



# Further Properties of an Operator Commuting with an Injective Quasi-Nilpotent Operator

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**Abstract.** In (Aiena et al., Math. Proc. R. Irish Acad. 122A(2):101–116, 2022), it has been shown that a bounded linear operator  $T \in L(X)$ , defined on an infinite-dimensional complex Banach space  $X$ , for which there exists an injective quasi-nilpotent operator that commutes with it, has a very special structure of the spectrum. In this paper, we show that we have much more: if a such quasi-nilpotent operator does exist, then some of the spectra of  $T$  originating from  $B$ -Fredholm theory coalesce. Further, the spectral mapping theorem holds for all the  $B$ -Weyl spectra. Finally, the generalized version of Weyl type theorems hold for  $T$  assuming that  $T$  is of polaroid type. Our results apply to the operators that belong to the commutant of Volterra operators.

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## 1. Introduction

This paper concerns operators  $T \in L(X)$  that belong to the commutant of an injective quasi-nilpotent operator  $Q$ . The spectral properties of such operators, from the point of view of the classical Fredholm theory, have been studied in [7]. In this paper, we consider the spectra originating from the  $B$ -Fredholm theory in the sense of Berkani et al., and we show, if a such operator  $Q$  does exist, that the upper  $B$ -Weyl spectrum  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$  coincides with the left Drazin spectrum  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ , while the  $B$ -Weyl spectrum  $\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$  coincides with the Drazin spectrum  $\sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ . These spectral equalities have, as a consequence, that the  $B$ -Weyl spectrum, as well as the upper  $B$ -Weyl spectrum, obeys to the spectral mapping theorem. Dually, assuming that the dual  $Q^*$  of a quasi-nilpotent operator is injective, then the lower  $B$ -Weyl spectrum  $\sigma_{\text{lbw}}(T)$  coincides with the right Drazin spectrum  $\sigma_{\text{rd}}(T)$ . In this

case, both the lower  $B$ -Weyl spectrum and the  $B$ -Weyl spectrum satisfy the spectral mapping theorem.

The second section of this article concerns some generalized version of Weyl type theorems, as the generalized version of  $a$ -Weyl's theorem and the generalized version of property  $(\omega)$ . If  $T$  commutes with an injective quasi-nilpotent operator, then these generalized versions hold for  $T$  assuming that  $T$  is left polaroid, or that  $T$  is  $a$ -polaroid. Note that the generalized versions of Weyl type theorems are stronger than the classical versions, see [1, Chapter 5]. Another stronger variant of Weyl's theorem, the so-called  $S$ -Weyl's theorem, is also discussed in the last part.

Our results find a natural application to the operators which belong to the commutant of the Volterra  $V$  operator in  $L^2[a, b]$ , since, as it is well known, both  $V$  and its adjoint  $V'$  are quasi-nilpotent and injective. Since the Volterra operator is also compact, our results complement each other with the celebrated Lomonosov result [15] that  $V$  admits a non-trivial closed invariant subspace.

## 2. Preliminaries and Definitions

Let  $L(X)$  denote the Banach algebra of all bounded linear operators acting on a complex Banach space  $X$ . If  $T \in L(X)$ , by  $\alpha(T) := \dim \ker T$  and  $\beta(T) := \operatorname{codim} T(X)$ , we denote the *defects* of  $T$ . The class of all *upper semi-Fredholm operators* is defined by

$$\Phi_+(X) := \{T \in L(X) : \alpha(T) < \infty \text{ and } T(X) \text{ is closed}\},$$

while the class all *lower semi-Fredholm operators* is defined by

$$\Phi_-(X) := \{T \in L(X) : \beta(T) < \infty\}.$$

The class of all *semi-Fredholm operators* is defined by  $\Phi_{\pm}(X) := \Phi_+(X) \cup \Phi_-(X)$ . For every  $T \in \Phi_{\pm}(X)$ , the *index* of  $T$  is defined by  $\operatorname{ind} T = \alpha(T) - \beta(T)$ . The *upper semi-Fredholm spectrum* is defined by

$$\sigma_{\text{usf}}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \notin \Phi_+(X)\},$$

and similarly, it is defined the *lower semi-Fredholm spectrum*  $\sigma_{\text{lsf}}(T)$ . Recall that an operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *bounded below* if is injective and has closed range. The classical *approximate point spectrum* is defined by

$$\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \text{ is not bounded below}\},$$

while the *surjectivity spectrum* is defined as

$$\sigma_{\text{s}}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \text{ is not onto}\}.$$

If  $T^*$  denotes the *dual* of  $T$ , it is well known that  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{s}}(T^*)$  and  $\sigma_{\text{s}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T^*)$ .

Denote by  $\Phi(X) := \Phi_+(X) \cap \Phi_-(X)$  the class of all *Fredholm operators*. An operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be a *Weyl operator* if  $T \in \Phi(X)$  and  $\operatorname{ind} T = 0$ ,  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *upper semi-Weyl* if  $T \in \Phi_+(X)$  and  $\operatorname{ind} T \leq 0$ , while  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *lower semi-Weyl* if  $T \in \Phi_-(X)$  and  $\operatorname{ind} T \geq 0$ . Denote by  $\sigma_{\text{w}}(T)$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{uw}}(T)$  and  $\sigma_{\text{lw}}(T)$ , the *Weyl spectrum*, the

*upper semi-Weyl spectrum*, and the *lower semi-Weyl spectrum*, respectively. Obviously, the inclusions

$$\sigma_{\text{usf}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\text{lsf}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{lw}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{s}}(T)$$

hold for every  $T \in L(X)$ , and there is a duality

$$\sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{lw}}(T^*) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\text{lw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T^*).$$

Recall that the *ascent* of  $T \in L(X)$  is the smallest positive integer  $p = p(T)$ , whenever it exists, such that  $\ker T^p = \ker T^{p+1}$ . If such  $p$  does not exist, we set  $p(T) = \infty$ . Analogously, the *descent* of  $T$  is defined to be the smallest integer  $q = q(T)$ , whenever it exists, such that  $T^{q+1}(X) = T^q(X)$ . If such  $q$  does not exist, we set  $q(T) = \infty$ . Note that if  $p(T)$  and  $q(T)$  are both finite, then  $p(T) = q(T)$ , see Chapter 1 of [1]. Moreover,  $\lambda$  is a pole of the resolvent if and only if  $0 < p(\lambda I - T) = q(\lambda I - T) < \infty$ ; see [14, Proposition 50.2].

An operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *Browder* if  $T \in \Phi(X)$  and  $p(T) = q(T) < \infty$ .  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *upper semi-Browder* if  $T \in \Phi_+(X)$  and  $p(T) < \infty$ , while  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *lower semi-Browder* if  $T \in \Phi_-(X)$  and  $q(T) < \infty$ . Every Browder operator is Weyl, and every upper semi-Browder (respectively, lower semi-Browder) operator is upper semi-Weyl (respectively, lower semi-Weyl); see [1, Chapter 3].

The *Browder spectrum*, the *upper semi-Browder spectrum*, and the *lower semi-Browder spectrum* are denoted by  $\sigma_{\text{b}}(T)$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{ub}}(T)$ , and  $\sigma_{\text{lb}}(T)$ , respectively. Note that if  $\lambda$  is a spectral point for which  $\lambda I - T$  is Browder, then  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ . Recall that  $R \in L(X)$  is said to be a *Riesz operator* if  $\lambda I - T \in \Phi(X)$  for each  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Quasi-nilpotent operators and compact operators are examples of Riesz operators. By a well-known result of Rakočević [16] (see also [3]), the Browder spectra are invariant under Riesz commuting perturbations  $R$ , that is

$$\sigma_{\text{ub}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ub}}(T + R), \quad \sigma_{\text{lb}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{lb}}(T + R), \quad \sigma_{\text{b}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{b}}(T + R). \quad (1)$$

Semi-Fredholm operators have been generalized by Berkani [8, 9] 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  $m \geq n$  [8] with the same index of  $T_{[n]}$ . This enables one to define the index of a semi B-Fredholm as  $\text{ind } T = \text{ind } T_{[n]}$ . The *upper semi B-Fredholm spectrum* is defined

$$\sigma_{\text{ubf}}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda I - T \text{ is not upper semi B-Fredholm}\},$$

and analogously, it may be defined the *lower semi B-Fredholm spectrum*  $\sigma_{\text{lb f}}(T)$ .

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

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

and analogously may be defined the *upper semi B-Weyl spectrum*  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$  and the *lower semi B-Weyl spectrum*  $\sigma_{\text{lbw}}(T)$ .

Recall that an operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *Drazin invertible* if  $p(T) = q(T) < \infty$ , i.e., 0 is a pole of the resolvent or  $T$  is invertible. 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. A scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is said to be a *left pole* if  $\lambda I - T$  is left Drazin invertible and  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ . A left pole  $\lambda$  for which  $\alpha(\lambda I - T) < \infty$  is said to have finite rank. Dually,  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *right Drazin invertible* if  $q := q(T) < \infty$  and  $T^q(X)$  is closed. A scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is said to be a *right pole* if  $\lambda I - T$  is right Drazin invertible and  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{s}}(T)$ .

The Drazin spectrum is defined by

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

and analogously are defined the *left Drazin spectrum*  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$  and the *right Drazin spectrum*  $\sigma_{\text{rd}}(T)$ . It should be noted that there is a perfect duality, i.e.,  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{rd}}(T^*)$  and  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T^*) = \sigma_{\text{rd}}(T)$ ; see [1, Chapter 1]. The following inclusions hold for every operator  $T \in L(X)$ :

$$\sigma_{\text{ubf}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T), \tag{2}$$

and

$$\sigma_{\text{lbf}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{lbw}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{rd}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{s}}(T); \tag{3}$$

see [1, Chapter 1]. The following lemma has been proved in [4, Lemma 3.5].

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose that  $\rho_{\text{uw}}(T)$  is connected. Then,  $\sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{w}}(T)$ .*

A proof of the following theorem can be found in [1, Theorem 1.140].

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$ . Then,  $T$  is left Drazin invertible (respectively, right Drazin invertible, Drazin invertible) if and only if there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $T^n(X)$  is closed and the restriction  $T|_{T^n(X)}$  is bounded below (respectively, onto, invertible).*

### 3. Injective Quasi-Nilpotent Operators

Recall that an operator  $Q \in L(X)$  is said to be *quasi-nilpotent* if  $\sigma(Q) = \{0\}$ . In the sequel by  $\text{comm}(T)$ , we denote the *commutant* of  $T$ . A proof of the following result may be found in [7].

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$  and suppose that  $Q \in \text{comm}(T)$  is a quasi-nilpotent operator.*

- (i) *If  $Q$  is injective, then  $\alpha(T) < \infty$  if and only if  $T$  is injective.*
- (ii) *If the dual  $Q^*$  is injective, then  $\beta(T) < \infty$  if and only if  $T$  is onto.*

In the sequel, we set

$$\mathbf{Q}_i(X) := \{T \in L(X) : \text{there exists an injective quasi-nilpotent operator } Q \in L(X) \text{ such that } TQ = QT\}.$$

Several examples of operators that commute with an injective quasi-nilpotent operator are given in [7]. Theorem 3.1 has some important consequences:

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$  and  $Q \in L(X)$  a quasi-nilpotent operator that commutes with  $T$ .*

(i) *If  $Q$  is injective, then*

$$\sigma_{\text{usf}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ub}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\text{b}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{w}}(T) = \sigma(T). \quad (4)$$

(ii) *If  $Q^*$  is injective, then*

$$\sigma_{\text{lsf}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{lw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{lb}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{s}}(T) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\text{b}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{w}}(T) = \sigma(T). \quad (5)$$

*Proof.* (i) Part (i) has been proved in [7, Corollary 3.7 and Theorem 3.8].

(ii) We have  $\sigma_{\text{lsf}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{lw}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{lb}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{s}}(T)$ , and so, to show the first equalities in (5), it suffices to prove the inclusion  $\sigma_{\text{s}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{lsf}}(T)$ . Let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{lsf}}(T)$  be arbitrary given. Then,  $\beta(\lambda I - T) < \infty$ . Since  $T^*Q^* = Q^*T^*$ , by Theorem 3.1, we have  $\beta(\lambda I - T) = 0$ , so  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{s}}(T)$ , and hence,  $\sigma_{\text{s}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{lw}}(T)$ .

The equalities  $\sigma_{\text{b}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{w}}(T) = \sigma(T)$  may be proved in a similar way. □

An operator  $T \in L(X)$ ,  $X$  a Banach space, is said to have the *single-valued extension property* at  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ , in short  $T$  has the SVEP at  $\lambda_0$ , if for every open disc  $\mathbf{D}_{\lambda_0}$  centered at  $\lambda_0$  the only analytic function  $f : \mathbf{D}_{\lambda_0} \rightarrow X$  which satisfies the equation

$$(\lambda I - T)f(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{for all } \lambda \in \mathbf{D}_{\lambda_0}$$

is the constant function  $f \equiv 0$ .  $T$  is said to have the SVEP if  $T$  has the SVEP for every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Evidently, both  $T$  and  $T^*$  have SVEP at the points  $\lambda \notin \sigma(T)$ .

*Remark 3.3.* 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, suppose that  $f : \mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon) \rightarrow X$  is 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  $\mathbb{D}(\lambda_0, \varepsilon)$ , and thus,  $T$  has the SVEP at  $\lambda_0$ .

We now consider the Weyl spectra relative to the  $B$ -Fredholm theory.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$  and suppose that  $Q \in L(X)$  is a quasi-nilpotent operator, such that  $TQ = QT$ .*

(i) *If  $Q$  is injective, then*

$$\sigma_{\text{ubf}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{id}}(T) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T). \quad (6)$$

(ii) If  $Q^*$  is injective, then

$$\sigma_{\text{lb}f}(T) = \sigma_{\text{lb}w}(T) = \sigma_{\text{rd}}(T) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T). \quad (7)$$

*Proof.* (i) To show the first equality it suffices, by (2), to prove the inclusion  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ub}f}(T)$ . Let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ub}f}(T)$  be arbitrarily given. There is no harm if we assume that  $\lambda = 0$ . Then,  $T$  is upper semi B-Fredholm, so  $T^n(X)$  is closed for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $T_{[n]} = T|_{T^n(X)}$  is upper semi-Fredholm, and hence,  $\alpha(T_{[n]}) < \infty$  and  $T_{[n]}$  has a closed range. Now, from

$$Q(T^n(X)) = T^n(Q(X)) \subseteq T^n(X),$$

we see that  $T^n(X)$  is invariant under  $Q$ , so we can consider the restriction  $Q_{[n]} = Q|_{T^n(X)}$ , and, since  $T$  and  $Q$  commutes, we have the following:

$$T_{[n]}Q_{[n]} = Q_{[n]}T_{[n]}.$$

Clearly,  $Q_{[n]}$  is injective and quasi-nilpotent. By Theorem 3.1, then  $\alpha(T_{[n]}) = 0$ . Since  $T_{[n]}$  has closed range, then  $T_{[n]}$  is bounded below, so, by Theorem 2.2,  $T$  is left Drazin invertible, i.e.,  $0 \notin \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ . Therefore, the first equalities in (6) are proved.

The proof of the equality  $\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$  is analogous: if  $0 \notin \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$ , then  $T$  is semi B-Weyl, so  $T^n(X)$  is closed for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and the restriction  $T_{[n]}$  is Weyl, in particular  $\alpha(T_{[n]}) = \beta(T_{[n]}) < \infty$ . The restriction  $Q_{[n]} = Q|_{T^n(X)}$  is injective and commutes with  $T_{[n]}$ , so, always by Theorem 3.1,  $\alpha(T_{[n]}) = \beta(T_{[n]}) = 0$ , and hence,  $T_{[n]}$  is invertible. By Theorem 2.2, then  $T$  is Drazin invertible, so  $0 \notin \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ . Therefore,  $\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ .

(ii) According the inclusions (3), to show the first equalities in (7), we need only to prove that  $\sigma_{\text{rd}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{lb}f}(T)$ . Let  $\lambda_0 \notin \sigma_{\text{lb}f}(T)$ . Then,  $\lambda_0 I - T$  is lower semi B-Fredholm, so, by [1, Theorem 1.117], there exists an open disc  $\mathbb{D}_\varepsilon(\lambda_0)$  centered at  $\lambda_0$  and radius  $\varepsilon > 0$ , such that  $\lambda I - T$  is lower semi-Fredholm for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}_\varepsilon(\lambda_0) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ . Since  $\lambda I - T$  commutes with  $Q$ , by part (ii) of Theorem 3.2, then  $\lambda I - T$  is lower semi-Browder, and hence,  $q(\lambda I - T) < \infty$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}_\varepsilon(\lambda_0) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ , and this implies, by [1, Theorem 2.65], that  $T^*$  has SVEP at every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}_\varepsilon(\lambda_0) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ . From Remark 3.3, we then conclude that  $T^*$  has SVEP also at  $\lambda_0$ . Since  $\lambda_0 I - T$  has topological uniform descent (see Chapter 1 of [1] for details), then, by Theorem 2.98 of [1],  $\lambda_0 I - T$  is right Drazin invertible, and hence,  $\lambda_0 \notin \sigma_{\text{rd}}(T)$ . Therefore,  $\sigma_{\text{rd}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{lb}f}(T)$ .

The proof of the second equality in (7) is similar: we have only to prove the inclusion  $\sigma_{\text{d}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$ . Let  $\lambda_0 \notin \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$ . Then,  $\lambda_0 I - T$  is semi-B-Weyl and, by [1, Theorem 1.117], there exists an open disc  $\mathbb{D}_\varepsilon(\lambda_0)$  centered at  $\lambda_0$  and radius  $\varepsilon > 0$ , such that  $\lambda I - T$  is Weyl for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}_\varepsilon(\lambda_0) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ . From part (ii) of Theorem 3.2, it then follows that  $\lambda I - T$  is Browder; hence,  $p(\lambda I - T) = q(\lambda I - T) < \infty$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}_\varepsilon(\lambda_0) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ . This implies, see [1, Theorem 2.65], that both  $T$  and  $T^*$  have SVEP at every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}_\varepsilon(\lambda_0) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$ . From Remark 3.3, we then deduce that both  $T$  and  $T^*$  have SVEP at  $\lambda_0$ . Since  $\lambda_0 I - T$  has topological uniform descent, from Theorem 2.97 and Theorem 2.98 of [1], we then conclude that  $\lambda_0 I - T$  is both left and right Drazin invertible, i.e., Drazin invertible; hence,  $\lambda_0 \notin \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ .  $\square$

*Example 3.5.* An important example of injective quasi-nilpotent operator is provided by the classical *Volterra operator*  $V$ , on the Banach space  $X$ , where  $X := C[0, 1]$ , the space of all continuous functions on the closed interval  $[0, 1]$ , or  $X := L^2[0, 1]$ , the Hilbert space of all complex-valued square-integrable functions on the interval  $[0, 1]$ . The operator  $V$  is defined by means

$$(Vf)(x) := \int_0^x f(t)dt \quad \text{for all } f \in X \quad \text{and } x \in [0, 1].$$

The class of operators which commute with the Volterra operators is large; for instance, examples of operators which commute with  $V$  have been studied in the framework of supercyclic operators [17]. Note that the adjoint of the Volterra operator  $V$  on  $L^2[0, 1]$  is given by

$$(V'f)(x) := \int_x^1 f(t)dt.$$

Evidently, also  $V'$  is injective and quasi-nilpotent; moreover,  $V'$  commutes with the adjoint of every operator which belongs to the commutant of  $V$ .

For operators  $T$  defined on a Hilbert spaces,  $H$  is better to consider the adjoint  $T'$  instead of the dual  $T^*$ . We recall now the relationship between the Hilbert adjoint  $T'$  of an operator  $T$  defined on a Hilbert space and the dual  $T^*$ . By the *Fréchet–Riesz representation theorem*, there exists a conjugated-linear isometry  $U : H \rightarrow H^*$ ,  $H^*$  the dual of  $H$ , that associates to every  $y \in H$  the linear form defined

$$f_y(x) := \langle x, y \rangle \quad \text{for every } x \in H.$$

Moreover

$$(\bar{\lambda}I - T') = U^{-1}(\lambda I - T^*)U \quad \text{for every } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Hence, for a Hilbert space operator  $T$

$$T' \text{ is injective} \Leftrightarrow T^* \text{ is injective.}$$

Since the adjoint  $V'$  of the Volterra operator  $V$  in  $L^2[0, 1]$  is also injective and quasi-nilpotent, from Theorems 3.2 and 3.4, we then conclude the following:

**Corollary 3.6.** *The equalities (4), (5), (6), and (7) hold for every bounded linear operator  $T : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow L^2[0, 1]$  that belongs to the commutant of the Volterra operator  $V$ .*

Let  $f \in \mathcal{H}(\sigma(T))$  be an analytic function defined on an open neighborhood  $U$  which contains the spectrum, and let  $f(T)$  be defined by the classical functional calculus

$$f(T) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} f(\lambda)(\lambda I - T)^{-1} d\lambda,$$

where  $\Gamma$  is a contour that surrounds  $\sigma(T)$  in  $U$ . It is known that, in general, the spectral mapping theorem does not hold for  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$  and  $\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$ ; indeed, we have only the inclusions

$$\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(f(T)) \subseteq f(\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\text{bw}}(f(T)) \subseteq f(\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T));$$

see [1, Theorem 3.24], and these inclusions may be strict.

Let  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{nc}}(\sigma(T))$  denote the subset of  $\mathcal{H}(\sigma(T))$  of all functions nonconstant on each component of its domain of definition.

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$  and suppose that there exists a quasi-nilpotent operator  $Q$  that commutes with  $T$ .*

- (i) *If  $Q$  is injective, then the spectral mapping theorem holds for  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$  and  $\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$ , i.e.,*

$$\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(f(T)) = f(\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)) \quad \text{for all } f \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{nc}}(\sigma(T)),$$

and

$$\sigma_{\text{bw}}(f(T)) = f(\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)) \quad \text{for all } f \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{nc}}(\sigma(T)).$$

- (ii) *If  $Q^*$  is injective, then the spectral mapping theorem holds for  $\sigma_{\text{lbw}}(T)$  and  $\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$ , i.e.,*

$$\sigma_{\text{lbw}}(f(T)) = f(\sigma_{\text{lbw}}(T)) \quad \text{for all } f \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{nc}}(\sigma(T)),$$

and

$$\sigma_{\text{bw}}(f(T)) = f(\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)) \quad \text{for all } f \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{nc}}(\sigma(T)).$$

*Proof.* (i) By Theorem 3.4, we know that  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ . The spectral mapping theorem holds for the left Drazin spectrum, since the set of all left Drazin invertible operators is a regularity; see [1, Theorem 3.109], hence

$$f(\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)) = f(\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)) = \sigma_{\text{ld}}(f(T)).$$

Let  $Q$  be an injective quasi-nilpotent operator  $Q$  which commutes with  $T$ . Evidently, if  $\lambda \in \rho(T) := \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(T)$ , then  $Q$  commutes also with  $(\lambda I - T)^{-1}$ , and consequently,  $Q$  commutes with  $f(T)$ . Therefore, always by Theorem 3.4, we have  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(f(T)) = \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(f(T))$ , so the spectral mapping theorem holds for  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$ .

The spectral mapping theorem for the  $B$ -Weyl spectrum follows similarly, taking into account that, by Theorem 3.4, we have  $\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$  and that the spectral mapping theorem holds for  $\sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ .

(ii) Evidently,  $Q^*$  commutes with  $T^*$ , and hence, with  $f(T^*) = f(T)^*$ , so by Theorem 3.4, we have  $\sigma_{\text{rd}}(f(T)) = \sigma_{\text{lbw}}(f(T))$ . The spectral mapping theorem also holds for the right Drazin spectrum, since the set of all right Drazin invertible operators is a regularity, see [1, Theorem 3.109], hence

$$f(\sigma_{\text{lbw}}(T)) = f(\sigma_{\text{rd}}(T)) = \sigma_{\text{rd}}(f(T)) = \sigma_{\text{lbw}}(f(T)).$$

The spectral mapping theorem for  $\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$  is proved similarly using the equality  $\sigma_{\text{d}}(f(T)) = \sigma_{\text{bw}}(f(T))$ , proved in part (ii) of Theorem 3.4. □

**Corollary 3.8.** *If a bounded linear operator  $T : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow L^2[0, 1]$  commutes with the Volterra operator  $V$ , then the spectral mapping theorem holds for all  $B$ -Weyl spectra.*



### 4. Weyl Type Theorems

An operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to verify *Weyl's theorem* if  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_w(T) = \pi_{00}(T)$ , where  $\pi_{00}(T) := \{\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma(T) : 0 < \alpha(\lambda I - T) < \infty\}$ . The operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to verify *a-Weyl's theorem* if  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) = \pi_{00}^a(T)$ , where  $\pi_{00}^a(T) := \{\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) : 0 < \alpha(\lambda I - T) < \infty\}$ , while  $T \in L(X)$  is said to verify *property*  $(\omega)$  if  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) = \pi_{00}(T)$ . Note that

either *a-Weyl's theorem* or *property*  $(\omega) \Rightarrow$  *Weyl's theorem*;

see [1, Chapter 6]. An operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to verify *generalized Weyl's theorem* (shortly,  $(gWt)$ ), if  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = E(T)$ , where  $E(T) := \{\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma(T) : 0 < \alpha(\lambda I - T)\}$ . The operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to verify *generalized a-Weyl's theorem* (shortly,  $(gaWt)$ ) if  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = E_a(T)$ , where  $E_a(T) := \{\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) : 0 < \alpha(\lambda I - T)\}$ , while  $T \in L(X)$  is said to verify *generalized property*  $(\omega)$  (shortly,  $(g\omega)$ ) if  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = E(T)$ . Note that  $(gaWt)$  entails *a-Weyl's theorem* and *generalized property*  $(\omega)$  entails *property*  $(\omega)$ . Furthermore

either  $(gaWt)$  or  $(g\omega) \Rightarrow (gWt)$ ;

see [1, Chapter 6]. In [7], it has been proved that the existence of an injective quasi-nilpotent operator that commutes with  $T$  ensures that *a-Weyl's theorem* or *property*  $(\omega)$  hold for  $T$ . It is a natural question if the generalized versions of Weyl type theorems hold for  $T \in \mathbf{Q}_i(X)$ . In the sequel, we shall prove that this is true under some additional conditions.

Let  $\text{iso } F$  denote the isolated points of  $F \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ . Recall that if  $Q$  is any quasi-nilpotent operator that commutes with  $T$ , then

$$\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T + Q) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_s(T) = \sigma_s(T + Q); \tag{8}$$

see [1, Corollary 3.24]. Since  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \cup \sigma_s(T)$ , this easily implies that  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(T + Q)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$  and suppose that  $Q$  is an injective quasi-nilpotent operator that commutes with  $T$ .*

- (i) *If  $\text{iso } \sigma(T) = \emptyset$ , then both  $T$  and  $T + Q$  satisfy generalized Weyl's theorem.*
- (ii) *If  $\text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \emptyset$ , then both  $T$  and  $T + Q$  satisfy generalized a-Weyl's theorem and generalized property  $(\omega)$ .*

*Proof.*

- (i) We show first that  $\sigma_d(T) = \sigma(T)$ . It suffices to prove that  $\sigma(T) \subseteq \sigma_d(T)$ . Let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_d(T)$ . Then,  $\lambda I - T$  is Drazin invertible, and hence,  $\lambda I - T$  is either invertible or  $\lambda$  is a pole of  $T$ . If  $\lambda$  is a pole, then  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ , but this is impossible, since by assumption  $\text{iso } \sigma(T) = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $\lambda \notin \sigma(T)$ , so  $\sigma_d(T) = \sigma(T)$ . To show that  $T$  satisfies generalized Weyl's theorem, observe that, by Theorem 3.4,  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_d(T) = \emptyset$ , and obviously,  $E(T) = \emptyset$ , since there are no isolated points in  $\sigma(T)$ . Since  $T + Q$  commutes with  $Q$  and  $\text{iso } \sigma(T + Q) = \text{iso } \sigma(T) = \emptyset$ , the argument above proves that also  $T + Q$  satisfies generalized Weyl's theorem.

(ii) We show first that  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ . Evidently, every bounded below operator is left Drazin invertible, so  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ . To prove the opposite inclusion, let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$  be arbitrary given. Then,  $\lambda I - T$  is left Drazin invertible. There are two possibilities:  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$  or  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ . If  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ , then  $\lambda$  is a left pole of  $T$ , and hence, by [1, Theorem 4.3], an isolated point of  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ , but this is impossible since  $\text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ , so the equality  $\sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$  holds. Now, by Theorem 3.4,

$$\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{d}}(T) = \emptyset,$$

and obviously,  $E_a(T) = \emptyset$ , since there is no isolated point in  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ ; hence,  $T$  satisfies generalized Weyl's theorem. Since  $T + Q$  commutes with  $Q$  and

$$\text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T + Q) = \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \emptyset,$$

the argument above proves that  $T + Q$  satisfies generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem.

To prove the generalized property  $(\omega)$  for  $T$ , observe, as above, that  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = \emptyset$ . Furthermore, also  $E(T) = \emptyset$ , since every isolated point  $\lambda$  of the spectrum belongs to  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ ; see [1, Theorem 1.12], and hence,  $\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$  and this is impossible. Therefore, also generalized property  $(\omega)$  holds for  $T$ .

Since  $T + Q$  commutes with  $Q$  and  $\text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T + Q) = \emptyset$ , then the previous reasoning shows that both generalized  $a$ -Weyl's theorem and generalized property  $(\omega)$  hold for  $T + Q$ .  $\square$

An operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *polaroid* if every  $\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma(T)$  is a pole of the resolvent.  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *left polaroid* if every  $\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$  is left pole of the resolvent, while  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be  *$a$ -polaroid* if every  $\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$  is pole of the resolvent. Note that

$$T \text{ } a\text{-polaroid} \Rightarrow T \text{ left polaroid} \Rightarrow T \text{ polaroid};$$

see [1, Corollary 4.13]. Recall that the spectral theorem holds for  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** *Suppose that  $T \in L(X)$  is polaroid (respectively, left polaroid,  $a$ -polaroid). Then,  $f(T)$  is polaroid (respectively, left polaroid,  $a$ -polaroid) for every  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{nc}}(\sigma(T))$ .*

*Proof.* The case where  $T$  is polaroid is proved in [1, Theorem 4.19], while for the case where  $T$  is left polaroid; see [1, Remark 4.20]. Now, let  $T$  be  $a$ -polaroid and suppose that  $\lambda_0 \in \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(f(T)) = \text{iso } f(\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T))$ . We show that  $\lambda_0$  is a pole of the resolvent of  $f(T)$ . Let us first to show that  $\lambda_0 \in f(\text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T))$ . Select  $\mu_0 \in \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ , such that  $f(\mu_0) = \lambda_0$ . Let  $\Omega$  be the connected component of the domain of  $f$  which contains  $\mu_0$  and suppose that  $\mu_0$  is not isolated in  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ . Then, there exists a sequence  $(\mu_n) \subset \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \cap \Omega$  of distinct scalars, such that  $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu_0$ . The set  $\Gamma := \{\mu_0, \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots\}$  is a compact subset of  $\Omega$ , so, by the Principle of isolated zeros of analytic functions, the function  $f$  may assume the value  $\lambda_0 = f(\mu_0)$  at only a finite number of points of  $\Gamma$ . Consequently, for  $n$  sufficiently large  $f(\mu_n) \neq f(\mu_0) = \lambda_0$ , and

since  $f(\mu_n) \rightarrow f(\mu_0) = \lambda_0$ , it then follows that  $\lambda_0$  is not an isolated point of  $f(\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T))$ , a contradiction.

Hence,  $\lambda_0 = f(\mu_0)$ , with  $\mu_0 \in \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ . Since  $T$  is  $a$ -polaroid, then  $\mu_0$  is a pole of the resolvent of  $T$ , and hence, by [1, Theorem 4.16],  $\lambda_0$  is a pole of the resolvent of  $f(T)$ . Thus,  $f(T)$  is  $a$ -polaroid.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $T \in \mathbf{Q}_i(X)$ . Then, we have the following:*

- (i) *If  $T$  is polaroid, then  $f(T)$  satisfies generalized Weyl’s theorem for every  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{nc}}(\sigma(T))$ .*
- (ii) *If  $T$  is left polaroid, then  $f(T)$  satisfies generalized a Weyl’s theorem theorem for every  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{nc}}(\sigma(T))$ .*
- (iii) *If  $T$  is  $a$ -polaroid, then  $f(T)$  satisfies generalized property  $(\omega)$  for every  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{nc}}(\sigma(T))$ .*

*Proof.*

- (i) Let  $T$  be polaroid. By Theorem 3.4, we have  $\sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$ . Hence

$$\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{d}}(T) = \Pi(T),$$

so every  $\lambda \in \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$  is a pole of the resolvent, hence an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$  and an eigenvalue of  $T$ . Therefore,  $\lambda \in E(T)$  and this show that  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T) \subseteq E(T)$ .

The opposite inclusion is also true, if  $\lambda \in E(T)$  then  $\lambda$  is a pole, since  $T$  is polaroid, and so, by Theorem 3.2,  $\lambda \in \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{d}}(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{bw}}(T)$ , and hence,  $(gW)$  holds for  $T$ . By Lemma 4.2, also  $f(T)$  is polaroid for every  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{nc}}(\sigma(T))$ , and since  $f(T)$  commutes with  $Q$ , then  $(gW)$  holds for  $f(T)$ , by the first part of the proof.

- (ii) Let  $T$  be left polaroid. If  $\lambda \in E_a(T)$ , then  $\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ , and hence,  $\lambda$  is a left pole, since  $T$  is left polaroid; in particular,  $\lambda I - T$  is left Drazin invertible. Taking into account Theorem 3.2

$$\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T),$$

so  $E_a(T) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$ .

On the other hand, the opposite inclusion also holds. Indeed, if

$$\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \Pi_a(T),$$

then  $\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ . Furthermore,  $\alpha(\lambda I - T) > 0$ ; otherwise, if were  $\alpha(\lambda I - T) = 0$ , we would have  $p(\lambda I - T) = 0$ , and hence, since  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ ,  $(\lambda I - T)^{0+1}(X) = (\lambda I - T)(X)$  would be closed, contradicting the assumption that  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ . Therefore,  $\lambda \in E_a(T)$ , so  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = E_a(T)$ ; thus, generalized  $a$ -Weyl theorem holds for  $T$ .

As above, the same argument shows that generalized  $a$ -Weyl theorem holds for  $f(T)$ , since  $f(T)$  commutes with  $Q$  and  $f(T)$  is left polaroid, by Lemma 4.2.

- (iii) Observe first that  $E(T)$  is contained in  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T)$ . Indeed, every isolated point of the spectrum belongs to its boundary and hence to  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ , by [1, Theorem 1.12]. Therefore, every  $\lambda \in E(T)$  is an isolated

point of  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ , and hence, a pole of the resolvent, since by assumption  $T$  is  $a$ -polaroid; in particular,  $\lambda$  is a left pole. By Theorem 3.4, then

$$\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T).$$

To show the opposite inclusion  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) \subseteq E(T)$ , observe that if  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{lbw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ , then  $\lambda$  is a left pole, hence an isolated point of  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ . The assumption that  $T$  is  $a$ -polaroid then entails that  $\lambda$  is a pole of  $T$ , hence an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ . Since  $\lambda$  is also an eigenvalue of  $T$ , we then conclude that  $\lambda \in E(T)$ , so property  $(g\omega)$  holds for  $T$ . Since  $f(T)$  is  $a$ -polaroid then, as above, we conclude that property  $(g\omega)$  holds for  $f(T)$ . □

**Corollary 4.4.** *Let  $T \in L(L^2[0, 1])$  commute with the Volterra operator and  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{nc}}(\sigma(T))$ . If  $T$  is polaroid, then  $f(T)$  satisfies generalized Weyl’s theorem. If  $T$  is left polaroid, then generalized  $a$ -Weyl’s theorem holds for  $f(T)$ . If  $T$  is  $a$ -polaroid, then generalized property  $(w)$  holds for  $f(T)$ .*

Denote by  $\Pi(T)$  the set of all poles of  $T$ , i.e.,  $\Pi(T) := \sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{d}}(T)$  and by  $\Pi_a(T)$  the set of all left poles. i.e.,  $\Pi_a(T) := \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ . Note that  $\Pi_a(T) \subseteq \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$  ([1, Theorem 4.3]. According to [10] and [11], an operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to satisfy property  $(gb)$  if  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \Pi(T)$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $T \in \mathbf{Q}_i(X)$  be  $a$ -polaroid. Then,  $T$  satisfies property  $(gb)$ .*

*Proof.* From Theorem 3.4, we know that

$$\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \Pi_a(T).$$

Obviously, the inclusion  $\Pi(T) \subseteq \Pi_a(T)$  holds for every operator. If  $\lambda \in \Pi_a(T)$ , then  $\lambda \in \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ , and since  $T$  is  $a$ -polaroid, then  $\lambda \in \Pi(T)$ ; hence,  $\Pi_a(T) \subseteq \Pi(T)$ , and thus,  $\Pi_a(T) = \Pi(T)$ . □

To introduce another stronger variant of Weyl’s theorem, we introduce the following property.

**Definition 4.6.** An operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to verify property  $(gaz)$  if  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \Pi_a(T)$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $T \in \mathbf{Q}_i(X)$ . Then, property  $(gaz)$  holds for  $T$  if and only if  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \sigma(T)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that property  $(gaz)$  holds for  $T$ . Then,  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \sigma(T)$ , by Theorem 3.2 of [5]. Conversely, suppose that  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \sigma(T)$ . Since  $T \in \mathbf{Q}_i(X)$ , then  $\sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T)$ , by Theorem 3.2, so we have

$$\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ld}}(T) = \Pi_a(T),$$

i.e.,  $(gaz)$  holds for  $T$ . □

It should be noted that the equality  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \sigma(T)$  holds if  $T^*$  has SVEP, and hence, if  $T^*$  has SVEP, then property  $(gaz)$  holds for  $T$ .

The following variant of Weyl type theorems has been introduced in [6]. An operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to satisfy  $S$ -Weyl’s theorem, if  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ubw}}(T) = \pi_{00}(T)$ . Note that  $S$ -Weyl’s theorem holds for  $T$  if and only if  $T$  satisfies

property (gaz) and the equality  $\Pi_a(T) = \pi_{00}(T)$  holds; see [6, Theorem 3.6]. Furthermore,  $S$ -Weyl’s theorem entails both  $a$ -Weyl’s theorem and property ( $\omega$ ); see [6, Theorem 3.8].

Observe that for operators  $T \in \mathbf{Q}_i(X)$ , we have

$$\pi_{00}(T) = \pi_{00}^a(T) = \emptyset,$$

since, if  $\lambda$  belongs to one of these sets, then  $0 < \alpha(\lambda I - T) < \infty$  and this is impossible by Theorem 3.1.

**Corollary 4.8.** *Let  $T \in \mathbf{Q}_i(X)$  be such that  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \sigma(T)$ . Then,  $S$ -Weyl’s theorem holds for  $T$  if and only if  $T$  has no left poles. In particular, if  $\text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \emptyset$ , then  $S$ -Weyl’s theorem holds for  $T$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.3, if  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \sigma(T)$ , then  $T$  has property (gaz). Furthermore, as noted above,  $\pi_{00}(T) = \emptyset$ . Hence

$$\emptyset = \Pi_a(T) = \pi_{00}(T);$$

thus,  $S$ -Weyl’s theorem holds for  $T$ . Conversely, if  $S$ -Weyl’s theorem holds for  $T$ , then  $\Pi_a(T) = \pi_{00}(T) = \emptyset$ , so  $T$  has no left poles.

The last assertion is clear: every left pole of the resolvent of an operator is an isolated point of  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ ; see [1, Theorem 4.3]. □

**Theorem 4.9.** *Suppose that  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$  has no hole and that  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$  has no isolated point. If  $Q$  is an injective quasi-nilpotent operator that commutes with  $T$ , then  $S$ -Weyl’s theorem holds for  $T$  and  $T + Q$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T)$ , by Theorem 3.2, the set  $\rho_{\text{uw}}(T) := \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T)$  is connected, so, by Lemma 2.1 and Theorem 3.2, we have

$$\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{uw}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{w}}(T) = \sigma(T).$$

Therefore,  $T$  has property (gaz), by Theorem 4.3. To prove that  $S$ -Weyl’s theorem holds for  $T$ , we need to prove that  $\Pi_a(T) = \pi_{00}(T)$ . As noted before,  $\pi_{00}(T)$  is empty and also  $\Pi_a(T) = \emptyset$ , since  $\Pi_a(T) \subseteq \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ , and thus,  $T$  satisfies  $S$ -Weyl’s theorem. To show that  $S$ -Weyl’s theorem holds also for  $T + Q$ , note that  $T + Q$  commutes with  $Q$ ,  $\text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T + Q) = \text{iso } \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \emptyset$  and  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T + Q) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$  has no hole. □

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