

Roots of Scalar Operator-valued Analytic Functions and their Functional Calculus

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Introduction

Let X be a Banach space, T a linear bounded operator acting in X and f an analytic complex function defined in a neighborhood of $\sigma(T)$. Let us suppose also that f is non-constant in each connected component of its domain of definition which intersects $\sigma(T)$.

In this paper we study the spectral properties of T if $f(T)$ is a spectral operator of scalar type. The example of Stampfli (see [18]) shows that in general T is not a scalar operator.

We shall prove that T is a \emptyset -scalar operator in the sense of [15], where \emptyset is a suitable basic algebra.

1. Preliminaries

Throughout the paper we shall use the following basic notation and conventions:

N : the set of all natural numbers.

A : the set of all complex numbers.

$\sigma' = A - \sigma$ for $\sigma \subset A$.

$C(K, r) = \{\lambda \in A; \text{dist}(\lambda, K) \leq r\}$, where $K(\subset A)$ is compact and $r \geq 0$.

$\mathcal{F}(K)$: the set of all analytic complex functions whose domains of definition are open sets containing K , where K is a compact subset of A .

\mathcal{X} : a Banach space over the complex field A .

$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$: the algebra of all linear bounded operators acting in \mathcal{X} .

I : the unity of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$.

$\sigma(T)$: the spectrum of $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$.

Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}(\sigma(T))$. Then $f(T) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_r f(\lambda) R(\lambda; T) d\lambda$, where

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Γ is an admissible contour in the sense of [10], VII. 3.9 and $R(\lambda; T)$ is the resolvent of T .

LEMMA 1.1. *Let G be an open set and K a compact subset of G . If f is a continuous complex function on G , then for any compact subset F of $f(K)$ and for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $\eta > 0$ such that*

$$f^{-1}(C(F, r)) \cap K \subset C(f^{-1}(F) \cap K, \varepsilon)$$

for any $r \leq \eta$.

PROOF. Let us suppose that there is $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for any $n \in N$ we can find $r_n \leq 1/n$ with the property $f^{-1}(C(F, r_n)) \cap K \not\subset C(f^{-1}(F) \cap K, \varepsilon_0)$. Let $\lambda_n \in f^{-1}(C(F, r_n)) \cap K$, $\lambda_n \notin C(f^{-1}(F) \cap K, \varepsilon_0)$ and λ_0 be a limit point of the sequence $\{\lambda_n\}$. We have $\lambda_0 \in K$ and because $f(\lambda_n) \in C(F, r_n)$, we also have $f(\lambda_0) \in F$. Thus $\lambda_0 \in f^{-1}(F) \cap K$, which is impossible because $\lambda_n \notin C(f^{-1}(F) \cap K, \varepsilon_0)$, and the lemma results.

2. Algebra of functions

In this section we shall use the terminology and the definitions introduced in [15], [16].

The symbols D and \bar{D} will denote the operators $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)$ and $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)$ respectively, where $s + it = \lambda \in A$.

If K is a compact set in A and ϕ is an n -times continuously differentiable complex function defined in a neighborhood of K , then we shall put

$$|\phi|_{n,K} = \sum_{p+q=0}^n \sup_{\lambda \in K} |(\bar{D}^p D^q \phi)(\lambda)|.$$

Let f be an analytic complex function defined on an open set G . We define the function m_f in G as follows:

$$m_f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \text{the least integer } n \text{ such that } f^{(n)}(\lambda) \neq 0, & \text{if it exists;} \\ \infty, & \text{if } f^{(n)}(\lambda) = 0 \text{ for any integer } n. \end{cases}$$

In fact $m_f(\lambda)$ is the order of multiplicity of λ as root of the equation $f(\mu) = 0$.

Now we can introduce some algebras of functions which will be used in the sequel.

(1) \mathcal{O}^n : the algebra of all n -times continuously differentiable complex functions defined in A with the topology given by the family of semi-norms $\{|\cdot|_{n,K}; K \text{ compact}\}$, if n is finite; by $\{|\cdot|_{k,K}; k=0, 1, 2, \dots, K \text{ compact}\}$, if $n = \infty$.

(2) $\mathcal{O}_\lambda^n = \{\phi \in \mathcal{O}^n; (D^j \phi)(\lambda) = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq j, j < n\}$ with the topology induced

by \mathcal{O}^n .

(3) $\mathcal{O}^n(r)$: the algebra of all n -times continuously differentiable complex functions defined in $C(0, r)$ with the topology given by the norm

$$|\phi|_n = \sum_{p+q=0}^n \sup_{\lambda \in C(0, r)} |(\bar{D}^p D^q \phi)(\lambda)|.$$

where $n < \infty$ and $r > 0$.

(4) $\mathcal{O}_0^n(r) = \{\phi \in \mathcal{O}^n(r); (D^j \phi)(0) = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq j, j < n\}$ with the topology induced by $\mathcal{O}^n(r)$.

(5) Let K be a compact set and $f \in \mathcal{F}(K)$. Then we consider the algebra

$$\mathcal{O}(f, K) = \bigcap_{\lambda \in K} \mathcal{O}_\lambda^{m_{f'}(\lambda)}$$

with the topology induced by \mathcal{O}^{n_0} , where $n_0 = \max_{\lambda \in K} m_{f'}(\lambda)$.

REMARK 1. $\mathcal{O}_\lambda^0 = \mathcal{O}^0$, $\mathcal{O}_\lambda^1 = \mathcal{O}^1$, $\mathcal{O}_0^0(r) = \mathcal{O}^0(r)$ and $\mathcal{O}_0^1(r) = \mathcal{O}^1(r)$.

PROPOSITION 2.1. Let K be a compact set and $f \in \mathcal{F}(K)$ be non-constant in each connected component of its domain which intersects K . Then $\mathcal{O}(f, K)$ is a basic algebra and, for any n and $g \in \mathcal{O}_0^n(r)$ such that $g(0) \in K$, $0 \leq n \leq m_{f'}(g(0))$, the function g is $\mathcal{O}(f, K)$ -proper with respect to $\mathcal{O}_0^n(r)$. (See Def. 1.1 of [15] and Def. 1.1 of [16].)

PROOF. Because f is non-constant in each connected component of its domain which intersects K , the function $m_{f'}|_K$ is different from 0 only in a finite set. Thus $\mathcal{O}(f, K)$ is a finite intersection of \mathcal{O}_λ^n ; if $f'(\lambda) \neq 0$ for any $\lambda \in K$, then $\mathcal{O}(f, K) = \mathcal{O}^0$, if f' has only simple zeros in K , then $\mathcal{O}(f, K) = \mathcal{O}^1$ and if $\mathcal{M} = \{\lambda \in K; f'(\lambda) = f''(\lambda) = 0\} \neq \emptyset$, then $\mathcal{O}(f, K) = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \mathcal{M}} \mathcal{O}_\lambda^{m_{f'}(\lambda)}$.

The non-trivial case is when $\mathcal{M} \neq \emptyset$. But the properties (ii) and (iii) of Def. 1.1 of [15] are evidently verified. Thus we shall prove only (i) of Def. 1.1 of [15]. For this, let $F(\subset A)$ be a compact set and G be an open set containing F . Choose $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $C(F, \varepsilon) \subset G$, $C(F, \varepsilon) \cap \mathcal{M} = F \cap \mathcal{M}$ and let $F_0 = C(F, \varepsilon/2)$, $G_0 = \text{int} C(F, \varepsilon)$ and $n_0 = \max_{\lambda \in K} m_{f'}(\lambda)$. Taking $\phi \in \mathcal{O}^{n_0}$ such that $\phi(\lambda) = 1$ for $\lambda \in F$ and $\phi(\lambda) = 0$ for $\lambda \notin G_0$ we have evidently $\phi \in \mathcal{O}(f, K)$. Consequently $\mathcal{O}(f, K)$ is a basic algebra.

Now if $g \in \mathcal{O}_0^n(r)$ and $n \leq n_0$, then it is well-known that the map $\phi \rightarrow \phi \circ g$ from \mathcal{O}^{n_0} to $\mathcal{O}^n(r)$ is continuous. By the definition of topologies in $\mathcal{O}(f, K)$ and in $\mathcal{O}_0^n(r)$, we have to prove only that, in the hypothesis of our proposition, we have $\phi \circ g \in \mathcal{O}_0^n(r)$ for any $\phi \in \mathcal{O}(f, K)$. But if $n = 0, 1$, this happens as a trivial consequence of Remark 1. In the contrary case, using the formula $D(\phi \circ g) = ((\bar{D}\phi) \circ g)Dg + ((D\phi) \circ g)D\bar{g}$, we obtain by a simple calculus again $\phi \circ g \in \mathcal{O}_0^n(r)$, which proves the proposition.

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 \leq k \leq n$. For any $\phi \in \mathcal{O}^n(r)$ we shall put

$$\phi_k(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(n+1)\lambda^k} \sum_{p=0}^n (i_p)^{-k} \phi(i_p \lambda) & \text{if } \lambda \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \lambda = 0, \end{cases}$$

where $i_p = \exp[2\pi i p / (n+1)]$.

LEMMA 2.2. For any $n \in N$, $\phi \in \mathcal{O}_0^n(r)$ and $0 \leq k \leq n$, we have

$$\sup_{\lambda \in C(0, r)} |\phi_k(\lambda)| \leq 4 |\phi|_n$$

PROOF. If $k=0$, then the inequality becomes evident, thus we shall suppose $k \geq 1$. By Taylor's formula, we have in this case, for any $\mu \in C(0, r)$,

$$\phi(\mu) = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{(\mu \bar{D} + \bar{\mu} D)^j \phi}{j!} \Big|_{\lambda=0} + \tilde{\phi}_k(\mu),$$

where

$$\tilde{\phi}_k(\mu) = \frac{(\mu \bar{D} + \bar{\mu} D)^k (\phi + \bar{\phi})}{2k!} \Big|_{\lambda=\theta_1 \mu} + \frac{(\mu \bar{D} + \bar{\mu} D)^k (\phi + \bar{\phi})}{2k!} \Big|_{\lambda=\theta_2 \mu}$$

for some $\theta_1, \theta_2; 0 < \theta_1 < 1, 0 < \theta_2 < 1$. It follows

$$|\tilde{\phi}_k(\mu)| \leq |\mu|^k \frac{2^{k+1}}{k!} |\phi|_k \leq 4 |\mu|^k |\phi|_n.$$

Because $(D^j \phi)(0) = 0$ for $1 \leq j, j < n$ we obtain

$$\phi(\mu) = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{\mu^j}{j!} (\bar{D}^j \phi)(0) + \tilde{\phi}_k(\mu)$$

and using the equality $\sum_{p=0}^n (i_p)^{j-k} = 0$ for $0 \leq j < k$ we have, for any $\lambda \neq 0$,

$$\phi_k(\lambda) = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{p=0}^n \frac{\phi_k(i_p \lambda)}{(i_p \lambda)^k}.$$

It follows

$$|\phi_k(\lambda)| \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{p=0}^n \frac{|\phi_k(i_p \lambda)|}{|(i_p \lambda)^k|} \leq 4 |\phi|_n.$$

LEMMA 2.3. Let $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{O}_0^n(r)$, $n \in N$. Then for any $m, 0 \leq m \leq n$, we have

$$(\phi \psi)_m(\lambda) = \sum_{k+j=m} \phi_k(\lambda) \psi_j(\lambda) + \lambda^{n+1} \sum_{\substack{k+j=m+n+1 \\ 0 \leq k, j \leq n}} \phi_k(\lambda) \psi_j(\lambda).$$

PROOF. The equality is non-trivial if $\lambda \neq 0$. But if $\lambda \neq 0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k+j=m} \phi_k(\lambda) \psi_j(\lambda) + \lambda^{n+1} \sum_{\substack{k+j=m+n+1 \\ 0 \leq k, j \leq n}} \phi_k(\lambda) \psi_j(\lambda) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^m \phi_k(\lambda) \psi_{m-k}(\lambda) + \lambda^{n+1} \sum_{k=m+1}^n \phi_k(\lambda) \psi_{m+n+1-k}(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{(n+1)^2 \lambda^m} \sum_{p,q=0}^n \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^n (i_p)^{-k} (i_q)^{k-m} \right\} \phi(i_p \lambda) \psi(i_q \lambda) \\
 &= \frac{1}{(n+1) \lambda^m} \sum_{p=0}^n (i_p)^{-m} \phi(i_p \lambda) \psi(i_p \lambda) = (\phi \psi)_m(\lambda).
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Functional calculus

Let \mathcal{O} be a closed subalgebra of some \mathcal{O}^n and at the same time a basic algebra. If \mathcal{U} is a \mathcal{O} -spectral representation (Def. 1.3 of [15]), then it has compact support in view of the topology of \mathcal{O} . Therefore we shall write $\mathcal{U}(\lambda)$, $\mathcal{U}(1)$ for $\mathcal{U}(\phi_1)$ and $\mathcal{U}(\phi_0)$ respectively, where $\phi_1, \phi_0 \in \mathcal{O}$ and $\phi_1(\lambda) = \lambda$, $\phi_0(\lambda) = 1$ in some neighborhood of $\text{supp } \mathcal{U}$. In fact we have $\text{supp } \mathcal{U} = \sigma(\mathcal{U}(\lambda))$ and $\mathcal{U}(1) = I$.

DEFINITION 3.1. A \mathcal{O} -spectral representation \mathcal{U} is called *regular* if it is valued in the bicommutant (=the commutant of the commutant; see [12]) of $\mathcal{U}(\lambda)$. An operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ is called a *regular \mathcal{O} -scalar operator* if there is a regular \mathcal{O} -spectral representation \mathcal{U} such that $T = \mathcal{U}(\lambda)$.

PROPOSITION 3.2. Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and $\{P_j\}_{j=1}^m$ be a finite set of projections in the bicommutant of T such that $P_j P_k = 0$ if $j \neq k$ and $\sum_{j=1}^m P_j = I$. Let \mathcal{O} be a basic closed subalgebra of some \mathcal{O}^n . Then T is a regular \mathcal{O} -scalar operator if and only if $T|P_j X$ is a regular \mathcal{O} -scalar operator for each j .

PROOF. If T is a regular \mathcal{O} -scalar operator, then there is a spectral representation \mathcal{U} valued in the bicommutant of T . The map $\mathcal{U}_j = \mathcal{U}|P_j X$ is again a \mathcal{O} -spectral representation in $\mathcal{L}(P_j X)$ and $\mathcal{U}_j(\lambda) = T|P_j X$.

If $V_j(T|P_j X) = (T|P_j X)V_j$, then we have $(V_j P_j)T = T(V_j P_j)$ and because $V_j P_j \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ we obtain $\mathcal{U}_j V_j = \mathcal{U} V_j P_j = V_j P_j \mathcal{U} = V_j \mathcal{U} P_j = V_j \mathcal{U}_j$ in $P_j X$, which proves that \mathcal{U}_j is regular.

Now if $T|P_j X$ is a regular \mathcal{O} -scalar operator for each j and $\mathcal{U}_j(\lambda) = T|P_j X$, then $\mathcal{U} = \bigoplus_{j=1}^m \mathcal{U}_j$ is a \mathcal{O} -spectral representation, regular if \mathcal{U}_j is regular for each j . Indeed, if $V \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, $VT = TV$, then putting $V_j = V|P_j X$ we have $V_j(T|P_j X) = (T|P_j X)V_j$, thus $V\mathcal{U} = \bigoplus_{j=1}^m V_j \mathcal{U}_j = \bigoplus_{j=1}^m \mathcal{U}_j V_j = \mathcal{U}V$.

THEOREM 3.3. Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and suppose that for some $n \in N$ the operator $T^{n+1} = S$ is of scalar type. If T is one-to-one, then for any $r > 0$ such that $\sigma(T) \subset C(0, r)$, the map \mathcal{U} from \mathcal{O}_n^r to $\mathcal{L}(X)$ defined by the equation

$$\mathcal{U}(\phi) = \sum_{k=0}^n T^k \phi_k(n^{+1} \sqrt{S})$$

is a continuous homomorphism valued in the bicommutant of T such that $\mathcal{U}(1) = I$ and $\mathcal{U}(\lambda) = T$.

PROOF. The operator $n^{+1} \sqrt{S}$ is a scalar operator with the spectrum in $C(0, r)$ (see [9], Lemma 6) and any operator which commutes with T com-

mutates also with $\phi_k({}^{n+1}\sqrt{S})$, because such an operator commutes with S and $\phi_k({}^{n+1}\sqrt{S})$ is a function of S . Thus $\mathcal{U}(\phi)$ is in the bicommutant of T . The linearity of \mathcal{U} is trivial and the continuity results by [9], Lemma 6 and our Lemma 2.2.

If E is the spectral measure of ${}^{n+1}\sqrt{S}$, then using Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}(\phi)\mathcal{U}(\psi) &= \sum_{m=0}^n T^m \left\{ \sum_{k+j=m} \phi_k(\lambda)\psi_j(\lambda) + \lambda^{n+1} \sum_{k+j=m+n+1} \phi_k(\lambda)\psi_j(\lambda) \right\} E(d\lambda) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^n T^m \left\{ (\phi\psi)_m(\lambda) \right\} E(d\lambda) = \mathcal{U}(\phi\psi). \end{aligned}$$

Now if $m=0, 1$ and $\phi(\lambda)=\lambda^m$, then by a simple calculus we obtain $\phi_k(\lambda)=1$ for $k=m, \lambda \neq 0$ and $\phi_k(\lambda)=0$ for $k \neq m$. Because T is one-to-one, S and ${}^{n+1}\sqrt{S}$ have the same property. Consequently $E(\{0\})=0$. Thus we have

$$\mathcal{U}(1) = \int_{\{0\}'} E(d\lambda) = I \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{U}(\lambda) = T \int_{\{0\}'} E(d\lambda) = T.$$

LEMMA 3.4. *Let K be a compact set, $f \in \mathcal{F}(K)$ be non-constant in each connected component of its domain G which intersects K . Suppose, for $\lambda_0 \in K$ and $r > 0$ such that $C(\lambda_0, r) \subset G$, f is expressed as $f(\lambda) = f(\lambda_0) + ((\lambda - \lambda_0)h(\lambda))^{n+1}$ ($n \geq 1$) with a holomorphic function h in a neighborhood G' of $C(\lambda_0, r)$ such that $h(\lambda_0) \neq 0$ and $g(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_0)h(\lambda)$ is one-to-one in G' . Given $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, if $f(T)$ is a scalar operator and $\sigma(T) \subset C(\lambda_0, r) \cap K$, then T is a regular $\mathcal{O}(f, K)$ -scalar operator.*

PROOF. Let us remark first that by Proposition 2.1, $\mathcal{O}(f, K)$ is a basic algebra. If $f(T) - f(\lambda_0) = S$, then $(g(T))^{n+1} = S$. Let E be the spectral measure of S and $E(\{0\}) = P_1, E(\{0\}') = P_2$. By Proposition 3.2, we have to prove that $T|P_1X$ and $T|P_2X$ are $\mathcal{O}(f, K)$ -scalar operators. Because we have $S|P_1X = 0 = (h(T|P_1X))^{n+1}((T|P_1X) - \lambda_0)^{n+1}$ and $h(\lambda) \neq 0$ for $\lambda \in C(\lambda_0, r)$, it results $((T|P_1X) - \lambda_0)^{n+1} = 0$. Thus if $Q_1 = (T|P_1X) - \lambda_0$ then the equation

$$\mathcal{U}_1(\phi) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{Q_1^k}{k!} (\bar{D}^k \phi)(\lambda_0)$$

defines evidently a regular $\mathcal{O}(f, K)$ -spectral representation such that $\mathcal{U}_1(\lambda) = T|P_1X$. Now if we take $r' > 0$ such that $g(C(\lambda_0, r)) \subset \text{int } C(0, r')$, then we have also $\sigma(g(T)) \subset \text{int } C(0, r')$ ([10], VII. 3.11). Let \mathcal{O} be the map $\mathcal{O}: \mathcal{O}_0^n(r') \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(P_2X)$ given in Theorem 3.3 associated to $g(T|P_2X)$. Because g is one-to-one there is $\phi \in \mathcal{O}_0^n(r')$ such that $(\phi \circ g)(\lambda) = \lambda$ in a neighborhood of $C(\lambda_0, r)$. By Proposition 2.1, ϕ is $\mathcal{O}(f, K)$ -proper with respect to $\mathcal{O}_0^n(r')$, because it is analytic in a neighborhood of 0. Consequently $\mathcal{U}_2(\phi) = \mathcal{O}(\phi \circ \phi)$ defines a $\mathcal{O}(f, K)$ -spectral representation ([16], Prop. 1.2), and $\mathcal{U}_2(\lambda) = \mathcal{O}(\phi) = \phi(g(T|P_2X)) = T|P_2X$. The regularity of \mathcal{U}_2 results from the properties of \mathcal{O} .

THEOREM 3.5. *Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}(\sigma(T))$ be non-constant in each con-*

nected component of its domain which intersects $\sigma(T)$. If $f(T)$ is a scalar operator then T is a regular $\mathcal{O}(f, \sigma(T))$ -scalar operator.

PROOF. We shall suppose that the set $\mathcal{M}_0 = \{\lambda; \lambda \in \sigma(T), f'(\lambda) = 0\}$ is non-void, because in the contrary case the theorem is known to be true (see [3], Th. 3). \mathcal{M}_0 is a finite set, say $\{\lambda_j\}_{j=1}^n$. Let $\mathcal{N} = \{\mu_j\}_{j=1}^q = f(\mathcal{M}_0)$ and $\mathcal{M} = f^{-1}(\mathcal{N}) \cap \sigma(T) = \{\lambda_j\}_{j=1}^m, n \leq m < \infty$. For each $j, 1 \leq j \leq n$, there is $\varepsilon_j > 0$ such that $f(\lambda) = f(\lambda_j) + ((\lambda - \lambda_j)h_j(\lambda))^{n_j+1}$ with a holomorphic function h_j defined in a neighborhood G_j of $C(\lambda_j, \varepsilon_j)$ such that $h_j(\lambda) \neq 0$ and $g_j(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_j)h_j(\lambda)$ is one-to-one in G_j , where $n_j = m_{f'}(\lambda_j)$. Choose $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\varepsilon < \min(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n), C(\lambda_j, \varepsilon) \cap C(\lambda_k, \varepsilon) = \emptyset$ for $j \neq k$ and $C(\mathcal{M}, \varepsilon) \cap f^{-1}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathcal{M}$. Using Lemma 1.1, we can find $\eta > 0$ such that $C(\mu_j, \eta) \cap C(\mu_k, \eta) = \emptyset$ for $j \neq k$ and $f^{-1}(C(\mathcal{N}, \eta)) \cap \sigma(T) \subset C(\mathcal{M}, \varepsilon)$.

Now if $f(T) = S$ and E is the spectral measure of S , then, denoting $\sigma_j = C(\mu_j, \eta), 1 \leq j \leq q, \sigma_{q+1} = (C(\mathcal{N}, \eta))'$, we have to prove the theorem for $T|E(\sigma_j)\mathcal{X}, j = 1, \dots, q+1$ (see Proposition 3.2). Because E is in the bicommutant of T , we have $\sigma(T|E(\sigma_j)\mathcal{X}) \subset \sigma(T)$ and by [10], VII 3.11 $\sigma(T|E(\sigma_j)\mathcal{X}) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_j)$. Also we have $f(T|E(\sigma_j)\mathcal{X}) = S|E(\sigma_j)\mathcal{X}$. Therefore, applying [3], Th. 3, $T|E(\sigma_{q+1})\mathcal{X}$ results to be scalar. If $j \leq q$, then $\sigma(T|E(\sigma_j)\mathcal{X}) \subset \sigma(T) \cap C(\mathcal{M}, \varepsilon)$. Let us denote $E(\sigma_j)\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_j, T|\mathcal{X}_j = T_j$. We have $\sigma(T_j) \subset \bigcup_{\lambda_k \in \mathcal{M}_1} C(\lambda_k, \varepsilon)$, where \mathcal{M}_1 is a subset of \mathcal{M} . Let P_{λ_k} be the spectral projection of T_j corresponding to $C(\lambda_k, \varepsilon)$ (see [10], VII 3.17). Then $\sigma(T_j|P_{\lambda_k}\mathcal{X}_j) \subset C(\lambda_k, \varepsilon)$ and because P_{λ_k} is in the bicommutant of T_j , the operator $f(T_j|P_{\lambda_k}\mathcal{X}_j) = S|P_{\lambda_k}\mathcal{X}_j$ is scalar. If $k > n$ then $f'(\lambda) \neq 0$ for $\lambda \in \sigma(T_j|P_{\lambda_k}\mathcal{X}_j)$, thus $T_j|P_{\lambda_k}\mathcal{X}_j$ is a scalar operator by [3], Th. 3, and if $k \leq n$ then $T_j|P_{\lambda_k}\mathcal{X}_j$ is a regular $\mathcal{O}(f, \sigma(T))$ -scalar operator by Lemma 3.4. It follows from Proposition 3.2 that $T|E(\sigma_j)\mathcal{X}$ is a regular $\mathcal{O}(f, \sigma(T))$ -scalar operator, which proves our theorem.

COROLLARY 3.6. *In the hypothesis of Theorem 3.5, if f' has only simple zeros in $\sigma(T)$, then T is a regular generalized scalar operator in the sense of [11] (i. e., a regular \mathcal{O}^∞ -scalar operator).*

PROOF. In this case $\mathcal{O}(f, \sigma(T)) = \mathcal{O}^1$ and a \mathcal{O}^1 -scalar operator is a \mathcal{O}^∞ -scalar operator.

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