

# On $k$ –Quasi Class $Q^*$ Operators

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**Abstract** Let  $T$  be a bounded linear operator on a complex Hilbert space  $H$ . In this paper we introduce a new class of operators:  $k$  –quasi class  $Q^*$  operators. An operator  $T$  is said to be  $k$  –quasi class  $Q^*$  if it satisfies

$\|T^*T^k\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \|T^{k+2}x\|^2 + \|T^kx\|^2 \right)$ , for all  $x \in H$ , where  $k$  is a natural number. We prove the basic properties of this class of operators.

**Keywords:**  $k$  –quasi class  $Q^*$ , quasi class  $Q^*$ ,  $k$  –quasi – \* –paranormal operators, quasi – \* –paranormal operators

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## 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, let  $H$  be a complex Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Let  $L(H)$  denote the  $C^*$  algebra of all bounded operators on  $H$ . For  $T \in L(H)$ , we denote by  $\ker T$  the null space, by  $T(H)$  the range of  $T$  and by  $\sigma(T)$  the spectrum of  $T$ . The null operator and the identity on  $H$  will be denoted by 0 and  $I$ , respectively. If  $T$  is an operator, then  $T^*$  is its adjoint, and  $\|T\| = \|T^*\|$ . For an operator  $T \in L(H)$ , as usual  $|T| = (T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

We shall denote the set of all complex numbers by  $\mathbb{C}$ , the set of all non-negative integers by  $\mathbb{N}$  and the complex conjugate of a complex number  $\lambda$  by  $\bar{\lambda}$ . The closure of a set  $M$  will be denoted by  $\bar{M}$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is a positive operator,  $T \geq 0$ , if  $\langle Tx, x \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x \in H$ . We write  $r(T)$  for the spectral radius. It is well known that  $r(T) \leq \|T\|$ . The operator  $T$  is called normaloid if  $r(T) = \|T\|$ . The operator  $T$  is an isometry if  $\|Tx\| = \|x\|$ , for all  $x \in H$ . The operator  $T$  is called unitary operator if  $T^*T = TT^* = I$ .

An operator  $T \in L(H)$ , is said to be paranormal [4], if  $\|Tx\|^2 \leq \|T^2x\|$  for any unit vector  $x$  in  $H$ . Further,  $T$  is said to be \* –paranormal [1,9], if  $\|T^*x\|^2 \leq \|T^2x\|$  for any unit vector  $x$  in  $H$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$ , is said to be quasi –paranormal operator if  $\|T^2x\|^2 \leq \|T^3x\|\|Tx\|$ , for all  $x \in L(H)$ .

Mecheri [7] introduced a new class of operators called  $k$  –quasi paranormal operators. An operator  $T$  is called  $k$  –quasi –paranormal if  $\|T^{k+1}x\|^2 \leq \|T^{k+2}x\|\|T^kx\|$ , for all  $x \in H$ , where  $k$  is a natural number. An operator  $T$  is called quasi – \* –paranormal [8,11], if  $\|T^*Tx\|^2 \leq \|T^3x\|\|Tx\|$ , for all  $x \in H$ .

An operator  $T$  is called  $k$  –quasi – \* –paranormal if  $\|T^*T^kx\|^2 \leq \|T^{k+2}x\|\|T^kx\|$  for all  $x \in H$ , where  $k$  is a natural number, [6].

Shen, Zuo and Yang [13] introduced a new class of operator quasi – \* –class  $A$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is said to be a quasi – \* –class  $A$ , if  $T^*|T^2|T \geq T^*|T^*|^2T$ .

Mecheri [12] introduced  $k$  –quasi – \* –class  $A$  operator. An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is said to be a  $k$  –quasi – \* –class  $A$ , if  $T^{*k}|T^2|T^k \geq T^{*k}|T^*|^2T^k$ .

Duggal, Kubrusly, Levan [3] introduced a new class of operators, the class  $Q$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$  belongs to class  $Q$  if  $T^{*2}T^2 - 2T^*T + I \geq 0$ , or equivalent  $\|Tx\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}(\|T^2x\|^2 + \|x\|^2)$ , for all  $x \in H$ .

Senthilkumar, Prasad [10] introduced a new class of operators, the class  $Q^*$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$  belongs to class  $Q^*$  if  $T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I \geq 0$ , or equivalent  $\|T^*x\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}(\|T^2x\|^2 + \|x\|^2)$  for all  $x \in H$ .

Senthilkumar, Naik and Kiruthika [2] introduced a new class of operators, the quasi class  $Q^*$ . An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is said to belong to the quasi class  $Q^*$  if  $T^{*3}T^3 - 2(T^*T)^2 + T^*T \geq 0$ , or equivalent  $\|T^*Tx\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}(\|T^3x\|^2 + \|Tx\|^2)$  for all  $x \in H$ .

Now we introduce the class of  $k$  –quasi class  $Q^*$  operators defined as follows:

**Definition 1.1.** An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is said to be of the  $k$  –quasi class  $Q^*$  if

$$\|T^*T^kx\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \|T^{k+2}x\|^2 + \|T^kx\|^2 \right),$$

for all  $x \in H$ , where  $k$  is a natural number.

**Remark 1.2.** For  $k = 1$ , a 1 –quasi class  $Q^*$  operators is a quasi class  $Q^*$  operators.

## 2. Main Results

**Proposition 2.1.** An operator  $T \in L(H)$  is of the  $k$  –quasi class  $Q^*$ , if and only if

$$T^{*k} (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I)T^k \geq 0,$$

where  $k$  is a natural number.

**Proof:** Since  $T$  is operator of the  $k$  -quasi class  $Q^*$ , then

$$2\|T^*T^kx\|^2 \leq \|T^{k+2}x\|^2 + \|T^kx\|^2,$$

for all  $x \in H$ , where  $k$  is a natural number.

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T^{k+2}x, T^{k+2}x \rangle - 2\langle T^*T^kx, T^*T^kx \rangle + \langle T^kx, T^kx \rangle \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \langle T^{*(k+2)}T^{k+2}x, x \rangle - 2\langle (T^*T^k)^*T^*T^kx, x \rangle \\ & + \langle T^*T^kx, x \rangle \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \langle T^{*(k+2)}T^{k+2}x, x \rangle - 2\langle T^*T^kTT^*T^kx, x \rangle \\ & + \langle T^*T^kx, x \rangle \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \langle T^*T^k(T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I)T^kx, x \rangle \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in H$ , where  $k$  is a natural number.

The last relation is equivalent to

$$T^{*k} (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I)T^k \geq 0.$$

From the definition of the class  $Q^*$  operators, quasi class  $Q^*$  operators and the proposition 2.1 we see that every operator of the class  $Q^*$  and every operator of the quasi class  $Q^*$  is also an operator of the  $k$  -quasi class  $Q^*$ . Thus, we have the following implication:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{class } Q^* & \subseteq \text{quasi class } Q^* \subseteq k\text{-quasi class } Q^* \\ & \subseteq (k+1)\text{-quasi class } Q^*. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.2.** A weighted shift operator  $T$  with decreasing weighted sequence  $(\alpha_n)$  is an operator of the  $k$  -quasi class  $Q^*$  if and only if

$$\alpha_{n+k}^2 \alpha_{n+k+1}^2 - 2\alpha_{n+k-1}^2 + 1 \geq 0,$$

for all  $n$ .

**Proof:** Since  $T$  is a weighted shift operator, its adjoint  $T^*$  is also a weighted shift operator, then:

$$\begin{aligned} T(e_n) &= \alpha_n e_{n+1}, \\ T^*e_n &= \overline{\alpha_{n-1}} e_{n-1}, \\ TT^*e_n &= \alpha_{n-1}^2 e_n, \\ (T^{*2}T^2)e_n &= \alpha_n^2 \alpha_{n+1}^2 e_n. \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $T$  is an operator of the  $k$  -quasi class  $Q^*$ , then after some calculations we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & T^{*k} (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I)T^k \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \alpha_n^2 \alpha_{n+1}^2 \dots \alpha_{n+k-1}^2 (\alpha_{n+k}^2 \alpha_{n+k+1}^2 - 2\alpha_{n+k-1}^2 + 1) \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \alpha_{n+k}^2 \alpha_{n+k+1}^2 - 2\alpha_{n+k-1}^2 + 1 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now we will give an example of 2 -quasi class  $Q^*$  operator which is not 1 -quasi class  $Q^*$  operator.

**Example 2.3.** Consider the operator  $T$  in  $l_2$  defined by  $T(x) = (0, \alpha_1 x_1, \alpha_2 x_2, \alpha_3 x_3, \dots)$ , where

$$\alpha_1 = 2, \alpha_n = 1, n \geq 2.$$

Then  $T$  is an operator of the 2 -quasi class  $Q^*$ , but this operator is not 1 -quasi class  $Q^*$ .

Given:

$$T(x) = (0, \alpha_1 x_1, \alpha_2 x_2, \alpha_3 x_3, \dots),$$

$$T^*(x) = (\alpha_1 x_2, \alpha_2 x_3, \alpha_3 x_4, \dots).$$

Now from the proposition 2.1 and corollary 2.2, for 2 -quasi class  $Q^*$  operator we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T^{*2} (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I)T^2x, x \rangle \\ &= \alpha_1^2 \alpha_2^2 (\alpha_3^2 \alpha_4^2 - 2\alpha_2^2 + 1) \|x_1\|^2 \\ &+ \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3^2 (\alpha_4^2 \alpha_5^2 - 2\alpha_3^2 + 1) \|x_2\|^2 + \dots = 0. \end{aligned}$$

But for 1 -quasi class  $Q^*$  operator we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T^* (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I)Tx, x \rangle \\ &= \alpha_1^2 (\alpha_2^2 \alpha_3^2 - 2\alpha_1^2 + 1) \|x_1\|^2 \\ &+ \alpha_2^2 (\alpha_3^2 \alpha_4^2 - 2\alpha_2^2 + 1) \|x_2\|^2 + \dots < 0. \end{aligned}$$

In the following we prove that if  $T$  is an operator of the  $k$  -quasi class  $Q^*$  and if the range of  $T^k$  is dense, then  $T$  is an operator of the class  $Q^*$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $T \in L(H)$  be an operator of the  $k$  -quasi class  $Q^*$ . If  $T^k$  has dense range, then  $T$  is an operator of the class  $Q^*$ .

**Proof:** Since  $T^k$  has dense range, then  $\overline{T^k(H)} = H$ . Let be  $y \in H$ . Then there exist a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $H$  such that  $T^k x_n \rightarrow y$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $T$  is an operator of the  $k$  -quasi class  $Q^*$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T^{*k} (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I)T^k x_n, x_n \rangle \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \langle (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I)T^k x_n, T^k x_n \rangle \geq 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

By the continuity of the inner product, we have

$$\langle (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I)y, y \rangle \geq 0, y \in H.$$

So,

$$T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I \geq 0.$$

Therefore  $T$  is an operator of the class  $Q^*$ .

In the following we give the relations between  $k$  -quasi class  $Q^*$  and  $k$  -quasi - \* -paranormal operators.

Hoxha and Braha [[6], Proposition 2.1] prove that an operator  $T \in L(H)$  is of the  $k$  -quasi - \* -paranormal if and only if  $T^{*k} (T^{*2}T^2 - 2\lambda TT^* + \lambda^2)T^k \geq 0$ , for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

From this we have that every  $k$  -quasi - \* -paranormal is operator of the  $k$  -quasi class  $Q^*$ . Also, every quasi - \* -paranormal is operator of the quasi class  $Q^*$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $T \in L(H)$ . If  $\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T$  is an operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ , then  $T$  is a  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operator for all  $\lambda > 0$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T$  be an operator of  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ , for all  $\lambda > 0$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T \right)^k \left( \left( \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T \right)^{*2} \left( \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T \right)^2 - 2 \left( \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T \right) \left( \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T \right)^* + I \right) \\ & \cdot \left( \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T \right)^k \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \lambda^{-\frac{k}{2}}T^{*k} \left( \lambda^{-2}T^{*2}T^2 - 2\lambda^{-1}TT^* + I \right) \lambda^{-\frac{k}{2}}T^k \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{1}{\lambda^{\frac{k+2}{2}}}T^{*k} \left( T^{*2}T^2 - 2\lambda TT^* + \lambda^2 \right) T^k \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow & T^{*k} \left( T^{*2}T^2 - 2\lambda TT^* + \lambda^2 \right) T^k \geq 0, \forall \lambda > 0. \end{aligned}$$

By this it is proved that the  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operator.

**Remark 2.6.** If  $\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}T$  is an operator of the quasi class  $Q^*$ , then  $T$  is a quasi- $*$ -paranormal operator for all  $\lambda > 0$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** If  $T \in L(H)$  is an operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$  and  $T^2$  is an isometry, then  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operator.

**Proof:** Let  $T$  be an operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\|T^*T^kx\|^2 & \leq \|T^{k+2}x\|^2 + \|T^kx\|^2 \\ & = \left( \|T^{k+2}x\| - \|T^kx\| \right)^2 + 2\|T^{k+2}x\|\|T^kx\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since operator  $T^2$  is an isometry, then  $\|T^2x\| = \|x\|$ , for all  $x \in H$ .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^2x\| & = \|x\| \\ \Rightarrow \|T^4x\| & = \|T^2x\| \\ \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \|T^{k+2}x\| & = \|T^kx\|, \end{aligned}$$

so we have,

$$\|T^*T^kx\|^2 \leq \|T^{k+2}x\|\|T^kx\|, \text{ for all } x \in H.$$

So,  $T$  is  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -paranormal operator.

In the following we give the relation between  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$  and  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operators.

**Proposition 2.8.** If  $T \in L(H)$  belongs to the  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ , for  $k$  a natural number, then  $T$  is an operator of  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ .

**Proof:** Since  $T$  belongs to  $k$ -quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  operators, we have:

$$T^{*k}|T^2|T^k \geq T^{*k}|T^*|^2T^k,$$

where  $k$  is a natural number.

Let  $x \in H$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} 2\|T^*T^kx\|^2 & = 2\langle T^*T^kx, T^*T^kx \rangle \\ & = 2\langle T^{*k}TT^*T^kx, x \rangle \\ & = 2\langle T^{*k}|T^*|^2T^kx, x \rangle \\ & \leq 2\langle T^{*k}|T^2|T^kx, x \rangle \\ & = 2\langle |T^2|T^kx, T^kx \rangle \\ & \leq 2\| |T^2|T^kx \| \cdot \|T^kx\| \\ & = 2\|T^{k+2}x\| \cdot \|T^kx\| \\ & \leq \|T^{k+2}x\|^2 + \|T^kx\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$2\|T^*T^kx\|^2 \leq \|T^{k+2}x\|^2 + \|T^kx\|^2.$$

Hence,  $T$  is an operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ .

**Remark 2.9.** If  $T \in L(H)$  belongs to the quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ , then  $T$  is an operator of quasi class  $Q^*$ .

In following we give an example of operator  $T$  which is operator of the quasi class  $Q^*$ , but not quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ .

**Example 2.10.** Let  $K = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n$ , where  $H_n \cong H$ . Given positive operators  $A, B \in L(H)$ , define the operator  $T_{A,B}$  on  $K$  as follows:

$$T_{A,B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ A & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & B & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & B & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & B & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

The operator  $T_{A,B}$  is quasi- $*$ -class  $A$  if and only if  $AB^2A \geq A^4$ .

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be operator as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 8 \end{pmatrix}^{\frac{1}{4}}.$$

Then,

$$A(B^2 - A^2)A = \begin{pmatrix} -0.3359\dots & -0.2265\dots \\ -0.2265\dots & 0.8244\dots \end{pmatrix} \not\geq 0.$$

Hence  $T$  is not quasi- $*$ -class  $A$ .

Then a computation shows that the operator  $T_{A,B}$  is quasi class  $Q^*$  if and only if

$$T^* \left( T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I \right) T = A \left( B^4 - 2A^2 + I \right) A \geq 0.$$

So,

$$A \left( B^4 - 2A^2 + I \right) A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{\frac{1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq 0.$$

Therefore  $T$  is operator of the quasi class  $Q^*$ .

**Proposition 2.11.** Let  $T \in L(H)$ . If  $\|T^*\| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , then  $T$  is operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ .

**Proof:** From  $\|T^*\| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , we have  $\|T^*x\| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\forall x \in H$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T^*x, T^*x \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle x, x \rangle &\leq 0, \forall x \in H \\ \Rightarrow \langle (I - 2TT^*)x, x \rangle &\geq 0, \forall x \in H \\ \Rightarrow I - 2TT^* &\geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I &\geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow T^{*k} (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I) T^k &\geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

so  $T$  is operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ .

**Proposition 2.12.** If  $T$  is an operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$  and if  $T$  commutes with an isometric operator  $S$ , then  $TS$  is an operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A = TS$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} A^{*k} (A^{*2}A^2 - 2AA^* + I) A^k \\ = (TS)^{*k} ((TS)^{*2}(TS)^2 - 2(TS)(TS)^* + I) (TS)^k \\ = (TS)^* (TS)^* \dots (TS)^* ((TS)^* (TS)^* (TS)(TS) \\ - 2(TS)(TS)^* + I) (TS)(TS) \dots (TS) \\ = S^* T^* S^* T^* \dots S^* T^* (S^* T^* S^* T^* TSTS - 2TSS^* T^* + I) \\ \cdot TSTS \dots TS \\ = S^{*k} T^{*k} (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I) T^k S^k \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $TS$  is an operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ .

**Proposition 2.13.** Let  $T$  be an operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$  and if  $T$  is unitarily equivalent to operator  $S$ , then  $S$  is an operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ .

**Proof:** Since  $T$  is unitarily equivalent to operator  $S$ , there is a unitary operator  $U$  such that  $S = U^*TU$ .

Since  $T$  is an operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ , then

$$T^{*k} (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I) T^k \geq 0.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} S^{*k} (S^{*2}S^2 - 2SS^* + I) S^k \\ = (U^*TU)^{*k} ((U^*TU)^{*2}(U^*TU)^2 - 2(U^*TU)(U^*TU)^* + I) \\ \cdot (U^*TU)^k \\ = U^* T^* U U^* T^* U \dots U^* T^* U \\ (U^* T^* U U^* T^* U U^* T^* U U^* T^* U U^* T^* U - 2U^* T^* U U^* T^* U + I) \\ \cdot U^* T^* U U^* T^* U \dots U^* T^* U \\ = U^* T^{*k} (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I) T^k U \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

so,  $S$  is an operator of the  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ .

**Proposition 2.14.** Let  $M$  be a closed  $T$  invariant subset of  $H$ . Then, the restriction  $T|_M$  of a  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$  operator  $T$  to  $M$  is a  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$  operator.

**Proof:** Let be  $u \in M$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left( T|_M \right)^* \left( T|_M \right)^k u \right\|^2 &= \| T^* T^k u \|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \| T^{k+2} u \|^2 + \| T^k u \|^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \left\| \left( T|_M \right)^{k+2} u \right\|^2 + \left\| \left( T|_M \right)^k u \right\|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $T|_M$  is an operator of  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ .

**Proposition 2.15.** Let  $T \in L(H)$  be a  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$  operator, the range of  $T^k$  not to be dense, and

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \text{ on } H = \overline{T^k(H)} \oplus \ker T^{*k}.$$

Then,  $A$  is an operator of the class  $Q^*$  on  $\overline{T^k(H)}$ ,  $C^k = 0$  and  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(A) \cup \{0\}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $T$  is an operator of  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ . Since  $T^k$  does not have dense range, we can represent  $T$  as the upper triangular matrix:

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \text{ on } H = \overline{T^k(H)} \oplus \ker T^{*k}.$$

Since  $T$  is an operator of  $k$ -quasi class  $Q^*$ , we have

$$T^{*k} (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I) T^k \geq 0.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle (T^{*2}T^2 - 2TT^* + I)x, x \right\rangle \\ = \left\langle (A^{*2}A^2 - 2AA^* + I)x, x \right\rangle \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in \overline{T^k(H)}$ .

Hence

$$A^{*2}A^2 - 2AA^* + I \geq 0.$$

This shows that  $A$  is an operator of the class  $Q^*$  on  $\overline{T^k(H)}$ .

Let  $P$  be the orthogonal projection of  $H$  onto  $\overline{T^k(H)}$ .

For any

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \overline{T^k(H)} \oplus \ker T^{*k},$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle C^k x_2, x_2 \rangle &= \langle T^k (I - P)x, (I - P)x \rangle \\ &= \langle (I - P)x, T^{*k} (I - P)x \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $T^{*k} = 0$ .

Since,

$$\sigma(A) \cup \sigma(C) = \sigma(T) \cup \vartheta,$$

where  $\vartheta$  is the union of the holes in  $\sigma(T)$ , which happen to be a subset of  $\sigma(A) \cap \sigma(C)$  by [5, Corollary 7].

Since,  $\sigma(A) \cap \sigma(C)$  have no interior points, then  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(A) \cup \sigma(C) = \sigma(A) \cup \{0\}$  and  $C^k = 0$ .

### 3. Conclusion

In this paper we introduce a new class of operators:  $k$  – quasi class  $Q^*$  operators. It is proved that the following implication is true

$$\text{class } Q^* \subseteq \text{quasi class } Q^* \subseteq k\text{ – quasi class } Q^* \\ \subseteq (k+1)\text{ – quasi class } Q^*.$$

With example it is shown that, exist a 2 –quasi class  $Q^*$  operator which is not 1 –quasi class  $Q^*$  (Example 2.3). Further, it is proved that if  $T$  is an operator of the  $k$  –quasi class  $Q^*$  and if the range of  $T^k$  is dense, then  $T$  is an operator of the class  $Q^*$  (Proposition 2.4).

It is shown the relation between  $k$  –quasi class  $Q^*$  and  $k$  – quasi – \* – paranormal operators (Proposition 2.5, Remark 2.6 and Proposition 2.7). Also it is shown the relation between  $k$  – quasi class  $Q^*$  and  $k$  – quasi – \* – class  $A$  operators (Proposition 2.8, Remark 2.9 and Example 2.10).

Finally is proved that every operator which satisfy the condition  $\|T^*\| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  is operator of the  $k$  –quasi class  $Q^*$  (Proposition 2.11).

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