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# FUGLEDE-PUTNAM THEOREM FOR *w*-HYPONORMAL OR CLASS $\mathcal{Y}$ OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. An asymmetric Fuglede-Putnam's Theorem for w-hyponormal operators and class  $\mathcal{Y}$  operators is proved, as a consequence of this result, we obtain that the range of the generalized derivation induced by the above classes of operators is orthogonal to its kernel.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

For complex Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$ ,  $B(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $B(\mathcal{K})$  and  $B(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$  denote the set of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ , the set of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{K}$  and the set of all bounded linear transformations from  $\mathcal{H}$  to  $\mathcal{K}$  respectively. A bounded operator  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is called normal if  $A^*A = AA^*$ . An operator  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be a class  $\mathcal{Y}_{\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \leq 1$  if there exists a positive number  $k_{\alpha}$ such that

$$|AA^* - A^*A|^{\alpha} \leq k_{\alpha}^2(A - \lambda)^*(A - \lambda)$$
 for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

It is known that  $\mathcal{Y}_{\alpha} \subset \mathcal{Y}_{\beta}$  if  $1 \leq \alpha \leq \beta$ . Let  $\mathcal{Y} = \bigcup_{1 \leq \alpha} \mathcal{Y}_{\alpha}$ . (see [7])

Also A is called p-hyponormal [1, 8, 9, 20], if  $(A^*A)^p \ge (AA^*)^p$  for some 0 , semi-hyponormal if <math>p = 1/2, log -hyponormal [18] if A is invertible operator and satisfies  $\log(A^*A) \ge \log(AA^*)$ , and w-hyponormal if  $|\widetilde{A}| \ge |A| \ge |(\widetilde{A})^*|$ , where  $\widetilde{A} = |A|^{\frac{1}{2}}U|A|^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is the Aluthge transformation. It was shown in [2] and [3] that the class of w-hyponormal operators contains both the p-hyponormal and log -hyponormal operators. We have the following inclusion

 $\{Normal\} \subset \{Hyponormal\} \subset \{p - Hyponormal\} \subset \{w - Hyponormal\}.$  $\{invertible - hyponormal\} \subset \{invertible - p - hyponrmal\}$ 

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# $\subset \{\log - hyponormal\} \subset \{w - hyponormal\}.$

If an operator A is p-hyponormal, then ker  $A \subset \ker A^*$ , and if A is log -hyponormal, then ker  $A = \ker A^*$ . However, if A is w-hyponormal, the kernel condition ker  $A \subset \ker A^*$  does not necessarily hold. Nevertheless in ([2, 3]) w-hyponormal operators have many properties similar to those of p-hyponormal operators.

The familiar Fuglede-Putnam's theorem asserts that if  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $B \in B(\mathcal{K})$  are normal operators and AX = XB for some operators  $X \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ , then  $A^*X = XB^*$  ([12], [17]). Many authors have extended this theorem for several classes of operators, recently S. Mecheri, K. Tanahashi and A. Uchiyama [15] proved that Fuglede-Putnam's theorem holds for p-hyponormal or class  $\mathcal{Y}$  operators, B. P. Duggal [10] and I. H. Jeon, K. Tanahashi and A. Uchiyama [14] proved that Fuglede-Putnam's theorem holds for p-hyponormal or log -hyponormal. We say that the pair (A, B) satisfy Fuglede-Putnam's theorem if AX = XB implies  $A^*X = XB^*$ .

Our aim is to extend the Fuglede-Putnam theorem [12], we prove that if either

- (1) A is class  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $B^*$  is w-hyponormal such that ker  $B^* \subset \ker B$  or
- (2) A is w-hyponormal such that ker  $A^* \subset \ker A$  and  $B^*$  is class  $\mathcal{Y}$ ,

then the pair (A, B) satisfy Fuglede-Putnam's theorem. At the end of this paper we study the orthogonality of the range and the null space of the generalized derivation for some classes of operators.

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

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

**Definition 1.1.** [4] Given subspaces  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  of a Banach space  $\mathcal{V}$  with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .  $\mathcal{M}$  is said to be orthogonal to  $\mathcal{N}$  if  $\|m+n\| \ge \|n\|$  for all  $m \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $n \in \mathcal{N}$ .

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

$$\| \delta_{A,B}(X) - S \| \ge \| S \|$$
, 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 [4].

## 2. Preliminaries

We will recall some known results which will be used in the sequel.

**Definition 2.1.** [1] Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and A = U|A| be the polar decomposition of A, the Aluthge transformation of A is  $\widetilde{A} = |A|^{\frac{1}{2}}U|A|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

Theorem 2.2. [13] An operator  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is w-hyponormal if and only if

$$(|A^*|^{\frac{1}{2}}|A||A^*|^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} \ge |A^*|.$$

Lemma 2.3. [20] Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be *p*-hyponormal operator and  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{H}$  be an invariant subspace for A, then the restriction of A to  $\mathcal{M}$  is *p*-hyponormal.

Lemma 2.4. [21] Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a class  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{H}$  be an invariant subspace for A, then the restriction of A to  $\mathcal{M}$  is class  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

Lemma 2.5. [21] Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a class  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{H}$  be an invariant subspace for A. If  $A|_M$  is normal, then  $\mathcal{M}$  reduces A.

Lemma 2.6. ([6], [16]) Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be *w*-hyponormal and  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{H}$  be an invariant subspace for A, then the restriction of A to  $\mathcal{M}$  is *w*-hyponormal.

Lemma 2.7. [19] Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be w-hyponormal operator, then its Aluthge transform

$$\widetilde{A} = |A|^{\frac{1}{2}} U|A|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

is semi-hyponormal.

Theorem 2.8. [15] Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $B^* \in B(\mathcal{K})$ . If either (1) A is p-hyponormal and  $B^*$  is a class  $\mathcal{Y}$  or (2) A is a class  $\mathcal{Y}$  operator and  $B^*$  is p-hyponormal, then AX = XB for some operator  $X \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  implies  $A^*X = XB^*$ . Moreover,  $\overline{R(X)}$  reduces A, ker $(X)^{\perp}$  reduces B, and  $A \mid_{\overline{R(X)}}, B \mid_{(\ker X)^{\perp}}$  are unitarily equivalent normal operators.

Theorem 2.9. [18] Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $B^* \in B(\mathcal{K})$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent

- (1) The pair (A, B) satisfy Fuglede-Putnam's theorem.
- (2) If AX = XB for some  $X \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ , then R(X) reduces A,  $\ker(X)^{\perp}$  reduces B, and  $A \mid_{\overline{R(X)}}, B \mid_{(\ker X)^{\perp}}$  are normal operators.

**Definition 2.10.** We say that  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  has the single valued extension property at  $\lambda$  (SVEP for short) if for every neighborhood U of  $\lambda$ , the only analytic function  $f: U \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$  which satisfies the equation  $(A - \lambda)f(\lambda) = 0$ , for all  $\lambda \in U$  is the function  $f \equiv 0$ . We say that  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  satisfies the SVEP property if A has the single valued extension property at every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

*Remark* 2.11.

- (1) If well known that if  $N \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is normal, then N has SVEP.
- (2) If  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\sigma_p(A) = \emptyset$ , then A has SVEP, where  $\sigma_p(A)$  is the set of all eigenvalues of A.

## 3. Main results

Our goal is to investigate the orthogonality of  $R(\delta_{A,B})$  (the range of  $\delta_{A,B}$ ) and ker $(\delta_{A,B})$  (the kernel of  $\delta_{A,B}$ ) for some operators. We prove that  $R(\delta_{A,B})$  is orthogonal to ker $(\delta_{A,B})$  when either (1) A is a class  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $B^*$  is w-hyponormal such that ker  $B^* \subset \text{ker } B$  or (2) A is w-hyponormal such that ker  $A \subset \text{ker } A$  and  $B^*$  is a class  $\mathcal{Y}$ . Before proving these results, we need the following ones.

Lemma 3.1. If  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is semi-hyponormal, then A has SVEP.

*Proof.* Applying the properties of semi-hyponormal operators [22] and lemma 2.3, we can write A as  $A = N \oplus A_0$  where N is normal and  $A_0$  is a pure semi-hyponormal operator, i.e.,  $\sigma_p(A_0) = \emptyset$ .

Theorem 3.2. Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a class  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $B^* \in B(\mathcal{K})$  be w-hyponormal such that ker  $B^* \subset \ker B$ . If AX = XB for some  $X \in B(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ , then  $A^*X = XB^*$ .

*Proof.* Case 1. If  $B^*$  is injective. Assume that AX = XB for some  $X \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ .

Since  $\overline{R(X)}$  is invariant by A and (ker X)<sup> $\perp$ </sup> is invariant by  $B^*$ , we consider the following decompositions:

$$\mathcal{H} = \overline{R(X)} \oplus (R(X))^{\perp}, \quad \mathcal{K} = (\ker X)^{\perp} \oplus (\ker X),$$

then it yields

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & 0 \\ B_2 & B_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \quad (\ker X)^{\perp} \oplus (\ker X) \longrightarrow \overline{R(X)} \oplus (R(X))^{\perp}.$$

From AX = XB we get

$$A_1 X_1 = X_1 B_1 \tag{3.1}$$

Let  $B_1^* = U^* |B_1^*|$  be the polar decomposition of  $B_1^*$ . Multiply the both members of (3.1) by  $|B_1^*|^{1/2}$ , we obtain

$$A_1 X_1 |B_1^*|^{1/2} = X_1 B_1 |B_1^*|^{1/2},$$

hence

$$A_1 X_1 |B_1^*|^{1/2} = X_1 |B_1^*|^{1/2} (\widetilde{B_1^*})^*$$

Since  $A_1$  is class  $\mathcal{Y}$  by Lemma 2.4 and  $B_1^*$  is w-hyponormal by Lemma 2.6, then  $(\widetilde{B}_1^*)^*$  is semi-hyponormal. Applying Theorem 2.8(2) we get the pair  $(A_1, \widetilde{B}_1^*)$  satisfies the Fuglede-Putnam's theorem. Therefore  $A_1|_{R(X_1|B_1^*|^{1/2})}$  and  $\widetilde{B}_1^*|_{(\ker(X_1|B_1^*|^{1/2})^{\perp})}$  are normal operators.

Since  $X_1$  is injective with dense range and  $|B_1^*|^{1/2}$  is injective, then

$$\overline{R(X_1|B_1^*|^{1/2})} = \overline{R(X_1)} = \overline{R(X)},$$

and

$$\ker(X_1|B_1^*|^{1/2}) = \{0\}.$$

It follows that  $\widetilde{B}_1^*$  is normal and  $(\ker X)^{\perp}$  reduces  $B^*$ . Therefore  $\overline{R(X)}$  reduces A and  $(\ker X)^{\perp}$  reduces B. Thus,  $A_2 = B_2 = 0$ . Since  $A_1X_1 = X_1B_1$  are normal operators, then  $A_1^*X_1 = X_1B_1^*$ . Consequently  $A^*X = XB^*$ .

**Case 2.** If  $B^*$  is not injective, the condition ker  $B^* \subset \ker B$  implies that ker  $B^*$  reduces  $B^*$ , since ker A reduces A, the operators A and B can be written on the following decompositions

$$\mathcal{H} = (\ker A)^{\perp} \oplus \ker A, \ \mathcal{K} = (\ker B^*)^{\perp} \oplus \ker B^*,$$

as follows

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{cc} A_1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{array}\right), B = \left(\begin{array}{cc} B_1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{array}\right).$$

Since  $A_1$  is injective class  $\mathcal{Y}$  operator and  $B_1^*$  is injective w-hyponormal operator. Let

$$X: (\ker B^*)^{\perp} \oplus \ker B^* \to (\ker A)^{\perp} \oplus \ker A,$$

and let  $X = [X_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^2$  be the matrix representation, then AX = XB implies that  $A_1X_{11} = X_{11}B_1$  and  $X_{12} = 0, X_{21} = 0$ . From case 1, we deduce that  $A_1^*X_{11} = X_{11}B_1^*$ . Thus  $A^*X = XB^*$ .

Theorem 3.3. Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be an injective w-hyponormal operator and  $B^* \in B(\mathcal{K})$  be a class  $\mathcal{Y}$ . If AX = XB for some  $X \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ , then  $A^*X = XB^*$ .

*Proof.* Since  $B^*$  is of class  $\mathcal{Y}$ , there exist positive numbers  $\alpha$  and  $k_{\alpha}^2$  such that

$$|BB^* - B^*B|^{\alpha} \le k_{\alpha}^2 (B - \lambda)(B - \lambda)^*$$
 for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Hence for all  $v \in |BB^* - B^*B|^{\alpha/2}\mathcal{K}$  there exists a bounded function  $f: \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathcal{K}$  such that

$$(B - \lambda)f(\lambda) = v$$
 for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ 

by [10]. Let A = U|A| be the polar decomposition of A and defines its Aluthge transform by  $\widetilde{A} = |A|^{1/2}U|A|^{1/2}$ . Then  $\widetilde{A}$  is semi-hyponormal by [2] and so

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{A} - \lambda)|A|^{1/2}Xf(\lambda) &= |A|^{1/2}(A - \lambda)Xf(\lambda) \\ &= |A|^{1/2}X(B - \lambda)f(\lambda) \\ &= |A|^{1/2}Xv, \quad \text{for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \end{aligned}$$

We assert  $|A|^{1/2}Xv = 0$ . Because if  $|A|^{1/2}Xv \neq 0$ , there exists an analytic function  $\psi : \mathbb{C} \to \mathcal{H}$  such that  $(\widetilde{A} - \lambda)\psi(\lambda) = |A|^{1/2}Xv$  by lemma 3.1. Since

$$\psi(\lambda) = (\widetilde{A} - \lambda)|A|^{1/2}Xv \to 0 \text{ as } \lambda \to \infty$$

we have  $\psi(\lambda) = 0$  and hence  $|A|^{1/2}Xv = 0$ . This is a contradiction. Then

$$|A|^{1/2}X|BB^* - B^*B|^{\alpha/2}\mathcal{K} = \{0\}.$$

Since ker  $A = \ker |A| = \{0\}$ , we have

$$X(BB^* - B^*B) = 0.$$

Since  $\overline{R(X)}$  is invariant under A and  $(\ker X)^{\perp}$  is invariant under  $B^*$ , we can write

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_3 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ on } \mathcal{H} = \overline{R(X)} \oplus (R(X))^{\perp},$$
  

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & 0 \\ B_3 & B_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ on } \mathcal{K} = (\ker X)^{\perp} \oplus (\ker X),$$
  

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\ker X)^{\perp} \oplus (\ker X) \to \overline{R(X)} \oplus (R(X))^{\perp}$$

Then

$$0 = X(BB^* - B^*B)$$
  
=  $\begin{pmatrix} X_1(B_1B_1^* - B_1^*B_1 - B_3^*B_3) & X_1(B_1B_3^* - B_3^*B_2) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 

and

 $X_1(B_1B_1^* - B_1^*B_1 - B_3^*B_3) = 0$ 

Since  $X_1$  is injective and has dense range,

$$B_1 B_1^* - B_1^* B_1 - B_3^* B_3 = 0$$

and

$$B_1 B_1^* = B_1^* B_1 + B_3^* B_3 \ge B_1^* B_1.$$

This implies  $B_1^*$  is hyponormal. Since AX = XB we have

$$A_1 X_1 = X_1 B_1$$

where  $A_1$  is *w*-hyponormal by [6]. Hence  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  are normal and

$$A_1^* X_1 = X_1 B_1^*$$

by [11]. Then  $A_3 = 0$  by [6] and  $B_3 = 0$  by Lemma 2.5. Hence

$$A^*X = \begin{pmatrix} A_1^*X_1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1B_1^* & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = XB^*.$$

Theorem 3.4. Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be *w*-hyponormal operator such that ker  $A \subseteq$  ker  $A^*$  and  $B^* \in B(\mathcal{K})$  be a class  $\mathcal{Y}$ . If AX = XB for some  $X \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ , then  $A^*X = XB^*$ .

*Proof.* Decompose A into normal part  $A_1$  and pure part  $A_2$  as

$$A = A_1 \oplus A_2$$
 on  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}_2$ ,

and let

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} : \mathcal{K} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}_2.$$

Since ker  $A_2 \subseteq \ker A_2^*$  and  $A_2$  is pure,  $A_2$  is injective. AX = XB implies

$$\left(\begin{array}{c}A_1X_1\\A_2X_2\end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c}X_1B\\X_2B\end{array}\right).$$

Hence

$$A^*X = \begin{pmatrix} A_1^*X_1 \\ A_2^*X_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1B^* \\ X_2B^* \end{pmatrix} = XB^*$$

by applying theorem 3.3.

Theorem 3.5. Let  $A, B \in B(\mathcal{H})$ . If one of the following assertions

(1) A is a class  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $B^*$  is w-hyponormal such that ker  $B^* \subset \ker B$ .

(2) A is w-hyponormal such that ker  $A \subset \ker A^*$  and  $B^*$  is a class  $\mathcal{Y}$ . holds, then  $R(\delta_{A,B})$  is orthogonal to ker $(\delta_{A,B})$ . *Proof.* The pair (A, B) verify the Fuglede-Putman's theorem by Theorem 2.9 and Theorem 3.4 respectively. Let  $C \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be such that AC = CB. According to the following decompositions of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_1 = \overline{R(C)} \oplus \overline{R(C)}^{\perp}, \ \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_2 = (\ker C)^{\perp} \oplus \ker C,$$

We can write A, B, C and X

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B_2 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \\ X_3 & X_4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Where  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  are normal operators and X is an operator from  $\mathcal{H}_1$  to  $\mathcal{H}_2$ . Since AC = CB, then  $A_1C_1 = C_1B_1$ . Hence

$$AX - XB - C = \begin{pmatrix} A_1X_1 - X_1B_1 - C_1 & A_2X_2 - X_2B_2 \\ A_1X_3 - X_3B_1 & A_2X_4 - X_4B_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $C_1 \in \ker(\delta_{A_1,B_1})$  and  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  are normal, it follows by [4]

$$|AX - XB - C|| \ge ||A_1X_1 - X_1B_1 - C_1|| \ge ||C_1|| = ||C||, \forall X \in L(\mathcal{H}).$$

This implies that  $R(\delta_{A,B})$  is orthogonal to ker $(\delta_{A,B})$ .

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