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# Approximate point spectra of *m*-complex symmetric operators and others

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#### Abstract

Let C be a conjugation on a complex Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . If  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence of unit vectors, then so is  $\{Cx_n\}$ . Under the assumption such that  $(T - \lambda)x_n \to 0$  $(n \to \infty)$ , we show spectral properties concerning with a sequence  $\{Cx_n\}$  of unit vectors.

## 1 Introduction and conjugation

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex Hilbert space with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . First we introduce a conjugation C on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Definition 1.1** Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex Hilbert space. For a mapping  $C : \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is said to be *antilinear* if

$$C(ax + by) = \overline{a} Cx + \overline{b} Cy \ (\forall a, b \in \mathbb{C}, \ \forall x, y \in \mathcal{H}).$$

An antilinear operator C is said to be a *conjugation* if

$$C^2 = I$$
 and  $\langle Cx, Cy \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$  ( $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ ).

If C is a conjugation, then ||Cx|| = ||x|| for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , i.e., C is isometric. In this paper, when a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of unit vectors satisfies  $(T - \lambda)x_n \to 0$   $(n \to \infty)$ , we show spectral properties concerning with a sequence  $\{Cx_n\}$  of unit vectors.

## 2 *m*-Complex symmetric operator

Let  $B(\mathcal{H})$  be the set of all bounded linear operators on a complex Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Definition 2.1** An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *m*-complex symmetric if

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$$\delta_m(T;C) = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} T^{*j} \cdot CT^{m-j}C = 0.$$

It holds that  $\delta_m(T;C) \cdot (CTC) - T^* \cdot \delta_m(T;C) = \delta_{m+1}(T;C).$ 

Hence, if T is m-complex symmetric, then T is n-complex symmetric for all  $n \ge m$ .

**Theorem 2.2** Let T be an m-complex symmetric operator and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of unit vectors. For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , if  $(T-\lambda)x_n \to 0$   $(n \to \infty)$ , then  $\langle (T-\lambda)^m Cx_n, Cx_n \rangle \to 0$   $(n \to \infty)$ . Hence, if  $(T-\lambda)x = 0$ , then  $\langle (T-\lambda)^m Cx, Cx \rangle = 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $(T - \lambda)x_n \to 0$  and  $C(T - \lambda)^m C = -\sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (T^{*j} - \overline{\lambda}^j) C T^{m-j} C$ , it holds

$$\langle (T-\lambda)^m C x_n, C x_n \rangle = -\sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \langle (T^j - \lambda^j) x_n, C T^{m-j} C x_n \rangle.$$

Hence we have Theorem 2.2.  $\Box$ 

Corollary 2.3 Under the assumption of Theorem 2.2, we have:

(1)  $\langle (T^* - \overline{\lambda})^m x_n, x_n \rangle \to 0,$ (2)  $\langle (T^k - \lambda^k) C x_n, C x_n \rangle \to 0$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}.$ 

**Example 2.4** Let  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $Cx = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{x_2} \\ \overline{x_1} \end{pmatrix}$  for  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . Then for a vector  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , it holds Tx = 0. But since  $Cx = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , we have  $\langle TCx, Cx \rangle = 1 \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 2.5** Let T be an m-complex symmetric operator and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of unit vectors. For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $(T - \lambda)x_n \rightarrow 0$ , then  $(T^* - \lambda)^m Cx_n \rightarrow 0$ . Hence, if  $(T - \lambda)x = 0$ , then  $(T^* - \lambda)^m Cx = 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(T - \lambda)x_n \to 0$  and

$$C(T^* - \lambda)^m C = -\sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} CT^{*m-j} C(T^j - \lambda^j),$$

we have

$$(T^* - \lambda)^m C x_n = \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} C T^{*m-j} C (T^j - \lambda^j) x_n.$$

Therefore we have Theorem 2.5.  $\Box$ 

# 3 [m, C]-Symmetric operator

**Definition 3.1** An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be [m, C]-symmetric if

$$\alpha_m(T;C) = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} C T^{m-j} C \cdot T^j = 0.$$

Then it holds  $(CTC) \cdot \alpha_m(T;C) - \alpha_m(T;C) \cdot T = \alpha_{m+1}(T;C).$ 

Hence, if T is [m, C]-symmetric, then T is [n, C]-complex symmetric for all  $n \ge m$ .

Also if T is [m, C]-symmetric, then so is  $T^*$ .

**Theorem 3.2** Let T be [m, C]-symmetric and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of unit vectors. For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , if  $(T - \lambda)x_n \rightarrow 0$ , then  $(T - \overline{\lambda})^m C x_n \rightarrow 0$ . Hence, if, for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $(T - \lambda)x = 0$ , then  $(T - \overline{\lambda})^m C x = 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $T^*$  is [m, C]-symmetric,  $\alpha_m(T^*, C) = 0$  and

$$\alpha_m(T^*, C)^* = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} T^{m-j} \cdot CT^j C = 0.$$

Hence

$$0 = \left(\sum_{j=0}^{m} (-1)^{j} \binom{m}{j} T^{m-j} \cdot CT^{j}C\right) Cx_{n}$$
$$= (T - \overline{\lambda})^{m} Cx_{n} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} (-1)^{j} \binom{m}{j} T^{m-j} \cdot (CT^{j}C - \overline{\lambda}^{j}) Cx_{n}. \quad \Box$$

If T is [m, C]-symmetric, then so is  $T^k$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  (see [4]). Hence we have following corollary.

Corollary 3.3 Under the assumption of Theorem 3.2, it holds

$$\|(T^k - \overline{\lambda}^k)^m C x_n\| \to 0$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Example 3.4** Let 
$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 2i & 1 \\ 1 & -2i \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $Cx = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{x_2} \\ \overline{x_1} \end{pmatrix}$  for  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . Then  $CTC = -\frac{1}{2}$ 

T and T is [1, C]-symmetric. For an eigenvalue  $\sqrt{3}i$  and an eigen-vector  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ (\sqrt{3}-2)i \end{pmatrix}$ , it holds

$$(T - \sqrt{3}i)Cx = \begin{pmatrix} 4\sqrt{3} - 6\\ -2\sqrt{3}i \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \text{ and } (T + \sqrt{3}i)Cx = 0$$

#### 4 Skew *m*-complex operator

**Definition 4.1** An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *skew m-complex symmetric* if

$$\gamma_m(T;C) = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} T^{*j} \cdot CT^{m-j}C = 0.$$

Since it holds that

$$T^* \cdot \gamma_m(T;C) + \gamma_m(T;C) \cdot CTC = \gamma_{m+1}(T;C),$$

if T is skew m-complex symmetric, then T is skew n-complex symmetric for all  $n \ge m$ .

**Theorem 4.2** Let T be a skew m-complex symmetric operator and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of unit vectors. For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , if  $(T-\lambda)x_n \to 0$   $(n \to \infty)$ , then  $\langle (T+\lambda)^m Cx_n, Cx_n \rangle \to 0$   $(n \to \infty)$ . Hence, if  $(T-\lambda)x = 0$ , then  $\langle (T+\lambda)^m Cx, Cx \rangle = 0$ .

Proof. Since  $(T - \lambda)x_n \to 0$  and  $C(T + \lambda)^m C = \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} \overline{\lambda}^j \cdot CT^{m-j}C$ ,

$$\langle (T+\lambda)^m C x_n, C x_n \rangle = -\sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} \langle (T^j - \lambda^j) x_n, C T^{m-j} C x_n \rangle \square$$

**Example 4.3** If T is *m*-complex symmetric, then so is  $T^n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . But there exists a skew 1-complex symmetric operator T such that  $T^2$  is not skew 1-complex symmetric. For example, let

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & 0\\ 0 & -1-i \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } Cx = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{x_2}\\ \overline{x_1} \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1\\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ on } \mathbb{C}^2.$$

Then it is easy to see  $CTC = \begin{pmatrix} -1+i & 0\\ 0 & 1-i \end{pmatrix} = -T^*$  and hence T is skew 1-complex symmetric. But since  $T^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2i & 0\\ 0 & 2i \end{pmatrix}$ , we have  $CT^2C = T^{2*}$  and hence  $T^2$  is complex symmetric and not skew 1-complex symmetric.

**Theorem 4.4** Let T be a skew m-complex symmetric operator and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of unit vectors. For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , if  $(T - \lambda)x_n \to 0$   $(n \to \infty)$ , then  $(T^* + \overline{\lambda})^m C x_n \to 0$   $(n \to \infty)$ . Hence, if  $(T - \lambda)x = 0$ , then  $\langle (T^* + \overline{\lambda})^m C x, C x \rangle = 0$ . Proof. Since  $(T - \lambda)x_n \to 0$ ,  $(CT^j C - \overline{\lambda}^j)C x_n \to 0$  and

$$C(\gamma_m(T;C))^*C = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} T^{*m-j} \cdot CT^{m-j}C,$$

it holds

$$0 = (T^* + \overline{\lambda})^m C x_n + \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} T^{*m-j} \cdot (CT^j C - \overline{\lambda}^j) C x_n$$

Hence, we have Theorem 4.4.  $\Box$ 

Corollary 4.5 Let T be skew m-complex symmetric. Then:

- (1) If  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T)$ , then  $-\overline{\lambda} \in \sigma_a(T^*)$ .
- (2) If  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T)$ , then  $-\overline{\lambda} \in \sigma_p(T^*)$ .

By Theorem 4.4 since  $0 \in \sigma_a((T^* + \overline{\lambda})^m)$ , by the spectral mapping theorem of the approximate point spectrum,  $0 \in \sigma_a(T^* + \overline{\lambda})$  and hence  $-\overline{\lambda} \in \sigma_a(T^*)$ .

# 5 Skew [m, C]-symmetric operator

**Definition 5.1** An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *skew* [m, C]-symmetric if

$$\zeta_m(T;C) := \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} CT^{m-j}C \cdot T^j = 0.$$

It holds  $CTC \cdot \zeta_m(T;C) + \zeta_m(T;C) \cdot T = \zeta_{m+1}(T;C).$ 

Therefore if T is skew [m, C]-symmetric, then T is skew [n, C]-symmetric for all  $n \ge m$ . If T is skew [m, C]-symmetric, then it holds

$$0 = C(\zeta_m(T;C))^*C = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} CT^{*j}C \cdot T^{*m-j} = \zeta_m(T^*;C)$$

and hence so is  $T^*$ .

**Theorem 5.2** Let T be a skew [m, C]-symmetric operator and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of unit vectors. For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , if  $(T - \lambda)x_n \to 0$ , then  $(T^* + \overline{\lambda})^m C x_n \to 0$ . Hence, if  $(T - \lambda)x = 0$ , then  $(T^* + \overline{\lambda})^m C x = 0$ .

Proof. Since  $(T - \lambda)x_n \to 0$  and  $C(\zeta_m(T^*; C))^*C = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j}T^{m-j} \cdot CT^jC = 0$ ,

$$0 = (T^* + \overline{\lambda})^m x_n + \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} T^{m-j} \cdot (CT^j C - \overline{\lambda}^j) Cx_n.$$

Hence, we have Theorem 5.2.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 5.3** Let T be skew [m, C]-symmetric. Then:

(1) If  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T)$ , then  $-\overline{\lambda} \in \sigma_a(T^*)$ .

(2) If  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T)$ , then  $-\overline{\lambda} \in \sigma_p(T^*)$ .

By Theorem 5.2 since  $0 \in \sigma_a((T^* + \overline{\lambda})^m)$ , by the spectral mapping theorem of the approximate point spectrum,  $0 \in \sigma_a(T^* + \overline{\lambda})$  and hence  $-\overline{\lambda} \in \sigma_a(T^*)$ .

#### Example 5.4 Let

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2i \\ 2i & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $Cx = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{x_2} \\ \overline{x_1} \end{pmatrix}$  for  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .

Then it holds CTC = -T and hence T is skew [1, C]-symmetric. For the eigenvalue  $\sqrt{3} i$  of T and the corresponding eigenvector  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}+i}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ , we have

$$(T + \sqrt{3}i)Cx = \begin{pmatrix} 2\sqrt{3}i \\ -\sqrt{3} + 3i \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \text{ and } (T - \sqrt{3}i)Cx = 0.$$

**Theorem 5.5** Let T be a skew [m, C]-symmetric operator and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of unit vectors. For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , if  $(T - \lambda)x_n \to 0$ , then  $\langle (T^* + \lambda)^m Cx_n, Cx_n \rangle \to 0$ . Hence, if  $(T - \lambda)x = 0$ , then  $\langle (T^* + \lambda)^m Cx, Cx \rangle = 0$ . Proof. Since  $CT^{*m}C = -\sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j}T^{*j} \cdot CT^{*m-j}C$ ,

$$C(T^* + \lambda)^m C = -\sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} (T^{*j} - \overline{\lambda}^j) \cdot CT^{*m-j}C.$$

Hence we have Theorem 5.5.  $\Box$ 

**Example 5.6** If T is [m, C]-symmetric, then so is  $T^n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . But there exists a skew [1, C]-symmetric operator T such that  $T^2$  is not skew [1, C]-symmetric. For example, let

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2i \\ -2i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $Cx = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{x_2} \\ \overline{x_1} \end{pmatrix}$  for  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .

Then it is easy to see  $CTC = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2i \\ 2i & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -T$  and hence T is skew [1, C]-symmetric.

But since  $T^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ , we have  $CT^2C = T^2$ . Hence  $T^2$  is [1, C]-symmetric and not skew [1, C]-symmetric.

## 6 Square hyponormal operator

We begin with the definition of square hyponormal operators.

**Definition 6.1** An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *square hyponormal* if  $T^2$  is hyponormal.

Following results are famous.

- (1) If  $\ker(T-z) \perp \ker(T-w)$  for any distinct nonzero eigenvalues z and w, then T has SVEP.
- (2) Let p be polynomial. If p(T) has SVEP, then T has SVEP.

Hence, if T is square hyponormal, then T has SVEP.

In general, *T* is 2-hyponormal if 
$$\begin{pmatrix} I & T^* \\ T & T^*T \end{pmatrix} \ge 0$$

We have many papers about 2-hyponormal operators. So T is said to be square hyponormal if  $T^2$  is hyponormal. About 2-hyponormal operators, please see "R. Curto and Woo Young Lee, Towards a model theory for 2-hyponormal operators, Integr. Equat. Oper. Theory, 44(2002), 290-315".

Basic properties are the following:

**Theorem 6.2** Let T be square hyponormal. Then the following statements hold.

- (1) If T is invertible, then so is  $T^{-1}$ .
- (2) If  $n = 2k \in \mathbb{N}$  is even, then  $T^n$  is  $\frac{1}{k}$ -hyponormal.
- (3) If  $S \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $S \simeq T$ , then S is square hyponormal.
- (4) If T t are square hyponormal for all t > 0, then T is hyponormal.
- (5) If M is an invariant subspace for T, then  $T_{|M}$  is square hyponormal.

By Aluthge and Wang' result, T is hyponormal, then  $T^2$  is semi-hyponormal. But we have many examples non hyponormal operator T which  $T^2$  is hyponormal.

Curto and Han studied algebraically hyponormal operators.

For T, we set the following property:

 $(*) \qquad \sigma(T) \ \bigcap \ (-\sigma(T)) \subset \{0\}$ 

**Lemma 6.3** Let T satisfy (\*). If z is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ , then  $z^2$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T^2)$ .

*Proof.* If z = 0, then it is clear. If  $z \neq 0$ , then proof follows from  $T^2 - z^2 = (T + z)(T - z)$  and (\*).  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 6.4** Let T be square hyponormal and satisfy (\*), then  $\sigma(T) = \{\overline{z} : z \in \sigma_a(T)\}.$ 

**Theorem 6.5** Let T be square hyponormal and satisfy (\*), M be an invariant subspace for T such that  $\sigma(T_{|M}) = \{z\}$ . Then:

- (1) If z = 0, then  $(T_{|M})^2 = 0$ .
- (2) If  $z \neq 0$ , then  $T_{|M} = z$ .

**Theorem 6.5** Let T be square hyponormal and satisfy (\*). Then:

- (1) Let Tx = zx and Ty = wy. If  $z \neq w$ , then  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ .
- (2) Similar result holds for approximate eigenvalues.

**Theorem 6.6** Let T be square hyponormal and satisfy (\*). Let Tx = zx ( $z \neq 0$ ). Then  $\ker(T-z) = \ker(T^2 - z^2) \subset \ker(T^{*2} - \overline{z}^2) = \ker(T^* - \overline{z})$ .

**Remark** About proofs and other results, please see [1] - [5].

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