_A(x_1 + 0)$ .

**Proposition 4.24.** *Let  $A$  be a regular quasi-normal operator of order  $n$ . Then, the approximate point spectrum  $\sigma_a(A)$  of  $A$  lies in the set*

$$\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{1}{\|A^{-n}\|^2 \|A^{2n-1}\|} \leq |\lambda| \leq \|A\|\}$$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . We have

$$\|x\|^2 = \|A^{-n} A^n x\|^2 \leq \|A^{-n}\|^2 \|A^n x\|^2$$

Since  $A^n$  is paranormal,  $\|A^n x\|^2 \leq \|A^{2n} x\|^2$ . Then,

$$1 = \|x\|^2 \leq \|A^{-n}\|^2 \|A^{2n} x\|^2 \leq \|A^{-n}\|^2 \|A^{2n-1} x\|^2 \|Ax\|$$

Hence,

$$\|Ax\| \geq \frac{1}{\|A^{-n}\|^2 \|A^{2n-1}\|}$$

If  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(A)$ , then there exists a unit sequence  $(x_m)_m$  in  $H$  satisfying  $\|(A - \lambda)x_m\| \rightarrow 0$ . Then,

$$\|Ax_m - \lambda x_m\| \geq \|Ax_m\| - |\lambda| \|x_m\| \geq \frac{1}{\|A^{-n}\|^2 \|A^{2n-1}\|}$$

Letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$|\lambda| \geq \frac{1}{\|A^{-n}\|^2 \|A^{2n-1}\|}$$

Thus,

$$\sigma_a(A) \subseteq \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{1}{\|A^{-n}\|^2 \|A^{2n-1}\|} \leq |\lambda| \leq \|A\| \right\}$$

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