# WEYL'S THEOREMS: CONTINUITY OF THE SPECTRUM AND QUASIHYPONORMAL OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. We consider various Weyl's theorems in connection with the continuity of the reduced minimum modulus, Weyl spectrum, Browder spectrum, essential approximate point spectrum and Browder essential approximate point spectrum. If H is a Hilbert space, and  $T \in B(H)$  is a quasihyponormal operator, we prove the spectral mapping theorem for the essential approximate point spectrum and for arbitrary analytic function, defined on some neighbourhood of  $\sigma(T)$ . Also, if  $T^*$  is quasihyponormal, we prove that the *a*-Weyl's theorem holds for T.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let X be a complex infinite-dimensional Banach space and let B(X) (K(X))denote the Banach algebra of all bounded operators (the ideal of all compact operators) on X. If  $T \in B(X)$ , then  $\sigma(T)$  denotes the spectrum of T and  $\rho(T)$  denotes the resolvent set of T. It is are well-known that the following sets form semigroups of semi-Fredholm operators on X:  $\Phi_+(X) = \{T \in B(X) : \mathcal{R}(T) \text{ is closed and} \dim \mathcal{N}(T) < \infty\}$  and  $\Phi_-(X) = \{T \in B(X) : \mathcal{R}(T) \text{ is closed and} \dim \mathcal{N}(T) < \infty\}$ . The semigroup of Fredholm operators is  $\Phi(X) = \Phi_+(X) \cap \Phi_-(X)$ . If T is semi-Fredholm and  $\alpha(T) = \dim \mathcal{N}(T)$  and  $\beta(T) = \dim X/\mathcal{R}(T)$ , then we define the index by:  $i(T) = \alpha(T) - \beta(T)$ . We also consider the sets  $\Phi_0(X) = \{T \in \Phi(X) : i(T) = 0\}$ (Weyl operators),  $\Phi_+^-(X) = \{T \in \Phi_+(X) : i(T) \leq 0\}$  and  $\Phi_-^+(X) = \{T \in \Phi_-(X) : i(T) \geq 0\}$ . The following definitions are well-known: the Fredholm spectrum of T is  $\sigma_e(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : T - \lambda \notin \Phi(X)\}$ , the Weyl spectrum of

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T is  $\sigma_w(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : T - \lambda \notin \Phi_0(X)\}$  and the Browder spectrum of T is  $\sigma_b(T) = \cap \{\sigma(T+K) : TK = KT, K \in K(X)\}$ .  $\sigma_a(T)$  denotes the approximate point spectrum of  $T \in B(X)$ . Let  $\pi_{00}(T)$  be the set of all  $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$  such that  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$  and  $0 < \dim \mathcal{N}(T-\lambda) < \infty$  and let  $\pi_0(T)$  be the set of all normal eigenvalues of A, that is the set of all isolated points of  $\sigma(T)$  for which the corresponding spectral projection has finite-dimensional range. It is well-known that, for all  $T \in B(X)$  the next inclusion  $\pi_0(T) \subset \pi_{00}(T)$  holds . We say that T obeys Weyl's theorem [6,8,10], if

$$\sigma_w(T) = \sigma(T) \setminus \pi_{00}(T).$$

Let  $\pi_{a0}$  denote the set of all  $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$  such that  $\lambda$  is isolated in  $\sigma_a(T)$  and  $0 < \alpha(T-\lambda) < \infty$ . Also, by definition,  $\sigma_{ea}(T) = \bigcap \{\sigma_a(T+K) : K \in K(X)\}$  is the essential approximate point spectrum [11] and  $\sigma_{ab}(T) = \bigcap \{\sigma_a(T+K) : AK = KA, K \in K(X)\}$  is the Browder essential approximate point spectrum [12]. It is well-known that  $\sigma_{ea}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : T - \lambda \notin \Phi^-_+(X)\}$ . We say that T obeys a-Weyl's theorem [13], if

$$\sigma_{ea}(T) = \sigma_a(T) \backslash \pi_{a0}(T).$$

It is well-known that if  $T \in B(X)$  obeys *a*-Weyl's theorem, then it obeys Weyl's theorem also [13].

Let  $\Gamma_{0e}(T)$  be the union of all trivial components of the set

$$(\sigma_e(T) \setminus [\rho_{s-F}^{\pm}(T)]^-) \cup (\cup_{-\infty < n < \infty} \{ [\rho_{s-F}^n(T)]^- \setminus \rho_{s-F}^n(T) \} ),$$

where  $\rho_{s-F}^{\pm}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : T - \lambda \in \Phi_{+}(X) \cup \Phi_{-}(X), i(T - \lambda) \neq 0\}$  and  $\rho_{s-F}^{n}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : T - \lambda \in \Phi_{+}(X) \cup \Phi_{-}(X), i(T - \lambda) = n\}$ . Recall the definition of the reduced minimum modulus of T:

$$\gamma(T) = \inf \left\{ \frac{\|Ax\|}{\operatorname{dist}(x, \mathcal{N}(T))} : x \notin \mathcal{N}(T) \right\}.$$

It is well-known that  $\gamma(T) > 0$  if and only if  $\mathcal{R}(T)$  is closed.

If  $(\tau_n)$  is a sequence of compact subsets of **C**, then, by the definition, its limit inferior is liminf  $\tau_n = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : \text{ there are } \lambda_n \in \tau_n \text{ with } \lambda_n \to \lambda\}$  and its limit superior is lim sup  $\tau_n = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : \text{ there are } \lambda_{n_k} \in \tau_{n_k} \text{ with } \lambda_{n_k} \to \lambda\}$ . If liminf  $\tau_n =$  lim sup  $\tau_n$ , then lim  $\tau_n$  is defined by this common limit. A mapping p, defined on B(X), whose values are compact subsets of  $\mathbf{C}$ , is said to be upper (lower) semicontinuous at A, provided that if  $A_n \to A$  then  $\limsup p(A_n) \subset p(A)$  ( $p(A) \subset \liminf p(A_n)$ ). If p is both upper and lower semi-continuous at A, then it is said to be continuous at A and in this case  $\lim p(A_n) = p(A)$ .

Let H be a Hilbert space. We say that  $T \in B(H)$  is hyponormal provided that  $||T^*x|| \leq ||Tx||$  for all  $x \in H$ . An operator  $T \in B(H)$  is quasihyponormal, if  $||T^*Tx|| \leq ||T^2x||$  for all  $x \in H$ . Note that Weyl's theorem is proved for hyponormal and quasihyponormal operators [3,6,10]. Recall the definitions of ascent and descent of an operator in [2]. We use a(T) to denote the ascent of T. Also,  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  denotes the set of all complex-valued functions, which are defined and regular on some neighbourhood of  $\sigma(T)$ .

#### 2. General results

For the sake of completeness we recall some results from [7, Theorem 2.24].

**Theorem 2.1.** Let the spectra  $\sigma$  or  $\sigma_b$  be continuous at  $A \in B(X)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) A obeys Weyl's theorem;
- (ii) if  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}(A)$ , then  $R(A \lambda)$  is closed;
- (iii)  $\gamma(A \lambda)$  is discontinuous at every  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}(A)$ ;
- (iv)  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}(A)$  implies that  $A \lambda$  has finite ascent.

It is known that, if A obeys Weyl's theorem, then  $\sigma_w(A) = \sigma_b(A)$  [7]. Throughout this paragraph H denotes a complex infinite-dimensional separable Hilbert space, although some of the proofs are valid in Banach spaces, too.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $A \in B(H)$  obey Weyl's theorem. Then  $\sigma_w$  is continuous at A if and only if  $\sigma$  is continuous at A.

Proof. Let  $\sigma_w$  be continuous at  $A \in B(H)$  and let  $\{A_n\}$  be a sequence in B(H)such that  $A_n \to A$ . Since  $\sigma$  is upper semi-continuous, we have to show that  $\sigma$ is lower semi-continuous at A, or  $\sigma(A) \subset \liminf \sigma(A_n)$ . Let  $\lambda \in \sigma(A)$ . Then, if  $\lambda \in \sigma_w(A) \subset \sigma(A)$ , we have  $\lambda \in \sigma_w(A) \subset \liminf \sigma_w(A_n) \subset \liminf \sigma(A_n)$ . Suppose that  $\lambda \in \sigma(A) \setminus \sigma_w(A)$ . Since A obeys Weyl's theorem, we have that  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}(A)$ , so  $\lambda$  is isolated point of  $\sigma(A)$ . Now from [9, Theorem 3.26] it follows that  $\lambda \in \liminf \sigma(A_n)$ .

Now, let  $\sigma$  be continuous at A and let A obey Weyl's theorem. Since  $\pi_0(A) \subset \pi_{00}(A)$ , we have

$$\overline{\pi_0(A)} \cap \sigma_e(A) \subset \overline{\pi_{00}(A)} \cap \sigma_w(A) = \overline{\pi_{00}(A)} \cap (\sigma(A) \setminus \pi_{00}(A)) \subset \overline{\Gamma_{oe}(A)}$$

and by [1, Theorem 14.17]  $\sigma_w$  is continuous at A.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $A \in B(H)$  obey Weyl's theorem. Then  $\sigma_w$  is continuous at A if and only if  $\sigma_b$  is continuous at A.

*Proof.* Since A obeys Weyl's theorem, we have that  $\sigma_b(A) = \sigma_w(A)$ . Now, by [1, Theorem 14.17] we have that  $\sigma_w$  is continuous at A if and only if  $\sigma_b$  is continuous at A.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $\sigma_{ab}$  be continuous at  $A \in B(H)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) A obeys a-Weyl's theorem;
- (ii) if  $\lambda \in \pi_{a0}(A)$ , then  $\mathcal{R}(A \lambda)$  is closed.
- (iii)  $\lambda \in \pi_{a0}(A)$  implies that  $\gamma$  is discontinuous at  $A \lambda$ .
- (iv<sub>1</sub>) if  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}(A)$ , then descent of  $A \lambda$  is finite, and
- (iv<sub>2</sub>) if  $\lambda \in \pi_{a0}(A) \setminus \pi_{00}(A)$ , then  $\mathcal{R}(A \lambda)$  is closed.

*Proof.* Since  $\sigma_{ab}$  is continuous at A we have that  $\sigma_{ab}(A) = \sigma_{ea}(A)$  [4, Theorem 2.2].

(i) $\Leftrightarrow$ (ii) The implication  $\implies$  is obvious. To prove the opposite implication  $\Leftarrow$ , let  $A - \lambda \in \Phi_+^-(H)$ . Then  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ea}(A) = \sigma_{ab}(A)$ . Now, by [12, Corollary 2.4] it follows that  $\lambda$  is not a limit point of  $\sigma_a(A)$  and by [13, Theorem 1.1] A obeys a-Weyl's theorem.

(i) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iii) The implication  $\implies$  follows by [13, Theorem 2.4]. We prove the opposite implication. Suppose that condition (i) holds. Let  $\lambda \in \Delta_a^s(A) = \{\mu : T - \mu \in \Phi_+^-(X), 0 < \alpha(A - \mu)\}$ . Then  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ea}(A) = \sigma_{ab}(A)$  and  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma_a(A)$ . So  $\lambda \in \pi_{a0}(A)$ . The rest of the proof follows again from [13, Theorem 2.4].

(i) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iv) The implication  $\implies$  follows by [13, Theorem 2.9]. We now prove the opposite implication. We use next sets:  $\Delta_4^s(A) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i(A - \lambda) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : A - \lambda \in \Phi(X), i($ 

0},  $\Delta_{-\infty}^{s}(A) = \{\lambda \in \Delta_{a}^{s}(A) : \alpha(A-\lambda) < \beta(A-\lambda) < \infty\}$  and  $\Delta_{-\infty}^{s}(A) = \{\lambda \in \Delta_{a}^{s}(A) : \beta(A-\lambda) = \infty\}$ . Suppose that  $\lambda \in \Delta_{4}^{s}(A) \cup \Delta_{-}^{s}(A)$ . Then  $\lambda - A \in \Phi_{-}^{+}(X)$  and  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ea}(A) = \sigma_{ab}(A)$ . Now by [12], it follows that ascent of  $A - \lambda$  is finite. Suppose that  $\lambda \in \Delta_{-\infty}^{s}(A)$ . Then  $A - \lambda \in \Phi_{+}^{-}(X)$ , so  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ea}(A) = \sigma_{ab}(A)$ . By [12] we get that  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma_{a}(A)$ . There exists a neighbourhood  $B(\lambda)$  of  $\lambda$ , such that for all  $\mu \in B(\lambda) \setminus \{\lambda\}$  is satisfied  $\alpha(A) = 0$ . We get that  $\lambda$  satisfies the condition ( $\lambda$ ) of [13] or [8]. By [13, Theorem 2.9] it follows that A obeys the a-Weyl's theorem.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\sigma_a$  be continuous at  $A \in B(H)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) A obeys a-Weyl's theorem;
- (ii) if  $\lambda \in \pi_{a0}(A)$ , then  $\mathcal{R}(A \lambda)$  is closed.
- (iii)  $\gamma$  is discontinuous at  $A \lambda$ , for every  $\lambda \in \pi_{a0}(A)$ .
- (iv<sub>1</sub>) if  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}(A)$ , then descent of  $A \lambda$  is finite, and
- (iv<sub>2</sub>) if  $\lambda \in \pi_{a0}(A) \setminus \pi_{00}(A)$ , then  $\mathcal{R}(A \lambda)$  is closed.

*Proof.* The implications (i)  $\implies$  (ii), (iii), (iv) hold by [13]. Now, let  $\sigma_a$  be continuous at A, then by [1, Theorem 14.19] we have that

$$\sigma_a(A) = \pi_0(A) \cup \sigma_{le}(A) \cup \rho_{s-F}^+(A)$$

Then,  $\sigma_a(A) \setminus \sigma_{ea}(A) \subset \pi_0(A) \subset \pi_{00}(A) \subset \pi_{a0}(A)$ , so  $\sigma_a(A) \setminus \pi_{a0}(A) \subset \sigma_{ea}(A)$ .

(ii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i) Suppose that (ii) holds and let  $\lambda \in \sigma_{ea}(A)$  and  $\lambda \in \pi_{a0}(A)$ . Then  $0 < \alpha(A - \lambda) < \infty$  and by (ii)  $\mathcal{R}(A - \lambda)$  is closed. Since  $\lambda \in \sigma_{ea}(A)$  if and only if  $A - \lambda \notin \Phi_+^-(H)$  [13], we have that  $i(A - \lambda) > 0$ . By the continuity of the index, we have that  $\lambda$  is an interior point of  $\sigma_a(A)$  and we get the contradiction, since  $\lambda \in \pi_{a0}(A)$ .

(iii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i) Suppose that (iii) is valued and let  $\lambda_0 \in \pi_{a0}(A)$ . Since  $\lambda_0$  is isolated in  $\sigma_a(A)$ , there is some  $\epsilon > 0$  and a ball  $B(\lambda_0, \epsilon)$  centered in  $\lambda_0$ , such that  $B(\lambda_0, \epsilon) \cap \sigma_a(A) = \{\lambda_0\}$ . For every  $\mu \in B(\lambda_0, \epsilon) \setminus \{\lambda_0\}$  we have

$$\begin{split} \gamma(A-\mu) &= \inf_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|(A-\mu)x\|}{\|x\|} \le \inf_{\substack{x \in \mathcal{N}(A-\mu) \\ x \neq 0}} \frac{\|((A-\lambda_0) - (\mu - \lambda_0))x\|}{\|x\|} = \\ &= \inf_{\substack{x \in \mathcal{N}(A-\mu) \\ x \neq 0}} \frac{\|(\mu - \lambda_0)x\|}{\|x\|} = |\mu - \lambda_0| \,. \end{split}$$

Since  $\gamma(\cdot)$  is discontinuous at  $A - \lambda_0$  and  $\gamma(A - \mu) \to 0$ , as  $A - \mu \to A - \lambda_0$ , we have that  $\gamma(A - \lambda_0) > 0$ . Now, by (ii) we have that A obeys *a*-Weyl's theorem.

(iv)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i) Suppose that (iv) is valid and let  $\lambda \in \Delta_4^s(A) \cup \Delta_-^s(A)$ . Then  $\lambda - A \in \Phi_+^-(H)$  and  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ea}(A)$ . Since  $\sigma_a$  is continuous at A, then  $\lambda \in \pi_0(A)$ .  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma_a(A)$ , so, by [12, Corollary 2.3],  $a(A - \lambda) = \infty$  implies  $\lambda \in \sigma_{ea}(A)$ . This is a contradiction, so  $a(A - \lambda) < \infty$ .

Suppose that  $\lambda \in \Delta_{-\infty}^{s}(A)$ . Since  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ea}(A)$  we get that  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma_{a}(A)$ . From Theorem 2.4. (iv<sub>2</sub>) we have that  $\lambda$  satisfies condition ( $\lambda$ ) of [13]. By [13, Theorem 2.9] we have that A obeys the *a*-Weyl's theorem.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 2.6.** If  $A \in B(H)$  obeys a-Weyl's theorem, then  $\sigma_{ea}(A) = \sigma_{ab}(A)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\sigma_{ea}(A) \subset \sigma_{ab}(A)$  for every  $A \in B(H)$ , we have to show only the opposite inclusion.

It is known that  $\lambda \in \sigma_{ab}(A)$  if and only if  $A - \lambda \notin \Phi^-_+(H)$ , or  $a(A - \lambda) = \infty$ [12]. If  $A - \lambda \notin \Phi^-_+(H)$ , then  $\lambda \in \sigma_{ea}(A)$ . Suppose that  $A - \lambda \in \Phi^-_+(H)$  and  $a(A - \lambda) = \infty$ . Then, by [6, Theorem 2.9 (ii)], we have that  $\lambda \notin \Delta^s_4(A) \cup \Delta^s_-(A)$ , so

 $i(A-\lambda) \neq 0$  and  $\alpha(A-\lambda) \geq \beta(A-\lambda)$  implies that  $A-\lambda \notin \Phi_+^-(H)$ .

This contradiction completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $A \in B(H)$  obey a-Weyl's theorem. Then  $\sigma_{ea}$  is continuous at A if and only if  $\sigma_{ab}$  is continuous at A.

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.6 and [4, Theorem 2.2].  $\Box$ 

We shall improve Prasanna's result, concerning Weyl's theorem [12]. See also a paper of Gustafson [8]. Let  $\Delta^{-}_{+}(T)$  denote the set of all  $\lambda \in \sigma_{a}(T)$ , such that  $T - \lambda \in \Phi^{-}_{+}(X)$ . **Theorem 2.8.** Suppose that  $T \in B(X)$  such that  $\pi_{a0}(T) = \pi_0(T)$  and  $\Delta^-_+(T) \subseteq \partial \sigma_a(T)$ . Then a-Weyl's theorem holds for T.

Proof. Suppose that  $\lambda \in \pi_{a0}(T) = \pi_0(T)$ . Then  $\lambda$  has the finite algebraic multiplicity, so  $X = \mathcal{N}((T-\lambda)^p) \oplus \mathcal{R}((T-\lambda)^p)$  for some non-negative integer p[3]. Now,  $0 < \dim \mathcal{N}(T-\lambda) < \infty$ , so  $\dim \mathcal{N}((T-\lambda)^p) < \infty$ . We get that  $(T-\lambda)^p \in \Phi_0(X)$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}((T-\lambda)^p) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(T-\lambda)$ , we obtain  $T-\lambda \in \Phi(X)$ and  $i(T-\lambda) = \frac{1}{p}i((T-\lambda)^p) = 0$ , so  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{ea}(T)$ .

To prove the opposite inclusion, suppose that  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{ea}(T)$ . We know that  $T - \lambda \in \Phi^-_+(X)$  and  $0 < \alpha(T - \lambda) < \infty$ . There exists some  $\epsilon > 0$ , such that for all  $\mu$  satisfying  $0 < |\mu - \lambda| < \epsilon$ , we have that  $\alpha(T - \mu)$  is a constant, not greater than  $\alpha(T - \lambda)$  and also  $T - \mu \in \Phi^-_+(X)$ . A ball  $B(\lambda, \epsilon)$  centered at  $\lambda$ , intersects the set  $\mathbf{C} \setminus \sigma_a(T)$ , since  $\Delta^-_+(T) \subseteq \partial \sigma_a(T)$ , so we get that  $\alpha(T - \mu) = 0$  for all such  $\mu$ . Now, it is obvious that  $\lambda$  must be an isolated point of  $\sigma_a(T)$ , so  $\lambda \in \pi_{a0}(T)$ .  $\Box$ 

Notice that if  $\sigma_a(T)$  is nowhere dense, then the inclusion  $\Delta^-_+(T) \subseteq \partial \sigma_a(T)$  is valid.

**Corollary 2.9.** Let  $T \in B(X)$ . If  $\pi_{a0}(T) = \pi_0(T)$  and  $\sigma_a(T)$  is nowhere dense in **C**, then a-Weyl's theorem holds for *T*. If  $\pi_{00}(T) = \pi_0(T)$  and  $\sigma(T)$  is nowhere dense in **C**, then Weyl's theorem holds for *T*.

*Proof.* We shall prove the second statement. Since  $\sigma(T)$  is nowhere dense, we get that  $\sigma(T) = \partial \sigma(T) = \sigma_a(T)$ , so the conditions of Theorem 2.5 are valued. We get that the *a*-Weyl's theorem holds for *T*, so the Weyl's theorem holds for *T* [13].  $\Box$ 

## 3. QUASIHYPONORMAL OPERATORS

Through this paragraph H denotes a complex infinite-dimensional complex Hilbert space. The next theorem is proved by Heuser [2].

**Theorem 3.1.** Let T be a bounded operator on a Banach space X and let  $a(T) < \infty$ . If  $\alpha(T) < \infty$ , or  $\beta(T) < \infty$ , then  $\alpha(T) \leq \beta(T)$ .

The following lemma is proved in the Erovenko's paper [5]. For the sake of completeness, we give details of the proof.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let T be a quasihyponormal operator on H. If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , then  $\alpha(T - \lambda) \leq \alpha(T - \lambda)^*$ . If  $\alpha(T) < \infty$ , or  $\beta(T) < \infty$ , then  $\alpha(T) < \alpha(T^*)$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $\lambda \neq 0$ . If  $x \in \mathcal{N}(T - \lambda)$ , then  $Tx = \lambda x$  and we get  $||T^*x|| \leq |\lambda| ||x||$ . Now  $((T - \lambda)^*x, (T - \lambda)^*x) \leq 0$ , so  $x \in \mathcal{N}((T - \lambda)^*)$ . To prove the second statement, let  $T^2x = 0$ . Now (Tx, Tx) = 0, so  $x \in \mathcal{N}(T)$ . We get that a(T) = 1 and the rest of the proof follows by Theorem 3.1.  $\Box$ 

The following theorem is an improvement of Erovenko's result [5]. Using this method, Erovenko proved the next result for the Weyl spectrum and an arbitrary polynomial.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $T \in B(H)$  be quasihyponormal and  $f \in \mathcal{F}(T)$ . Then

$$\sigma_{ea}(f(T)) = f(\sigma_{ea}(T))$$
 and  $\sigma_w(f(T)) = f(\sigma_w(T)).$ 

*Proof.* We prove the first statement. Note that it is enough to prove the inclusion  $\supset$ . Suppose that  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ea}(f(T))$ . Then  $f(T) - \lambda \in \Phi^-_+(H)$  and

(1) 
$$f(T) - \lambda = c(T - \mu_1) \cdots (T - \mu_n)g(T),$$

where  $c \in \mathbf{C}$ , g(T) is invertible and the operators on the right side of (1) mutually commute. Now,  $T - \mu_i \in \Phi_+(H)$ . By Lemma 3.2 we get that  $i(T) = \alpha(T) - \alpha(T^*) \leq$ 0, so  $T - \mu_i \in \Phi_+(H)$  for all  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . So  $\lambda \notin f(\sigma_{ea}(T))$ . The proof of the second statement is analogous.  $\Box$ 

Now, we give a generalisation of Rakočević's result [11]. Notice that Rakočević proved Theorem 3.4 assuming that  $T^*$  is hyponormal.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $T \in B(H)$ , such that  $T^*$  is quasihyponormal. Then a-Weyl's theorem holds for T.

Proof. Suppose that  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T) \setminus \sigma_{ea}(T)$ . Then  $T - \lambda \in \Phi^-_+(H)$  and  $0 < \alpha(T - \lambda) < \infty$ . If  $\lambda \neq 0$ , since  $T^*$  is quasihyponormal, by Lemma 3.2 we get that  $\alpha((T - \lambda)^*) \leq \alpha(T - \lambda) < \infty$ . If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $T \in \Phi^-_+(H)$  and  $T^* \in \Phi^+_-(H)$ , so we get again  $\alpha(T^*) \leq \alpha(T) = \beta(T^*) < \infty$ . Anyway, we get  $\alpha((T - \lambda)^*) \leq \alpha(T - \lambda) < \infty$ . Obviously,  $i(T - \lambda) = \alpha(T - \lambda) - \alpha((T - \lambda)^*) \geq 0$ . Since  $T - \lambda \in \Phi^-_+(H)$ , we get that  $0 = i(T - \lambda) = i((T - \lambda)^*)$ , so  $\overline{\lambda} \notin \sigma_w(T^*)$ . It is well-known that quasihyponormal

operators obey Weyl's theorem [6,10], so  $\overline{\lambda} \in \pi_{00}(T^*)$  and  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ . Now,  $\lambda$  is isolated in  $\sigma_a(T)$  and we get that  $\lambda \in \pi_{a0}(T)$ .

To prove the other inclusion, suppose that  $\lambda_0 \in \pi_{a0}(T)$ . Then  $0 < \alpha(T-\lambda_0) < \infty$ and there is some  $\epsilon > 0$ , such that for all  $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$ , if  $0 < |\lambda - \lambda_0| < \epsilon$ , then  $\lambda \notin \sigma_a(T)$ . For all such  $\lambda$ , using Lemma 3.2, we get  $\alpha((T-\lambda)^*) \leq \alpha(T-\lambda) = 0$ . Now  $i(T-\lambda) = 0$  and  $\lambda_0$  must be an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ , so 0 must be an isolated point of  $\sigma((T-\lambda_0)^*)$ . We see that  $\beta((T-\lambda_0)^*) = \alpha(T-\lambda_0) < \infty$ , so  $(T-\lambda_0)^* \in \Phi(H)$ . Since 0 is an isolated point of  $\sigma((T-\lambda_0)^*)$ , we get  $i((T-\lambda)^*) = 0$ and  $\lambda_0 \notin \sigma_w(T) \supset \sigma_{ea}(T)$ .  $\Box$ 

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