



## BISHOP'S PROPERTY $(\beta)$ AND RIESZ IDEMPOTENT FOR $k$ -QUASI-PARANORMAL OPERATORS

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**ABSTRACT.** The study of operators satisfying Bishop's property  $(\beta)$  is of significant interest and is currently being done by a number of mathematicians around the world. Recently Uchiyama and Tanahashi [Oper. Matrices 4 (2009), 517–524] showed that a paranormal operator has Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ . In this paper we introduce a new class of operators which we call the class of  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operators. An operator  $T$  is said to be a  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator if it satisfies  $\|T^{k+1}x\|^2 \leq \|T^{k+2}x\|\|T^kx\|$  for all  $x \in H$  where  $k$  is a natural number. This class of operators contains the class of paranormal operators and the class of quasi-class  $A$  operators. We prove basic properties and give a structure theorem of  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operators. We also show that Bishop's property  $(\beta)$  holds for this class of operators. Finally, we prove that if  $E$  is the Riesz idempotent for a nonzero isolated point  $\lambda_0$  of the spectrum of a  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator  $T$ , then  $E$  is self-adjoint if and only if the null space of  $T - \lambda_0$ ,  $\ker(T - \lambda_0) \subseteq \ker(T^* - \overline{\lambda_0})$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $B(H)$  be the algebra of all bounded linear operators acting on infinite dimensional separable complex Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $T$  be an operator in  $B(H)$ . An operator  $T$  is said to be positive (denoted  $T \geq 0$ ) if  $(Tx, x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in H$ . The operator  $T$  is said to be a  $p$ -hyponormal operator if and only if  $(T^*T)^p \geq (TT^*)^p$  for a positive number  $p$ . In [8], the class of log-hyponormal operators is defined as follows:  $T$  is called log-hyponormal if it is invertible and

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satisfies  $\log T^*T \geq \log TT^*$ . Class of  $p$ -hyponormal operators and class of log-hyponormal operators were defined as extension class of hyponormal operators, i.e.,  $T^*T \geq TT^*$ . It is well known that every  $p$ -hyponormal operator is a  $q$ -hyponormal operator for  $p \geq q > 0$ , by the Löwner-Heinz theorem " $A \geq B \geq 0$  ensures  $A^\alpha \geq B^\alpha$  for any  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ", and every invertible  $p$ -hyponormal operator is a log-hyponormal operator since  $\log(\cdot)$  is an operator monotone function. An operator  $T$  is called paranormal if  $\|Tx\|^2 \leq \|T^2x\|\|x\|$  for all  $x \in H$ . It is also well known that there exists a hyponormal operator  $T$  such that  $T^2$  is not hyponormal (see [4]). In [2], Furuta, Ito and Yamazaki introduced the class  $A(k)$  operators defined as follows: An operator  $T$  is called the  $A(k)$  class operator if

$$(T^*|T|^{2k}T)^{\frac{1}{k+1}} \geq |T|^2.$$

$A(1)$  is called the class  $A$ , which includes the class of log-hyponormal operators (see Theorem 2, in [2]) and is included in the class of paranormal operators (see Theorem 1 in [2]).  $T \in B(H)$  is called the quasi-class  $A$  operator if  $T^*|T^2|T \geq T^*|T|^2T$  [5]. In general the following implications hold:

Hyponormal  $\Rightarrow p$  - Hyponormal  $\Rightarrow$  class  $A \Rightarrow$  paranormal;

Hyponormal  $\Rightarrow$  class  $A \Rightarrow$  quasi-class  $A$ .

It is shown [1] that  $T$  is paranormal if and only if

$$T^{*2}T^2 - 2\lambda T^*T + \lambda^2 \geq 0 \text{ for all } \lambda > 0.$$

In order to extend the class of paranormal operators and the class of quasi-class  $A$  operators we introduce a new class of operators which we call  $k$ -quasi-paranormal class of operators. An operator  $T$  is said to be a  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator if it satisfies the following inequality:

$$\|T^{k+1}x\|^2 \leq \|T^{k+2}x\|\|T^kx\|$$

for all  $x \in H$  where  $k$  is a natural number. A 1-Quasi-paranormal operator is quasi-paranormal. It is shown that a quasi-class  $A$  operator is 1-quasi-paranormal (see Proposition 2.3). By this we get the following implications:

Hyponormal  $\Rightarrow p$  - Hyponormal  $\Rightarrow$  class  $A \Rightarrow$  paranormal

$\Rightarrow$  quasi-paranormal  $\Rightarrow k$  - quasi-paranormal;

Hyponormal  $\Rightarrow$  class  $A \Rightarrow$  quasi-class  $A \Rightarrow$  quasi-paranormal

$\Rightarrow k$  - quasi-paranormal.

It is well known that a paranormal operator is normaloid. We give an example of a  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator which is not normaloid (see Section 3). An operator  $T \in B(H)$  is said to have the single-valued extension property (or SVEP) if for every open subset  $G$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  and any analytic function  $f : G \rightarrow H$  such that  $(T - z)f(z) \equiv 0$  on  $G$ , we have  $f(z) \equiv 0$  on  $G$ . For  $T \in B(H)$  and  $x \in H$ , the set  $\rho_T(x)$  is defined to consist of elements  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  such that there exists an analytic function  $f(z)$  defined in a neighborhood of  $z_0$ , with values in  $H$ , which verifies  $(T - z)f(z) = x$ , and it is called the local resolvent set of  $T$  at  $x$ . We denote the complement of  $\rho_T(x)$  by  $\sigma_T(x)$ , called the local spectrum of  $T$  at  $x$ ,

and define the local spectral subspace of  $T$ ,  $H_T(F) = \{x \in H : \sigma_T(x) \subset F\}$  for each subset  $F$  of  $\mathbb{C}$ . An operator  $T \in B(H)$  is said to have the property  $(\beta)$  if for every open subset  $G$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  and every sequence  $f_n : G \rightarrow H$  of  $H$ -valued analytic functions such that  $(T - z)f_n(z)$  converges uniformly to 0 in norm on compact subsets of  $G$ ,  $f_n(z)$  converges uniformly to 0 in norm on compact subsets of  $G$ . An operator  $T \in B(H)$  is said to have Dunford's property  $(C)$  if  $H_T(F)$  is closed for each closed subset  $F$  of  $\mathbb{C}$ . It is well known that

$$\text{Property } (\beta) \Rightarrow \text{Dunford's property}(C) \Rightarrow \text{SVEP.}$$

Let  $\mu \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$ . Then the Riesz idempotent  $E$  of  $T$  with respect to  $\mu$  is defined by

$$E := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} (\mu I - T)^{-1} d\mu,$$

where  $D$  is a closed disk centered at  $\mu$  which contains no other points of the spectrum of  $T$ . In [7], Stampfli showed that if  $T$  satisfies the growth condition  $G_1$ , then  $E$  is self-adjoint and  $E(H) = N(T - \mu)$ . Recently, Jeon and Kim [5] and Uchiyama [10] obtained Stampfli's result for quasi-class  $A$  operators and paranormal operators. In general even though  $T$  is a paranormal operator, the Riesz idempotent  $E$  of  $T$  with respect to  $\mu \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$  is not necessary self-adjoint. The study of operators satisfying Bishop's property  $(\beta)$  is of significant interest and is currently being done by a number of mathematicians around the world. Recently in [9] the authors showed that a paranormal operator has Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ . In this paper we prove basic properties and give a structure theorem of  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operators and show that Bishop's property  $(\beta)$  holds for this class of operators. Finally we prove that if  $E$  is the Riesz idempotent for a nonzero isolated point  $\lambda_0$  of the spectrum of a  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator  $T$ , then  $E$  is self-adjoint if and only if the null space of  $T - \lambda_0$ ,  $\ker(T - \lambda_0) \subseteq \ker(T^* - \overline{\lambda_0})$ . Throughout this paper, let  $k$  be some natural number.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

It is well known that for any operators  $A, B$  and  $C$ ,

$$A^*A - 2\lambda B^*B + \lambda^2 C^*C \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \lambda > 0$$

$$\iff \|Bx\|^2 \leq \|Ax\| \|Cx\| \quad \text{for all } x \in H.$$

Thus we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.1.** *An operator  $T \in B(H)$  is  $k$ -quasi-paranormal if and only if*

$$T^{*k+2}T^{k+2} - 2\lambda T^{*k+1}T^{k+1} + \lambda^2 T^{*k}T^k \geq 0, \quad \text{for all } \lambda > 0.$$

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $M$  be a closed  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $H$ . Then the restriction  $T|_M$  of a  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator  $T$  to  $M$  is a  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator.*

*Proof.* Let

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{on } H = M \oplus M^\perp.$$

Since  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi-paranormal, we have

$$T^{*k+2}T^{k+2} - 2\lambda T^{*k+1}T^{k+1} + \lambda^2 T^{*k}T^k \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \lambda > 0.$$

Hence

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}^{*k} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}^{*2} \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}^2 - 2\lambda \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} + \lambda^2 \right\} \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}^k \geq 0$$

for all  $\lambda > 0$ . Therefore

$$\begin{pmatrix} A^{*k}(A^{*2}A^2 - 2\lambda A^*A + \lambda^2)A^k & E \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} \geq 0,$$

for some operators  $E, F$  and  $G$ . Hence

$$A^{*k}(A^{*2}A^2 - 2\lambda A^*A + \lambda^2)A^k \geq 0,$$

for all  $\lambda > 0$ . This implies that  $A = T|_M$  is  $k$ -quasi-paranormal.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.3.** *If  $T \in B(H)$  belongs to the quasi-class  $A$ , then  $T$  is 1-quasi-paranormal.*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  belongs to the quasi-class  $A$ , we have  $T^*|T|^2T \leq T^*|T^2|T$ . Let  $x \in H$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^2x\|^2 &= \langle T^*T^2x, Tx \rangle = \langle T^*|T|^2Tx, x \rangle \\ &\leq \langle T^*|T^2|Tx, x \rangle \leq \| |T^2|Tx \| \|Tx\| = \|T^3x\| \|Tx\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\|T^2x\|^2 \leq \|T^3x\| \|Tx\|$ . Hence  $T$  is 1-quasi-paranormal.  $\square$

For an operator  $T \in B(H)$ , the closure of the range, the kernel and the spectrum of  $T$  are denoted by  $\overline{\text{ran } T}$ ,  $\ker T$  and  $\sigma(T)$ , respectively.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $T \in B(H)$  be a  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator, the range of  $T^k$  be not dense and*

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{on } H = \overline{\text{ran } T^k} \oplus \ker T^{*k}.$$

*Then  $T_1$  is paranormal,  $T_3^k = 0$  and  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(T_1) \cup \{0\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{on } H = \overline{\text{ran } T^k} \oplus \ker T^{*k}$$

and let  $P$  be the orthogonal projection onto  $\overline{\text{ran } T^k}$ . Since  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi-paranormal, we have

$$P(T^{*2}T^2 - 2\lambda T^*T + \lambda^2)P \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \lambda > 0.$$

Therefore

$$P(T^{*2}T^2)P - 2\lambda P(T^*T)P + \lambda^2 \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \lambda > 0.$$

Hence  $\overline{T_1^{*2}T_1^2} - 2\lambda T_1^*T_1 + \lambda^2 \geq 0$  for all  $\lambda > 0$ . This shows that  $T_1$  is paranormal on  $\overline{\text{ran } T^k}$ . Further, we have

$$\langle T_3^k x_2, y_2 \rangle = \langle T^k(I - P)x, (I - P)y \rangle = \langle (I - P)x, T^{*k}(I - P)y \rangle = 0,$$

for any  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \in H$ . Thus  $T_3^{*k} = 0$ . Since  $\sigma(T_3) = \{0\}$ , we have

$$\sigma(T) = \sigma(T_1) \cup \{0\}.$$

□

As a consequence we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $T \in B(H)$  be  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator. If  $T_1$  is invertible, then  $T$  is similar to a direct sum of a paranormal and a nilpotent operator.*

*Proof.* Since by assumption  $0 \notin \sigma(T_1)$ , we have  $\sigma(T_1) \cap \sigma(T_3) = \emptyset$ . Then there exists an operator  $S$  such that  $T_1S - ST_3 = T_2$  [6]. Since  $\begin{pmatrix} I & S \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} I & -S \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$ , hence

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & S \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & S \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $T \in B(H)$  be a  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator. Then  $T$  has Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ . Hence  $T$  has the single valued extension property.*

*Proof.* If the range of  $T^k$  is dense, then  $T$  is paranormal. Hence,  $T$  has Bishop's property  $(\beta)$  by [9]. So, we assume that the range of  $T^k$  is not dense. By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{on } H = \overline{\text{ran } T^k} \oplus \ker T^{*k}.$$

Let  $D$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $f_n(z)$  be analytic functions on  $D$  to  $H$ . Assume  $(T - z)f_n(z) \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on every compact subset of  $D$ . Put  $f_n(z) = f_{n1}(z) \oplus f_{n2}(z)$  on  $H = \overline{\text{ran } T^k} \oplus \ker T^{*k}$ . Then we can write

$$\begin{pmatrix} T_1 - z & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 - z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_{n1}(z) \\ f_{n2}(z) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (T_1 - z)f_{n1}(z) + T_2f_{n2}(z) \\ (T_3 - z)f_{n2}(z) \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $T_3$  is nilpotent,  $T_3$  has Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ . Hence  $f_{n2}(z) \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on every compact subset of  $D$ . Then  $(T_1 - z)f_{n1}(z) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $T_1$  is paranormal,  $T_1$  has Bishop's property  $(\beta)$  by [9]. Hence  $f_{n1}(z) \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on every compact subset of  $D$ . Thus  $T$  has Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ . □

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $T \in B(H)$  be  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator. Write*

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

*on  $H = \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)} \oplus \ker(T^{k*})$ . Then the following statements hold.*

- (1)  $\sigma_{T_3}(x_2) \subset \sigma_T(x_1 \oplus x_2)$  and  $\sigma_{T_1}(x_1) = \sigma_T(x_1 \oplus 0)$  where  $x_1 \oplus x_2 \in H$ .
- (2)  $R_{T_1}(F) \oplus 0 \subset H_T(F)$  where  $R_{T_1}(F) := \{y \in \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)} : \sigma_{T_1}(y) \subset F\}$  for any set  $F \subset \mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T \in B(H)$  be  $k$ -quasi-paranormal. Write

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

on  $H = \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)} \oplus \ker(T^{k*})$ , where  $T^k = 0$  and  $T_1$  is paranormal.

(1) Let  $x_1 \oplus x_2 \in H = \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)} \oplus \ker(T^{k*})$ . If  $\lambda_0 \in \rho_T(x_1 \oplus x_2)$ , then there is an  $H$ -valued analytic function  $f$  defined on a neighborhood  $U$  of  $\lambda_0$  such that  $(T - \lambda)f(\lambda) = x_1 \oplus x_2$  for all  $\lambda \in U$ . We can write  $f = f_1 \oplus f_2$  where  $f_1 \in O(U, \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)})$  and  $f_2 \in O(U, \ker(T^{k*}))$ , where  $O(U, H)$  denotes the Fréchet space of  $H$ -valued analytic functions on  $U$  with respect to the uniform topology. Then we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} T_1 - \lambda & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_1(\lambda) \\ f_2(\lambda) \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus  $(T_3 - \lambda)f_2(\lambda) \equiv x_2$ . Hence  $\lambda_0 \in \rho_{T_3}(x_2)$ . On the other hand, if  $\lambda_0 \in \rho_T(x_1 \oplus 0)$ , then there is an  $H$ -valued analytic function  $g$  defined on a neighborhood  $U$  of  $\lambda_0$  such that  $(T - \lambda)g(\lambda) = x_1 \oplus 0$  for all  $\lambda \in U$ . If we set  $g = g_1 \oplus g_2$  where  $g_1 \in O(U, \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)})$  and  $g_2 \in O(U, \ker(T^{k*}))$ , then we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} T_1 - \lambda & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g_1(\lambda) \\ g_2(\lambda) \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus  $(T_1 - \lambda)g_1(\lambda) + T_2g_2(\lambda) \equiv x_1$  and  $(T_3 - \lambda)g_2(\lambda) \equiv 0$ . Since  $T_3$  is nilpotent of order  $k$ , it has the single-valued extension property, which implies that  $g_2(\lambda) \equiv 0$ . Thus  $(T_1 - \lambda)g_1(\lambda) \equiv x_1$ , and so  $\lambda_0 \in \rho_{T_1}(x_1)$ . Conversely, let  $\lambda_0 \in \rho_{T_1}(x_1)$ . Then there exists a function  $g_1 \in O(U, \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)})$  for some neighborhood  $U$  of  $\lambda_0$  such that  $(T_1 - \lambda)g_1(\lambda) \equiv x_1$ . Then  $(T - \lambda)g_1(\lambda) \oplus 0 \equiv x_1 \oplus 0$ . Hence  $\lambda_0 \in \rho_T(x_1 \oplus 0)$ .

(2) If  $x_1 \in R_{T_1}(F)$ , then  $\sigma_{T_1}(x_1) \subset F$ . Since  $\sigma_{T_1}(x_1) = \sigma_T(x_1 \oplus 0)$  by (1),  $\sigma_T(x_1 \oplus 0) \subset F$ . Thus  $x_1 \oplus 0 \in H_T(F)$ , and hence  $R_{T_1}(F) \oplus 0 \subset H_T(F)$ .  $\square$

For  $T \in B(H)$ , the smallest nonnegative integer  $p$  such that  $\ker(T^p) = \ker(T^{p+1})$  is called the ascent of  $T$  and denoted by  $p(T)$ . If no such integer exists, we set  $p(T) = \infty$ . The smallest nonnegative integer  $q$  such that  $\text{ran}(T^q) = \text{ran}(T^{q+1})$  is called the descent of  $T$  and denoted by  $q(T)$ . If no such integer exists, we set  $q(T) = \infty$ . In the following theorem we will give a necessary and sufficient condition for the Riesz idempotent  $E$  of a  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator to be self-adjoint. For this we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.8.** *Let  $T \in B(H)$  be  $k$ -quasi-paranormal. If  $\mu$  is a non-zero isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ , then  $\mu$  is a simple pole of the resolvent of  $T$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\text{ran}(T^k)$  is dense. Then  $T$  is paranormal by Proposition 2.1 and [10] implies that  $\mu$  is a simple pole of the resolvent of  $T$ . So we may assume that  $T^k$  does not have dense range. Then by Lemma 2.1 the operator  $T$  can be decomposed as follows:

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \text{ on } H = \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)} \oplus \ker(T^{*k}),$$

where  $A$  is paranormal and  $C^k = 0$ . Now if  $\mu$  is a non-zero isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ , then  $\mu \in \text{iso}\sigma(A)$  because  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(A) \cup \{0\}$ . Therefore  $\mu$  is a simple pole of the resolvent of  $A$  and the paranormal operator  $A$  can be written as follows:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ on } \overline{\text{ran}(T^k)} = \ker(A - \mu) \oplus \text{ran}(A - \mu),$$

where  $\sigma(A_1) = \{\mu\}$ . Therefore

$$T - \mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & B_1 \\ 0 & A_2 - \mu & B_2 \\ 0 & 0 & C - \mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D \\ 0 & F \end{pmatrix} \text{ on } H = \ker(A - \mu) \oplus \text{ran}(A - \mu) \oplus \ker(T^{*k}),$$

where  $F = \begin{pmatrix} A_2 - \mu & B_2 \\ 0 & C - \mu \end{pmatrix}$ . We claim that  $F$  is an invertible operator on  $\text{ran}(A - \mu) \oplus \ker(T^{*k})$ . Indeed,

(1)  $A_2 - \mu I$  is invertible. In fact, If not, then  $\mu$  will be an isolated point in  $\sigma(A_2)$ . Since  $A_2$  is paranormal,  $\mu$  is an eigenvalue of  $A_2$  and so  $A_2 x = \mu x$  for some non-zero vector  $x$  in  $\text{ran}(A - \mu I)$ . On the other hand,  $Ax = A_2 x$  implying  $x$  is in  $\ker(A - \mu I)$ . Hence  $x$  must be a zero vector. This contradicts leads to (1).

(2)  $F$  is invertible. Indeed, note that  $C - \mu I$  is invertible. Then by (1) and [4, Problem 71],  $(A_2 - \mu I)(C - \mu I)$  is invertible. It is easy to show that  $p(T - \mu) = q(T - \mu) = 1$ . Hence  $\mu$  is a simple pole of the resolvent of  $T$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $T \in B(H)$  be  $k$ -quasi-paranormal. Assume  $0 \neq \mu \in \text{iso}\sigma(T)$  and  $E$  is the Riesz idempotent of  $T$  with respect to  $\mu$ . Then  $E$  is self-adjoint if and only if  $\ker(T - \mu) \subseteq \ker(T^* - \bar{\mu})$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $E$  is the Riesz idempotent of  $T$  with respect to  $\mu$  and  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi-paranormal, it results from Lemma 2.2 that

$$\text{ran}(E) = \ker(T - \mu) \text{ and } \ker(E) = \text{ran}(T - \mu).$$

Assume that  $E$  is self-adjoint. Then  $E$  is an orthogonal projection. Hence  $\text{ran}(E)^\perp = \ker(E)$ . Therefore we get  $\ker(T - \mu) \subseteq \ker(T^* - \bar{\mu})$  by using the equality  $\text{ran}(T - \mu) = \ker(T^* - \bar{\mu})^\perp$ . Conversely, assume that  $\ker(T - \mu) \subseteq \ker(T^* - \bar{\mu})$ . Then  $\ker(T - \mu)$  and  $\text{ran}(T - \mu)$  are orthogonal. Hence  $\text{ran}(E)^\perp = \ker(E)$ , and so  $E$  is self-adjoint.  $\square$

*Remark 2.10.* It is well known that a paranormal operator is normaloid, that is,  $\|T\| = r(T)$  (spectral radius of  $T$ ). But a  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator is not normaloid. Indeed, Let  $T$  be the unilateral weighted shift operator defined on  $l^2$  by

$$Te_n = \alpha_n e_{n+1} \text{ for all } n \geq 0,$$

where  $\{e_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is the canonical orthonormal basis for  $l^2$ . It is easy to see that  $T$  is paranormal if and only if  $|\alpha_0| \leq |\alpha_1| \leq \dots$  and by a simple calculation we show that  $T$  is a  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operator if and only if  $|\alpha_{k+1}| \leq |\alpha_{k+2}| \leq |\alpha_{k+3}| \leq \dots$ , where  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  are arbitrary. Hence, if we take  $\alpha_0 = \alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_k = 2$  and  $\alpha_i = \frac{1}{2}$  for  $i \geq k$ , then  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi-paranormal and  $\|T\| = 2 \neq 1 = r(T)$ . Thus  $T$  is not normaloid.

It is also well known that there exists a hyponormal operator  $T$  such that  $T^2$  is not a hyponormal operator (see [4]). In [3], Furuta showed that if  $T$  is paranormal, then  $T^n$  is also paranormal for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The same property remains true for  $k$ -quasi-paranormal operators. Indeed, Since  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi-paranormal, we have

$$\|T^{k+1}x\|^2 \leq \|T^{k+2}x\| \|T^kx\|.$$

Hence

$$\frac{\|T^{k+1}x\|}{\|T^kx\|} \leq \frac{\|T^{k+2}x\|}{\|T^{k+1}x\|} \leq \frac{\|T^{k+3}x\|}{\|T^{k+2}x\|} \leq \dots.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\|T^{nk+1}x\|}{\|T^{nk}x\|} \leq \frac{\|T^{nk+2}x\|}{\|T^{nk+1}x\|} \leq \dots \leq \frac{\|T^{nk+n}x\|}{\|T^{nk+n-1}x\|} \\ & \leq \frac{\|T^{nk+n+1}x\|}{\|T^{nk+n}x\|} \leq \frac{\|T^{nk+n+2}x\|}{\|T^{nk+n+1}x\|} \leq \dots \leq \frac{\|T^{nk+2n}x\|}{\|T^{nk+2n-1}x\|}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\|T^{nk+1}x\|}{\|T^{nk}x\|} \times \frac{\|T^{nk+2}x\|}{\|T^{nk+1}x\|} \times \dots \times \frac{\|T^{nk+n}x\|}{\|T^{nk+n-1}x\|} \\ & \leq \frac{\|T^{nk+n+1}x\|}{\|T^{nk+n}x\|} \times \frac{\|T^{nk+n+2}x\|}{\|T^{nk+n+1}x\|} \times \dots \times \frac{\|T^{nk+2n}x\|}{\|T^{nk+2n-1}x\|} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{\|T^{nk+n}x\|}{\|T^{nk}x\|} \leq \frac{\|T^{nk+2n}x\|}{\|T^{nk+n}x\|}.$$

This implies that  $T^n$  is  $k$ -quasi-paranormal.

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