

## Tensor product of $n$ -isometries III

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**Abstract.** A Banach space operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is  $A(m, p)$ -isometric for some  $A \in B(\mathcal{X})$ , integer  $m \geq 1$  and  $p \in (0, \infty)$  if  $\sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} \|AT^i x\|^p = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . If  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is  $A_1(m, p)$ -isometric and  $T \in B(\mathcal{Y})$  is  $A_2(n, p)$ -isometric for some  $A_1 \in B(\mathcal{X})$ ,  $A_2 \in B(\mathcal{Y})$  and integer  $n \geq 1$ , then the tensor product  $S \otimes T$  is  $(A_1 \otimes A_2)(m + n - 1, p)$ -isometric. An  $(m, p)$ -isometric operator is isometric iff it is normaloid; if  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{H}$  is a Hilbert space and  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is bounded below, then an  $A(m, 2)$ -isometric operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is  $A$ -isometric (i.e.,  $\|ATx\| = \|Ax\|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ ) iff it is similar to an isometry. It is proved that if  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is  $A(m, p)$ -isometric for some left invertible operator  $A \in B(\mathcal{X})$ , then  $S$  can not be supercyclic.

### 1. Introduction

An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , the algebra of operators (equivalently, bounded linear transformations) on a complex infinite dimensional Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  into itself, is an  $m$ -isometry for some integer  $m \geq 1$  if

$$\sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} T^{*i} T^i = 0 \iff \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} \|T^i x\|^2 = 0$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  [2, 8]. Generalising [5–7, 13], a Banach space operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is an  $(m, p)$ -isometry, for some integer  $m \geq 1$  and  $p \in (0, \infty)$ , if

$$\sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} \|T^i x\|^p = 0$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Properties of  $(m, p)$ -isometric operators have been studied by a number of authors in the recent past, see references (especially, [6, 13]). Thus  $(m, p)$ -isometric operators are bounded below with the approximate point spectrum contained in the unit circle  $\partial\mathbf{D}$  (in the complex plane). Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  be an  $(m, p)$ -isometry. If we define  $\beta_k^{(p)}(T, x) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\beta_k^{(p)}(T, x) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k}{i} \|T^i x\|^p \tag{1}$$

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for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and let  $n^{(k)}$  denote the (descending Pochhammer) symbol  $n^{(k)} = 1$  if  $n = 0$ ,  $n^{(k)} = 0$  if  $n > 0$  and  $k > n$  and  $n^{(k)} = \binom{n}{k}k!$  if  $n > 0$  and  $k \leq n$ , then [6, Proposition 2.1]

$$\|T^n x\|^p = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} n^{(k)} \beta_k^{(p)}(T, x) \tag{2}$$

for all integers  $n \geq 0$  and  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . In particular,

$$\beta_{m-1}^{(p)}(T, x) = \frac{\|T^n x\|^p}{\binom{n}{m-1}(m-1)!} \geq 0$$

with equality if and only if  $T$  is  $(m-1, p)$ -isometric.

Given Banach space operators  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $T \in B(\mathcal{Y})$ , let  $S \otimes T \in B(\mathcal{X} \otimes \mathcal{Y})$  denote the tensor product of  $S$  and  $T$ . If  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{H}$ ,  $S$  is an  $m$ -isometry and  $T$  is an  $n$ -isometry, then  $S \otimes T \in B(\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H})$  is an  $(m+n-1)$ -isometry [10, 11]. The (combinatorial) argument of the proof of [10, Theorem 2.10] is independent of the hypothesis that  $S$  and  $T$  are Hilbert space operators or that the index  $p = 2$ : Keeping in mind the fact that  $\|(S \otimes T)^i(x \otimes y)\| = \|S^i x\| \|T^i y\|$ , the argument indeed proves that “if  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is  $(m, p)$ -isometric and  $T \in B(\mathcal{Y})$  is  $(n, p)$ -isometric, then  $S \otimes T$  is  $(m+n-1, p)$ -isometric”. (A proof of this follows also from [7, Theorem 3.3].)

We consider here  $A(m, p)$ -isometries, where, for an operator  $A \in B(\mathcal{X})$ ,  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is  $A(m, p)$ -isometric if

$$\sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} \|AT^i x\|^p = 0$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Evidently, an  $I(m, p)$ -isometry is an  $(m, p)$ -isometry; if  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{H}$  is a Hilbert space, then

$$\sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} \|AT^i x\|^p = 0 \iff \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} \|A|T^i x|\|^p = 0$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , and an  $A(m, 2)$ -isometry is an  $|A|^2 - m$ -isometry of [4]. Let  $[S, T] = ST - TS$  denote the commutant of  $S, T \in B(\mathcal{X})$ . We prove in the following that if  $S$  is an  $A_1(m, p)$ -isometry and  $T$  is an  $A_2(n, p)$ -isometry for some  $A_1, A_2 \in B(\mathcal{X})$ , and  $[S, T] = [A_1, A_2] = [A_1, T] = [A_2, S] = 0$ , then  $ST$  is an  $A_1 A_2(m+n-1, p)$ -isometry. If, instead,  $S$  is an  $A(m, p)$ -isometry and  $T$  is an  $A(n, p)$ -isometry for some  $A \in B(\mathcal{X})$ , then  $[S, T] = 0$  implies  $ST$  is an  $A(m+n-1, p)$ -isometry. Translated to  $A - m$ -isometries, this generalises [4, Theorem 3.1], and translated to tensor products and left-right multiplication operators we have the following: (i) If  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is an  $A_1(m, p)$ -isometry and  $T \in B(\mathcal{Y})$  is an  $A_2(n, p)$ -isometry for some  $A_1 \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $A_2 \in B(\mathcal{Y})$ , then  $S \otimes T \in B(\mathcal{X} \otimes \mathcal{Y})$  is an  $(A_1 \otimes A_2)(m+n-1, p)$ -isometry; (ii) if  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is an  $A_1(m, p)$ -isometry and  $T^* \in B(\mathcal{Y}^*)$  is an  $A_2^*(n, p)$ -isometry for some  $A_1 \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $A_2^* \in B(\mathcal{Y}^*)$ , then the left-right multiplication operator  $L_S R_T \in \bar{B}(B(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X}))$ ,  $L_S R_T(Z) = SZT$ , is a  $(L_{A_1} R_{A_2})(m+n-1, p)$ -isometry.

An important property of  $(m, p)$ -isometric operators, which follows from (1) and (2), is that to each  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  there corresponds a positive integer  $n_0$  such that  $\|T^n x\|^p \leq \|T^{n+1} x\|^p$  all  $n \geq n_0$ . Hence, in general, the spectral radius  $r(T) = 1$  of an  $(m, p)$ -isometry  $T$  is less than its norm  $\|T\|$ . We prove that an  $(m, p)$ -isometry  $T$  is normaloid, i.e.  $r(T) = \|T\|$ , if and only if it is isometric. This generalises some results from [9]. For Hilbert space operators  $A, T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $A$  is bounded below and  $T$  is  $A(m, 2)$ -isometric, it is seen that  $T$  is  $A$ -isometric if and only if it is similar to an isometry. Finally, we prove that if an operator  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is  $A(m, p)$ -isometric for some left invertible operator  $A \in B(\mathcal{X})$ , then  $S$  can not be supercyclic.

## 2. Results

Unless otherwise stated, we assume in the following that  $A, S$  are operators in  $B(\mathcal{X})$  such that  $S$  is an  $A(m, p)$ -isometry. The following facts about  $A(m, p)$ -isometries are easily derived (argue as in [6, 13].

(a). Defining  $\beta_k^{(p)}(A, S, x)$  by replacing  $\|T^i x\|^p$  by  $\|AS^i x\|^p$  in the right-hand-side of (1), we have from (2) that

$$\|AS^n x\|^p = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} n^{(k)} \beta_k^{(p)}(A, S, x) \tag{3}$$

for all  $n \geq 0$  and  $x \in X$ . Furthermore,

$$\beta_{m-1}^{(p)}(A, S, x) = \frac{\|AS^n x\|^p}{\binom{n}{m-1}(m-1)!} \geq 0 \tag{4}$$

with equality if and only if  $S$  is  $A(m-1, p)$ -isometric.

(b).  $A(m, p)$ -isometries are generally not bounded below: consider operators  $A, T \in B(X)$  such that  $T$  is not bounded below and  $AT = A$ , when it is seen that  $T$  is  $A(m, p)$ -isometric for all  $m \geq 1$ . If, however,  $0 \notin \sigma_a(A)$ , the approximate point spectrum of  $A$ , then  $\sigma_a(S)$  is contained in the boundary  $\partial D$  of the unit disc  $D$ . In particular, if  $0 \notin \sigma_a(A)$ , then  $S$  is bounded below,  $\sigma(S) = \overline{D}$  if  $S$  is not invertible and  $\sigma(S) \subseteq \partial D$  if  $S$  is invertible.

(c).  $S$  is  $A(n, p)$ -isometric for all integers  $n \geq m$ . In particular, if we let  $t \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  with  $n > 1$ , then

$$\sum_{j=0}^{m+n-1} (-1)^{m+n-1-j} \binom{m+n-1}{j} \prod_{i=0}^t (j-i) \|AS^j x\|^p = 0 \tag{5}$$

for all  $x \in X$  (cf. [7, Lemma 3.2]). Clearly, if  $S$  is invertible, then  $S^{-1}$  is  $A(n, p)$ -isometric for all integers  $n \geq m$ .

(d). Let  $k$  be a non-negative integer. If we let  $\widehat{\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (k-j)} = k(k-1)\cdots(k-j+1)(k-j-1)\cdots(k-m+1)$  ( $= \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (k-j)$  but with the factor  $(k-j)$  missing from the product), then a straightforward verification for values  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$  coupled with [13, Proposition 3.7(i)] shows that

$$\|AS^k x\|^p = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{(-1)^{m-1-j}}{j!(m-1-j)!} \widehat{\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (k-j)} \|AS^j x\|^p$$

for all integers  $k \geq 0$  and  $x \in X$ . Evidently, given integers  $k \geq 0$  and  $m > 1$ , there exists a finite sequence  $\{a_{ji}\}_{i=0}^{m-1}$  such that

$$\widehat{\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (k-j)} = a_{j0} + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} a_{ji} \prod_{t=0}^{i-1} (k-t).$$

Hence, for all  $k$  and  $x \in X$ ,

$$\|AS^k x\|^p = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{(-1)^{m-1-j}}{j!(m-1-j)!} \{a_{j0} + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} a_{ji} \prod_{t=0}^{i-1} (k-t)\} \|AS^j x\|^p. \tag{6}$$

We prove next our main result. Our proof of the theorem borrows from the argument of the proof of [7, Theorem 3.3].

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $S \in B(X)$  is  $A_1(m, p)$ -isometric and  $T \in B(X)$  is  $A_2(n, p)$ -isometric for some operators  $A_1, A_2 \in B(X)$  such that  $[S, T] = [A_1, A_2] = [A_1, T] = [A_2, S] = 0$ , then  $S_1 S_2$  is  $A_1 A_2(m+n-1, p)$ -isometric. If, instead,  $S$  is  $A(m, p)$ -isometric and  $T$  is  $A(n, p)$ -isometric for some operator  $A \in B(X)$ , then  $[S, T] = 0$  implies  $ST$  is  $A(m+n-1, p)$ -isometric.*

*Proof.* If we define  $f(x) = f(A_1, A_2, S, T, x)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{m+n-1} (-1)^{m+n-1-k} \binom{m+n-1}{k} \|A_1 A_2 (ST)^k x\|^p \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{m+n-1} (-1)^{m+n-1-k} \binom{m+n-1}{k} \|A_1 S^k (A_2 T^k x)\|^p, \end{aligned}$$

then using equality (6), the fact that  $T$  is an  $A_2(m+n-1, p)$ -isometry and identity (5) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{m+n-1} (-1)^{m+n-1-k} \binom{m+n-1}{k} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{(-1)^{m-1-j}}{j!(m-1-j)!} \{a_{j0} + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} a_{ji} \prod_{t=0}^{i-1} (k-t)\} \|A_1 S^j (A_2 T^k x)\|^p \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{(-1)^{m-1-j}}{j!(m-1-j)!} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{m+n-1} (-1)^{m+n-1-k} \binom{m+n-1}{k} \{a_{j0} + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} a_{ji} \prod_{t=0}^{i-1} (k-t)\} \|A_2 T^k (A_1 S^j x)\|^p \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{(-1)^{m-1-j}}{j!(m-1-j)!} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} a_{ji} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{m+n-1} (-1)^{m+n-1-k} \binom{m+n-1}{k} \prod_{t=0}^{i-1} (k-t) \|A_2 T^k (A_1 S^j x)\|^p \right\} \right] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $ST$  is  $A_1 A_2(m+n-1, p)$ -isometric.

If  $A_1 = A_2 = A$ , then the argument above goes through with  $\|A_1 A_2 (ST)^k\|^p$  replaced by  $\|A(ST)^k x\|^p$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Theorem 2.1 extends [4, Theorem 3.1] and [7, Theorem 3.3]. We consider next applications of Theorem 2.1 to tensor products and the elementary operator of left-right multiplication, starting with tensor products.

**Tensor products.** Given two Banach spaces  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$ , let  $\overline{\mathcal{X} \otimes \mathcal{Y}}$  denote the completion, endowed with a reasonable uniform cross-norm, of the algebraic tensor product  $\mathcal{X} \otimes \mathcal{Y}$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$ ; let, for  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $T \in B(\mathcal{Y})$ ,  $S \otimes T \in B(\overline{\mathcal{X} \otimes \mathcal{Y}})$  denote the tensor product operator defined by  $S$  and  $T$ . It is easily seen that  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is  $A(m, p)$ -isometric for some  $A \in B(\mathcal{X})$  (resp.,  $T \in B(\mathcal{Y})$  is  $A(m, p)$ -isometric for some  $A \in B(\mathcal{Y})$ ) if and only if  $S \otimes I \in B(\overline{\mathcal{X} \otimes \mathcal{Y}})$  is  $(A \otimes I)(m, p)$ -isometric (resp.,  $(I \otimes T) \in B(\overline{\mathcal{X} \otimes \mathcal{Y}})$  is  $(I \otimes A)(m, p)$ -isometric). Trivially, the operators  $C \otimes I$  and  $I \otimes D$  commute for all  $C \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $D \in B(\mathcal{Y})$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** *If  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is  $A_1(m, p)$ -isometric and  $T \in B(\mathcal{Y})$  is  $A_2(n, p)$ -isometric for some operators  $A_1 \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $A_2 \in B(\mathcal{Y})$ , then  $S \otimes T$  is  $(A_1 \otimes A_2)(m+n-1, p)$ -isometric.*

*Proof.* Apply Theorem 2.1 to the  $(A_1 \otimes I)(m, p)$ -isometric operator  $S \otimes I \in B(\overline{\mathcal{X} \otimes \mathcal{Y}})$  and  $(I \otimes A_2)(n, p)$ -isometric operator  $I \otimes T \in B(\overline{\mathcal{X} \otimes \mathcal{Y}})$ .  $\square$

#### Left-right multiplication operator $\Delta_{ST}$ .

Recall from [12, Page 50] that a pair  $\langle \mathcal{X}, \tilde{\mathcal{X}} \rangle$  of Banach spaces is a *dual pairing* if either  $\tilde{\mathcal{X}} = \mathcal{X}^*$  or  $\mathcal{X} = \tilde{\mathcal{X}}^*$ . Let  $x \otimes y', x \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $y' \in \mathcal{Y}^*$ , denote the rank one operator  $\mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ ,  $y \rightarrow \langle y, y' \rangle x$ . An *operator ideal*  $J$  between Banach spaces  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $\mathcal{X}$  is a linear subspace of  $B(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X})$  equipped with a Banach norm  $\alpha$  such that

(i)  $x \otimes y' \in J$  and  $\alpha(x \otimes y') = \|x\| \|y'\|$ ;

(ii)  $\Delta_{ST}(A) = L_S R_T(A) = SAT$  and  $\alpha(SAT) \leq \|S\| \alpha(A) \|T\|$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $y' \in \mathcal{Y}^*$ ,  $A \in J$ ,  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $T \in B(\mathcal{Y})$  [12, Page 51]. Thus defined, each  $J$  is a tensor product relative to the dual pairings  $\langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}^* \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathcal{Y}^*, \mathcal{Y} \rangle$  and the bilinear mappings

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}^* &\rightarrow J, \quad (x, y') \rightarrow x \otimes y', \\ B(\mathcal{X}) \times B(\mathcal{Y}^*) &\rightarrow B(J), \quad (S, T^*) \rightarrow S \otimes T^*, \end{aligned}$$

where  $S \otimes T^*(A) = SAT (= L_S R_T(A) = \Delta_{S,T}(A))$ . The following corollary is now evident from Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.2.

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $S, A_1 \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $T^*, A_2^* \in B(\mathcal{Y}^*)$ . If  $S$  is  $A_1(m, p)$ -isometric and  $T^*$  is  $A_2^*(n, p)$ -isometric, then  $\Delta_{S,T}$  is  $\Delta_{A_1, A_2}(m + n - 1, p)$ -isometric.*

**Isometric  $(m, p)$ -isometries.** If  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is an invertible  $(2, p)$ -isometry, then  $\|Sx\| \geq \|x\|$  and  $(S^{-1})$  is  $(2, p)$ -isometric, and hence  $\beta_1^{(p)}(S^{-1}, x) \geq 0$  implies  $\|S^{-1}y\| \geq \|y\|$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ . Letting  $y = Sx$ , this implies  $\|Sx\| = \|x\|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Hence “an invertible operator  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is  $(2, p)$ -isometric if and only if it is isometric”. This does not extend to non-invertible  $(2, p)$ -isometries [13, Example 1.2] and to invertible  $(m, p)$ -isometries for  $m \geq 3$  [13, Example 4.10(i)]. Recall, [6, Proposition 3.1] (also see [1]), that if  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is an  $(m, p)$ -isometry and  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , then there is a natural number  $n_0 = n_0(x)$  such that  $\|S^n x\| \leq \|S^{n+1} x\|$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . This implies that an  $(m, p)$ -isometry  $S$  is either power bounded or  $\|S^n\| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Power bounded  $(m, p)$ -isometries are normaloid.

**Theorem 2.4.** *If  $S \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is  $(m, p)$ -isometric, then the following statements are mutually equivalent:*

- (i)  $S$  is normaloid (i.e.,  $r(S) = \|S\|$ ).
- (ii)  $S$  is power bounded (i.e.,  $\sup_n \|S^n\| < \infty$ ).
- (iii)  $S$  is a contraction (i.e.,  $\|S\| \leq 1$ ).
- (iv)  $S^k$  is a contraction for some natural number  $k$ .
- (v)  $S$  is isometric.

*Proof.* The hypothesis  $S$  is  $(m, p)$ -isometric implies  $\|S^n x\|^p = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} n^{(k)} \beta_k^{(p)}(S, x)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , and so

$$0 \leq \beta_{m-1}^{(p)}(S, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|S^n x\|^p}{n^{m-1}} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|S\|^{np} \|x\|^p}{n^{m-1}}. \tag{7}$$

If  $S$  is normaloid, then (the fact that  $\sigma(S) \subseteq \overline{\mathbf{D}}$  implies)  $r(S) = \|S\| = \|S^n\| = 1$  (for all natural numbers  $n$ ), and hence

$$\beta_{m-1}^{(p)}(S, x) = 0,$$

i.e.,  $S$  is  $(m - 1, p)$ -isometric. Repeating the argument we eventually have that  $S$  is  $(1, p)$ -isometric (equivalently, isometric). Since an isometry is necessarily normaloid, we have proved (i)  $\iff$  (v). Evidently, (v) implies (ii), (iii) and (iv). If  $\sup_n \|S^n\| \leq c < \infty$ , then (by (7) above)  $\beta_{m-1}^{(p)}(S, x) = 0$ . Repeating the argument (as above) it follows that  $T$  is isometric, and hence (ii) implies (v). That (iii) and (iv) imply (v) being evident, the proof is complete.  $\square$

Theorem 2.4 partially extends to  $A(m, p)$ -isometric  $S$ : If  $S$  is  $A(m, p)$  isometric and either of the conditions (i) to (iv) of Theorem 2.4 is satisfied, then  $S$  is  $A$ -isometric. An  $A$ -isometric operator  $S$  need not be isometric (indeed, even be bounded below or have spectrum in the closed unit disc): Consider  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , when it is seen that  $AS = A$  (implies  $S$  is  $A$ -isometric) and  $S$  is not even a contraction. As stated above, a condition on  $A$  ensuring  $S$  is a bounded below  $A(m, p)$ -isometry with  $\sigma(S) \subseteq \overline{\mathbf{D}}$  is that  $0 \notin \sigma_a(A)$ . Now choose  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{H}$  to be a Hilbert space, and let  $S \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be an  $A(m, 2)$ -isometry for some  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$ . Then, for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} \|S^i x\|^2 = 0 &\iff \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} S^{*i} |A|^2 S^i = 0 \\ \iff \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} \|A|S^i x\|^2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose additionally that  $A$  is injective. Then, [3, Page 1464], there exists an operator  $S^\sharp \in B(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $|A|^2 S^\sharp = S^* |A|^2$ . Thus, if  $S$  is  $A(m, 2)$ -isometric, then

$$\sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} S^{*i} |A|^2 S^i = 0 \iff \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} S^{\sharp i} S^i = 0$$

(which implies that  $S$  is left invertible). The operator  $S^\sharp$  is (the so called)  $|A|^2$ -adjoint of  $S$  [3] and is given by  $S^\sharp = |A|^2 S^* |A|^2$ , where  $C^\dagger$  represents the Moore–Penrose inverse of the operator  $C$ . It is clear from the foregoing that a sufficient condition for  $S$  to be  $A$ -isometric is that  $S$  is normaloid.

Let us assume now that  $0 \notin \sigma_a(A)$ ,  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , and  $S \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is  $A(m, 2)$ -isometric. Then  $|A|^2$  is invertible,  $\sigma(S) = \overline{\mathbf{D}}$  if  $S$  is not invertible,  $\sigma(S) \subseteq \partial \mathbf{D}$  if  $S$  is invertible, and the norms  $\|x\|^2 = (x, x)$  and  $\|x\|_A^2 = (Ax, Ax)$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , are equivalent. If  $S$  is  $A$ -isometric, then there exists an isometry  $V$  such that  $|A|^{-1} V |A| = S$  (i.e.,  $S$  is similar to an isometry) [3, Corollary 3.4]. Thus, if  $S$  is  $A$ -isometric, then  $S$  is power bounded (indeed, similar to an isometry). Since  $S$  is power bounded implies  $S$  is  $A$ -isometric, we have:

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $A, S \in B(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $0 \notin \sigma_a(A)$  and  $S$  is  $A(m, 2)$ -isometric, then  $S$  is  $A$ -isometric if and only if it is similar to an isometry.*

**Supercyclicity.** An operator  $S \in B(X)$ ,  $X$  necessarily separable, is supercyclic with supercyclic vector  $x \in X$  if scalar multiples of the orbit  $\text{Orb}(S, x) = \{x, Sx, S^2x, S^3x, \dots\}$  are dense in  $X$ . Let  $S$  be  $A(m, p)$ -isometric for some  $A \in B(X)$  such that  $0 \notin \sigma_a(A)$ . Assume that  $S$  is supercyclic with a supercyclic vector  $x$ . Then  $S$  has a dense range, and hence, since  $S$  is already (see above) bounded below,  $S$  is invertible (with  $S^{-1}$  an  $A(m, p)$ -isometry). Let  $y \in X$ . Then there is a subsequence  $\{n_i\}$  of the sequence of natural numbers and a sequence  $\{\lambda_{n_i}\}$  of scalars such that  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n_i} S^{n_i} x = y$ . Recall that there exists a natural number  $n_0$  such that  $\|AS^n y\| \leq \|AS^{n+1} y\|$  for all  $n \geq n_0$  and  $y \in X$ . Hence

$$\|Ay\| = \|\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n_i} AS^{n_i} x\| \leq \|AS(\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n_i} S^{n_i} x)\| = \|ASy\|$$

for all  $y \in X$ . Since  $S^{-1}$  is also supercyclic and  $A(m, p)$ -isometric,  $\|Az\| \leq \|AS^{-1}z\|$  for all  $z \in X$ . Thus

$$\|Ay\| = \|ASy\| = \|AS^{-1}y\|$$

for all  $y \in X$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $A \in B(X)$  and let  $S \in B(X)$  be  $A(m, p)$ -isometric. If  $A$  is left invertible, then  $S$  can not be supercyclic.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $S$  is supercyclic. Then, letting  $A^\ell$  denote the left inverse of  $A$ , the argument above implies that  $\|S^n\| \leq \|A^\ell\| \|A\|$  for all integers  $n$  (including 0), i.e.,  $S$  is doubly power bounded and hence a generalised scalar operator [14, Theorem 1.5.13]. Since generalised scalar operators (on a Banach space of dimension greater than 1) have a non-trivial closed invariant linear subspace [14, Proposition 1.5.11], we have a contradiction.  $\square$

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