



On the joint spectra of commuting tuples of operators and a conjugation

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Abstract. In this paper we show that if $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n)$ is a commuting n -tuple of Hilbert space operators and C is a conjugation, then $\sigma(\mathbf{CTC}) = \sigma(\mathbf{T})^*$, where $\sigma(\mathbf{CTC}) = (CT_1C, \dots, CT_nC)$, $\sigma(\mathbf{T})$ is the Taylor spectrum of \mathbf{T} and $\sigma(\mathbf{T})^* = \{\bar{z} = (\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n) : z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \sigma(\mathbf{T})\}$. We characterize joint approximate point spectra of m -symmetric tuples, m -complex symmetric tuples, skew m -complex symmetric tuples, $[m, C]$ -symmetric tuples and skew $[m, C]$ -symmetric tuples.

1. Introduction

Let \mathcal{H} be a complex Hilbert space with the inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ and $B(\mathcal{H})$ be the set of all bounded linear operators on \mathcal{H} . In [6], S. Jung, E. Ko and Ji Eun Lee showed that if C is a conjugation and $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$, then $\sigma(CTC) = \sigma(T)^*$, $\sigma_a(CTC) = \sigma_a(T)^*$ and $\sigma_p(CTC) = \sigma_p(T)^*$, where $\sigma(T)$, $\sigma_a(T)$ and $\sigma_p(T)$ are the spectrum, the approximate point spectrum and the point spectrum of T , respectively. An antilinear operator C is said to be a conjugation if C satisfies $C^2 = I$, $\langle Cx, Cy \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$, where I is the identity of $B(\mathcal{H})$. We have some results of m -complex isometric, $[m, C]$ -isometric and others for single operators. Please see [1], [2] and [3] for results and examples of these classes.

In this paper we show that if C is a conjugation and $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ is a commuting n -tuple, then we show $\sigma(\mathbf{CTC}) = \sigma(\mathbf{T})^*$, $\sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{CTC}) = \sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{T})^*$ and $\sigma_{jp}(\mathbf{CTC}) = \sigma_{jp}(\mathbf{T})^*$, where $\mathbf{CTC} = (CT_1C, \dots, CT_nC)$, and $\sigma(\mathbf{T})$, $\sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{T})$ and $\sigma_{jp}(\mathbf{T})$ are the Taylor spectrum, the joint approximate point spectrum and the joint point spectrum of \mathbf{T} , respectively. Finally we characterize joint approximate point spectra of m -symmetric tuples, m -complex symmetric tuples, skew m -complex symmetric tuples, $[m, C]$ -symmetric tuples and skew $[m, C]$ -symmetric tuples.

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2. Preparation

For a commuting n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$, we explain the Taylor spectrum $\sigma(\mathbf{T})$ of \mathbf{T} shortly. Let E^n be the exterior algebra on n generators, that is, E^n is the complex algebra with identity e generated by indeterminates e_1, \dots, e_n . Let $E_k^n(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{H} \otimes E_k^n$. Define $d_k^n : E_k^n(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow E_{k-1}^n(\mathcal{H})$ by

$$d_k^n(x \otimes e_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{j_k}) := \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i-1} T_{j_i} x \otimes e_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \check{e}_{j_i} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{j_k},$$

where \check{e}_{j_i} means deletion. We denote d_k^n by d_k simply. We think Koszul complex $E(\mathbf{T})$ of \mathbf{T} as follows:

$$(*) \quad E(\mathbf{T}) : 0 \rightarrow E_n(\mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_n} E_{n-1}(\mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} \dots \xrightarrow{d_2} E_1(\mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_1} E_0(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow 0.$$

It is easy to see that $E_k^n(\mathcal{H}) \cong \overbrace{\mathcal{H} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{H}}^{\frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}}$ ($k = 1, \dots, n$).

Definition 2.1. A commuting n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ is said to be nonsingular if and only if the Koszul complex $E(\mathbf{T})$ is exact.

Definition 2.2. For a commuting n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$, $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \notin \sigma(\mathbf{T})$ (Taylor spectrum) if $\mathbf{T} - z = (T_1 - z_1, \dots, T_n - z_n)$ is nonsingular.

About the definition of the Taylor spectrum, see details J. L. Taylor [7] and [8].

The joint approximate point spectrum of $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ is denoted by $\sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{T})$, i.e., $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{T})$ if and only if there exists a sequence $\{x_k\}$ of unit vectors such that

$$(T_j - z_j)x_k \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, n.$$

The joint point spectrum $\sigma_{jp}(\mathbf{T})$ of $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ is the set of all $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ which there exists a nonzero vector x such that $(T_j - z_j)x = 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, n$.

3. Result

First we need the following result by R. Curto [1].

Theorem 3.1. For a commuting n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$, $0 = (0, \dots, 0) \notin \sigma(\mathbf{T})$ if and only if

$$\alpha(\mathbf{T}) := \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots \\ d_2^* & d_3 & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & d_4^* & \cdots & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \text{ is invertible on } \overbrace{\mathcal{H} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{H}}^{2^{n-1}},$$

where d_k is the mapping of $(*)$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots, n$).

For a conjugation C on \mathcal{H} , let $CTC = (CT_1C, \dots, CT_nC)$. If $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n)$ is a commuting n -tuple, then CTC is also commuting n -tuple.

Lemma 3.2. For a commuting n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ and any conjugation C , $0 = (0, \dots, 0) \notin \sigma(\mathbf{T})$ if and only if $0 = (0, \dots, 0) \notin \sigma(\mathbf{CTC})$, where $\mathbf{CTC} = (CT_1C, \dots, CT_nC)$.

Proof. It holds $CT_iC \cdot CT_jC = CT_iT_jC$ and $(CT_iC)^* = CT_i^*C$. Hence we have

$$\alpha(\mathbf{CTC}) = \begin{pmatrix} C & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & C & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & C \end{pmatrix} \cdot \alpha(\mathbf{T}) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} C & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & C & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & C \end{pmatrix}$$

on $\underbrace{\mathcal{H} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{H}}_{2^{n-1}}$. Since $\tilde{C} = \underbrace{C \oplus \cdots \oplus C}_{2^{n-1}}$ is a conjugation on $\underbrace{\mathcal{H} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{H}}_{2^{n-1}}$, it holds that $\alpha(\mathbf{T})$ is invertible if and only if $\alpha(\mathbf{CTC})$ is invertible. \square

Remark 3.3. By Theorem 1.1 of [5], if $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, T_2) \in B(\mathcal{H})^2$ is a commuting pair, then \mathbf{T} is nonsingular if and only if

$$\alpha(\mathbf{T}) = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ -T_2^* & T_1^* \end{pmatrix}$$

is invertible on $\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{H}$. Let $\mathbf{CTC} = (CT_1C, CT_2C)$. Then we have

$$\alpha(\mathbf{CTC}) = \begin{pmatrix} CT_1C & CT_2C \\ -(CT_2C)^* & (CT_1C)^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C & 0 \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \cdot \alpha(\mathbf{T}) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} C & 0 \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix}.$$

By this equality, it holds $\alpha(\mathbf{T})$ is invertible if and only if $\alpha(\mathbf{CTC})$ is invertible. So Lemma 3.2 is clear.

Theorem 3.4. For a commuting n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ and any conjugation C , it holds $\sigma(\mathbf{CTC}) = \sigma(\mathbf{T})^*$, $\sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{CTC}) = \sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{T})^*$ and $\sigma_{jp}(\mathbf{CTC}) = \sigma_{jp}(\mathbf{T})^*$ for any conjugation C , where $E^* = \{\bar{z} = (\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n) : z \in E\} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$.

Proof. It holds that $(C(T_1 - z_1)C, \dots, C(T_n - z_n)C) = (CT_1C - \bar{z}_1, \dots, CT_nC - \bar{z}_n) = \mathbf{CTC} - \bar{z}$, where $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$. Hence proof follows from Lemma 3.2. \square

4. Properties of joint approximate point spectra of commuting tuples

Definition 4.1. For a commuting n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$, we define $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbf{T})$ by

$$\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbf{T}) = \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \left(\sum_{|j|=k} \frac{k!}{j!} \mathbf{T}^{*j} \cdot \mathbf{T}^j \right).$$

$\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n)$ is said to be an m -isometric tuple if $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbf{T}) = 0$.

Then in [5] J. Gleason and S. Richter proved the following result.

Proposition 4.1. (Lemma 3.2, [5])

Let $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ be an m -isometric tuple. If $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{T})$, then $|z|^2 = |z_1|^2 + \cdots + |z_n|^2 = 1$.

We introduce m -symmetric tuples as follows.

Definition 4.2. Let, for commuting n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ and $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$,

$$\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{T}}(A) := (T_1 + \dots + T_n)^* A - A(T_1 + \dots + T_n).$$

An n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ is said to be an m -symmetric tuple if

$$\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{T}}^m(I) = 0.$$

Then it holds

$$\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{T}}^m(I) = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*)^{m-j} (T_1 + \dots + T_n)^j.$$

Theorem 4.2. Let $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ be an m -symmetric commuting tuple of operators. If $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{T})$, then $z_1 + \dots + z_n$ is a real number.

Proof. Let $\{x_k\}$ be a sequence of unit vectors such that

$$(T_j - z_j)x_k \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Since then \mathbf{T} is m -symmetric, it holds

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \left\langle \left(\sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*)^{m-j} (T_1 + \dots + T_n)^j \right) x_k, x_k \right\rangle \\ &\rightarrow \left(\overline{(z_1 + \dots + z_n)} - (z_1 + \dots + z_n) \right)^m \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $z_1 + \dots + z_n$ is a real number. \square

We define a m -complex symmetric tuple and skew m -complex symmetric tuple as follows:

Definition 4.3. For a commuting n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ and a conjugation C , we define $r_m(\mathbf{T}; C)$ and $\mathcal{R}_m(\mathbf{T}; C)$ by

$$r_m(\mathbf{T}; C) := \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*)^{m-j} (CT_1 C + \dots + CT_n C)^j$$

and

$$\mathcal{R}_m(\mathbf{T}; C) = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*)^{m-j} (CT_1 C + \dots + CT_n C)^j.$$

A commuting n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n)$ is said to be a m -complex symmetric tuple and a skew m -complex symmetric tuple with a conjugation C if $r_m(\mathbf{T}; C) = 0$ and $\mathcal{R}_m(\mathbf{T}; C) = 0$, respectively.

Theorem 4.3. Let $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n)$ be a commuting n -tuple.

- (1) If \mathbf{T} is an m -complex symmetric tuple with a conjugation C and $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{T})$, then $(\overline{z_1} + \dots + \overline{z_n})$ belongs to the approximate point spectrum of $T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*$. Hence if $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \sigma_{jp}(\mathbf{T})$, then $(\overline{z_1} + \dots + \overline{z_n}) \in \sigma_p(T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*)$.
- (2) If \mathbf{T} is a skew m -complex symmetric tuple with a conjugation C and $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{T})$, then $-(\overline{z_1} + \dots + \overline{z_n})$ belongs to the approximate point spectrum of $T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*$. Hence if $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \sigma_{jp}(\mathbf{T})$, then $-(\overline{z_1} + \dots + \overline{z_n}) \in \sigma_p(T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*)$.

Proof. Let $\{x_k\}$ be a sequence of unit vectors such that

$$(T_j - z_j)x_k \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, n.$$

(1) If \mathbf{T} is an m -complex symmetric tuple with a conjugation C , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*)^{m-j} (CT_1C + \dots + CT_nC)^j \right) Cx_k \right\| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left((T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*) - (\overline{z_1} + \dots + \overline{z_n}) \right)^m Cx_k \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{Cx_k\}$ is a sequence of unit vectors, $\overline{z_1} + \dots + \overline{z_n}$ belongs to the approximate point spectrum of $T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*$. In the case of the joint point spectrum, it is clear.

(2) If \mathbf{T} is a skew m -complex symmetric tuple with a conjugation C , it holds

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*)^{m-j} (CT_1C + \dots + CT_nC)^j \right) Cx_k \right\| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left((T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*) + (\overline{z_1} + \dots + \overline{z_n}) \right)^m Cx_k \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have $-(\overline{z_1} + \dots + \overline{z_n})$ belongs to the approximate point spectrum of $T_1^* + \dots + T_n^*$. It is clear for eigenvalue case. \square

Next we define an $[m, C]$ -symmetric tuple and a skew $[m, C]$ -symmetric tuple as follows:

Definition 4.4. For a commuting n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ and a conjugation C , we define $w_m(\mathbf{T}; C)$ and $\mathcal{W}_m(\mathbf{T}; C)$ by

$$w_m(\mathbf{T}; C) = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (CT_1C + \dots + CT_nC)^{m-j} (T_1 + \dots + T_n)^j$$

and

$$\mathcal{W}_m(\mathbf{T}; C) = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (CT_1C + \dots + CT_nC)^{m-j} (T_1 + \dots + T_n)^j.$$

A commuting n -tuple $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n)$ is said to be an $[m, C]$ -symmetric tuple and a skew $[m, C]$ -symmetric tuple with a conjugation C if $w_m(\mathbf{T}; C) = 0$ and $\mathcal{W}_m(\mathbf{T}; C) = 0$, respectively.

Theorem 4.4. Let $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in B(\mathcal{H})^n$ be a commuting n -tuple.

- (1) If \mathbf{T} is an $[m, C]$ -symmetric tuple with a conjugation C and $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{T})$, then $(\overline{z_1} + \dots + \overline{z_n})$ belongs to the approximate point spectrum of $T_1 + \dots + T_n$. Hence, if $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \sigma_{jp}(\mathbf{T})$, then $(\overline{z_1} + \dots + \overline{z_n}) \in \sigma_p(T_1 + \dots + T_n)$.
- (2) If \mathbf{T} is a skew $[m, C]$ -symmetric tuple with a conjugation C and $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \sigma_{ja}(\mathbf{T})$, then $-(\overline{z_1} + \dots + \overline{z_n})$ belongs to the approximate point spectrum of $T_1 + \dots + T_n$. Hence, if $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \sigma_{jp}(\mathbf{T})$, then $-(\overline{z_1} + \dots + \overline{z_n}) \in \sigma_p(T_1 + \dots + T_n)$.

Proof. Let $\{x_k\}$ be a sequence of unit vectors such that

$$(T_j - z_j)x_k \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, n.$$

(1) If \mathbf{T} is an $[m, C]$ -symmetric tuple with a conjugation C , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (CT_1C + \dots + CT_nC)^{m-j} (T_1 + \dots + T_n)^j \right) x_k \right\| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left((CT_1C + \dots + CT_nC) - (z_1 + \dots + z_n) \right)^m x_k \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $z_1 + \dots + z_n$ belongs to the approximate point spectrum of $CT_1C + \dots + CT_nC = C(T_1 + \dots + T_n)C$ and therefore, by Lemma 3.21 of [6], we have $\bar{z}_1 + \dots + \bar{z}_n \in \sigma_a(T_1 + \dots + T_n)$. In the case of the joint point spectrum, it is clear.

(2) If \mathbf{T} is skew $[m, C]$ -symmetric with a conjugation C , it holds

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (CT_1C + \dots + CT_nC)^{m-j} (T_1 + \dots + T_n)^j \right) x_k \right\| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left((CT_1C + \dots + CT_nC) + (z_1 + \dots + z_n) \right)^m x_k \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have $-(z_1 + \dots + z_n) \in \sigma_a(CT_1C + \dots + CT_nC) = \sigma_a(C(T_1 + \dots + T_n)C)$. By Lemma 3.21 of [6], we have $-(\bar{z}_1 + \dots + \bar{z}_n) \in \sigma_a(T_1 + \dots + T_n)$. It is clear in the eigenvalue case. \square

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