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An elementary operator and generalized Weyl's theorem

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Abstract

A Hilbert space operator *T* belongs to class A if $|T^2| - |T|^2 \ge 0$. Let d_{AB} denote either δ_{AB} or Δ_{AB} , where δ_{AB} and Δ_{AB} denote the generalized derivation and the elementary operator on a Banach space $B(\mathcal{H})$ defined by $\delta_{AB}X = AX - XB$ and $\Delta_{AB}X = AXB - X$ respectively. If *A* and B^* are class A operators, we show that d_{AB} is polaroid and generalized Weyl's theorem holds for $f(d_{AB})$, generalized *a*-Weyl's theorem holds for $f((d_{AB})^*)$ for every $f \in H(\sigma(d_{AB}))$ and *f* is not constant on each connected component of the open set *U* containing $\sigma(d_{AB})$, where $H(\sigma(d_{AB}))$ denotes the set of all analytic functions in a neighborhood of $\sigma(d_{AB})$. **MSC:** 47B20; 47A63

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1 Introduction

Let \mathcal{H} be a complex Hilbert space and \mathbb{C} be the set of complex numbers. Let $B(\mathcal{H})$ and $K(\mathcal{H})$ denote the C*-algebra of all bounded linear operators and the ideal of compact operators acting on \mathcal{H} respectively. For operators $A, B \in B(\mathcal{H})$, let $\delta_{AB} \in B(B(\mathcal{H}))$ denote the generalized derivation on a Banach space $B(\mathcal{H})$ defined by $\delta_{AB}X = AX - XB$; let $\triangle_{AB} \in B(B(\mathcal{H}))$ denote the elementary operator on a Banach space $B(\mathcal{H})$ defined by $\triangle_{AB} = AXB - X$. Let d_{AB} denote either δ_{AB} or \triangle_{AB} . d_{AB} has been studied by a number of authors [1–4]. Also let $\alpha(T)$ = dim ker T, $\beta(T)$ = dim ker T^{*}, and let $\sigma(T)$, $\sigma_a(T)$ denote the spectrum and approximate point spectrum of T. An operator $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ is called upper (resp. lower) semi-Fredholm if ran *T* is closed and $\alpha(T) < \infty$ (resp. $\beta(T) < \infty$). In the sequel, let $SF_+(\mathcal{H})$ denote the set of all upper semi-Fredholm operators. If both $\alpha(T)$ and $\beta(T)$ are finite, then T is called a Fredholm operator. An operator $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ is called Weyl if it is Fredholm of index zero and Browder if it is Fredholm of finite ascent and descent. Let $\sigma_e(T)$, $\sigma_w(T)$ and $\sigma_b(T)$ denote the essential spectrum, the Weyl spectrum and the Browder spectrum of $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$. Let iso \mathcal{K} denote the isolated points of $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$. We write $\pi_{00}(T) = \{\lambda \in iso \, \sigma(T) : 0 < \alpha(T-\lambda) < \infty\}, \ \pi_{00}^{a}(T) = \{\lambda \in iso \, \sigma_{a}(T) : 0 < \alpha(T-\lambda) < \infty\},\$ and $p_{00}(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_b(T)$. It is evident that $\sigma_e(T) \subseteq \sigma_w(T) \subseteq \sigma_b(T) = \sigma_e(T) \bigcup \operatorname{acc} \sigma(T)$ and $p_{00}(T) \subseteq \pi_{00}(T) \subseteq \pi_{00}^{a}(T)$, where $\operatorname{acc} \sigma(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \operatorname{iso} \sigma(T)$.

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

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



© 2012 Gao and Li; licensee Springer. This is an Open Access article distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution License (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0), which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited. and that Browder's theorem holds for $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ if

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

By definition, $\sigma_{ea}(T) = \bigcap \{\sigma_a(T+K) : K \in K(\mathcal{H})\}\$ is the essential approximate point spectrum of *T*, and $\sigma_{ab}(T) = \bigcap \{\sigma_a(T+K) : K \in K(\mathcal{H}) \text{ and } KT = TK\}\$ is the Browder approximate point spectrum of *T*.

We say that *a*-Weyl's theorem holds for $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ if

$$\sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{ea}(T) = \pi^a_{00}(T),$$

and that *a*-Browder's theorem holds for $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ if

$$\sigma_{ea}(T) = \sigma_{ab}(T).$$

For a bounded linear operator T and a nonnegative integer n, define T_n to be the restriction of T to ran T^n viewed as a map from ran T^n into ran T^n (in particular $T_0 = T$). If for some integer n, the range space ran T^n is closed and T_n is a Fredholm operator, then T is called a B-Fredholm operator. If T is a B-Fredholm operator of index zero, then T is called a B-Weyl operator. The B-Fredholm spectrum $\sigma_{BF}(T)$ and B-Weyl spectrum $\sigma_{BW}(T)$ of T are defined by $\sigma_{BF}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not a B-Fredholm operator}\}$ and $\sigma_{BW}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not a B-Weyl operator}\}$. An operator $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ satisfies generalized Weyl's theorem [5, Definition 2.13] if

$$\sigma_{\rm BW}(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \pi_0(T),$$

where $\pi_0(T)$ is the set of all isolated eigenvalues of T, and $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ satisfies generalized Browder's theorem [5, Definition 2.13] if

$$\sigma_{\rm BW}(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus p_0(T),$$

where $p_0(T)$ is the set of all poles of the resolvent of *T*.

Let $SBF_+(\mathcal{H})$ be the class of all the upper semi-B-Fredholm operators and $SBF_+(\mathcal{H})$ be the class of all $T \in SBF_+(\mathcal{H})$ such that $ind(T) \leq 0$. Let

$$\sigma_{\mathrm{SBF}^{-}_{+}}(T) = \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \notin \mathrm{SBF}^{-}_{+}(\mathcal{H}) \right\}$$

be called the semi-B-essential approximate point spectrum of *T*. We say that $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ satisfies generalized *a*-Weyl's theorem [5, Definition 2.13] if

$$\sigma_{\mathrm{SBF}^-_+}(T) = \sigma_a(T) \setminus \pi_0^a(T),$$

where $\pi_0^a(T)$ is the set of all eigenvalues of *T* which are isolated points of $\sigma_a(T)$.

The following implications are known to hold:

generalized a-Weyl's theorem

- \implies generalized Weyl's theorem \implies Weyl's theorem
- \implies Browder's theorem;

generalized *a*-Weyl's theorem

- \Rightarrow *a*-Weyl's theorem \Rightarrow *a*-Browder's theorem
- \implies Browder's theorem.

In this paper, we shall study the generalized Weyl's theorem for the elementary operator and the generalized derivation with class A operators as entries. Recall that $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ is called *p*-hyponormal for p > 0 if $(T^*T)^p - (TT^*)^p \ge 0$ [6]; when p = 1, *T* is called hyponormal. And *T* is called paranormal if $||Tx||^2 \le ||T^2x|| ||x||$ for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$ [7, 8]. In order to discuss the relations between paranormal and *p*-hyponormal and log-hyponormal operators (*T* is invertible and log $T^*T \ge \log TT^*$), Furuta, Ito and Yamazaki [9] introduced a very interesting class of operators: class A defined by $|T^2| - |T|^2 \ge 0$, where $|T| = (T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ which is called the absolute value of *T*, and they showed that class A is a subclass of paranormals and contains *p*-hyponormal and log-hyponormal operators.

Definition 1.1 An operator $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ is said to have the single valued extension property (SVEP) at $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ if for every open neighborhood \mathcal{G} of λ , the only function $f \in H(\mathcal{G})$ such that $(T - \mu)f(\mu) = 0$ on G is $0 \in H(\mathcal{G})$, where $H(\mathcal{G})$ means the space of all analytic functions on G. When T has SVEP at each $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, say that T has SVEP.

The single valued extension property dates back to the early days of local spectral theory; see the recent monograph of Laursen and Neumann [10] or Aiena [11]. In addition to the definition of SVEP, there are notions of property (β), property (δ) and condition (*C*). The interested reader is referred to [10] for more details.

2 The main results

For $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$, let L_T and R_T denote the operators of left and right multiplication by T respectively.

Chō and Yamazaki proved that class A operators have property β in [12] Theorem 3.1; unfortunately, there are some mistakes in the proof of this theorem; see details in [13]. So, Theorem 3.1 in [12] is still an open problem.

Lemma 2.1 Let A and B^* be class A operators satisfying property (β), then d_{AB} has SVEP.

Proof By assumption and [10] Theorem 2.5.5, *A* satisfies property (β) and *B* satisfies property (δ). Hence, both L_A and R_B satisfy condition (*C*) by [10] Corollary 3.6.11. Clearly, L_A and R_B commute. By Theorem 3.6.3 and Note 3.6.19 on p.283 of [10], $L_A - R_B$ and $L_A R_B$ have SVEP, which implies that d_{AB} has SVEP.

It is well known that the isolated points of the spectrum of a class A (indeed, paranormal) operator T are poles of the resolvent of the operator (hence, eigenvalues of the operator),

the restriction of T to an invariant subspace is again of class A (resp., paranormal), and that if T has countable spectrum then T is normal. (We shall use this information freely in the following without any further reference.)

Recall, [14], that $\sigma(\delta_{AB}) = \{\lambda : \lambda \in \sigma(A) - \sigma(B)\}$ and $\sigma(\Delta_{AB}) = \{\lambda : \lambda \in \sigma(A)\sigma(B) - 1\}$. If $\lambda \in iso \sigma(d_{AB})$, then we have one of the following two cases:

- (1) $\lambda \neq -1$ if $d_{AB} = \Delta_{AB}$. Then there exist finite sequences $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^m$ and $\{\beta_i\}_{i=1}^m$, where $\alpha_i \in iso \sigma(A)$ and $\beta_i \in iso \sigma(B)$ respectively, such that $\lambda = \alpha_i \beta_i$ if $\lambda \in iso \sigma(\delta_{AB})$ and $\lambda = \alpha_i \beta_i 1$ if $\lambda \in iso \sigma(\Delta_{AB})$, for all $1 \leq i \leq m$.
- (2) $\lambda = -1$ and $d_{AB} = \Delta_{AB}$. Then either $0 \in iso \sigma(A)$ and $0 \in iso \sigma(B)$ or $0 \in iso \sigma(A)$ and $0 \notin \sigma(B)$ or $0 \in iso \sigma(B)$ and $0 \notin \sigma(A)$.

Theorem 2.2 Let A and B^* be class A operators, then $H_0(d_{AB} - \lambda) = \ker(d_{AB} - \lambda)$ for all $\lambda \in iso \sigma(d_{AB})$.

Proof We consider the case $d_{AB} = \delta_{AB}$ and $d_{AB} = \triangle_{AB}$ respectively.

(1) We consider the case $d_{AB} = \delta_{AB}$. The idea comes from [1]. If $\lambda \in iso \sigma(\delta_{AB})$, then there exist finite sets $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m\}$ and $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m\}$, where $\alpha_i \in iso \sigma(A)$ and $\beta_i \in iso \sigma(B)$ such that $\lambda = \alpha_i - \beta_i$ for all $1 \le i \le m$. Let

$$M_1 = \bigvee_{i=1}^m \ker(A - \alpha_i), \qquad M_2 = \mathcal{H} \ominus M_1$$

and

$$N_1 = \bigvee_{i=1}^m \ker(B^* - \overline{\beta_i}), \qquad N_2 = \mathcal{H} \ominus N_1.$$

Then *A* and *B* have representations $A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ on $M_1 \oplus M_2$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & 0 \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ on $N_1 \oplus N_2$ respectively, where A_{11} and B_{11} are normal, $\sigma(A) = \sigma(A_{11}) \cup \sigma(A_{22})$, $\sigma(B) = \sigma(B_{11}) \cup \sigma(B_{22})$ and $\lambda \notin \sigma(\delta_{A_{ii}B_{jj}})$ for all $1 \le i, j \le 2$ other than i = j = 1. Consider an $X \in H_0(\delta_{AB} - \lambda)$. Letting $X : N_1 \oplus N_2 \longrightarrow M_1 \oplus M_2$ have the matrix representation $X = [X_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^2$, we have

$$(\delta_{AB} - \lambda)^n X = \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ * & (\delta_{A_{22}B_{22}} - \lambda)^n X_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

for some yet to be determined entries *.

Since

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\left\|(\delta_{AB}-\lambda)^nX\right\|^{\frac{1}{n}}=0,$$

we have that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| (\delta_{A_{22}B_{22}} - \lambda)^n X_{22} \right\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0.$$

Since $\lambda \notin \sigma(\delta_{A_{22}B_{22}})$, we have that $\delta_{A_{22}B_{22}} - \lambda$ is invertible. Hence, $X_{22} = 0$. So, we have that

$$(\delta_{AB} - \lambda)^n X = \begin{pmatrix} * & (\delta_{A_{11}B_{22}} - \lambda)^n X_{12} \\ (\delta_{A_{22}B_{11}} - \lambda)^n X_{21} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| \left(\delta_{A_{ii}B_{jj}} - \lambda \right)^n X_{ij} \right\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0$$

for all $1 \le i, j \le 2$ other than i = j = 1 and since $\lambda \notin \sigma(\delta_{A_{11}B_{22}})$ and $\lambda \notin \sigma(\delta_{A_{22}B_{11}})$, we have that $X_{12} = X_{21} = 0$. Hence,

$$(\delta_{AB} - \lambda)^n X = \begin{pmatrix} (\delta_{A_{11}B_{11}} - \lambda)^n X_{11} & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since A_{11} and B_{11} are normal,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| (\delta_{A_{11}B_{11}} - \lambda)^n X_{11} \right\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0$$

if and only if

$$(\delta_{A_{11}B_{11}} - \lambda)X_{11} = 0$$

by [15] Lemma 2. Hence, we have $H_0(\delta_{AB} - \lambda) \subseteq \ker(\delta_{AB} - \lambda)$. Since $\ker(\delta_{AB} - \lambda) \subseteq H_0(\delta_{AB} - \lambda)$ is always true, we have

$$H_0(\delta_{AB} - \lambda) = \ker(\delta_{AB} - \lambda).$$

(2) We consider the case $d_{AB} = \Delta_{AB}$. When $\lambda \neq -1$, the proof is similar to the proof of the first part. We omit the proof. When $\lambda = -1$, then either $0 \in iso \sigma(A)$ and $0 \in iso \sigma(B)$ or $0 \in iso \sigma(A)$ and $0 \notin \sigma(B)$ or $0 \in iso \sigma(B)$ and $0 \notin \sigma(A)$. If 0 is both in $iso \sigma(A)$ and $iso \sigma(B)$, then let $M_1 = ker(A)$, $M_2 = \mathcal{H} \ominus M_1$ and $N_1 = ker(B^*)$, $N_2 = \mathcal{H} \ominus N_1$.

Then we have $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}$ on $\mathcal{H} = M_1 \oplus M_2$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C_2 & B_2 \end{pmatrix}$ on $\mathcal{H} = N_1 \oplus N_2$ for some operators C_1 , A_2 and C_2 , B_2 respectively. Here both A_2 and B_2 are invertible. So, we have that $\Delta_{A_2B_2} - \lambda = L_{A_2}R_{B_2}$ is invertible. Let $X : N_1 \oplus N_2 \longrightarrow M_1 \oplus M_2$ have the matrix representation $X = [X_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^2$. If $X \in H_0(\Delta_{AB} - \lambda) = H_0(L_AR_B)$, it follows that $X_{22} = 0$ as in the proof of the first part. Hence, $L_AR_BX = 0$ for every $X \in H_0(\Delta_{AB} - \lambda) = H_0(L_AR_B)$. So, we have $H_0(\Delta_{AB} - \lambda) \subseteq \text{ker}(\Delta_{AB} - \lambda)$. Since $\text{ker}(\Delta_{AB} - \lambda) \subseteq H_0(\Delta_{AB} - \lambda)$ is always true, we have $H_0(\Delta_{AB} - \lambda) = \text{ker}(\Delta_{AB} - \lambda)$. The proofs of the other remaining cases are similar, we consider $0 \in \text{iso } \sigma(A)$ and $0 \notin \sigma(B)$. Here $\Delta_{AB} - \lambda = L_A R_B$. In the following, we shall prove that $H_0(L_AR_B) = H_0(L_A)$. If $X \in H_0(L_AR_B)$, then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|(L_A)^n X\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \|(L_A R_B)^n X B^{-n}\|^{\frac{1}{n}} \le \|B^{-1}\| \lim_{n \to \infty} \|(L_A R_B)^n X\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0.$$

On the other hand, if $X \in H_0(L_A)$, then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| (L_A R_B)^n X \right\|^{\frac{1}{n}} \le \|B\| \lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| (L_A)^n X \right\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0.$$

Hence, $H_0(L_A R_B) = H_0(L_A)$. Next, we shall prove that $H_0(L_A) = \ker(L_A)$. Let $M_1 = \ker A$, $M_2 = \mathcal{H} \ominus M_1$. We have $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}$ on $\mathcal{H} = M_1 \oplus M_2$, where A_2 is invertible. Let X have the following matrix representation: $X = [X_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^2$ on $\mathcal{H} = M_1 \oplus M_2$. If $X \in H_0(L_A)$, as in

the proof above, we have that $X_{21} = X_{22} = 0$. So, we have that $L_A X = 0$. Hence, $H_0(L_A) \subseteq \ker(L_A)$. Since $\ker(L_A) \subseteq H_0(L_A)$ is always true, we have that $H_0(L_A) = \ker(L_A)$. Since *B* is invertible, we have $\ker(L_A R_B) = \ker(L_A)$. Therefore, we have that

$$H_0(L_A R_B) = H_0(L_A) = \ker(L_A) = \ker(L_A R_B),$$

hence

$$H_0(L_A R_B) = \ker(L_A R_B).$$

That is,

$$H_0(\triangle_{AB} - \lambda) = \ker(\triangle_{AB} - \lambda).$$

This completes the proof.

An operator $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be isoloid if every isolated point of $\sigma(T)$ is an eigenvalue of T and polaroid if every isolated point of $\sigma(T)$ is a pole of the resolvent of T. In general, if T is polaroid then it is isoloid.

Lemma 2.3 Let A and B^* be class A operators, then d_{AB} and d^*_{AB} are polaroid. In particular, d_{AB} and d^*_{AB} are isoloid.

Proof We only need to prove that d_{AB} is polaroid. Let $\mathcal{X} = B(\mathcal{H})$ and $\lambda \in iso \sigma(d_{AB})$. Then we have that $H_0(d_{AB} - \lambda) = \ker(d_{AB} - \lambda)$ by Theorem 2.2. Hence,

$$\mathcal{X} = H_0(d_{AB} - \lambda) \oplus K(d_{AB} - \lambda) = \ker(d_{AB} - \lambda) \oplus K(d_{AB} - \lambda).$$

So, we have

$$(d_{AB} - \lambda)\mathcal{X} = 0 \oplus (d_{AB} - \lambda)(K(d_{AB} - \lambda)) = K(d_{AB} - \lambda).$$

Therefore,

$$\mathcal{X} = \ker(d_{AB} - \lambda) \oplus (d_{AB} - \lambda)\mathcal{X}.$$

Thus, isolated points of $\sigma(d_{AB})$ are simple poles of the resolvent of d_{AB} . Hence, d_{AB} is polaroid. So, we have that d_{AB} and d_{AB}^* are polaroid. Since polaroid operators are always isoloid, we have that d_{AB} and d_{AB}^* are isoloid. \Box

Theorem 2.4 Let A and B^* be class A operators satisfying property (β). Then generalized Weyl's theorem holds for $f(d_{AB})$ for every $f \in H(\sigma(d_{AB}))$ and f is not constant on each connected component of the open set U containing $\sigma(d_{AB})$.

Proof Suppose that *A* and *B*^{*} are class A operators. By Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.3, we have that d_{AB} has SVEP and d_{AB} is polaroid. So, we have that generalized Weyl's theorem

holds for d_{AB} by [16, Theorem 3.10(ii)]. Since d_{AB} has SVEP and d_{AB} is isoloid, we have that generalized Weyl's theorem holds for $f(d_{AB})$ for every $f \in H(\sigma(d_{AB}))$ by [17, Theorem 2.2].

Corollary 2.5 Let A and B^* be class A operators satisfying property (β). Then Weyl's theorem holds for $f(d_{AB})$ for every $f \in H(\sigma(d_{AB}))$ and f is not constant on each connected component of the open set U containing $\sigma(d_{AB})$.

A bounded linear operator $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ is called *a*-isoloid if every isolated point of $\sigma_a(T)$ is an eigenvalue of *T*. Note that every *a*-isoloid operator is isoloid and the converse is not true in general.

Lemma 2.6 Let A and B^* be class A operators satisfying property (β) , then d^*_{AB} is a-isoloid.

Proof Let λ be an isolated point of $\sigma_a(d_{AB}^*)$. Suppose that A and B^* are class A operators satisfying property (β). By Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.3, we have that d_{AB} has SVEP and d_{AB}^* is isoloid. Hence, $\sigma_a(d_{AB}^*) = \sigma(d_{AB}^*)$ by [18, Corollary 7]. We have that λ is an isolated point of $\sigma(d_{AB}^*)$. Since d_{AB}^* is isoloid, we have that λ is an eigenvalue of d_{AB}^* . Hence, d_{AB}^* is *a*-isoloid.

Theorem 2.7 Let A and B^{*} be class A operators satisfying property (β). Then generalized a-Weyl's theorem holds for $f(d_{AB}^*)$ for every $f \in H(\sigma(d_{AB}))$, and f is not constant on each connected component of the open set U containing $\sigma(d_{AB})$.

Proof Suppose that *A* and *B*^{*} are class A operators satisfying property (β). By Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.3, we have that d_{AB} has SVEP and d_{AB}^* is polaroid. By Corollary 2.5, Weyl's theorem holds for d_{AB} . Hence, d_{AB}^* satisfies Weyl's theorem by [19, Proposition 2.1]. Since d_{AB} has SVEP and d_{AB}^* is polaroid, generalized *a*-Weyl's theorem holds for d_{AB}^* by [16, Theorem 3.10]. *T* is *a*-isoloid by Lemma 2.6, hence generalized *a*-Weyl's theorem holds for f(T) for every $f \in H(\sigma(T))$ by [17, Theorem 2.4].

Corollary 2.8 Let A and B^* be class A operators satisfying property (β). Then a-Weyl's theorem holds for $f(d^*_{AB})$ for every $f \in H(\sigma(d_{AB}))$, and f is not constant on each connected component of the open set U containing $\sigma(d_{AB})$.

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