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## ON THE CLASS OF TOTALLY POLYNOMIALLY POSINORMAL OPERATORS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we proved that if  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is totally  $P$ -posinormal operator with  $P(z) = z^n + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_j z^j$ ,  $c_1 > 0$ , then  $\ker(T - zI) \subseteq \ker(T - zI)^*$ . Moreover, we study spectral continuity and range kernel orthogonality of these class of operators.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space and  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  denotes the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . For  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , the nullspace and range of  $T$  are denoted as  $\mathcal{N}(T)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(T)$  respectively. An operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *hyponormal* if  $T^*T \geq TT^*$ , *M-hyponormal* if  $\|(T - zI)^*x\| \leq M\|(T - zI)x\|$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , and said to be *dominant* if for each  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , there exist a constant  $M(z) \geq 0$  such that  $\|(T - zI)^*x\| \leq M(z)\|(T - zI)x\|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ . It is well known that all the *M-hyponormal* operators are dominant.

An operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *posinormal* if  $\lambda^2 T^*T \geq TT^*$ , for some  $\lambda \geq 0$  ([12]).  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *polynomially (P)-posinormal* if  $\lambda^2 T^*T \geq P(T)P(T^*)$ , where  $P(z)$  is a polynomial with zero constant term and for some  $\lambda \geq 0$  ([11]). If  $P(z) = z$ , then all the posinormal operator are polynomially (P)-posinormal. An operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *totally P-posinormal* if  $\|(P(T - zI))^*x\| \leq M(z)\|(T - zI)x\|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , where  $P(z)$  is a polynomial with zero constant term and  $M(z)$  is bounded on compact sets of  $\mathbb{C}$  ([11]). In general,

$$\text{hyponormal} \subset M\text{-hyponormal} \subset \text{totally } P\text{-posinormal}.$$

An operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is dominant if and only if  $T - zI$  is posinormal for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  ([12]).

## 2. PROPERTIES OF TOTALLY P-POSINORMAL OPERATORS

Now, we prove that part of a totally *P*-posinormal operator on a closed subspace is again a totally *P*-posinormal operator.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$  which is invariant under  $T$ . If  $T$  is totally *P*-posinormal operator, then  $T|_{\mathcal{M}}$  is totally *P*-posinormal.*

*Proof.* Let  $P(z) = z^n + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_j z^j$ . Let  $x \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $Q$  be an orthogonal projection on to  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Since  $QT^*|_{\mathcal{M}} = (T|_{\mathcal{M}})^*$ ,

$$(T|_{\mathcal{M}} - zI)^*x = Q(T - zI)^*x.$$

$$Q(T^*)^2|_{\mathcal{M}} = (T^2|_{\mathcal{M}})^*, ((T|_{\mathcal{M}} - zI)^2)^*x = Q(T - zI)^*{}^2x.$$

Hence,  $((T|_{\mathcal{M}} - zI)^n)^*x = Q(T - zI)^*{}^n x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Thus,  $(P(T|_{\mathcal{M}} - zI))^*x = Q(P(T - zI))^*x$ .

Since  $T$  is totally *P*-posinormal, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(P(T|_{\mathcal{M}} - zI))^*x\| &= \|Q(P(T - zI))^*x\| \\ &\leq M(z)\|(T - zI)x\| \\ &= M(z)\|(T|_{\mathcal{M}} - zI)x\|. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. ■

Let  $\mathcal{PB}$  denotes the collection of all totally *P*-posinormal operators, where  $P(z) = z^n + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_j z^j, c_1 > 0$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T \in \mathcal{PB}$ , then  $\mathcal{N}(T - zI) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(T - zI)^*$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is totally *P*-posinormal operator, we have

$$(2.1) \quad (P(T - zI))(P(T - zI))^* \leq M(z)^2(T - zI)^*(T - zI)$$

Let  $x \in \mathcal{N}(T - zI)$ . From equation (2.1), we have

$$(P(T - zI))(P(T - zI))^*x = 0.$$

Therefore,  $\|(P(T - zI))^* x\|^2 = 0$ . Hence,  $x \in \mathcal{N}((P(T - zI))^*)$ .

Thus,  $\overline{c_1}(T - zI)^* x = -(T - zI)^{*n} x + \sum_{j=2}^{n-1} -\overline{c_j}(T - zI)^{*j} x$ .

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\overline{c_1}(T - zI)^* x\| &\leq \|(P(T - zI))^* x\| \\ &\leq M(z)\|(T - zI)x\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x \in \mathcal{N}(T - zI)$ , we have  $\overline{c_1}(T - zI)^* x = 0$ . As  $c_1 > 0$ , we have  $(T - zI)^* x = 0$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{N}(T - zI) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(T - zI)^*$ . ■

Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\lambda$  be an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ . Then there exist  $D_\lambda = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - \lambda| \leq r\}$  with  $D_\lambda \cap \sigma(T) = \{\lambda\}$ . The operator defined by

$$E_\lambda = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D_\lambda} (zI - T)^{-1} dz$$

is called *Riesz projection* of  $T$  with respect to  $\lambda$ , where  $\partial D_\lambda$  denotes the boundary of  $D_\lambda$ . It is well known that the Riesz projection  $E_\lambda$  satisfies the properties  $E_\lambda^2 = E_\lambda$ ,  $E_\lambda T = T E_\lambda$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)$  ([2]).

$T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to satisfy the property  $H(q)$ , if  $H_0(T - \lambda I) = \mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I)^q$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and for some integer  $q \geq 1$ , where  $H_0(T) = \{x \in \mathcal{H} : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0\}$ . It is well known that totally  $P$ -posinormal operators satisfy the property  $H(q)$ . Hence the following theorem holds for bounded totally  $P$ -posinormal operators by ([6]).

**Theorem 2.3.** ([6]) *Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T \in \mathcal{PB}$  and  $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda\}$ , then  $T = \lambda I$ .*

In ([2]), M Cho and Y M Han proved that if  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is a  $M$ -hyponormal operator, then  $\mathcal{N}(E_\lambda) = \mathcal{R}(T - \lambda I)$ . Now we prove this result holds for bounded totally  $P$ -posinormal operators also. For proving the result we use the following.

**Theorem 2.4.** ([9]) *Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $E_\lambda$  be the Riesz projection with respect to an isolated eigen value  $\lambda$ . Then*

- (1)  $E_\lambda$  is a projection.
- (2)  $\mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(E_\lambda)$  are invariant under  $T$ .
- (3)  $\sigma(T|_{\mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)}) = \{\lambda\}$  and  $\sigma(T|_{\mathcal{N}(E_\lambda)}) = \sigma(T) \setminus \{\lambda\}$ .
- (4)  $\mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** *Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is a totally  $P$ -posinormal operator and  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ . Then  $\mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I) = \mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)$ .*

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.4, we have  $\mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)$ .

Restriction  $T|_{\mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)}$  is totally  $P$ -posinormal, by Theorem 2.1. Since  $\lambda$  is an isolated eigen value of  $T$ , we have  $\sigma(T|_{\mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)}) = \{\lambda\}$ , by Theorem 2.4.

If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $\sigma(T|_{\mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)}) = \{0\}$ . From Theorem 2.3, we have  $T|_{\mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)} = 0$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{R}(E_\lambda) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(T)$ . If  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then  $\sigma(T|_{\mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)}) = \{\lambda\}$ . Thus  $\sigma(T|_{\mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)} - \lambda I|_{\mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)}) = \{0\}$ . From Theorem 2.3, we have  $(T - \lambda I)|_{\mathcal{R}(E_\lambda)} = 0$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{R}(E_\lambda) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I)$ . ■

For  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , let  $\sigma_p(T)$  and  $\sigma_a(T)$  denotes the point spectrum and approximate point spectrum of  $T$ . If  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T)$  and  $\bar{\lambda} \in \sigma_p(T^*)$ , then  $\lambda$  is in the joint point spectrum,  $\sigma_{jp}(T)$ . If  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T)$  and  $\bar{\lambda} \in \sigma_a(T^*)$ , then we say that  $\lambda$  is in the joint approximate point spectrum,  $\sigma_{ja}(T)$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** [1] *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex Hilbert space. Then there exists a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{K} \supset \mathcal{H}$  and  $\phi : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$  satisfying the following properties for every  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ .*

- (1)  $\phi(A^*) = \phi(A)^*$ ,  $\phi(I_{\mathcal{H}}) = I_{\mathcal{K}}$ ,  $\phi(\alpha A + \beta B) = \alpha\phi(A) + \beta\phi(B)$ ,  
 $\phi(AB) = \phi(A)\phi(B)$ ,  $\|\phi(A)\| = \|A\|$ ,  $\phi(A) \leq \phi(B)$  if  $A \leq B$
- (2)  $\phi(A) \geq 0$  if  $A \geq 0$
- (3)  $\sigma_a(A) = \sigma_a(\phi(A)) = \sigma_p(\phi(A))$ .
- (4)  $\sigma_{ja}(A) = \sigma_{jp}(\phi(A))$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T \in \mathcal{PB}$ , then  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_{ja}(T)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is totally  $P$ -posinormal,

$$(2.2) \quad M(z)^2(T - zI)^*(T - zI) - (P(T - zI))(P(T - zI))^* \geq 0$$

Hence from Theorem 2.6, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & M(z)^2(\phi(T) - zI)^*(\phi(T) - zI) - (P(\phi(T) - zI))(P(\phi(T) - zI))^* \\ &= M(z)^2\phi((T - zI)^*)\phi(T - zI) - \phi(P(T - zI))\phi(P(T - zI))^* \\ &= \phi(M(z)^2(T - zI)^*(T - zI) - (P(T - zI))(P(T - zI))^*). \end{aligned}$$

Also from equation (2.2) and Theorem 2.6, we have

$$\phi(M(z)^2(T - zI)^*(T - zI) - (P(T - zI))(P(T - zI))^*) \geq 0.$$

Hence  $\phi(T)$  is totally  $P$ -posinormal.

From Theorem 2.6, we have  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_p(\phi(T))$ . Since  $\phi(T)$  is totally  $P$ -posinormal, we have  $\mathcal{N}(\phi(T) - zI) \subset \mathcal{N}(\phi(T) - zI)^*$  (from Theorem 2.2). Hence,  $\sigma_p(\phi(T)) = \sigma_{jp}(\phi(T))$ . From Theorem 2.6,  $\sigma_{jp}(\phi(T)) = \sigma_{ja}(T)$ . Hence  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_{ja}(T)$ . ■

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T \in \mathcal{PB}$ , then*

- (1) *If  $\sigma(T) = \{0\}$ , then  $T$  is nilpotent.*
- (2) *The matrix representation of  $T$  on  $\mathcal{H} = N(T - \lambda I) \oplus (N(T - \lambda I))^{\perp}$  is*

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda I & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\lambda$  is a nonzero eigen value of  $T$ . Also  $\lambda \notin \sigma_p(B)$  for some operator  $B$  and  $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda\} \cup \sigma(B)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\sigma(T) = \{0\}$ , it follows from Theorem 2.3 that  $T = 0$ . Hence  $T$  is nilpotent.

Let  $\lambda$  be a nonzero eigen value of  $T$ . Since  $T \in \mathcal{PB}$ , by Theorem 2.2, we have  $\mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I)^*$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I)^{\perp}$  is invariant under  $T$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I)$  reduces  $T$ . Thus,

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda I & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $B = T|_{\mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I)^{\perp}}$ . Let  $x \in \mathcal{N}(B - \lambda I)$ . Then

$$(T - \lambda I) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ (B - \lambda I)x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence,  $x \in \mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I)$ . Since  $B = T|_{\mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I)^{\perp}}$ , we have  $x \in \mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I)^{\perp}$ . Thus,  $x = 0$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{N}(B - \lambda I) = 0$ . i.e,  $\lambda \notin \sigma_p(B)$ . Since  $T = \lambda I \oplus B$ , we have  $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda\} \cup \sigma(B)$ . ■

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  denotes the set of all compact and bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$  respectively. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and the function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  is upper continuous (lower continuous) at  $x_0$  if for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(x) \subseteq (f(x_0))_{\epsilon}$  (respectively,  $f(x_0) \subseteq (f(x))_{\epsilon}$ ) for all  $x$  with  $d(x, x_0) < \delta$ , where  $(f(x_0))_{\epsilon} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{dist}(z, f(x_0)) < \epsilon\}$ . Define spectral

map  $\sigma : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}$ , which maps  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  to spectrum of  $T$  ([3]). Spectral properties are studied for many class of operators for instant ([4, 5, 7, 13, 15]). Now we discuss the continuity of spectral map on the set of all totally  $P$ -posinormal operators.

**Theorem 2.9.** *The spectral map  $\sigma$  is continuous on all class of  $\mathcal{PB}$  operators.*

*Proof.* Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $T \in \mathcal{PB}$ . Then from Theorem 2.8, if  $\sigma(T) = \{0\}$ , then  $T$  is nilpotent. Also from the proof of Theorem 2.6,  $\phi(T)$  is totally  $P$ -posinormal. From Theorem 2.8 and [5, Theorem 1.1], we have the spectral map  $\sigma$  is continuous on the set of all totally  $P$ -posinormal operators. ■

### 3. FINITE OPERATOR

An operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be a *finite operator* if

$$\|I - (TX - XT)\| \geq 1$$

for all  $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  ([14]). Finite operator is a starting point of commutator approximation, which has many applications in quantum theory. In [14], J P Williams proved that all normal and hyponormal operators are finite. Properties of finite operators is studied in [10].

Next we show that bounded  $T \in \mathcal{PB}$  is a finite operator.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T \in \mathcal{PB}$ , then  $T$  is a finite operator.*

*Proof.* First we show that  $\sigma_{ja}(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $z \in \sigma_a(T)$ . Then there exist a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x_n\| = 1$  and  $(T - zI)x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $T$  is totally  $P$ -posinormal, we have

$$\|(P(T - zI))^*x_n\| \leq M(z)\|(T - zI)x_n\|.$$

Hence,  $\|(P(T - zI))^*x_n\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We have,

$$(P(T - zI))^*x_n = (T - zI)^*x_n + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \bar{c}_j (T - zI)^{*j}x_n$$

Hence,

$$\bar{c}_1(T - zI)^*x_n = (P(T - zI))^*x_n - (T - zI)^*x_n + \sum_{j=2}^{n-1} -\bar{c}_j(T - zI)^{*j}x_n. \text{ Since } c_1 > 0, \text{ we}$$

have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{c}_1(T - zI)^*x_n\| &\leq \|(P(T - zI))^*x_n\| + \|(T - zI)^*x_n\| + \sum_{j=2}^{n-1} \bar{c}_j(T - zI)^{*j}x_n\| \\ &\leq 2\|(P(T - zI))^*x_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|(P(T - zI))^*x_n\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\|\bar{c}_1(T - zI)^*x_n\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . As  $c_1 > 0$ ,  $\|(T - zI)^*x_n\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence,  $\bar{z} \in \sigma_a(T^*)$ . Thus,  $z \in \sigma_{ja}(T)$ . Hence  $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_{ja}(T)$ . Since  $\partial\sigma(T) \subset \sigma_a(T)$ , we have  $\sigma_{ja}(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence, from [14, Theorem 6]  $T$  is a finite operator. ■

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a complex Banach space. Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{F}$ . If  $\|a\| \leq \|a + zb\|$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  then we say that  $a$  is orthogonal to  $b$  in the sense of Birkhoff. Geometrically it means that the line  $\{a + zb : z \in \mathbb{C}\}$  is tangent to the open ball centered at zero and having radius  $\|a\|$  ([10]).

If

$$\|A\| \leq \|A - (TX - XT)\|$$

for all  $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and for all  $A \in \mathcal{N}(\delta_T)$ , where  $\delta_T(X) = TX - XT$ , then we say that  $R(\delta_T)$  is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{N}(\delta_T)$ .

Next we show that  $R(\delta_T)$  is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{N}(\delta_T)$  for a totally  $P$ -posinormal operator. For proving the result we use the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T \in \mathcal{PB}$  and  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is a normal operator with  $AT = TA$ . Then*

$$|\lambda| \leq \|A - (TX - XT)\|$$

for all  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(A)$  and for all  $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(A)$ . If  $\lambda = 0$ , the result trivially holds. If  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Let  $D_\lambda = \mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I)$ . Since  $A$  is a normal operator with  $AT = TA$  and by Fuglede-Putnam theorem, we have  $A^*T = TA^*$ . Hence  $D_\lambda$  reduces  $T$  and  $A$ . Thus the matrix representation of  $T$  and  $A$  on  $D_\lambda \oplus D_\lambda^\perp$  is

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & T_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda I & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \\ X_3 & X_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } A - (TX - XT) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda I - (T_1 X_1 - X_1 T_1) & B \\ R & S \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $B, R, S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|A - (TX - XT)\| &\geq \|\lambda I - (T_1 X_1 - X_1 T_1)\| \\ &= |\lambda| \left\| I - \left( T_1 \frac{X_1}{\lambda} - \frac{X_1}{\lambda} T_1 \right) \right\| \end{aligned}$$

Since  $D_\lambda$  is invariant under  $T$  and  $T_1 = T|_{D_\lambda}$ , we have  $T_1$  is a totally  $P$ -posinormal operator from Theorem 2.1. Also from Theorem 3.1,  $T_1$  is a finite operator. Therefore,  $\|A - (TX - XT)\| \geq |\lambda|$ . ■

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $T \in \mathcal{PB}$  and  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is a normal operator with  $AT = TA$ . Then  $R(\delta_T)$  is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{N}(\delta_T)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\phi$  be the function as mentioned in Theorem 2.6. Since  $A$  is normal,  $\phi(A)$  is normal. Since  $T$  is totally  $P$ -posinormal and from the proof of Theorem 2.7, we have  $\phi(T)$  is totally  $P$ -posinormal. Also from Theorem 3.1,  $\phi(T)$  is a finite operator. Since  $AT = TA$ ,  $\phi(A)\phi(T) = \phi(T)\phi(A)$ . Let  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(\phi(A))$ . From Theorem 3.2, we have

$$(3.1) \quad |\lambda| \leq \|\phi(A) - (\phi(T)\phi(X) - \phi(X)\phi(T))\| = \|A - (TX - XT)\|,$$

for all  $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Since  $\phi(A)$  and  $A$  are normal, we have

$$(3.2) \quad \|\phi(A)\| = \sup_{\mu \in \sigma(\phi(A))} |\mu| \text{ and } \|A\| = \sup_{\mu \in \sigma(A)} |\mu|$$

Since  $A$  is normal and from Theorem 2.6, we have  $\sigma(A) = \sigma_a(A) = \sigma_p(\phi(A))$ . Hence from equation (3.1) and equation (3.2), we have

$$\|\phi(A)\| = \|A\| \leq \|A - (TX - XT)\|,$$

for all  $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . ■

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