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ON THE PARTIAL NORMALITY OF A CLASS OF BOUNDED OPERATORS

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Abstract. In this paper, some various partial normality classes of weighted conditional expectation type operators on $L^2(\Sigma)$ are investigated. For a weakly hyponormal weighted conditional expectation type operator M_wEM_u , we show that the conditional Cauchy-Schwartz inequality for u and w becomes an equality. Assuming this equality, we then show that the joint point spectrum is equal to the point spectrum of M_wEM_u . Also, we compute the approximate point spectrum of M_wEM_u and we prove that under a mild condition the approximate point spectrum and the spectrum of M_wEM_u are the same.

1. Introduction

The notion of conditional expectation is rightfully thought of as belonging to the theory of probability. In that context, it is set against a background of a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) and σ -subalgebra (σ -field as it is commonly called in probability texts) $\mathcal G$ of $\mathcal F$. If X denotes an integrable random variable, then the conditional expected value of X given G is the random variable $E[X|G]$ such that 1. $E[X|\mathcal{G}]$ is \mathcal{G} -measurable,

2. $E[X|\mathcal{G}]$ satisfies the functional relation $\int_G E[X|\mathcal{G}] dP = \int_G X dP$, $\forall G \in \mathcal{G}$. A number of standard texts will illustrate concisely the probabilistic formulation and interpretation of the function $E[X|\mathcal{G}]$, and the reader is invited to consult for example reference [\[2\]](#page-7-1). Our main interests, however, reside in the view of conditional expectation as an operator between the L^p -spaces, specially between L^2 -spaces.

Among the earlier investigations along these lines is that of Shu-Teh Chen Moy in his seminal 1954 paper [\[10\]](#page-7-2). Set within the familiar framework of a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) , Moy obtains necessary and sufficient conditions for a linear transformation T between function spaces to be of the form $TX = E[gX|\mathcal{G}]$, where $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$ is a

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 σ -subalgebra and g is a nonnegative measurable function with bounded conditional expected value. The function $E[qX|\mathcal{G}]$ can best be described as the weighted conditional expected value of X. Moreover, conditional expectations have been studied in an operator theoretic setting, by, for example, R. G. Douglas, [\[4\]](#page-7-3), de Pagter and Grobler [\[7\]](#page-7-4), P.G. Dodds, C.B. Huijsmans and B. De Pagter, [\[3\]](#page-7-5), J. Herron, [\[8\]](#page-7-6), Alan Lambert [\[9\]](#page-7-7) and Rao [\[11,](#page-7-8) [12\]](#page-7-9), as positive operators acting on L^p -spaces or Banach function spaces. The combination of conditional expectation and multiplication operators appears more often as a tool in the study of other operators rather than being, in themselves, the object of the study.

In [\[5\]](#page-7-10), we investigated some classic properties of multiplication conditional expectation operators $M_w E M_u$ on L^p spaces. We continue in this paper our study of properties of multiplication conditional expectation operators. Here we will be concerned with characterizing weighted conditional expectation type operators on $L^2(\Sigma)$ in terms of membership in the various partial normality classes and some applications of them in spectral theory.

2. Preliminaries

Let (X, Σ, μ) be a complete σ -finite measure space. For any σ -subalgebra $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \Sigma$, the L²-space $L^2(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu_{|\mathcal{A}})$ is abbreviated by $L^2(\mathcal{A})$, and its norm is denoted by $\|.\|_2$. All comparisons between two functions or two sets are to be interpreted as holding up to a μ -null set. The support of a measurable functions f is defined as $S(f) = \{x \in X; f(x) \neq 0\}$. We denote the vector space of all equivalence classes of almost everywhere finite valued measurable functions on X by $L^0(\Sigma)$.

For a σ -subalgebra $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \Sigma$, the conditional expectation operator associated with A is the mapping $f \mapsto E^{\mathcal{A}} f$, defined for all non-negative, measurable functions f as well as for all $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$, where $E^{\mathcal{A}} f$, by the Radon-Nikodym theorem, is the unique A-measurable function satisfying

$$
\int_A f d\mu = \int_A E^A f d\mu, \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}.
$$

As an operator on $L^2(\Sigma)$, $E^{\mathcal{A}}$ is idempotent and $E^{\mathcal{A}}(L^2(\Sigma)) = L^2(\mathcal{A})$. If there is no possibility of confusion, we write $E(f)$ in place of $E^{\mathcal{A}}(f)$. This operator will play a major role in our work and we list here some of its useful properties:

- (i) If g is A-measurable, then $E(fg) = E(f)g$.
- (ii) $|E(f)|^2 \leq E(|f|^2)$.
- (iii) If $f \geq 0$, then $E(f) \geq 0$; if $f > 0$, then $E(f) > 0$.
- (iv) $|E(fg)| \leq (E(|f|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}} (E(|g|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}$, (Hölder inequality).

(v) For each $f \geq 0$, $S(f) \subseteq S(E(f))$.

A detailed discussion and verification of most of these properties may be found in [\[13\]](#page-7-11). Let $f \in L^0(\Sigma)$; then f is said to be conditionable with respect to E if $f \in \mathcal{D}(E)$:= ${g \in L^0(\Sigma) : E(|g|) \in L^0(\mathcal{A})}.$ Throughout this paper we take u and w in $\mathcal{D}(E)$.

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Every operator T on a Hilbert space $\mathcal H$ can be decomposed into $T = U|T|$ with a partial isometry U, where $|T| = (T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. U is determined uniquely by the kernel condition $\mathcal{N}(U) = \mathcal{N}(|T|)$. This decomposition is called the polar decomposition. The Aluthge transformation of T is the operator \hat{T} given by $\hat{T} = |T|^{\frac{1}{2}}U|T|^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

The plan for the remainder of this paper is to present characterizations of weighted conditional expectation type operators in some various normality classes. Here is a brief review of what constitutes membership for an operator T on a Hilbert space in some classes:

- (i) T is normal if $T^*T = TT^*$.
- (ii) T is hyponormal if $T^*T \geq TT^*$.
- (iii) For $0 < p < \infty$, T is p-hyponormal if $(T^*T)^p \geq (TT^*)^p$.
- (iv) T is ∞ -hyponormal if it is p-hyponormal for all p.
- (v) T is p-quasihyponormal if $T^*(T^*T)^pT \geq T^*(TT^*)^pT$.
- (vi) T is weakly hyponormal if $|\hat{T}| \geq |T| \geq |\hat{T}^*|$.
- (vii) T is normaloid if $||T||^n = ||T^n||$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

3. Some classes of weighted conditional expectation type operators

We first recall some theorems that we have proved in [\[5\]](#page-7-10).

THEOREM 3.1. The operator $T = M_w E M_u$ is bounded on $L^2(\Sigma)$ if and only if $(E|w|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(E|u|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \in L^{\infty}(\mathcal{A})$, and in this case its norm is given by

$$
||T|| = ||(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}(E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}||_{\infty}.
$$

LEMMA 3.2. Let $T = M_w E M_u$ be a bounded operator on $L^2(\Sigma)$ and $p \in (0, \infty)$. Then $(T^*T)^p = M_{\bar{u}(E(|u|^2))^{p-1}\chi_S(E(|w|^2))^p} E M_u$ and $(TT^*)^p = M_{w(E(|w|^2))^{p-1}\chi_G(E(|u|^2))^p} E M_{\bar{w}},$ where $S = S(E(|u|^2))$ and $G = S(E(|w|^2)).$

THEOREM 3.3. The unique polar decomposition of bounded operator $T = M_w E M_u$ is $U|T|$, where $|T|(f) = \left(\frac{E(|w|^2)}{E(|w|^2)}\right)$ $\frac{E(|w|^2)}{E(|u|^2)}\Big)^{\frac{1}{2}} \chi_S\bar{u}E(uf)$ and $U(f) = \left(\frac{\chi_{S\cap G}}{E(|w|^2)E(|u|^2)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}wE(uf),$ for all $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$.

THEOREM 3.4. The Aluthge transformation of $T = M_w E M_u$ is $\widehat{T}(f) = \frac{\chi_S E(uw)}{E(|u|^2)} \bar{u} E(uf)$, $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$.

From now on, we consider the operators M_wEM_u and EM_u to be bounded operators on $L^2(\Sigma)$. In the sequel some necessary and sufficient conditions for normality, hyponormality, p-hyponormality, etc. will be presented.

THEOREM 3.5. Let $T = M_w E M_u$, then

- (a) If $(E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}\bar{w}=u(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}$, then T is normal.
- (b) If T is normal, then $|E(u)|^2 E(|w|^2) = |E(w)|^2 E(|u|^2)$.

Proof. [\(a\)](#page-3-0) Applying Lemma [3.2](#page-2-0) we have $T^*T-TT^* = M_{\bar{u}E(|w|^2)}EM_u - M_{wE(|u|^2)}EM_{\bar{w}}$. So for every $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$,

$$
\langle T^*T - TT^*(f), f \rangle = \int_X E(|w|^2) E(uf) \overline{uf} - E(|u|^2) E(\overline{w}f) w \overline{f} d\mu
$$

=
$$
\int_X |E(u(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}} f)|^2 - |E((E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}} \overline{w}f)|^2 d\mu.
$$

This implies that if $(E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}\overline{w} = u(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}$, then for all $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$, $\langle T^*T TT^*(f), f \rangle = 0$, thus $T^*T = TT^*$.

[\(b\)](#page-3-1) Suppose that T is normal. For all $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$ we have

$$
\int_X |E(u(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}f)|^2 - |E((E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}\overline{w}f)|^2 d\mu = 0.
$$

Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$, with $0 < \mu(A) < \infty$. By replacing f to χ_A , we have

$$
\int_{A} |E(u(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}})|^2 - |E((E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}\overline{w})|^2 d\mu = 0
$$

$$
\int_{A} |E(u)|^2 E(|w|^2) - |E(w)|^2 E(|u|^2) d\mu = 0.
$$

and so

Since $A \in \mathcal{A}$ is arbitrary, then $|E(u)|^2 E(|w|^2) = |E(w)|^2 E(|u|^2)$ \Box

COROLLARY 3.6. The operator EM_u is normal if and only if $u \in L^{\infty}(\mathcal{A})$.

THEOREM 3.7. Let $T = M_w E M_u$ and let $p \in (0, \infty)$. (a) The following statements are equivalent:

T is hyponormal $\iff T$ is p-hyponormal $\iff T$ is ∞ -hyponormal

(b) If
$$
|E(uf)|^2 \ge E(|f|^2)E(|u|^2)
$$
 on G for all $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$, then T is hyponormal.

(c) If T is hyponormal, then $|E(u)|^2 E(|w|^2) - |E(w)|^2 E(|u|^2) \ge 0$.

Proof. [\(a\)](#page-3-2) Applying Lemma [3.2](#page-2-0) we obtain that $(T^*T)^p \geq (TT^*)^p$ if and only if

 $M_{\chi_{S\cap G}(E(|u|^2))^{p-1}(E(|w|^2))^{p-1}}(M_{\bar{u}E(|w|^2)}EM_u-M_{wE(|u|^2)}EM_{\bar{w}})\geq 0.$

This inequality holds if and only if $T^*T - TT^* = M_{\bar{u}E(|w|^2)}EM_u - M_{wE(|u|^2)}EM_{\bar{w}} \geq 0$, where we have used the fact that $T_1T_2 \geq 0$ if $T_1 \geq 0$, $T_2 \geq 0$ and $T_1T_2 = T_2T_1$ for all $T_i \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, the set of all bounded linear operators on Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Since $0 < p < \infty$ is arbitrary, all equivalencies hold.

[\(b\)](#page-3-3) By Lemma [3.2,](#page-2-0) we have $T^*T - TT^* = M_{\bar{u}E(|w|^2)}EM_u - M_{wE(|u|^2)}EM_{\bar{w}}$. So for every $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$,

$$
\langle T^*T - TT^*(f), f \rangle = \int_X E(|w|^2) |E(uf)|^2 - E(|u|^2) |E(\bar{w}f)|^2 d\mu
$$

\n
$$
\geq \int_X E(|w|^2) (|E(uf)|^2 - E(|f|^2) E(|u|^2)) d\mu.
$$

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This implies that, if $|E(uf)|^2 \ge E(|f|^2)E(|u|^2)$ on G, then T is hyponormal. [\(c\)](#page-3-4) Let T be hyponormal. For all $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$ we have

$$
\int_X |E(u(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}f)|^2 - |E((E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}\bar{w}f)|^2 d\mu \ge 0.
$$

Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$, with $0 < \mu(A) < \infty$. By replacing f by χ_A , we have

$$
\int_{A} |E(u(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}})|^2 - |E((E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}\bar{w})|^2 d\mu \ge 0
$$

and so

$$
\int_{A} |E(u)|^2 E(|w|^2) - |E(w)|^2 E(|u|^2) d\mu \ge 0.
$$

Since $A \in \mathcal{A}$ is arbitrary, then $|E(u)|^2 E(|w|^2) \ge |E(w)|^2 E(|u|^2).$

and so

THEOREM 3.8. Let $T = M_w E M_u$, then T is p-quasihyponormal if and only if $|E(uw)|^2 \ge$ $E(|u|^2)E(|w|^2)$.

Proof. By Lemma [3.2,](#page-2-0) it is easy to check that

$$
T^*(T^*T)^p = M_{\bar{u}(E(|u|^2))^{p-1}X^S(E(|w|^2))^p|E(uw)|^2}EM_u;
$$

$$
T^*(TT^*)^p = M_{\bar{u}(E(|w|^2))^{p+1}(E(|u|^2))^p}EM_u.
$$

It follows that $T^*(T^*T)^pT \geq T^*(TT^*)^pT$ if

 $M_{(E(|u|^2))^{p-1}\chi_S(E(|w|^2))^p}M_{(|E(uw)|^2-E(|w|^2)E(|u|^2))}M_{\bar{u}}EM_u \geq 0.$ (1) By the same argument as in Theorem [3.7,](#page-3-5) [\(1\)](#page-4-0) holds if $M_{(|E(uw)|^2 - E(|w|^2)E(|u|^2))} \ge 0$ i.e. $|E(uw)|^2 - E(|w|^2)E(|u|^2) \ge 0$.

Conversely, suppose that T is p-quasihyponormal. Then for all $f \in L^2(\mathcal{A})$, we have

$$
\langle T^*(T^*T)^p T - T^*(TT^*)^p Tf, f \rangle
$$

=
$$
\int_X (E(|u|^2))^{p-1} \chi_S(E(|w|^2))^p (|E(uw)|^2 - E(|w|^2)E(|u|^2)) |E(u)|^2 |f|^2 d\mu \ge 0.
$$

Thus $(E(|u|^2))^{p-1}\chi_S(E(|w|^2))^p(|E(uw)|^2-E(|w|^2)E(|u|^2))|E(u)|^2\geq 0$, and hence we obtain $|E(uw)|^2 \ge E(|w|^2)E(|u|^2)$). $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

So we have the following corollary.

COROLLARY 3.9. Let $T = EM_u$ and $p \in (0, \infty)$. Then the following statements are equivalent.

THEOREM 3.10. Let $T = M_w E M_u$; then T is weakly hyponormal if and only if $|E(uw)|^2 = E(|u|^2)E(|w|^2).$

Proof. For every $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$, by Theorems [3.3](#page-2-1) and [3.4,](#page-2-2) we have $|\widehat{T}|(f) = |(\widehat{T})^*|(f) =$ $|E(uw)|\chi_S(E(|u|^2))^{-1}\bar{u}E(uf)$, where $S=S(E(|u|^2)).$

So, T is weakly hyponormal if and only if $|T| = |\hat{T}|$. For every $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$,

$$
\langle |T|(f) - |\widehat{T}|(f), f \rangle = \int_X \left(\frac{E(|w|^2)}{E(|u|^2)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \chi_S \overline{uf} E(uf) - |E(uw)| \chi_S(E(|u|^2))^{-1} \overline{uf} E(uf) d\mu
$$

$$
\int_X \left(\frac{E(|w|^2)}{E(|u|^2)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \chi_S |E(uf)|^2 - |E(uw)| \chi_S(E(|u|^2))^{-1} |E(uf)|^2 d\mu;
$$

this implies that if $|E(uw)|^2 = E(|u|^2) E(|w|^2)$, then $|T| = |\widehat{T}|$.

Conversely, if $|T| = |\widehat{T}|$, then for all $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$ we have

$$
\int_X \left(\frac{E(|w|^2)}{E(|u|^2)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \chi_S |E(uf)|^2 - |E(uw)|\chi_S(E(|u|^2))^{-1}|E(uf)|^2 d\mu = 0.
$$

Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$, with $0 < \mu(A) < \infty$. By replacing f by χ_A , we have

$$
\int_{A} \left(\frac{E(|w|^2)}{E(|u|^2)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \chi_{S} |E(u)|^2 - |E(uw)| \chi_{S} (E(|u|^2))^{-1} |E(u)|^2 d\mu = 0.
$$

Since $A \in \mathcal{A}$ is arbitrary, then

$$
\left(\frac{E(|w|^2)}{E(|u|^2)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \chi_S |E(u)|^2 - |E(uw)|\chi_S(E(|u|^2))^{-1}|E(u)|^2 = 0.
$$

Hence $|E(uw)|^2 = E(|u|^2)E(|w|^2).$

Theorems [3.7,](#page-3-5) [3.10](#page-4-1) and [\[1,](#page-7-12) Theorem 1.3] imply that if $u(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}} - (E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}\bar{w} \ge 0$, then $|E(uw)|^2 = E(|u|^2)E(|w|^2)$.

COROLLARY 3.11. (a) If $T = EM_u$, then T is weakly hyponormal if and only if $u \in L^{\infty}(\mathcal{A}).$

(b) If $T = M_wE$, then T is weakly hyponormal if and only if $w \in L^{\infty}(\mathcal{A})$.

THEOREM 3.12. If $T=M_wEM_u$ is weakly hyponormal with ker $T\subset \ker T^*$, then $T=\widehat{T}$.

Proof. Direct computations show that \hat{T} is normal and by [\[1,](#page-7-12) Theorem 2.6] $T = \hat{T}$. \Box Here we give some examples of conditional expectation operators.

EXAMPLE 3.13. (a) Let $X = \mathbb{N}, \mathcal{G} = 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ and let $\mu({x}) = pq^{x-1}$, for each $x \in X$, $0 \leq p \leq 1$ and $q = 1-p$. Elementary calculations show that μ is a probability measure on G. Let A be the σ -algebra generated by the partition $B = \{X_1 = \{3n : n \ge 1\}, X_1^c\}$ of X. So, for every $f \in \mathcal{D}(E^{\mathcal{A}}), E(f) = \alpha_1 \chi_{X_1} + \alpha_2 \chi_{X_1^c}$ and direct computations show that

$$
\alpha_1 = \frac{\sum_{n\geq 1} f(3n)pq^{3n-1}}{\sum_{n\geq 1} pq^{3n-1}} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{\sum_{n\geq 1} f(n)pq^{n-1} - \sum_{n\geq 1} f(3n)pq^{3n-1}}{\sum_{n\geq 1} pq^{n-1} - \sum_{n\geq 1} pq^{3n-1}}
$$

.

If we set $f(x) = x$, then we have $\alpha_1 = \frac{3}{1-q^3}$, $\alpha_2 = \frac{1+q^6-3q^4+4q^3-3q^2}{(1-q^2)(1-q^3)}$ $\frac{q^3 - 3q^2 + 4q^3 - 3q^2}{(1-q^2)(1-q^3)}$.

(b) Let $\Omega = [-\pi, \pi]$, $d\mu = \frac{1}{2}dx$ and $\mathcal{A} = \langle \{(-a, a) : 0 \le a \le \pi\} \rangle$ (Sigma algebra generated by symmetric intervals). Then $E^{\mathcal{A}}(f)(x) = \frac{1}{2}(f(x) + f(-x))$, $x \in \Omega$,

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where $E^{\mathcal{A}}(f)$ is defined. Let $J_n(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty}$ $\frac{(-1)^m}{m!\Gamma(m+n+1)}(\frac{x}{2})^{2m+n}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ where $\Gamma(z)$ is the Gamma function, be Bessel functions of the first kind. Then for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $E(J_{2n-1}) = 0$ and $E(J_{2n}) = J_{2n}$. And so, $\{J_{2n-1} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}\subseteq$ ${f \in L^2([-\pi,\pi]) : E(f) = 0, a.e}.$

Also, ${J_{2n}}_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{R}(E)$. Thus, the null space and the range of conditional expectation E contains infinite number of special functions.

4. Some applications

In this section, we shall denote by $\sigma(T)$, $\sigma_p(T)$, $\sigma_{jp}(T)$, $\sigma_a(T)$, $r(T)$ the spectrum of T , the point spectrum of T , the joint point spectrum of T , the approximate point spectrum, the spectral radius of T , respectively. The spectrum of an operator T is the set $\sigma(T) = {\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda I$ is not invertible}. A complex number $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is said to be in the point spectrum $\sigma_p(T)$ of the operator T, if there is a unit vector x satisfying $(T - \lambda)x = 0$. If in addition, $(T^* - \overline{\lambda})x = 0$, then λ is said to be in the joint point spectrum $\sigma_{ip}(T)$ of T. The approximate point spectrum of T is the set of all λ such that $T - \lambda I$ is not an isomorphism onto a closed subspace of the space [\[6\]](#page-7-13).

Also, the spectral radius of T is defined by $r(T) = \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(T)\}.$

For each natural number n, we define $\Delta_n(T) = \widehat{\Delta_{n-1}T}$ $\Delta_1(T) = \Delta(T) = \widehat{T}$. We call $\Delta_n(T)$ the n-th Aluthge transformation of T. It is proved in [\[15\]](#page-7-14) that $r(T)$ = $\lim_{n\to\infty}||\Delta_n(T)||.$

THEOREM 4.1. Let $T = M_w E M_u$. Then (a) \widehat{T} is normaloid.

(b) T is normaloid if and only if $||E(uw)||_{\infty} = ||(E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}||_{\infty}$.

Proof. [\(a\)](#page-6-0) By Theorem [3.1](#page-2-3) we have $\|\hat{T}\| = \|E(uw)\|_{\infty}$. By Theorem [3.4](#page-2-2) we conclude that for every natural number n we have $\Delta_n(T) = \Delta(T) = \hat{T}$. Hence $r(\hat{T}) = r(T)$ $\|\widehat{T}\| = \|E(uw)\|_{\infty}$. So \widehat{T} is normaloid.

[\(b\)](#page-6-1) By conditional type Hölder inequality, boundedness of T and Theorem [3.1](#page-2-3) we have $r(T) = ||E(uw)||_{\infty} \leq ||(E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}||_{\infty} = ||T||$. Hence T is normaloid if and only if $||E(uw)||_{\infty} = ||(E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}||_{\infty}$. Theorems 4.1 and 3.10 show that if T is weakly hyponormal, then T is normaloid. Also, Theorem 1.3 of [\[1\]](#page-7-12) and Theorem 3.7 imply that if $u(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}} - (E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}\overline{w} \geq 0$, then T is normaloid. \square

It can be proved that (see [\[6,](#page-7-13) [14\]](#page-7-15)): $\sigma(M_wEM_u) \setminus \{0\} = \text{ess range}(E(uw)) \setminus \{0\}$ and $\sigma_p(M_wEM_u) \setminus \{0\} = {\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \mu(A_{\lambda,w}) > 0} \setminus {\{0\}}$, where $A_{\lambda,w} = {x \in X : \lambda \neq 0}$ $E(uw)(x) = \lambda$ and ess range $(E(uw)) = {\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \forall \varepsilon > 0, \mu({x \in X : |E(uw)(x) - \lambda})}$ λ $\langle \varepsilon \varepsilon \rangle$ > 0}. Furthermore, for every bounded operator S on a Hilbert space H we have $\sigma(S) = \sigma_a(S) \cup \sigma_p(S^*)$ [\[16\]](#page-7-16). By these facts we get that $\sigma_a(M_wEM_u) \setminus \{0\}$ ess range $(E(uw)) \setminus (\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \mu(A_{\lambda,w}) > 0\} \cup \{0\}).$

THEOREM 4.2. If $|E(uw)|^2 \ge E(|u|^2)E(|w|^2)$, then $\sigma_p(M_wEM_u) = \sigma_{jp}(M_wEM_u)$.

So, by Theorems [3.8](#page-4-2) and [3.10](#page-4-1) we have the next corollary.

COROLLARY 4.3. If $T = M_wEM_u$ is weakly hyponormal or p-quasihyponormal, then $\sigma_p(M_wEM_u) = \sigma_{ip}(M_wEM_u).$

THEOREM 4.4. If $u(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}} - (E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}\bar{w} \geq 0$, then $\sigma_p(M_wEM_u) = \sigma_{jp}(M_wEM_u)$.

Proof. If $u(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}} - (E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}\overline{w} \geq 0$, then by Theorem [3.7](#page-3-5) $T = M_w E M_u$ is p-hyponormal for $p \in (0,\infty)$. Also, by [\[1,](#page-7-12) Theorem 1.3] we have that T is weakly-hyponormal and then by Corollary [4.3](#page-7-17) we get that $\sigma_p(M_wEM_u) = \sigma_{ip}(M_wEM_u)$. \Box

For a semi-hyponormal operator S on a Hilbert space H we have $\sigma(S) = \{\lambda : \overline{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$ $\sigma_a(S^*)\}$ (see [\[16\]](#page-7-16)). So from Theorem [3.7](#page-3-5) the following holds.

THEOREM 4.5. If $u(E(|w|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}} - (E(|u|^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}\bar{w} \geq 0$, then $\sigma(M_wEM_u) \setminus \{0\} = {\lambda : \overline{\lambda} \in$ $\sigma_a(M_{\bar{u}}EM_{\bar{w}})\}\setminus\{0\}$ or equivalently $\sigma_a(M_wEM_u)\setminus\{0\}$ = ess range $(E(uw))\setminus\{0\}.$

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