

## THE ZARIOUH'S PROPERTY $(gaz)$ THROUGH LOCALIZED SVEP

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**Abstract.** In this paper we study the property  $(gaz)$  for a bounded linear operator  $T \in L(X)$  on a Banach space  $X$ , introduced by Zariouh in [*Property  $(gz)$  for bounded linear operators*, Mat. Vesnik, **65**(1)(2013), 94–103], through the methods of local spectral theory. This property is a stronger variant of generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem. In particular, we shall give several characterizations of property  $(gaz)$ , by using the localized SVEP.

### 1. Introduction

The classical Browder's theorem and  $a$ -Browder's theorem for operators  $T \in L(X)$ , defined in Banach spaces  $X$ , admit some variants, as property  $(b)$ , property  $(ab)$ , and property  $(gb)$ , that have been introduced in [8, 9]. All these properties, that are stronger versions than Browder's theorem and  $a$ -Browder's theorem, have been also studied by using methods of local spectral theory in [2] or [1, Chapter 5]. In this paper we consider a property, called property  $(gaz)$ , introduced recently by Zariouh in [13] and, among other characterizations, we show that property  $(gaz)$  holds for  $T$  precisely when the dual  $T^*$  has the SVEP at the points  $\lambda$  that do not belong to the upper semi  $B$ -Weyl spectrum of  $T$ , while, dually,  $T^*$  has property  $(gaz)$  if and only if  $T$  has the SVEP at the points  $\lambda$  that do not belong to the upper semi  $B$ -Weyl spectrum of  $T^*$ . In the last part of the paper we show that property  $(gaz)$  may be also characterized by means of the quasi-nilpotent part  $H_0(\lambda I - T)$ , or by means of the analytic core  $K(\lambda I - T)$ , as  $\lambda$  ranges in a certain subset  $\Delta_1^g(T)$  of the spectrum.

### 2. Definitions and preliminary results

Let  $T \in L(X)$  be a bounded linear operator defined on an infinite-dimensional complex Banach space  $X$ , and denote by  $\alpha(T)$  and  $\beta(T)$ , the dimension of the kernel  $\ker T$

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and the codimension of the range  $R(T) := T(X)$ , respectively. Recall that  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *upper semi-Fredholm*,  $T \in \Phi_+(X)$ , if  $\alpha(T) < \infty$  and  $T(X)$  is closed, while  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *lower semi-Fredholm*,  $T \in \Phi_-(X)$  if  $\beta(T) < \infty$ . The class of *Fredholm* operators is defined by  $\Phi(X) := \Phi_+(X) \cap \Phi_-(X)$ , while the class of semi-Fredholm operators is defined by  $\Phi_{\pm}(X) := \Phi_+(X) \cup \Phi_-(X)$ . If  $T \in \Phi_{\pm}(X)$  then its index is defined by  $\text{ind}(T) := \alpha(T) - \beta(T)$ . The set of *Weyl operators* is defined by  $W(X) := \{T \in \Phi(X) : \text{ind } T = 0\}$ , the class of *upper semi-Weyl operators* is defined by  $W_+(X) := \{T \in \Phi_+(X) : \text{ind } T \leq 0\}$ , and class of *lower semi-Weyl operators* is defined by  $W_-(X) := \{T \in \Phi_-(X) : \text{ind } T \geq 0\}$ . Clearly,  $W(X) = W_+(X) \cap W_-(X)$ . The classes of operators above defined generate the following spectra: the *Weyl spectrum*, defined by  $\sigma_w(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \notin W(X)\}$  the *upper semi-Weyl spectrum*, defined by  $\sigma_{uw}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \notin W_+(X)\}$ , and the *lower semi-Weyl spectrum*, defined by  $\sigma_{lw}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \notin W_-(X)\}$ . Let  $p := p(T)$  and  $q := q(T)$  denote the *ascent* and the *descent* of the operator  $T$ , respectively. It is well known that if  $p(T)$  and  $q(T)$  are both finite then  $p(T) = q(T)$ , see [1, Chapter 1]. Moreover, if  $0 < p(\lambda I - T) = q(\lambda I - T) < \infty$  if and only if  $\lambda$  is a pole of the resolvent, see [11, Proposition 50.2].

The class of all *Browder operators* is defined as the set  $B(X) := \{T \in \Phi(X) : p(T), q(T) < \infty\}$ ; the class of all *upper semi-Browder operators* is defined  $B_+(X) := \{T \in \Phi_+(X) : p(T) < \infty\}$ , and the class of all *lower semi-Browder operators* is defined  $B_-(X) := \{T \in \Phi_-(X) : q(T) < \infty\}$ . Obviously,  $B(X) \subseteq W(X)$  and  $B_+(X) \subseteq W_+(X)$  and  $B_-(X) \subseteq W_-(X)$ .

In the sequel we denote by  $\sigma_{ap}(T)$  the *approximate point spectrum*, defined as  $\sigma_{ap}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \text{ is not bounded below}\}$ , where an operator is said to be *bounded below* if it is injective and has closed range. The classical *surjective spectrum* of  $T$  is denoted by  $\sigma_s(T)$ .

An operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to satisfy *Browder's theorem* if  $\sigma_w(T) = \sigma_b(T)$ , or equivalently  $\Delta(T) = p_{00}(T)$ , where  $\Delta(T) := \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_w(T)$  and  $p_{00}(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_b(T)$ . The operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to satisfy *a-Browder's theorem* if  $\sigma_{uw}(T) = \sigma_{ub}(T)$ , or equivalently  $\Delta_a(T) = p_{00}^a(T)$ , where  $\Delta_a(T) := \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{uw}(T)$  and  $p_{00}^a(T) := \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{ub}(T)$ . It is known that *a-Browder's theorem* entails *Browder's theorem*, see [1, Chapter 5] for details.

Semi-Fredholm operators have been generalized by Berkani [6, 7] in the following way: for every  $T \in L(X)$  and a nonnegative integer  $n$  let us denote by  $T_{[n]}$  the restriction of  $T$  to  $T^n(X)$ , viewed as a map from the space  $T^n(X)$  into itself (we set  $T_{[0]} = T$ ).  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *semi B-Fredholm*, (resp. *B-Fredholm*, *upper semi B-Fredholm*, *lower semi B-Fredholm*,) if for some integer  $n \geq 0$  the range  $T^n(X)$  is closed and  $T_{[n]}$  is a semi-Fredholm operator (resp. Fredholm, upper semi-Fredholm, lower semi-Fredholm). In this case  $T_{[m]}$  is a semi-Fredholm operator for all  $m \geq n$  (see [7]) with the same index of  $T_{[n]}$ . This enables one to define the index of a semi B-Fredholm as  $\text{ind } T = \text{ind } T_{[n]}$ .

A bounded operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *B-Weyl* (respectively, *upper semi B-Weyl*, *lower semi B-Weyl*) if for some integer  $n \geq 0$  the range  $T^n(X)$  is closed and  $T_{[n]}$  is Weyl (respectively, upper semi-Weyl, lower semi-Weyl). The *B-Weyl spectrum*

is defined by

$$\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \text{ is not } B\text{-Weyl}\},$$

and the *upper semi B-Weyl spectrum* of  $T$  is defined by

$$\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \text{ is not upper semi } B\text{-Weyl}\}.$$

Analogously, the *lower semi B-Weyl spectrum* of  $T$  is defined by

$$\sigma_{\text{lbw}}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \text{ is not lower semi } B\text{-Weyl}\}.$$

In the sequel we shall need the following punctured theorem which follows as a particular case of a result proved in [7, Corollary 3.2] for operators having topological uniform descent for  $n \geq d$ .

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Suppose that  $T \in L(X)$  is upper semi B-Fredholm. Then there exists an open disc  $\mathbb{D}(0, \varepsilon)$  centered at 0 such that  $\lambda I - T \in \Phi_+(X)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\text{ind}(\lambda I - T) = \text{ind}(T)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(0, \varepsilon)$ . Moreover, if  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{0\}$  then  $\alpha(\lambda I - T) = \dim(\ker T \cap T^d(X))$  for some  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ , so that  $\alpha(\lambda I - T)$  is constant as  $\lambda$  ranges in  $\mathbb{D}(0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\alpha(\lambda I - T) \leq \alpha(T)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(0, \varepsilon)$ .*

The concept of Drazin invertibility has been introduced in a more abstract setting than operator theory. In the case of the Banach algebra  $L(X)$ ,  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *Drazin invertible* (with a finite index) if  $p(T) = q(T) < \infty$ . Clearly,  $T \in L(X)$  is Drazin invertible if and only if  $\lambda I - T$  is invertible or  $\lambda$  is a pole of the resolvent. Drazin invertibility for bounded operators suggests the following definition.

**DEFINITION 2.2.** An operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be left Drazin invertible if  $p := p(T) < \infty$  and  $T^{p+1}(X)$  is closed.  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be right Drazin invertible if  $q := q(T) < \infty$  and  $T^q(X)$  is closed. If  $\lambda I - T$  is left Drazin invertible and  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T)$  then  $\lambda$  is said to be a *left pole*. A left pole  $\lambda$  is said to have finite rank if  $\alpha(\lambda I - T) < \infty$ . If  $\lambda I - T$  is right Drazin invertible and  $\lambda \in \sigma_s(T)$  then  $\lambda$  is said to be a *right pole*. A right pole  $\lambda$  is said to have finite rank if  $\beta(\lambda I - T) < \infty$ .

It should be noted that there is a perfect duality, i.e.,  $T$  (respectively,  $T^*$ ) is left Drazin invertible if and only if  $T^*$  (respectively  $T$ ) is right Drazin invertible. Furthermore,  $T \in L(X)$  is Drazin invertible if and only if  $T$  is both left Drazin invertible and right Drazin invertible.

Denote by  $\Pi(T)$ ,  $\Pi_a(T)$  and  $\Pi_s(T)$  the set of all poles, the set of left poles of  $T$ , and the set of right poles respectively. Clearly,  $\Pi(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_d(T)$ ,  $\Pi_a(T) = \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$  and  $\Pi_s(T) = \sigma_s(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{rd}}(T)$ . Obviously,  $\Pi(T) \subseteq \text{iso } \sigma(T)$ , and analogously we have  $\Pi_a(T) \subseteq \text{iso } \sigma_a(T)$  for all  $T \in L(X)$ . In fact, if  $\lambda_0 \in \Pi_a(T)$  then  $\lambda I - T$  is left Drazin invertible and hence  $p(\lambda_0 I - T) < \infty$ . Since  $\lambda I - T$  has topological uniform descent (see [10] for definition and details), it then follows, from [10, Corollary 4.8], that  $\lambda I - T$  is bounded below in a punctured disc centered at  $\lambda_0$ . An analogous reasoning shows that  $\Pi_s(T) \subseteq \text{iso } \sigma_s(T)$  for all  $T \in L(X)$ .

Obviously,  $p_{00}^a(T) \subseteq \Pi_a(T)$  and  $p_{00}(T) \subseteq \Pi(T)$  for every  $T \in L(X)$ . The *Drazin spectrum* is defined as

$$\sigma_d(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \text{ is not Drazin invertible}\},$$

the *left Drazin spectrum* is defined as

$$\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \text{ is not left Drazin invertible}\},$$

while the *right Drazin spectrum* is defined as

$$\sigma_{\text{rd}}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \text{ is not right Drazin invertible}\}.$$

Evidently,  $\sigma_{\text{d}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) \cup \sigma_{\text{rd}}(T)$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$  and  $\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ .

The proof of the following theorem may be found in [1, Theorem 1.143].

**THEOREM 2.3.** *For an operator  $T \in L(X)$  the following statements hold:*

- (i) *If  $T$  is upper semi B-Weyl and  $q(T) < \infty$ , then  $T$  is Drazin invertible.*
- (ii) *If  $T$  is lower semi B-Weyl and  $p(T) < \infty$ , then  $T$  is Drazin invertible.*
- (iii) *If  $T$  is B-Weyl and either  $p(T)$  and  $q(T)$  are finite, then  $T$  is Drazin invertible.*

**LEMMA 2.4.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$ . Then we have  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T) \Leftrightarrow \sigma_{\text{a}}(T) = \sigma(T)$ . Analogously,  $\sigma_{\text{rd}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T) \Leftrightarrow \sigma_{\text{s}}(T) = \sigma(T)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ . If  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{a}}(T)$  then  $\lambda I - T$  is upper semi-Browder, and hence left Drazin invertible. Since  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$  then  $\lambda I - T$  is Drazin invertible, hence  $p(\lambda I - T) = q(\lambda I - T) < \infty$ . This implies, by [1, Chapter 1] that  $\alpha(\lambda I - T) = \beta(\lambda I - T)$ , and since  $\alpha(\lambda I - T) = 0$  we then have  $\lambda \notin \sigma(T)$ . Therefore,  $\sigma_{\text{a}}(T) = \sigma(T)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\sigma_{\text{a}}(T) = \sigma(T)$ , and let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ . Then  $\lambda I - T$  is left Drazin invertible, hence  $p(\lambda I - T) < \infty$ . There are two possibilities:  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{a}}(T)$  or  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{a}}(T)$ . If  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{a}}(T) = \sigma(T)$  then  $\lambda I - T$  is invertible and hence Drazin invertible, i.e.,  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ . In the other case, where  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{a}}(T)$ , we have  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{a}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ , so  $\lambda$  is a left pole and hence  $\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{a}}(T) = \text{iso } \sigma(T)$ , i.e.,  $\lambda I - T$  is Drazin invertible, and consequently  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$  also in this case. Therefore,  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ .

Suppose that  $\sigma_{\text{rd}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ . If  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{s}}(T)$  then  $\lambda I - T$  is lower semi-Browder, and hence right Drazin invertible. Since  $\sigma_{\text{rd}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$  then  $\lambda I - T$  is Drazin invertible, hence  $p(\lambda I - T) = q(\lambda I - T) < \infty$ . This implies, by [1, Chapter 1] that  $\alpha(\lambda I - T) = \beta(\lambda I - T)$ , and since  $\beta(\lambda I - T) = 0$  we then have  $\lambda \notin \sigma(T)$ . Therefore,  $\sigma_{\text{s}}(T) = \sigma(T)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\sigma_{\text{s}}(T) = \sigma(T)$ , and let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{rd}}(T)$ . Then  $\lambda I - T$  is right Drazin invertible, hence  $q(\lambda I - T) < \infty$ . There are two possibilities:  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{s}}(T)$  or  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{s}}(T)$ . If  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{s}}(T) = \sigma(T)$  then  $\lambda I - T$  is invertible and hence Drazin invertible, i.e.,  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ . In the other case, where  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{s}}(T)$ , we have  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{s}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{rd}}(T)$ , so  $\lambda$  is a right pole and hence  $\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{s}}(T) = \text{iso } \sigma(T)$ , hence  $\lambda I - T$  is Drazin invertible, i.e.,  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$  also in this case. Therefore,  $\sigma_{\text{rd}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ .  $\square$

An operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to have the *single valued extension property* at  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  (abbreviated SVEP at  $\lambda_0$ ), if for every open disc  $U$  of  $\lambda_0$ , the only analytic function  $f : U \rightarrow X$  which satisfies the equation  $(\lambda I - T)f(\lambda) = 0$  for all  $\lambda \in U$  is the function  $f \equiv 0$ . An operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to have SVEP if  $T$  has SVEP at every point  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Evidently, an operator  $T \in L(X)$  has SVEP at every point of the resolvent  $\rho(T) := \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(T)$ , and both  $T$  and  $T^*$  have SVEP at the isolated points of the spectrum.

REMARK 2.5. Let  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  and suppose that  $T$  has SVEP at the points  $\lambda$  of a punctured open disc  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ . Then  $T$  has SVEP at  $\lambda_0$ . Indeed, let  $f : \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \rightarrow X$  be an analytic function such that  $(\lambda I - T)f(\lambda) = 0$  holds for every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon)$ . Choose  $\mu \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$  and let  $\mathbb{D}(\mu, \delta)$  be an open disc contained in  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ . The SVEP for  $T$  at  $\mu$  entails  $f(\lambda) = 0$  on  $\mathbb{D}(\mu, \delta)$ . Since  $f$  is continuous at  $\lambda_0$  we then conclude that  $f(\lambda_0) = 0$ . Hence  $f \equiv 0$  on  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon)$ , thus  $T$  has the SVEP at  $\lambda_0$ .

Note that  $p(\lambda I - T) < \infty \implies T$  has SVEP at  $\lambda$ , and dually,  $q(\lambda I - T) < \infty \implies T^*$  has SVEP at  $\lambda$ , see [1, Chapter 2]. Moreover, from the definition of localized SVEP we easily obtain that if  $\sigma_a(T)$  does not cluster at  $\lambda$  then  $T$  has SVEP at  $\lambda$ , and, by duality, if  $\sigma_s(T)$  does not cluster at  $\lambda$  then  $T^*$  has SVEP at  $\lambda$ .

The *quasi-nilpotent part* of  $T$  is defined as  $H_0(T) = \{x \in X : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n(x)\|^{1/n} = 0\}$ . For a bounded operator  $T \in L(X)$ , the *analytic core*  $K(T)$  is the set of all  $x \in X$  such that there exists a constant  $c > 0$  and a sequence  $(x_n)_{n=0,1,\dots} \subset X$ , such that  $x_0 = x$ ,  $Tx_n = x_{n-1}$ , and  $\|x_n\| \leq c^n \|x\|$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that  $T(K(T)) = K(T)$ , see [1, Chapter 1].

The two subspaces  $H_0(T)$  and  $K(T)$  are in general not closed and  $H_0(\lambda I - T)$  closed  $\implies T$  has SVEP at  $\lambda$ , see [1, Chapter 2]. Furthermore, if  $\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma(T)$  then the decomposition  $X = H_0(\lambda I - T) \oplus K(\lambda I - T)$  holds. If  $\lambda$  is a pole of the resolvent of  $T$  of order  $p$  then  $H_0(\lambda I - T) = \ker(\lambda I - T)^p$  and  $K(\lambda I - T) = (\lambda I - T)^p(X)$ , see [1, Chapter 2].

### 3. Zariouh property (*gaz*)

Define  $\Delta_a^g(T) := \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$  and  $\Delta_1^g(T) := \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$ . Since  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{id}}(T)$ , we then have  $\Pi_a(T) \subseteq \Delta_a^g(T) \subseteq \Delta_1^g(T)$ .

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $T \in L(X)$ .

1)  $T$  is said to verify *property (gaz)* if  $\Delta_1^g(T) = \Pi_a(T)$ .

2)  $T$  is said to verify *generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem*, (*gaB*), if  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{id}}(T)$ , or equivalently  $\Delta_a^g(T) = \Pi_a(T)$ .

Generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem and  $a$ -Browder's theorem are equivalent (see [5] or [1, Chapter 5]).

Property (*gaz*) may be characterized in several ways. The next theorem shows that the operators which satisfy this property have a very nice spectral structure.

THEOREM 3.2. Let  $T \in L(X)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $T$  has *property (gaz)*;
- (ii) *generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem* holds and  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$ ;
- (iii)  $\Delta_1^g(T) \subseteq \text{iso } \sigma_a(T)$ ;
- (iv)  $\Delta_1^g(T) \subseteq \partial \sigma_a(T)$ , where  $\partial \sigma_a(T)$  is the boundary of  $\sigma_a(T)$ ;
- (v)  $\text{int } \Delta_1^g(T) = \emptyset$ ;

(vi)  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \cup \partial\sigma_a(T)$ ;

(vii)  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \cup \text{iso}\sigma_a(T)$ .

*Proof.* The proof of the equivalence (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) may be found in [13].

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $\Delta_1^g(T) = \Pi_a(T) \subseteq \text{iso}\sigma_a(T)$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) Clear, since  $\text{iso}\sigma_a(T) \subseteq \partial\sigma_a(T)$ .

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) The condition  $\text{int}\Delta_1^g(T) = \emptyset$  entails that  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$ . Indeed, let  $\lambda_0 \notin \sigma_a(T)$  and suppose that  $\lambda_0 \in \sigma(T)$ . Then  $\lambda_0 I - T$  is bounded below and hence there exists an open disc  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon)$ , centered at  $\lambda_0$ , such  $\lambda I - T$  is bounded below for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon)$ . Observe that no point of  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon)$  belongs to  $\partial\sigma_a(T)$ , since the boundary of the spectrum is always contained in the approximate point spectrum, see [1, Theorem 1.12]. Therefore,  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \subseteq \text{int}\sigma(T)$ , and since every bounded below operator is upper semi  $B$ -Weyl, we have  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \subseteq \text{int}\Delta_1^g(T)$ , a contradiction. So  $\lambda_0 \notin \sigma(T)$  and hence  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$ .

The condition  $\text{int}\Delta_1^g(T) = \emptyset$  also entails that  $T$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem. Indeed,  $\Delta_1^g(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \Delta_a^g(T)$ , and the condition  $\text{int}\Delta_a^g(T) = \emptyset$  is equivalent to saying that  $T$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem, see [1, Theorem 5.40].

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (vi) Suppose (ii). Generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem is equivalent, see [1, Theorem 5.40], to the equality  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \cup \partial\sigma_a(T)$ , and since by assumption  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$ , we then obtain that the equality (vi) holds.

Conversely, if  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \cup \partial\sigma_a(T)$  then, since  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_a(T)$ , we have  $\sigma(T) \subseteq \sigma_a(T)$ , hence  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_a(T)$ . Therefore,  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \cup \partial\sigma_a(T)$ , and this is equivalent to generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem, again by [1, Theorem 5.40].

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (vii) The argument is similar to that of the proof of (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (vi). Indeed, generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem is equivalent, see [1, Chapter], to the equality  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \cup \text{iso}\sigma_a(T)$ , and since by assumption  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$ , we then have (vii). Conversely, if  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \cup \text{iso}\sigma_a(T)$  then, since  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_a(T)$ , we have  $\sigma(T) \subseteq \sigma_a(T)$ , hence  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_a(T)$ . Therefore,  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \cup \text{iso}\sigma_a(T)$ , and this is equivalent, by [1, Chapter 5], to generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem.  $\square$

The equivalence (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) in the previous theorem was first proved in [13]. Property (gaz) is a rather strong property. The next corollary shows that this property entails that several spectra coincide.

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $\in L(X)$ . Then we have:*

(i) *If  $T$  has property (gaz) then*

$$\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T). \tag{1}$$

*Consequently,  $\Pi(T) = \Pi_a(T)$ .*

(ii) *If  $T^*$  has property (gaz) then*

$$\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T^*) = \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T^*) = \sigma_{\text{rd}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T). \tag{2}$$

*Consequently,  $\Pi(T) = \Pi_s(T)$ .*

*Proof.* (i) By Theorem 3.2 we have  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$  and hence, by Lemma 2.4,  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_d(T)$ . By Theorem 3.2  $T$  also satisfies generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem, so  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ . Moreover, since generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem entails generalized Browder's theorem, we have  $\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = \sigma_d(T)$ . Therefore, the equalities (1) hold.

Since  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$  we also have  $\Pi_a(T) = \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_d(T) = \Pi(T)$ .

(ii) By Theorem 3.2 we have  $\sigma_s(T) = \sigma_a(T^*) = \sigma(T^*) = \sigma(T)$  and hence, by Lemma 2.4,  $\sigma_{\text{rd}}(T) = \sigma_d(T)$ . By Theorem 3.2  $T^*$  also satisfies generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem, so  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T^*) = \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T^*)$ , or equivalently,  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T^*) = \sigma_{\text{rd}}(T)$ . Moreover, since generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem entails generalized Browder's theorem, we have  $\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T^*) = \sigma_d(T^*) = \sigma_d(T)$ . Therefore, the equalities (2) hold.

Since  $\sigma_s(T) = \sigma_a(T^*) = \sigma(T^*) = \sigma(T)$ , we have  $\Pi_s(T) = \sigma_s(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{rd}}(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_d(T) = \Pi(T)$ .  $\square$

Also the following properties, introduced in [9], may be thought as stronger variants than Browder type theorems.

DEFINITION 3.4. Let  $T \in L(X)$ .

(i)  $T$  is said to satisfy *property (b)* if  $\sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) = p_{00}(T)$ .

(ii)  $T$  is said to satisfy *property (gb)* if  $\Delta_a^g(T) = \Pi(T)$ .

By Theorem 3.2, if  $T \in L(X)$  satisfies property (*gaz*), the equality  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$  implies  $\Delta_a^g(T) = \Delta_a^g(T) \subseteq \text{iso } \sigma_a(T)$ , and this last inclusion is equivalent to property (*gb*), see [2]. Hence

property (*gaz*)  $\Rightarrow$  property (*gb*)  $\Rightarrow$  generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem.

The following theorem establishes the exact relationship between property (*gaz*) and property (*gb*).

THEOREM 3.5. Let  $T \in L(X)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $T \in L(X)$  has property (*gaz*);

(ii)  $T$  has property (*gb*) and  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$ ;

(iii)  $T$  has property (*b*) and  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$ ;

(iv)  $T$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem and  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$ ;

(v)  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) = p_{00}^a(T)$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) As observed before, property (*gaz*) entails property (*gb*). We show the equality  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_d(T)$ . It is sufficient to prove  $\sigma_d(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ . Let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ . There are two possibilities:  $\lambda \notin \sigma_a(T)$  or  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T)$ . Trivially, if  $\lambda \notin \sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$  then  $\lambda I - T$  is invertible, so  $\lambda \notin \sigma_d(T)$ . If  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T)$  then  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ . Since  $T$  satisfies generalized Browder's theorem we have  $\sigma_{\text{lbw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ , hence  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \Pi(T)$ , since  $T$  satisfies property (*gb*). Hence  $\lambda$  is a pole of  $T$ , and consequently  $\lambda \notin \sigma_d(T)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Clear.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) Property (*b*) entails  $a$ -Browder's theorem, i.e.  $\sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ub}}(T)$ . Since by assumption  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$ , we then have  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) = \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ub}}(T) = p_{00}^a(T)$ .

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $\lambda_0 \in \Delta_1^g(T)$ . Then,  $\lambda_0 \in \sigma(T)$  and  $\lambda_0 I - T$  is upper semi  $B$ -Weyl, so, by Theorem 2.1, there exists an open disc  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon)$  such that  $\lambda I - T \in W_+(X)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ , with  $\text{ind}(\lambda_0 I - T) = \text{ind}(\lambda I - T) \leq 0$ . Hence,

$$\lambda \in \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) = p_{00}^a(T) = \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ub}}(T),$$

so  $p(\lambda I - T) < \infty$ , and hence  $T$  has SVEP at every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ . By Remark 2.5 it then follows that  $T$  has SVEP also at  $\lambda_0$ , so  $\lambda_0 I - T$  is left Drazin invertible, by [1, Theorem 2.97]. We also have  $\lambda_0 \in \sigma_a(T)$ . Indeed, for every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ ,  $\lambda I - T$  has closed range, being  $\lambda I - T \in W_+(X)$ , hence  $\alpha(\lambda I - T) > 0$ , since  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T)$ . From Theorem 2.1 it then follows that  $0 < \alpha(\lambda I - T) < \alpha(\lambda_0 I - T)$ , thus  $\lambda_0 \in \sigma_a(T)$ . Therefore,  $\lambda_0 \in \Pi_a(T)$ , so  $\Delta_1^g(T) \subseteq \Pi_a(T)$ , and since the reverse inclusion is always true we then conclude that  $\Delta_1^g(T) = \Pi_a(T)$ .  $\square$

In [13], an operator  $T$  for which the equality  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) = p_{00}^a(T)$  holds is said to have *property (az)*. Evidently, properties  $(gaz)$  and  $(az)$  are equivalent. These two properties are also equivalent to the properties  $(gah)$  and  $(ah)$  studied in [14].

The next theorem gives a local spectral characterization of property  $(gaz)$ .

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$ . Then we have:*

- (i)  $T^*$  has SVEP at the points  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$  if and only if property  $(gaz)$  holds for  $T$ .
- (ii)  $T$  has SVEP at the points  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T^*)$  if and only if property  $(gaz)$  holds for  $T^*$ .

*Proof.* (i) Suppose that  $T^*$  has SVEP at every  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$ . The SVEP for  $T^*$  at the points  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$  entails generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem. Indeed, if  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$  then the SVEP of  $T^*$  entails, by part (i) of Theorem 2.3, that  $\lambda I - T$  is Drazin invertible, in particular left Drazin invertible, so  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ . Therefore,  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$ . The reverse inclusion is true for every operator, so  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$ . Hence  $T$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem.

On the other hand, if  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$ , then  $\lambda I - T$  is left Drazin invertible, and, by [1, Theorem 2.98], the SVEP for  $T^*$  at  $\lambda$  entails that  $\lambda I - T$  is right Drazin invertible, thus  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ . Hence  $\sigma_{\text{d}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$  and since the reverse inclusion is always true, we then have  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ , or equivalently, by Lemma 2.4,  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$ . By Theorem 3.2 it then follows that  $T$  has property  $(gaz)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $T$  has property  $(gaz)$  and let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$ . From Corollary 3.3 then  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ , so  $q(\lambda I - T) < \infty$  and hence  $T^*$  has SVEP at  $\lambda$ .

(ii) We show first that the SVEP for  $T$  at the points  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T^*)$  entails generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem for  $T^*$ . Let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T^*)$ . Then  $\lambda I - T^*$  is upper semi  $B$ -Weyl, hence is quasi-Fredholm, see [1, Chapter 1] for definition and details, or equivalently  $\lambda I - T$  is quasi-Fredholm, by [1, Theorem 1.104]. The SVEP of  $T^*$  at  $\lambda$  implies that  $\lambda I - T$  is right Drazin invertible, hence, by duality,  $\lambda I - T^*$  is left Drazin invertible, so  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T^*)$ . Therefore,  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T^*) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T^*)$ , and since the opposite inclusion is true, it then follows that  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T^*) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T^*)$ , i.e.,  $T^*$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem.

We show now that  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T^*) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T^*)$ . Let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T^*)$ . Then  $\lambda I - T^*$  is left Drazin invertible, hence both  $\lambda I - T^*$  and  $\lambda I - T$  are quasi-Fredholm. Since  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T^*) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T^*)$  we have  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T^*)$ , so  $T$  has SVEP at  $\lambda$ . By [1, Theorem 2.97] then



$\lambda I - T$  is left right invertible, hence  $\lambda I - T^*$  is right Drazin invertible. This shows that  $\sigma_d(T^*) \subseteq \sigma_{ld}(T^*)$ , and hence  $\sigma_d(T^*) = \sigma_{ld}(T^*)$ . By Lemma 2.4 it then follows that  $T^*$  satisfies property (*gaz*). Conversely, assume that  $T^*$  has property (*gaz*). From part (ii) of Corollary 3.3 we have  $\sigma_{ubw}(T^*) = \sigma_d(T^*)$ . Hence, if  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ubw}(T^*)$  then  $\lambda$  is a pole of  $T^*$ , or equivalently, by [1, Theorem 4.2],  $\lambda$  is a pole of  $T$ . From  $p(\lambda I - T) < \infty$  we then conclude that  $T$  has SVEP at  $\lambda$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.7.** *If  $T^*$  has SVEP then property (*gaz*) holds for  $T$ , while if  $T$  has SVEP then property (*gaz*) holds for  $T^*$ .*

Corollary 3.7 applies to several classes of operators; the SVEP for  $T$  is for instance satisfied by the class  $H(p)$ , where  $T$  is said to be  $H(p)$  if there exists a natural  $p := p(\lambda)$  such that  $H_0(\lambda I - T) = \ker(\lambda I - T)^p$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Indeed, property  $H(p)$  is satisfied by every generalized scalar operator, and in particular for p-hyponormal, log-hyponormal or M-hyponormal operators on Hilbert spaces, see [1, Chapter 4] for details.

The following example shows that the result observed in Theorem 3.6 is not true whenever we replace the assumption that  $T^*$  (respectively,  $T$ ) has SVEP with the assumption that  $T$  has SVEP (respectively,  $T^*$ ). Recall that  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *a-polaroid* if every isolated element of  $\sigma_a(T)$  is a pole of the resolvent.

**EXAMPLE 3.8.** Let  $R$  denote the classical right shift in the Hilbert space  $\ell_2(\mathbb{N})$ , defined as  $R(x_1, x_2, \dots) := (0, x_1, x_2, \dots)$  for all  $x = (x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell_2(\mathbb{N})$ , and denote by  $L$  the left shift in the Hilbert space  $\ell_2(\mathbb{N})$ , defined as  $L(x_1, x_2, \dots) := (x_2, x_3, \dots)$  for all  $x = (x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell_2(\mathbb{N})$ . It is known that the adjoint  $L'$  is  $R$ , and that  $R' = L$ . Moreover,  $R$  has SVEP, while  $L$  does not have SVEP at 0. By Corollary 3.7 every left shift operator satisfies property (*gaz*), since  $L' = R$  has SVEP. By Theorem 3.2 then property (*gaz*) fails for  $R$ , since  $\sigma(R) = \mathbf{D}(0, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{D}(0, 1)$  the closed disc in  $\mathbb{C}$ , while  $\sigma_a(R) = \partial\mathbf{D}(0, 1)$ . This example also shows that property (*gaz*) for a bounded operator  $T$  is not transmitted, in general, to its adjoint.

The right shift also provides an example of operator which satisfies property (*gb*) but not property (*gaz*). Indeed, since  $\text{iso } \sigma_a(R) = \emptyset$ ,  $R$  is *a-polaroid*. Since  $R$  has SVEP then  $R$  satisfies property (*gb*), by [2, Corollary 3.11].

Property (*gaz*) may be characterized in a very simple way.

**COROLLARY 3.9.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$ . Then  $T$  has property (*gaz*)  $\Leftrightarrow \sigma_{ubw}(T) = \sigma_d(T)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $T$  has property (*gaz*) then, by Theorem 3.3,  $\sigma_{ubw}(T) = \sigma_d(T)$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\sigma_{ubw}(T) = \sigma_d(T)$ . If  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ubw}(T)$  then  $\lambda I - T$  is Drazin invertible, hence  $q(\lambda I - T) < \infty$  and this implies that  $T^*$  has SVEP at  $\lambda$ . By Theorem 3.6 then  $T$  has property (*gaz*).  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.10.** *If  $T \in L(X)$  then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $T$  has property (*gaz*);
- (ii)  $T$  satisfies generalized a-Browder's theorem and  $\sigma_{bw}(T) \cap \Delta_1^g(T) = \emptyset$ ;
- (iii)  $T$  satisfies generalized Browder's theorem and  $\sigma_{bw}(T) \cap \Delta_1^g(T) = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) If  $T$  satisfies  $(gaz)$  then, by Theorem 3.3,  $\sigma_{ubw}(T) = \sigma_{bw}(T)$ , so  $\sigma_{bw}(T) \cap \Delta_1^g(T) = \emptyset$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Clear, since generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem entails generalized Browder's theorem.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) By Corollary 3.9 it suffices to prove the equality  $\sigma_{ubw}(T) = \sigma_d(T)$ , and for that we have only to show the inclusion  $\sigma_d(T) \subseteq \sigma_{ubw}(T)$ . Let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ubw}(T)$ . Then either  $\lambda \notin \sigma(T)$  or  $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$ . Trivially,  $\lambda \notin \sigma_d(T)$  in the first case. If  $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$  then  $\lambda \in \Delta_1^g(T)$ , hence  $\lambda I - T$  is  $B$ -Weyl. Generalized Browder's theorem for  $T$  yields that  $\lambda I - T$  is Drazin invertible, thus  $\lambda \notin \sigma_d(T)$  in the second case, too.  $\square$

Since the dual of the left shift  $L$  in  $\ell_2(\mathbb{N})$  has SVEP we have that  $\sigma_a(L) = \sigma(L)$ , see [1, Theorem 2.68]. We can say much more.

**COROLLARY 3.11.** *For the left shift  $L$  in  $\ell_2(\mathbb{N})$  we have  $\sigma_{ubw}(L) = \sigma_{bw}(L) = \sigma_{ld}(L) = \sigma_d(L) = \sigma_a(L) = \sigma(L) = \mathbf{D}(0, 1)$ .*

*Proof.* The equalities  $\sigma_{ubw}(L) = \sigma_{bw}(L) = \sigma_{ld}(L) = \sigma_d(L)$ ,  $\sigma_a(L) = \sigma(L) = \mathbf{D}(0, 1)$  are consequences of property  $(gaz)$  for  $L$ . Clearly, if  $\lambda \notin \sigma_d(L)$ , then  $\lambda I - L$  is Drazin invertible, and hence  $\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma(L)$ , or  $\lambda I - T$  is invertible. Since  $\text{iso } \sigma(L) = \emptyset$  then  $\lambda \notin \sigma(L)$ , so  $\sigma_d(L) = \sigma(L)$ .  $\square$

Let  $\rho_a(T) = \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma_a(T)$  and  $\rho(T) = \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(T)$ . In [3] it has been proved that  $\rho_{uw}(T) := \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma_{uw}(T)$  is connected if and only if  $\rho_a(T)$  is connected and  $T$  satisfies  $a$ -Browder's theorem, or equivalently generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem. In [3] it has been shown that  $\rho_w(T)$  is connected if and only if  $\rho(T)$  is connected and  $T$  satisfies Browder's theorem. We can improve this result.

**THEOREM 3.12.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$  be such that  $\rho_{uw}(T)$  is connected. Then  $T$  satisfies property  $(gaz)$ .*

*Proof.* Since, as noted above,  $T$  satisfies  $a$ -Browder's theorem, it suffices, by Theorem 3.2, to prove that  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$ . Since  $\rho_a(T)$  is connected then  $\rho(T)$  is connected, i.e., there is no bounded open connected component of  $\rho(T)$ . Let  $\Omega$  be unique unbounded open connected component of  $\rho(T)$ . Evidently,  $\Omega \subseteq \rho_a(T) \subseteq \rho_{sf}(T) := \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma_{sf}(T)$ , where  $\sigma_{sf}(T)$  denotes the semi-Fredholm spectrum of  $T$ , and  $\Omega$  is also unique unbounded open connected component of  $\rho_a(T)$ . Now, let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_a(T)$ . Then  $\lambda \in \rho_a(T)$ , and since  $\rho_a(T)$  is connected, then  $\lambda$  belongs to  $\Omega$ . By [4, Theorem 2.5] we then have that  $T^*$  has SVEP at  $\lambda$ , so  $q(\lambda I - T) < \infty$ , by [1, Theorem 2.98], and hence  $\beta(\lambda I - T) \leq \alpha(\lambda I - T) = 0$ , see [1, Theorem 1.22]. Thus  $\lambda \notin \sigma(T)$ , and hence  $\sigma_{ap}(T) = \sigma(T)$ .  $\square$

Property  $(gaz)$  may be also characterized by means of the quasi-nilpotent part as follows.

**THEOREM 3.13.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

(i)  $T$  has property  $(gaz)$ ;

(ii) For every  $\lambda \in \Delta_1^g(T)$  there exists a natural number  $\nu := \nu(\lambda)$  such that  $H_0(\lambda I - T) = \ker(\lambda I - T)^\nu$  and  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_a(T)$ ;

(iii)  $H_0(\lambda I - T)$  is closed for all  $\lambda \in \Delta_1^g(T)$  and  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_a(T)$ .

(iv) For every  $\lambda \in \Delta_1^g(T)$  there exists a natural number  $\nu := \nu(\lambda)$  such that  $K(\lambda I - T) = (\lambda I - T)^\nu(X)$  and  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_a(T)$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Assume property (*gaz*) for  $T$ . Then every  $\lambda \in \Delta_1^g(T)$  is a left pole of  $T$ , hence, see [1, Theorem 4.3], there exists a natural number  $\nu := \nu(\lambda)$  such that  $H_0(\lambda I - T) = \ker(\lambda I - T)^\nu$ . Furthermore,  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_a(T)$  by Theorem 3.2.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Clear.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$ . Since  $H_0(\lambda I - T)$  is closed then  $T$  has SVEP at  $\lambda$ , and since  $\lambda I - T$  has topological uniform descent, by [1, Theorem 2.97], then  $\lambda I - T$  is left Drazin invertible, so  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ , and consequently  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$ . From this we obtain that  $T$  has property (*gaz*).

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Since  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$ , every point  $\lambda \in \Delta_1^g(T)$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ , hence  $X = H_0(\lambda I - T) \oplus K(\lambda I - T) = \ker(\lambda I - T)^\nu \oplus K(\lambda I - T)$ , from which we obtain  $(\lambda I - T)^\nu(X) = K(\lambda I - T)$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) If  $\lambda \in \Delta_a^g(T)$  from the inclusion  $\Delta_a^g(T) \subseteq \Delta_1^g(T)$  we know that  $K(\lambda I - T) = (\lambda I - T)^\nu(X)$  for some  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$ . By [2, Theorem 3.8], then  $T$  satisfies property (*gb*). Since by assumption  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_a(T)$ , it follows that  $T$  satisfies (*gaz*), by Theorem 3.5.  $\square$

Let  $M, N$  be two closed linear subspaces of  $X$  and define  $\delta(M, N) := \sup\{\text{dist}(u, N) : u \in M, \|u\| = 1\}$ , in the case  $M \neq \{0\}$ , otherwise set  $\delta(\{0\}, N) = 0$  for any subspace  $N$ . According to [12, §2, Chapter IV], the *gap* between  $M$  and  $N$  is defined by  $\widehat{\delta}(M, N) := \max\{\delta(M, N), \delta(N, M)\}$ . The function  $\widehat{\delta}$  is a metric on the set of all linear closed subspaces of  $X$  and the convergence  $M_n \rightarrow M$  is obviously defined by  $\widehat{\delta}(M_n, M) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

In the following we need the following elementary lemma.

LEMMA 3.14. *If  $T \in L(X)$  is injective and upper semi  $B$ -Fredholm then  $T$  is bounded below.*

*Proof.* If  $T$  is upper semi  $B$ -Fredholm then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $T^n(X)$  is closed. By assumption  $\alpha(T) < \infty$ , and this implies that  $\alpha(T^n) < \infty$ , so  $T^n$  is upper semi-Fredholm and by the classical Fredholm theory we deduce that  $T$  is upper semi-Fredholm. Consequently,  $T(X)$  is closed and hence  $T$  is bounded below.  $\square$

THEOREM 3.15. *For a bounded operator  $T \in L(X)$  the following statements are equivalent:*

(i)  $T$  satisfies property (*gaz*);

(ii) The mapping  $\lambda \mapsto \ker(\lambda I - T)$  is discontinuous at every  $\lambda \in \Delta_1^g(T)$  in the gap metric.

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose that  $T$  satisfies (*gaz*). If  $\lambda_0 \in \Delta_1^g(T) = \Pi_a(T)$  then  $\lambda_0 I - T$  is upper semi  $B$ -Weyl and  $\lambda_0 \in \sigma_a(T)$ . Note that  $\alpha(\lambda_0 I - T) > 0$ . Indeed, if  $\alpha(\lambda_0 I - T) = 0$  then, by Lemma 3.14 we would have that  $\lambda_0 I - T$  is bounded below, i.e.,  $\lambda_0 \notin \sigma_a(T)$ . On the other hand, by Theorem 3.2, there exists a disc  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0)$

centered at  $\lambda_0$  such that  $\alpha(\lambda I - T) = 0$  for all  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ , hence the mapping  $\lambda \mapsto \ker(\lambda I - T)$  is discontinuous at  $\lambda_0$  in the gap metric.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) We show that  $\Delta_1^g(T) \subseteq \text{iso } \sigma_a(T)$ , so Theorem 3.2 applies. Let  $\lambda_0 \in \Delta_1^g(T)$  be arbitrary. Then  $\lambda_0 I - T$  is upper semi  $B$ -Weyl. By Theorem 2.1 we know that there exists an open disc  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon)$  such that,  $\lambda I - T$  is upper Weyl for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ ,  $\alpha(\lambda I - T)$  is constant as  $\lambda$  ranges on  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ ,  $\text{ind}(\lambda I - T) = \text{ind}(\lambda_0 I - T)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon)$ , and  $0 \leq \alpha(\lambda I - T) \leq \alpha(\lambda_0 I - T)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon)$ . Since the mapping  $\lambda \mapsto \ker(\lambda I - T)$  is discontinuous at every  $\lambda \in \Delta_1^g(T)$  then  $0 \leq \alpha(\lambda I - T) < \alpha(\lambda_0 I - T)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ . We show that

$$\alpha(\lambda I - T) = 0 \quad \text{for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}. \tag{3}$$

To see this, suppose that there exists  $\lambda_1 \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$  such that  $\alpha(\lambda_1 I - T) > 0$ . Clearly,  $\lambda_1 \in \Delta_1^g(T)$ , so, arguing as for  $\lambda_0$ , we obtain a  $\lambda_2 \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0, \lambda_1\}$  such that  $0 < \alpha(\lambda_2 I - T) < \alpha(\lambda_1 I - T)$ , and this is impossible since  $\alpha(\lambda I - T)$  is constant for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ . Therefore (3) is satisfied and since  $\lambda I - T$  is upper Weyl for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ , the range  $(\lambda I - T)(X)$  is closed for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ , thus  $\lambda_0 \in \text{iso } \sigma_a(T)$ , as desired.  $\square$

Set  $E(T) := \{\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma(T) : 0 < \alpha(\lambda I - T)\}$ , and  $E_a(T) := \{\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_a(T) : 0 < \alpha(\lambda I - T)\}$ . Evidently, if  $T$  has property  $(gaz)$  then  $E(T) = E_a(T)$  and  $\Pi(T) = \Pi_a(T)$ , since  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_a(T)$  and  $\sigma_{\text{Id}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ .

DEFINITION 3.16. We say that  $T \in L(X)$  satisfies *generalized Weyl's theorem*, in symbol  $(gW)$ , if  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = E(T)$ .  $T \in L(X)$  is said to satisfy the *generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem*, abbreviated  $(gaW)$ , if  $\Delta_a^g(T) = \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = E_a(T)$ .  $T \in L(X)$  is said to satisfy the *generalized property  $(gw)$* , abbreviated  $(gw)$ , if the equality  $\sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = E(T)$  holds.

Note that either of properties  $(gaW)$  and  $(gw)$  entails  $(gW)$ , see [1, Chapter 6]. If  $T$  has property  $(gaz)$ , the equality  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma(T)$  entails that  $\Delta_a^g(T) = E_a(T)$  if and only if  $\Delta_a^g(T) = E(T)$ , so  $(gaW)$  and  $(gw)$  are equivalent for  $T$ . The following example shows that, in general,  $(gaW)$ ,  $(gw)$  and  $(gaz)$  are independent.

EXAMPLE 3.17. Property  $(gaz)$ ,  $(gaW)$  or  $(gw)$  are independent. To see this, consider the weighted right shift  $T$  on the Hilbert space  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ , defined as  $T(x_1, x_2, \dots) := (0, \frac{x_2}{2}, \frac{x_3}{3}, \dots)$  for all  $(x_n) \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ .  $T$  is quasi-nilpotent and hence has SVEP, so its adjoint  $T'$  satisfies property  $(gaz)$ . On the other hand we have  $E(T') = E_a(T') = \{0\} \neq \sigma_a(T') \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T') = \emptyset$ , so  $T'$  does not satisfy  $(gaW)$  and  $(gw)$ .

To show an example of operator for which  $(gaW)$  and  $(gw)$  hold, but not  $(gaz)$ , consider a right shift  $R$  in  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . As observed before, property  $(gaz)$  fails for  $R$ . We have  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(R) = \sigma_a(R) = \partial\sigma(R)$ . The inclusion  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(R) \subseteq \sigma_a(R) = \partial\sigma(R) = \partial\mathbf{D}(0, 1)$  is obvious. Suppose that there exists  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(R)$  such that  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(R)$ . Since  $R$  has SVEP at  $\lambda$  then, by [1, Theorem 2.97],  $\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_a(T)$ , and this is impossible, since  $\text{iso } \sigma_a(T) = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(R) = \sigma_a(R)$ , so  $\Delta_a^g(R) = \emptyset$ . On the other hand,  $E_a(R) = E(R) = \emptyset$ , so  $R$  satisfies both  $(gaW)$  or  $(gw)$ .

THEOREM 3.18. *Let  $T \in L(X)$ . Then we have:*

(i) If  $T$  satisfies either (*gaW*), or (*gw*), and  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$  then  $T$  has property (*gaz*).

(ii) If  $T$  satisfies property (*gaz*) and  $E(T) = \Pi(T)$  then  $T$  satisfies (*gaW*), or equivalently,  $T$  satisfies (*gw*).

*Proof.* (i) From assumption we have  $\Delta_1^g(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$ . But property (*gaW*) entails generalized  $a$ -Browder's theorem, hence  $\Delta_1^g(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_a(T) = \Pi(T) \subseteq \Pi_a(T)$ . The converse inclusion  $\Pi_a(T) \subseteq \Delta_1^g(T)$  is always true, so  $\Pi_a(T) = \Delta_1^g(T)$ .

(ii) If  $T$  satisfies property (*gaz*) and  $E(T) = \Pi(T)$  then  $E_a(T) = E(T)$ , and, by Theorem 3.3, we have  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$ . Hence  $\Pi(T) = \Pi_a(T) = \Delta_1^g(T) = \Delta_a^g(T)$ . Evidently, property (*gaW*) and (*gw*) are equivalent, since  $E_a(T) = E(T)$ .  $\square$

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