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**CLOSEDNESS AND SKEW SELF-ADJOINTNESS OF NADIR'S OPERATOR**

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we present some sufficient conditions which ensure the compactness, the normality, the positivity, the closedness and the skew self-adjointness for bounded and unbounded Nadir's operator on a Hilbert space. We get also when the measurement of its adjointness is null and other related results are also established.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $H$  be a complex Hilbert space. We denote by  $B(H)$  the algebra of bounded linear operators on  $H$ ,  $C(H)$  the set of densely defined closed linear operators on  $H$ , and by  $D(A)$  the domain of unbounded operator  $A$ ,  $A^*$  is the adjoint of  $A$ . Bounded operators are assumed to be defined on the whole Hilbert space. An unbounded operator  $N$  is called a Nadir's operator if  $N = AB^* - BA^*$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are bounded or unbounded densely defined operators.

Recall that the unbounded operator  $A$ , defined on Hilbert space  $H$ , is said to be invertible if there exists an *everywhere defined* bounded operator  $B$  such that

$$BA \subset AB = I$$

where  $I$  is usual identity operator.

An unbounded operator  $A$  is said to be closed if its graph is closed, Self-adjoint (resp. Skew self-adjoint) if  $A^* = A$  (resp.  $A^* = -A$ ), normal if it is closed and  $AA^* = A^*A$ .

The standard and the known definition of the sum and the product of two operators  $A$  and  $B$  with domains respectively  $D(A)$  and  $D(B)$  is

- $(A + B)x = Ax + Bx$  for  $x \in D(A + B) = D(A) \cap D(B)$
- $(AB)x = A(Bx)$  for  $x \in B^{-1}(D(A))$

The study of unbounded Nadir's operator is difficult because, if we talk about adjoints, then the results are not better. For instance, the adjoint of  $AB$  if both operators are unbounded does not always equal to  $B^*A^*$ , and the adjoint of  $A + B$  does not equal to  $A^* + B^*$ ,  $A^{**}$  also does not equal to  $A$  unless  $A$  is closed operator, the product  $AB$  and the sum  $A + B$  of two closed operators does not always closed, and it's possible to  $A$  is densely defined but  $A^*$  and  $AB$  does not, look at [1], [2], [3], [6], [8].

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $A$  be a densely defined operator, if  $A$  is invertible then it is closed.*

**Theorem 1.2.**  *$A$  is invertible if and only if  $A^*$  is invertible and  $(A^*)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^*$*

**Lemma 1.3.** *The product  $AB$  of two closed operators is closed if*

- $A$  is invertible
- $B$  is bounded

**Remark 1.1.** If  $A$  and  $B$  are two unbounded and invertible operators, then  $AB$  is invertible and  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .

**Proposition 1.4.**

- $A$  is left and right invertible simultaneously, then  $A$  is invertible.
- $A$  right or left invertible unbounded self adjoint operator, then  $A$  is invertible.
- $A$  right or left invertible unbounded normal operator, then  $A$  is invertible.

**Lemma 1.5.** *If  $A$  and  $B$  are densely defined and  $A$  is invertible with inverse  $A^{-1}$  in  $B(H)$ , then  $(BA)^* = A^*B^*$ .*

**Theorem 1.6.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two unbounded normal and invertible operators then*

$$AB = BA \Rightarrow AB^* = B^*A; \quad BA^* = A^*B.$$

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two unbounded, normal and invertible operators, if  $AB = BA$ , then  $AB^*$  and  $BA^*$  are normal.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**2.1. Boundedness of nadir's operator.** In this case, we study the Nadir's operator  $N = AB^* - BA^*$ , with  $A$  and  $B$  are two bounded operators. If  $A$  or  $B$  is a compact operator then the operator  $N = AB^* - BA^*$  is also compact one.

The operator  $N = AB^* - BA^*$  is a Skew self-adjoint operator and  $N^2$  is a negative one. Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} N^* &= (AB^* - BA^*)^* = (AB^* - (AB^*)^*) \\ &= (AB^*)^* - AB^* = BA^* - AB^* = -N. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$N^2 = NN = -N^*N,$$

the operator  $N^*N$  is a positive one

$$\langle N^*Nx, x \rangle = \|Nx\|^2 \geq 0.$$

The eigenvalues of the operator  $N$  are purely imaginary and the operator  $I - N$  is invertible.

Let  $T \in B(H)$  be an operator has a unique representation  $T = R + iS$  where  $R$  and  $S$  are self adjoint operators [7], so

$$\begin{aligned} N &= AB^* - BA^* = AB^* - (AB^*)^* \\ &= (R + iS) - (R - iS) = 2iS. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $I - N$  is invertible.

**2.2. Unboundedness of nadir's operator.** In this case, we study the Nadir's operator  $N = AB^* - BA^*$ , with  $A$  and  $B$  are densely defined operators.

Let  $A$  be unbounded operator, then  $A^*B^* \subset (BA)^*$  for any unbounded operator  $B$  and if  $BA$  is densely defined. Besides  $(BA)^* = A^*B^*$  if  $B$  is bounded.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $A$  be unbounded and invertible operator, then  $A^n$  is a closed operator. Moreover if  $A^n$  is densely defined for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , then  $(A^n)^* = (A^*)^n$ . Besides if  $A$  is a normal operator then  $A^n$  is also normal.*

Indeed, the operator  $A$  is a closed because it's densely defined and invertible and the same for  $A^2 = AA$  because  $A$  is closed and invertible and so on  $A^n$ . For  $n = 1$ ,  $A^* = A^*$  is true,  $n = 2$ ,  $(A^2)^* = (AA)^* = A^*A^* = (A^*)^2$  is true. Assume it is true for  $n$ ,  $(A^n)^* = (A^*)^n$  this implies

$$(A^{n+1})^* = (A^nA)^* = A^*(A^n)^* = A^*(A^*)^n = (A^*)^{n+1}.$$

Hence  $(A^n)^* = (A^*)^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$

The operator  $A$  is a normal then

$$\begin{aligned} (AA^*)^n &= A^n(A^*)^n = A^n(A^n)^* \\ &= (A^*A)^n = (A^*)^nA^n = (A^n)^*A^n. \end{aligned}$$

### 3. CLOSEDNESS AND SKEW SELF-ADJOINTNESS OF NADIR'S OPERATOR

Recall that the unbounded operator  $A$ , defined on Hilbert space  $H$ , is said to be *Hermitian* if  $A \subset A^*$ , and said to be *Skew-Hermitian* if  $A \subset -A^*$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two unbounded and invertible operators such that  $AB^*$  is densely defined. If the Nadir's operator  $N$  is densely defined then it is Skew-Hermitian operator.*

Since  $A$  and  $B$  are two unbounded and invertible operators and  $AB^*$  is densely defined, then  $BA^*$  is also densely defined. It is clear that

$$(BA^*)^* - (AB^*)^* \subset (BA^* - AB^*)^*.$$

Next  $(AB^*)^* = BA^*$  and  $(BA^*)^* = AB^*$ , then we may write

$$\begin{aligned} N &= AB^* - BA^* \\ &= (BA^*)^* - (AB^*)^* \subset (BA^* - AB^*)^* = -(AB^* - BA^*)^* = -N^*. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $N$  is skew-Hermitian operator.

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two unbounded and invertible operators such that  $R(B^*) \subset D(A)$ . If the Nadir's operator  $N$  is densely defined then it is skew-Hermitian operator*

Indeed, since  $A$  and  $B$  be two unbounded and invertible operators and  $R(B^*) \subset D(A)$  then  $AB^*$  and  $BA^*$  are densely defined operators.

Let  $S = AB^*$  be unbounded, densely defined, normal and invertible operator. If  $D(S^*S^{-1}) \subset D(S)$  then

- $N = S - S^*$  is closed operator on  $D(S^*)$ .
- If  $N = S - S^*$  is densely defined then he is Skew Self-adjoint operator.

The hypothesis,  $D(S^*S^{-1}) \subset D(S)$  cannot merely be dropped. As counter example, let  $S$  be densely defined, self-adjoint and invertible operator with domain  $D(S) \subsetneq H$  where  $H$  is a complex Hilbert space. Then  $S - S^* = 0$  on  $D(S)$  is not closed. Moreover,  $S$  is normal operator (because he is Self-adjoint operator) but

$$D(S^*S^{-1}) = D(SS^{-1}) = D(I) = H \not\subset D(S).$$

### 4. CONCLUSION

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two unbounded operators such that  $D(BA^*(AB^*)^{-1}) \subset D(AB^*)$  then the Nadir's operator  $N = AB^* - BA^*$  is closed on  $D(BA^*)$  if

$B$  is invertible,  $AB^*$  is normal and invertible operator, or  $A$  and  $B$  are two normal and left (or right) invertible operators such that  $AB^*$  is densely defined and  $AB = BA$ . If in addition  $N$  is densely defined operator, then the Nadir's operator  $N$  is Skew self-adjoint (normal operator).

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