

Contractions on Hilbert space

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Let  $T$  be a contraction, that is  $\|T\| \leq 1$ , on a separable Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then  $D_T = (I - T^*T)^{1/2}$  is well defined, which is called defect operator of  $T$ . In this case we have  $\sigma(T) \subset \tilde{D}$ , where  $D$  and  $\tilde{D}$  denote the open unit disc and its closure respectively. Contractions which have defect operators of finite ranks have been studied by many mathematicians. For investigations of contraction  $T$  with  $D_T \in (\sigma, c)$ , that is  $I - T^*T \in (\tau, c)$ , where  $(\sigma, c)$  and  $(\tau, c)$  denote the Hilbert Schmidt class and the trace class respectively, some mathematicians added a condition  $\sigma(T) \neq \tilde{D}$ . Such a contraction  $T$  was called weak contraction by M.G.Krein. The spectral decomposition for weak contraction  $T$  or accretive operator

$$(I+T)(I-T)^{-1}$$

were obtained by Sz.-Nagy and Foias, Brodskii and Ginzburg (cf [7]).

Since  $T$  is a contraction,  $\|T^n x\|$  is decreasing for each  $x$ . Sz.-Nagy and Foias defined contractions' classes as following:

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= \{T: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x\| > 0 \text{ for each } x \neq 0\}, \\ C_0 &= \{T: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x\| = 0 \text{ for each } x\}, \\ C_{.1} &= \{T: T^* \in C_1\}, \quad C_{.0} = \{T: T^* \in C_0\}, \\ C_{ij} &= C_i \cap C_j \quad (0 \leq i, j \leq 1). \end{aligned}$$

These formal notations are playing important roles in the studies of contraction. In particular they showed that every weak contraction in  $C_{00}$  belongs to  $C_0$  (about this notation see [7]),

and every weak contraction is decomposed to direct sum of the contraction in  $C_0$  and the contraction in  $C_{11}$ . The Jordan models for weak contractions were constructed by P.Y.Wu [10].

In [9] the author applied the results of Bercovici and Voiculescu's paper [1] to investigate a contraction  $T$  satisfying  $\sigma(T) = \tilde{D}$  and  $D_T \in (\sigma, c)$ , in particular, showed that  $T$  belongs to  $C_{10}$  iff there is a quasi-affinity  $X$  such that

$$X T = S_E X ,$$

where  $E$  is a Hilbert space with  $\dim E = - \text{index } T$  (this "index" is Fredholm index) and  $S_E$  is the unilateral shift on  $\mathcal{L}_+^2(E)$ . From the results of [9], he conjectured that contraction in  $C_{00}$  with  $(\sigma, c)$ -defect operator belongs to  $C_0$ . In [8] Takahashi and Uchiyama showed that this was true.

In this note we will clear the structure of a contraction  $T$  with  $D_T$  in  $(\sigma, c)$ . In particular, setting

$$\alpha = \min \{ \dim N(T - \lambda) : \lambda \in D \}, \quad \beta = \min \{ \dim N(T^* - \lambda) : \lambda \in D \},$$

where  $N(T) = \{x : Tx = 0\}$ , we will show that there are vector valued holomorphic functions  $h_i(\lambda), f_j(\lambda)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \alpha, 1 \leq j \leq \beta$ ) defined on  $D$  satisfying

$$(T - \lambda)h_i(\lambda) \equiv 0, \quad (T^* - \lambda)f_j(\lambda) \equiv 0$$

, and that if  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ , then  $T$  is a weak contraction.

In section 4, we will study the weighted shifts with finite matrices' weights.

From now on, we use the symbol  $D(T)$  instead of  $D_T$  for convenience

## 1. Upper triangulation

Let  $T$  be a contraction on  $\mathcal{H}$  with  $D(T) \in (\sigma, c)$ . Then, since  $\sum_i (1 - \|Te_i\|^2) < \infty$  for a C.O.N.B.  $\{e_i\}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$ , we have  $\dim N(T) < \infty$ . Let  $T = V|T|$  be the polar decomposition of  $T$ . Then there is a isometric ( or co-isometric ) extension  $V_1$  of  $V$  such that  $V_1 - V$  is of finite rank. In this case  $\dim N(V_1 - \lambda)$  is constant on  $D$  and finite, also  $\dim N(V_1^* - \lambda)$  is constant on  $D$ . Since  $\text{range}(V_1 - \lambda)$  is closed  $(V_1 - \lambda)$  is a semi-Fredholm operator, and  $\text{index}(V_1 - \lambda)$  is constant on  $D$ . Since  $T - \lambda = V_1 - \lambda + (V - V_1) - V(I - |T|)$ ,  $T - \lambda$  is a semi-Fredholm operator, and  $\text{index}(T - \lambda)$  is constant on  $D$  and less than  $\infty$ . Thus we have

$$(1.1) \quad \sigma(T) \cap D = \{ \sigma_p(T) \cup \overline{\sigma_p(T^*)} \} \cap D.$$

Now we notice that if  $\dim N(T^*)$  is finite, then  $(T - \lambda)$  is a Fredholm operator for each  $\lambda \in D$ .

From the definition of  $C_1$ , it follows that

$$(1.2) \quad \sigma_p(T) \cap D = \phi \quad \text{for } T \in C_1.$$

In this section we obtain an upper triangulation of  $T$  whose diagonal elements were already studied.

The next lemma is trivial, but for the sake of the completeness we prove it.

Lemma 1.1. Let  $Y$  be a bounded operator and  $F$  a Fredholm

operator such that  $FY \in (\tau, c)$ . Then we have  $Y \in (\tau, c)$ .

Proof. There are bounded operators  $F'$  and  $P$  such that

$$F'F = I - P, \quad \text{range } P = N(F).$$

Thus  $(I - P)Y = F'FY \in (\tau, c)$  implies  $Y = (I - P)Y + PY \in (\tau, c)$ . Q.E.D.

Lemma 1.2. Let  $T$  be a contraction with  $D(T) \in (\sigma, c)$  and

let

$$(1.3) \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} T_0 & B \\ 0 & T_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

be the decomposition of  $T$  such that  $T_0 \in C_0$ ,  $T_1 \in C_1$ . (see [7]).

Then  $D(T_0)$  and  $D(T_1)$  are in  $(\sigma, c)$  and  $B$  in  $(\tau, c)$ .

Proof. Since  $I - T^*T \in (\tau, c)$ ,

$$I - T_0^* T_0, \quad B^* T_0 \quad \text{and} \quad I - (B^* B + T_1^* T_1)$$

belong to  $(\tau, c)$ , where  $I$  of " $I - T_0^* T_0$ " is the identity on the

space where  $T_0$  is defined. From next lemma, it follows

that  $T_0$  is a Fredholm operator. Thus, by Lemma 1.1, we have

$B \in (\tau, c)$  and hence  $I - T_1^* T_1 \in (\tau, c)$ . Q.E.D.

Lemma 1.3. Suppose  $T_0 \in C_0$  and  $D(T_0) \in (\sigma, c)$ , then

$T_0$  is a Fredholm operator.

Proof. Let

$$(1.4) \quad T_0 = \begin{bmatrix} T_{01} & A \\ 0 & T_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

be the decomposition of  $T_0$  satisfying  $T_{01} \in C_{01}$  and  $T_0 \in C_{00}$  ([7]). Since  $I - T_0^* T_0 \in (\tau, c)$ ,  $I - T_{01}^* T_{01}$ ,  $A^* T_{01}$  and  $I - (A^* A + T_0^* T_0)$  are in  $(\tau, c)$  too. From (1.2) we have  $\sigma_p(T_{01}^*) \cap D = \phi$ , hence  $T_{01}$  is a Fredholm operator. Consequently, from Lemma 1.1,  $A \in (\tau, c)$  and hence  $I - T_0^* T_0 \in (\tau, c)$ . Since  $T_0 \in C_{00}$ , we have  $T_0 \in C_0$  [8], which implies  $\dim N(T_0) = \dim N(T_0^*) < \infty$  [7]. Therefore  $T_0$  is a Fredholm operator. Thus

$$T_0 = \begin{bmatrix} T_{01} & 0 \\ 0 & T_0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a Fredholm operator.

Q.E.D.

Lemma 1.4. Suppose  $T_1 \in C_1$  and  $D(T_1) \in (\sigma, c)$  and let

$$T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & F \\ 0 & T_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

be a decomposition of  $T_1$  such that  $T_{11} \in C_{11}$ ,  $T_0 \in C_0$  ([7]). Then  $D(T_{11})$  and  $D(T_0)$  are in  $(\sigma, c)$  and  $F$  in  $(\tau, c)$ , and  $T_0 \in C_{10}$ .

Proof.  $I - T_{11}^* T_{11}$ ,  $F^* T_{11}$  and  $I - (F^* F + T_0^* T_0)$  belong to  $(\tau, c)$ . From (1.2) we have

$$\sigma_p(T_{11}) \cap D = \phi \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_p(T_{11}^*) \cap D = \phi,$$

and hence, by (1.1) we have

$$(1.5) \quad \sigma(T_{11}) \cap D = \phi.$$

Thus  $F \in (\tau, c)$  and hence  $I - T_0^* T_0 \in (\tau, c)$ . To show  $T_0 \in C_{10}$ , decompose  $T_0$  as

$$(1.6) \quad T_{.0} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{00} & F_3 \\ 0 & T_{10} \end{bmatrix} ,$$

where  $T_{00} \in C_{00}$  ,  $T_{10} \in C_{10}$  . Then we have  $I - T_{00}^* T_{00} \in (\tau, c)$  and hence  $T_{00} \in C_0$  , from which we get

$$(1.7) \quad \sigma(T_{00}) \cap D \neq D .$$

Denote the space on which  $T_{1.}$  is defined by  $\mathcal{L}$  , and let

$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \oplus \mathcal{L}_2 \oplus \mathcal{L}_3$  be a decomposition of  $\mathcal{L}$  corresponding to

$$T_{1.} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & F_1 & F_2 \\ 0 & T_{00} & F_3 \\ 0 & 0 & T_{10} \end{bmatrix} ,$$

where  $[F_1, F_2] = F$  . Set

$$(1.8) \quad T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & F_1 \\ 0 & T_{00} \end{bmatrix} .$$

Then, since  $T_2 = T_{1.}|_{\mathcal{L}_1 \oplus \mathcal{L}_2}$  , we have  $T_2 \in C_1$  . and  $D(T_2) \in (\sigma, c)$  .

Above triangulation of  $T_2$  implies that

$$\sigma(T_2) \subset \sigma(T_{11}) \cup \sigma(T_{00}) .$$

From this relation and (1.5), (1.7), it follows that

$$\sigma(T_2) \cap D \neq D .$$

Therefore  $T_2$  is a weak contraction. The  $C_0 - C_{11}$  decomposition

of  $T_2$  ([7]) implies  $T_2$  has no  $C_0$ -part , because  $T_2 \in C_1$  . , and

so  $T_2 \in C_{11}$  . From (1.8) we have  $T_{00}^* = T_2^*|_{\mathcal{L}_2}$  , which belongs to

$C_0$  . and  $C_1$  . ; this is impossible. Thus  $\mathcal{L}_2$  reduces to 0, so that

from (1.6) we have  $T_{.0} = T_{10} \in C_{10}$  .

Q.E.D.

Theorem 1.5. Let  $T$  be a contraction with  $D(T) \in (\sigma, c)$ .

Then we have an upper triangulation :

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} T_{01} & & & \\ 0 & T_0 & * & \\ 0 & 0 & T_{11} & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & T_{10} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $D(T_{01})$ ,  $D(T_0)$ ,  $D(T_{11})$  and  $D(T_{10})$  belong to  $(\sigma, c)$ , and  $T_{01} \in C_{01}$ ,  $T_0 \in C_0$ ,  $T_{11} \in C_{11}$ ,  $T_{10} \in C_{10}$ , and  $*$  belongs to  $(\tau, c)$ .

Proof. At first, decompose  $T$  as Lemma 1.2, next decompose  $T_0$  as (1.4). In the proof of Lemma 1.3 we showed that  $T_{01}$  and  $T_0$  satisfy the conditions in theorem. At last decompose  $T_1$  as Lemma 1.4 and set  $T_{10} = T_{10}$ . Q.E.D.

Definition. Above upper triangulation is called the canonical triangulation for  $T$  with  $D(T) \in (\sigma, c)$ .

Remark. We showed that  $T_{01}$  and  $T_0$  are Fredholm operators and  $T_{11}$  is invertible. But  $\dim N(T_{10}^*)$  may be infinite.

## 2. Eigenvectors

Let  $T$  be a contraction on  $\mathcal{H}$  with  $D(T) \in (\sigma, c)$ . Set

$$\alpha = \min \{ \dim N(T-\lambda) : \lambda \in D \} , \quad \beta = \min \{ \dim N(T^*-\lambda) : \lambda \in D \} ,$$

$$i(\lambda) = \dim N(T-\lambda) - \alpha \quad (< \infty) , \quad \Lambda = \{ \lambda \in D : i(\lambda) > 0 \} .$$

Now we note that if a bounded operator  $A$  is decomposed as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{bmatrix} , \quad \text{where } A_1 \text{ is a surjection,}$$

then  $\dim N(A) = \dim N(A_1) + \dim N(A_3)$ . In fact, we have

$$N(A) = N(A_1) + \{ (-B^{-1}A_2x, x) : x \in N(A_3) \} ,$$

where  $B$  is the restriction of  $A_1$  to  $N(A_1)^\perp$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $T$  be a contraction with  $D(T) \in (\sigma, c)$ . And consider the canonical triangulation of  $T$ . Then

$$\alpha = \dim N(T_{01}) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \dim N(T_{10}^*) .$$

*Proof.* At first, we notice (1.3). Since  $\sigma_p(T_1) \cap D = \emptyset$ , it is not difficult to show  $N(T-\lambda) = N(T_0-\lambda)$  for  $\lambda \in D$ . Next we notice (1.4). Since  $D(T_{01}) \in (\sigma, c)$  and  $\sigma_p(T_{01}^*) \cap D = \emptyset$ ,  $(T_{01}-\lambda)$  is a surjection for each  $\lambda \in D$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.1) \quad \dim N(T-\lambda) &= \dim N(T_0-\lambda) = \dim N(T_{01}-\lambda) + \dim N(T_0-\lambda) \\ &= \text{index } (T_{01}-\lambda) + \dim N(T_0-\lambda) = \text{index } T_{01} + \dim N(T_0-\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

$T_0 \in C_0$  implies that  $\sigma(T_0) \cap D$  is countable. Hence we have

$$\alpha = \text{index } T_{01} = \dim N(T_{01}) .$$

To show  $\beta = \dim N(T_{10}^*)$ , take the adjoint of (1.3), that



is

$$T^* = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \cdot * & B^* \\ 0 & T_0 \cdot * \end{bmatrix} .$$

Since  $\sigma_p(T_1 \cdot) \cap D = \phi$  and  $D(T_1 \cdot) \in (\sigma, c)$ ,  $(T_1 \cdot * - \lambda)$  is a surjection for each  $\lambda \in D$ . Thus we have

$$\dim N(T^* - \lambda) = \dim N(T_1 \cdot * - \lambda) + \dim N(T_0 \cdot * - \lambda) .$$

From (1.4), it follows that  $N(T_0 \cdot * - \lambda) = N(T_0 * - \lambda)$  for  $\lambda \in D$ , because  $\sigma_p(T_{01} *) \cap D = \phi$ . Now we notice the decomposition of  $T_1$  in Lemma 1.4 and remark that we set  $T_{10}$  instead of  $T_0$  in the canonical triangulation of  $T$ . Since  $\sigma_p(T_{11} *) \cap D = \phi$ , it is clear that  $N(T_1 \cdot * - \lambda) = N(T_{10} * - \lambda)$  for  $\lambda \in D$ , so that

$$\dim N(T^* - \lambda) = \dim N(T_{10} * - \lambda) + \dim N(T_0 * - \lambda) .$$

Consequently we have  $\beta = \dim N(T_{10} *)$ .

Q.E.D.

Corollary 2.2. Let  $T$  be a contraction with  $D(T) \in (\sigma, c)$ .

Then  $\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (1 - |\lambda|) \cdot i(\lambda) < \infty$ .

Proof. From (2.1), we have  $i(\lambda) = \dim N(T_0 - \lambda)$ . Thus, by [7] we can conclude the proof.

Q.E.D.

Theorem 2.3. Let  $T$  be a contraction with  $D(T) \in (\sigma, c)$ .

Then there are holomorphic vector valued functions  $h_i(\lambda)$ ,  $f_j(\lambda)$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq \alpha$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq \beta$ ) defined on  $D$  such that

$$(T - \lambda) h_i(\lambda) \equiv 0 \quad (T^* - \lambda) f_j(\lambda) \equiv 0 ,$$

and for each  $\lambda \in D$   $\{h_1(\lambda), \dots, h_\alpha(\lambda)\}$  are linearly independent, also  $\{f_1(\lambda), \dots, f_\beta(\lambda)\}$  are. In this case, setting

$\mathcal{L}^\perp = \bigvee \{h_i(\lambda), f_j(\lambda) : i, j, \lambda\}, P_{\mathcal{L}} T|_{\mathcal{L}}$  is a weak contraction.

Proof. We showed that  $T_{01}$  in the canonical triangulation of  $T$  is a Fredholm operator. Hence

$$T_{01}^*(I - T_{01}T_{01}^*) = (I - T_{01}^*T_{01})T_{01}^* \in (\tau, c)$$

implies, by Lemma 1.1,  $D(T_{01}^*) \in (\sigma, c)$ . Therefore there is a quasi-affinity  $X$  such that  $X T_{01}^* = S_E X$ , where

$$\dim E = -\text{index } T_{01}^* = \dim N(T_{01}) = \alpha < \infty \quad [9]. \text{ Let}$$

$\{e_1, \dots, e_\alpha\}$  be a C.O.N.B. of  $E$ . Then  $g_i(\lambda) = \{e_i, \lambda e_i, \lambda^2 e_i, \dots\}$

( $1 \leq i \leq \alpha$ ) is holomorphic function defined on  $D$  with value in

$\mathcal{L}_+^2(E)$ . And for each  $\lambda \in D$   $\{g_1(\lambda), \dots, g_\alpha(\lambda)\}$  are orthogonal

each other. It is trivial to show that

$$(S_E^* - \lambda)g_i(\lambda) \equiv 0, \quad \bigvee_i g_i(\lambda) = \mathcal{L}_+^2(E).$$

Since  $T_{01}X^* = X^*S_E^*$ ,

$$h_i(\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} X^*g_i(\lambda) \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1 \leq i \leq \alpha)$$

satisfy the conditions given in the theorem. Since  $T_{10} \in C_{10}$

and  $D(T_{10}) \in (\sigma, c)$ , there is a quasi-affinity  $Y$  such that

$$Y T_{10} = S_F Y, \quad \text{where } \dim F = \beta \leq \infty.$$

We can show the existence of  $f_j(\lambda)$  with the same way as above

; hence we omit it. We must show the last assertion. To this

end, we notice that  $\{h_i(\lambda) : 1 \leq i \leq \alpha, \lambda \in D\}$  and

$\{f_j(\lambda) : 1 \leq j \leq \beta, \lambda \in D\}$  span the spaces on which  $T_{01}$  and  $T_{10}$ ,

respectively, are defined. Thus, by Theorem 1.5 we have

$$(2.2) \quad P_{\mathcal{L}} T|_{\mathcal{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} T_0 & * \\ 0 & T_{11} \end{bmatrix}.$$

In this case  $*$  clearly belongs to  $(\tau, c)$ . Now we set  $T_{\mathcal{L}} = P_{\mathcal{L}} T|_{\mathcal{L}}$ . From (2.2),  $D(T_0) \in (\sigma, c)$  and  $D(T_{11}) \in (\sigma, c)$  imply that  $D(T_{\mathcal{L}}) \in (\sigma, c)$ . Since  $T_{11}$  is invertible, we have

$$\sigma_p(T_{\mathcal{L}}) = \sigma_p(T_0) \quad \sigma_p(T_{\mathcal{L}}^*) = \sigma_p(T_0^*).$$

$T_0 \in C_0$  implies that  $\sigma_p(T_0^*) = \overline{\sigma_p(T_0)} \neq D$  [7]. Thus by (1.1) we have  $\sigma(T_{\mathcal{L}}) \cap D = \sigma_p(T_0) = \Lambda \neq D$ . Thus  $T_{\mathcal{L}}$  is a weak contraction. Q.E.D.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $T$  be a contraction with  $D(T) \in (\sigma, c)$ ; then the following are equivalents:

- (a)  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ ;
- (b)  $T$  is a weak contraction ;
- (c)  $T$  is decomposable ( about definition see [2]).

**Proof.** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b): From Theorem 2.1.  $N(T_{01}) = 0$ , which implies  $T_{01}$  is a weak contraction. Therefore there is a  $C_0$ - $C_{11}$  decomposition of  $T_{01}$ , but it is impossible, because  $T_{01} \in C_{01}$ . Thus the space on which  $T_{01}$  is defined reduces to 0. Similarly the space on which  $T_{10}$  is defined reduces to 0. Thus  $\mathcal{L}$  in Theorem 2.3 is  $\mathcal{H}$ . Therefore  $T$  is a weak contraction.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): This was shown by Jafarian [5].

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): Since decomposable  $T$  has the single valued extension

property,  $\alpha=0$  follows. Thus for  $\lambda \notin \Lambda$ ,  $(T-\lambda)$  is injective semi-Fredholm operator. Hence  $\sigma_{\ell}(T) \cap D \subset \Lambda$ . Thus we have  $\sigma(T) \cap D \subset \Lambda$  (see p.30 of [2]). Consequently  $\beta=0$ . Q.E.D.

Proposition 2.5. Let  $T$  be a contraction on  $\mathcal{H}$  with  $D(T) \in (\sigma, c)$ . Then  $T \in C_{10}$  if and only if there are vector valued holomorphic functions  $h_i(\lambda)$  such that

$$(T^* - \lambda)h_i(\lambda) \equiv 0, \quad \bigvee_{i,\lambda} h_i(\lambda) = \mathcal{H}.$$

Proof. "Only if" part follows from Theorem 2.3 and its proof. We must show "if" part. Since

$$T^{*n}h_i(\lambda) = \lambda^n h_i(\lambda) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

$T^{*n}$  strongly converges to 0 on linear span of  $\{h_i(\lambda): i, \lambda\}$ .

Suppose

$$T^{*n}x_i \rightarrow 0 \text{ (} n \rightarrow \infty \text{)} \text{ and } x_i \rightarrow x \text{ (} i \rightarrow \infty \text{)}.$$

Since  $\|T^{*n}x\| \leq \|T^{*n}x_i\| + \|T^{*n}(x-x_i)\| \leq \|T^{*n}x_i\| + \|x-x_i\|$ ,

we have  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{*n}x\| \leq \|x-x_i\|$ . Since we can make the right

side arbitrary small,  $T^{*n}x \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ). Thus  $T$  belongs to  $C_0$ ,

therefore the canonical triangulation of  $T$  becomes

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} T_0 & * \\ 0 & T_{10} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $P$  be the orthogonal projection to the space which  $T_0$  is defined on. Then we have

$$0 = P(T^* - \lambda)h_i(\lambda) = P(T^* - \lambda)Ph_i(\lambda) = (T_0^* - \lambda)Ph_i(\lambda).$$

Since  $\sigma_p(T_0^*)$  are countable,  $\text{Ph}_i(\lambda) \equiv 0$ . Consequently  $P\mathcal{H} = 0$  and hence  $T = T_{10}$ . Q.E.D.

Alternately we have

Proposition 2.6. Let  $T$  be a contraction on  $\mathcal{H}$  with  $D(T) \in (\sigma, c)$ . Then  $T \in C_{01}$  iff there are vector valued holomorphic functions  $f_j(\lambda)$  defined on  $D$  such that

$$(T - \lambda) f_j(\lambda) \equiv 0 \quad \bigvee_{j, \lambda} f_j(\lambda) = \mathcal{H} .$$

### 3. $m$ -accretive operators

Let  $A$  be an  $m$ -accretive operator densely defined in  $\mathcal{H}$  (about the definition see [6]). Then

$$(3.1) \quad T = (A - I)(A + I)^{-1}$$

is a contraction defined on  $\mathcal{H}$  and

$$\sigma_p(T) \not\supset 1 \quad \text{and} \quad T^* = (A^* - I)(A^* + I)^{-1}$$

(see Chap IV of [7]). It is trivial to show that

$$((I - T^*T)h, h) = 4 \operatorname{Re} (A(A+I)^{-1}h, (A+I)^{-1}h) \quad \text{for } h \in \mathcal{H}.$$

Since  $A(A+I)^{-1}$  and  $(A+I)^{-1}$  are bounded, we have a relation:

$$I - T^*T \in (\tau, c) \iff u(A) \in (\tau, c) ,$$

where  $u(A) = \operatorname{Re}((A^* + I)^{-1}A(A+I)^{-1})$ . In this section we denote the

open right half plane by  $\Omega$ . The mapping

$$\psi: \mu \longrightarrow \frac{\mu - 1}{\mu + 1}$$

transforms  $\Omega$  onto  $D$ . It is clear that

$$(3.2) \quad (A - \mu)x = 0 \iff (T - \psi(\mu))(A + I)x = 0.$$

Set

$$\alpha = \min\{\dim N(A - \mu) : \mu \in \Omega\}, \quad \beta = \min\{\dim N(A^* - \mu) : \mu \in \Omega\},$$

$$i(\mu) = \dim N(A - \mu) - \alpha, \quad \Gamma = \{\mu : i(\mu) > 0\}.$$

Proposition 3.1. Let  $A$  be an  $m$ -accretive operator densely defined in  $\mathcal{H}$ . If  $u(A) \in (\tau, c)$ , then it follows that

$$\sum_{\mu \in \Gamma} \left( \frac{\operatorname{Re} \mu}{1 + |\mu|^2} \right) \cdot i(\mu) < \infty.$$

Proof. Since range of  $(A + I)$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ , by (3.2), we have

$$\dim N(A - \mu) = \dim N(T - \psi(\mu)), \quad \alpha = \min\{\dim N(T - \lambda) : \lambda \in D\},$$

$$\dim N(T - \lambda) - \alpha = \dim N(A - \psi^{-1}(\lambda)) - \alpha = i(\psi^{-1}(\lambda)),$$

$$\{\lambda : i(\psi^{-1}(\lambda)) > 0\} = \psi(\Gamma).$$

Thus from Corollary 2.2, it follows that

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \psi(\Gamma)} (1 - |\lambda|) \cdot i(\psi^{-1}(\lambda)) < \infty$$

so that  $\sum_{\mu \in \Gamma} (1 - |\psi(\mu)|) \cdot i(\mu) < \infty$ .

Therefore we have

$$\sum_{\mu \in \Gamma} \frac{\operatorname{Re} \mu}{1 + |\mu|^2} \cdot i(\mu) < \infty \quad (\text{cf. p.132 of [4]}).$$

Theorem 3.2. Let  $A$  be an  $m$ -accretive operator densely defined in  $\mathcal{H}$ . If  $u(A) \in (\tau, c)$ , then there are vector valued

holomorphic functions  $x_i(\mu), y_j(\mu), (1 \leq i \leq \alpha, 1 \leq j \leq \beta)$  defined on  $\Omega$  such that

$$(A-\mu) x_i(\mu) \equiv 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (A^*-\mu) y_j(\mu) \equiv 0 .$$

Proof. From Theorem 2.3, for  $T$  defined by (3.1) there are holomorphic functions  $h_i(\lambda) (1 \leq i \leq \alpha)$  such that

$$(T-\lambda) h_i(\lambda) \equiv 0 .$$

Then  $x_i(\mu) = (A+I)^{-1} h_i(\psi(\mu))$

is a holomorphic function defined on  $\Omega$ , and for each  $\mu \in \Omega$   $x_i(\mu)$  belongs to the domain of  $A$ . From (3.2), we have

$$(A-\mu) x_i(\mu) \equiv 0 .$$

We can similarly show the existence of  $y_j(\mu)$  from the alternate relation of (3.2), that is

$$(A^*-\mu)x = 0 \iff (T^*-\psi(\mu))(A^*+I)x = 0 . \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

#### 4. Weighted unilateral shifts

In this section we study weighted unilateral shifts with  $(\sigma, c)$ -defect operators. Let  $E$  be an  $N$ -dimensional finite Hilbert space, and  $A_n (n=0,1,2,\dots)$  invertible contraction on  $E$ . Let  $T$  be a weighted unilateral shift on  $\mathcal{Q}_+^2(E)$  defined by

$$T \{x_0, x_1, \dots\} = \{0, A_0 x_0, A_1 x_1, \dots\}$$

Lemma 4.1. Let  $B$  be an invertible operator on  $E$ . Then we have

$$\|B^{-1}\| \leq \frac{\|B\|^{N-1}}{|\det B|}, \quad \frac{1}{|\det B|} \leq \|B^{-1}\|^N.$$

Proof. Let  $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_N > 0$  be eigen values of  $B^*B$ .

Then we have

$$\|B^{-1}\|^2 = \|(B^*B)^{-1}\| = \frac{1}{\lambda_N} \leq \frac{\lambda_1^{N-1}}{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_N} = \frac{\|B^*B\|^{N-1}}{\det(B^*B)}.$$

Thus we have

$$\|B^{-1}\| \leq \frac{\|B\|^{N-1}}{|\det B|}.$$

The second inequality similarly follows (cf. p.200 of [3]). Q.E.D.

Now we remember next fact:

for scalar  $a_n$  such that  $0 < |a_n| < 1$ ,  $\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges  
iff  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - |a_n|) < \infty$ .

Theorem 4.2. Let  $T$  be a contractive weighted shift defined above. Then the following are equivalents :

- (a)  $T \in C_{10}$  ;
- (b)  $D(T) \in (\sigma, c)$  ;
- (c)  $T$  is similar with simple shift  $S_E$  ;
- (d) there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\|A_n \cdots A_0 x\| \geq \delta \|x\| \text{ for every } x \in E \text{ and every } n.$$

Proof. (d)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): For each  $m$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_{m+n} \cdots A_m x\| &= \|A_{m+n} \cdots A_m A_{m-1} \cdots A_0 (A_{m-1} \cdots A_0)^{-1} x\| \\ &\geq \delta \| (A_{m-1} \cdots A_0)^{-1} x \| \geq \delta \frac{1}{\|A_m \cdots A_0\|} \|x\| \geq \delta \|x\|, \end{aligned}$$



because each  $A_i$  is a contraction. Thus for each  $f \in \mathcal{L}_+^2(E)$ , we have

$$\| T^n f \| \geq \delta \| f \| \quad \text{for every } n.$$

By the well known Sz.-Nagy's theorem,  $T$  is similar with an isometry  $V$ . Since  $T$  belongs to  $C_0$ , so do  $V$ , hence  $V$  is a unilateral shift. Since

$$\dim N(V^*) = \dim N(T^*) = \dim E = N$$

dimension of the wandering space for  $V$  is  $N$ . Thus  $V$  is unitarily equivalent with  $S_E$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): This is obvious.

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (d): Set  $\ell(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \| T^n \{x, 0, 0, \dots\} \|$  for  $x \in E$ .

Since  $\ell$  is continuous and  $\ell(x) \neq 0$  for  $x \neq 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\ell(x) \geq \delta \quad \text{for } x \text{ in the unit surface of } E.$$

Since  $\ell(\alpha x) = |\alpha| \ell(x)$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \| A_n \cdots A_0 x \| = \ell(x) \geq \delta \| x \| \quad \text{for } x \in E.$$

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (d): From

$$\infty > \| I - T^* T \|_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \| I - A_n^* A_n \|_1 \geq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \| I - A_n^* A_n \|,$$

it follows that

$$\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - \| I - A_n^* A_n \|)$$

converges and we denote its limit by  $\delta^2$ . In view of

$$\| A_i^{-1} \|^2 = \| (A_i^* A_i)^{-1} \| = \| (I - (I - A_i^* A_i))^{-1} \| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \| I - A_i^* A_i \|},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_n \cdots A_0 x\|^2 &\geq \frac{\|x\|^2}{\|(A_n \cdots A_0)^{-1}\|^2} \geq \frac{\|x\|^2}{\|A_n^{-1}\|^2 \cdots \|A_0^{-1}\|^2} \\ &\geq \prod_{i=0}^n (1 - \|I - A_i^* A_i\|) \|x\|^2 \geq \delta^2 \|x\|^2 \text{ for every } n. \end{aligned}$$

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (b): Since each  $A_n$  is an invertible contractive matrix,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{we have } \|I - A_n^* A_n\| &= 1 - \min \{ \lambda : \lambda \in \sigma_p(A_n^* A_n) \} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{\|(A_n^* A_n)^{-1}\|} = 1 - \frac{1}{\|A_n^{-1}\|^2} \leq 2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\|A_n^{-1}\|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

from Lemma 4.1,

$$\leq 2 \left( 1 - \frac{|\det A_n|}{\|A_n\|^{N-1}} \right) \leq 2(1 - |\det A_n|).$$

From (d) and Lemma 4.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\det A_n| \cdots |\det A_0| &= |\det (A_n \cdots A_0)| \\ &\geq \|(A_n \cdots A_0)^{-1}\|^{-N} \geq \delta^N, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} |\det A_n|$  converges, and hence

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|I - A_n^* A_n\| \leq 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - |\det A_n|) < \infty \quad . \text{ Q.E.D.}$$

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