

# GENERALIZED WEYL'S THEOREM FOR POSINORMAL OPERATORS

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## ABSTRACT

Let  $A$  be a bounded linear operator acting on infinite dimensional separable Hilbert space  $H$ . In this paper, we prove that the generalized Weyl's theorem holds for  $f(A)$  if  $A$  is conditionally totally posinormal or totally posinormal, where  $f$  is a function analytic in an open neighborhood of  $\sigma(A)$ . Other related results are also given.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $B(H)$  and  $K(H)$  denote, respectively, the algebra of bounded linear operators and the ideal of compact operators acting on infinite dimensional separable Hilbert space  $H$ . If  $A \in B(H)$  we shall write  $N(A)$  and  $R(A)$  for the null space and the range of  $A$ , respectively. Also, let  $\alpha(A) := \dim N(A)$ ,  $\beta(A) := \dim N(A^*)$ , and let  $\sigma(A)$ ,  $\sigma_a(A)$  and  $\pi_0(A)$  denote the spectrum, approximate point spectrum and point spectrum of  $A$ , respectively.

An operator  $A \in B(H)$  is called Fredholm if it has closed range, finite dimensional null space and its range has finite co-dimension. The index of a Fredholm operator is given by

$$I(A) := \alpha(A) - \beta(A).$$

$A$  is called Weyl if it is of index zero, and Browder if it is Fredholm of finite ascent and descent; equivalently [12, theorem 7.9.3], if  $A$  is Fredholm and  $A - \lambda$  is invertible for sufficiently small  $|\lambda| > 0$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . The essential spectrum  $\sigma_e(A)$ , the Weyl spectrum  $\sigma_w(A)$  and the Browder spectrum  $\sigma_b(A)$  of  $A$  are defined by [11; 12]:

$$\sigma_e(A) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : A - \lambda \text{ is not Fredholm}\},$$

$$\sigma_w(A) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : A - \lambda \text{ is not Weyl}\},$$

$$\sigma_b(A) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : A - \lambda \text{ is not Browder}\},$$

respectively. Evidently,

$$\sigma_e(A) \subseteq \sigma_w(A) \subseteq \sigma_b(A) = \sigma_e(A) \cup \text{acc}\sigma(A),$$

where we write  $\text{acc}K$  for the accumulation points of  $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ . If we write  $\text{iso}K =$

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$K \setminus accK$ , then we let

$$\pi_{00}(A) := \{\lambda \in iso\sigma A : 0 < \alpha(A - \lambda) < \infty\},$$

$$p_{00}(A) := \sigma(A) \setminus \sigma_b(A).$$

We say that Weyl's theorem holds for  $A$  if

$$\sigma(A) \setminus \sigma_w(A) = \pi_{00}(A).$$

More generally, Berkani in [1] says that the generalized Weyl's theorem holds for  $A$  provided:

$$\sigma(A) \setminus \sigma_{Bw}(A) = E(A),$$

where  $E(A)$  and  $\sigma_{Bw}(A)$ , respectively, denote the isolated point of the spectrum that are eigenvalues (no restriction on multiplicity) and the set of complex numbers  $\lambda$  for which  $A - \lambda I$  fails to be Weyl. Let  $X$  be a Banach space. An operator  $A \in B(X)$  is called  $B$ -Fredholm by Berkani [1] if there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for which the induced operator

$$A_n : A^n(X) \rightarrow A^n(X)$$

is Fredholm in the usual sense, and  $B$ -Weyl if, in addition,  $A_n$  has index zero. Note that, if the generalized Weyl's theorem holds for  $A$ , then so does Weyl's theorem [1]. We say that Browder's theorem holds for  $A$  if

$$\sigma(A) \setminus \sigma_w(A) = p_{00}(A).$$

We say that  $A \in B(H)$  has the single valued extension property (SVEP) if, for every open set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ , the only analytic function  $f : U \rightarrow H$  that satisfies the equation  $(A - \lambda)f(\lambda) = 0$  is the constant function  $f \equiv 0$ . For a  $A \in B(H)$ , let

$$H_0(A) = \{x \in H : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A^n x\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0\}$$

denote the quasi-nilpotent part of the operator  $A$ .

$A$  is said to have finite ascent if  $\ker A^m = \ker A^{m+1}$  for some positive integer  $m$ , and finite descent if  $R(A^n) = R(A^{n+1})$  for some positive integer  $n$ . Laursen [15, proposition 1.8] proved that if  $A - \lambda$  has finite ascent for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $A$  has the single valued extension property.

An operator  $A \in B(H)$  is said to be posinormal (the word 'posinormal' stands for 'positive-normal'), if there exists a  $P \geq 0$  in  $B(H)$  such that  $AA^* = A^*PA$ . Or equivalently,  $A \in B(H)$  is posinormal if there exists a co-isometry  $V^* \in B(H)$  and a positive operator  $P \in B(H)$  such that  $A = A^*PV^*$ .

Rhaly [19] introduced posinormal operators and proved many interesting properties of posinormal operators; and such operators have since been considered by Jeon *et al.* [13].

The class of posinormal operators contains, in particular, the classes consisting of hyponormal operators ( $A \in B(H) : AA^* \leq A^*A$ ),  $M$ -hyponormal ( $A \in B(H) :$

$|(A - \lambda I)^*|^2 \leq M|(A - \lambda I)|^2$  for some real number  $M > 0$ ) and dominant operators ( $A \in B(H) : |(A - \lambda I)^*|^2 \leq M_\lambda|(A - \lambda I)|^2$  for some real number  $M_\lambda > 0$  and all complex numbers  $\lambda$ ). A posinormal operator  $A$  is said to be conditionally totally posinormal (resp., totally posinormal), shortened to  $A \in CTP$  (resp.,  $A \in TP$ ), if to each complex number  $\lambda$  there corresponds a positive  $P_\lambda$  such that  $|(A - \lambda I)^*|^2 = |P_\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}(A - \lambda)|^2$  (resp., if there exists a positive operator  $P$  such that  $|(A - \lambda I)^*|^2 = |P^{\frac{1}{2}}(A - \lambda)|^2$  for all  $\lambda$ ).  $A$  is called algebraically posinormal if there exists a nonconstant polynomial  $q(z)$  such that  $q(A)$  is posinormal.

In [24], Weyl proved that Weyl's theorem holds for hermitian operators. Weyl's theorem has been extended from hermitian operators to hyponormal and Toeplitz operators [5], and to several classes of operators including semi-normal operators [3; 4]. Recently, Lee and Lee [16] showed that Weyl's theorem holds for algebraically hyponormal operators. R. Curto and Y.M. Han [6] have extended Lee and Lee's results to the algebraically paranormal operator  $A \in B(H)$ , where  $H$  is a separable Hilbert space. In [17], the author showed that Weyl's theorem holds for algebraically  $(p, k)$ -quasi-hyponormal  $A \in B(H)$ , where  $H$  is a general Hilbert space. Berkani [1] showed that if  $A$  is a hyponormal operator, then  $A$  satisfies the generalized Weyl's theorem  $\sigma_{Bw}(A) = \sigma(A) \setminus E(A)$ , and the  $B$ -Weyl spectrum  $\sigma_{Bw}(A)$  of  $A$  satisfies the spectral mapping theorem. Han and Lee [10] showed that Weyl's theorem holds for algebraically hyponormal operators.

Recently H. Zguitti [25] showed that if  $A$  is isoloid, and if the generalized Weyl's theorem holds for algebraically paranormal operators, then the generalized Weyl's theorem holds for  $f(A)$ , where  $f$  is a function analytic in an open neighborhood of  $\sigma(A)$ . Duggal and Kubrusky [8] showed that Weyl's theorem holds for  $f(A)$ , where  $f$  is a function analytic in an open neighborhood of  $\sigma(A)$  in the case where  $A$  is a conditionally totally posinormal operator or totally posinormal with additional conditions. In this paper we show that the generalized Weyl's theorem holds for  $f(A)$  if  $A$  is a conditionally totally posinormal operator or totally posinormal with some additional conditions, where  $f$  is a function analytic in an open neighborhood of  $\sigma(A)$ .

## 2. Main results

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $A \in B(H)$  be  $CTP$  or  $TP$ . Then  $A - \lambda$  has finite ascent for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . In particular,  $T$  has the single valued extension property.*

PROOF. It is easy to see that if  $A \in CTP$ , then  $\ker(A - \lambda) \subseteq \ker(A - \lambda)^*$ . Hence  $A - \lambda$  has ascent  $\leq 1$ . In particular,  $A$  has SVEP. ■

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $A \in B(H)$  be  $CTP$  or  $TP$ . Let  $\lambda \in \sigma(A)$  be an isolated point of  $\sigma(A)$ . Then*

$$H_o(A) = E_\lambda H$$

where  $E_\lambda$  denotes the Riesz idempotent for  $\lambda$ .

PROOF. Since  $A$  has the single valued extension property by Lemma 2.1, the equality follows from [20, p. 424]. ■

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $A \in B(H)$  be CTP, respectively TP, and let  $\mathcal{M} \subset H$  be an invariant subspace of  $A$ . Then the restriction  $A|_{\mathcal{M}}$  is also CTP, respectively TP.*

PROOF. Let  $P$  be the orthogonal projection on  $\mathcal{M}$ . Then for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and for all  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$\|(A - zI|_{\mathcal{M}})^*x\| = |P(A - Z)^*x| = \|(A - zI)^*x\| = \mathcal{M}_z\|(A|_{\mathcal{M}} - zIx)\|.$$

■

Before proving the following lemma, we need the following notations and definitions. Let  $A = U|A|$  be the polar decomposition of  $A \in B(H)$ .  $A$  is said to be class  $\mathcal{Y}_\alpha$  for  $\alpha \geq 1$  if there exists a positive number  $k_\alpha$  such that

$$|AA^* - A^*A|^\alpha \leq k_\alpha^2(A - \lambda)^*(A - \lambda) \text{ for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}.$$

It is known that  $\mathcal{Y}_\alpha \subset \mathcal{Y}_\beta$  if  $1 \leq \alpha \leq \beta$ . Let  $\mathcal{Y} = \cup_{1 \leq \alpha} \mathcal{Y}_\alpha$ . We remark that a class  $\mathcal{Y}_1$  operator  $A$  is  $M$ -hyponormal, i.e. there exists a positive number  $M$  such that

$$(A - \lambda)(A - \lambda)^* \leq M^2(A - \lambda)^*(A - \lambda) \text{ for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{C},$$

and  $M$ -hyponormal operators are class  $\mathcal{Y}_2$  (see [23]).

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $A \in B(H)$  be a totally posinormal operator. If  $\sigma(A - \lambda I) = \{0\}$ , then  $A - \lambda I = 0$ .*

PROOF. By the same argument used in the proof of [23, lemma 10], we can show that if  $A$  is totally posinormal, then  $A \in \mathcal{Y}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$ . and it is known that if  $A \in \mathcal{Y}$  and if  $\sigma(A) = \{0\}$ , then  $A = 0$  (see [23, lemma 14]). Therefore if  $A$  is totally posinormal, then  $A - \lambda I$  is also totally posinormal and  $\sigma(A - \lambda I) = \{0\}$ . Hence  $A - \lambda I = 0$ .

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**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be a quasinilpotent, algebraically totally posinormal operator. Then  $A$  is nilpotent.*

PROOF. Assume that  $p(A)$  is totally posinormal for some nonconstant polynomial  $p$ . Since  $\sigma(p(A)) = p(\sigma(A))$ , the operator  $p(A) - p(0)$  is quasinilpotent. Thus Lemma 2.2 would imply that

$$cA^m(A - \lambda_1)\dots(A - \lambda_n) \equiv p(A) - p(0) = 0,$$

where  $m \geq 1$ . Since  $A - \lambda_i$  is invertible for every  $\lambda \neq 0$ , we must have  $A^m = 0$ . ■

It is known [16, theorem 3.36] that SVEP is stable under the functional calculus,

i.e. if  $A \in B(H)$  has SVEP, then so does  $f(A)$  for each  $f$  analytic in an open neighborhood of  $\sigma(A)$ . The following lemma is immediate:

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $A \in B(H)$  be conditionally totally posinormal or totally posinormal. Then  $f(A)$  has SVEP for each analytic function  $f$  on a neighborhood of  $\sigma(A)$*

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $A$  be a totally posinormal operator. Then generalized Weyl's theorem holds for  $A$ .*

PROOF. Assume that  $\lambda \in \sigma(A) \setminus \sigma_{Bw}(A)$ . Then  $A - \lambda I$  is B-Weyl and not invertible. We claim that  $\lambda \in \partial\sigma(A)$ . Assume to the contrary that  $\lambda$  is an interior point of  $\sigma(A)$ . Then there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $\lambda$  such that  $\dim(A - \mu) > 0$  for all  $\mu \in U$ . It follows from [9, theorem 10], that  $A$  does not have SVEP. On the other hand, since  $A$  is totally posinormal, it follows from Lemma 2.4 above that  $A$  has SVEP, which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\lambda \in \partial\sigma(A)$ . Conversely, assume that  $\lambda \in E(A)$ , then  $\lambda$  is isolated in  $\sigma(A)$ . From [14, theorem 7.1], we have  $X = M \oplus N$ , where  $M, N$  are closed subspaces of  $X$ ,  $U = (A - \lambda I)|_M$  is an invertible operator and  $V = (A - \lambda I)|_N$  is a quasinilpotent operator. Since  $A$  is totally posinormal,  $V$  is also totally posinormal, and from Lemma 2.2  $V$  is nilpotent. Therefore  $A - \lambda I$  is Drazin invertible [21, proposition 6] and [15, corollary 2.2]. By [2, lemma 4.1],  $A - \lambda I$  is a B-Fredholm operator of index 0. ■

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be a totally posinormal operator. Then  $f(A)$  obeys the generalized Weyl's theorem for every function  $f$  analytic in a neighborhood of  $\sigma(A)$ .*

PROOF. Since the operator  $A$  satisfies the generalized Weyl's theorem and it is isoloid, it follows from [1, lemma 2.9] that  $f(A)$  obeys the generalized Weyl's theorem. ■

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $A \in B(H)$  be conditionally totally posinormal or totally posinormal. Then  $f(A)$  satisfies Browder's theorem for each function  $f$  analytic in a neighborhood of  $\sigma(A)$*

PROOF. It is known that operators with SVEP satisfy Browder's theorem [7]. Then  $f(A)$  satisfies Browder's theorem. This completes the proof. ■

Before proving the following theorems we need some notations and definitions. Let  $A \in B(H)$ , let  $n$  be a nonnegative integer and define  $A_{[n]}$  to be the restriction of  $A$  to  $R(A^n)$  viewed as a map from  $R(A^n)$  to  $R(A^n)$  (in particular  $A_{[0]} = A$ ). If, for some integer  $n$ , the range space  $R(A^n)$  is closed and  $A_{[n]}$  is an upper (resp. a lower) semi-Fredholm operator, then  $A$  is called an upper (resp. lower) semi-B-Fredholm operator. Moreover, if  $A_{[n]}$  is a Browder operator, then  $A$  is called a B-Browder operator. Similarly, we can define the B-Fredholm's spectrum  $\sigma_{BF}(A)$  and the B-Browder's spectrum  $\sigma_{BB}(A)$ . A semi-B-Fredholm operator is an upper or a lower semi-B-Fredholm operator.

It is known that Weyl's theorem holds for  $M$ -hyponormal operators, but it does not hold for dominant operators that are equivalent to  $CTP$  operators. Hence, it is an interesting problem to seek a condition that implies Weyl's theorem for  $CTP$  operators. Restricting themselves to only those  $A \in CTP$  for which the spectrum  $\sigma((A - \lambda I)|_M) = \{0\} \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)|_M = \{0\}$  for every  $M \in Lat(A)$ , Jeon *et al.* [13, proposition 3.5] have shown that  $A$  satisfies Weyl's theorem. In the following theorems we can expand on this.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $A \in B(H)$  be a conditionally totally posinormal operator such that  $(\sigma((A - \lambda I)|_M) = \{0\} \Rightarrow (A - \lambda)|_M = 0$  for every  $M \in Lat(A)$ ). Then the generalized Weyl's theorem holds for  $A$ .*

PROOF. We will show that  $\sigma(A) \setminus \sigma_{Bw}(A) \subset E(A)$ . For this, assume that  $\lambda \in \sigma(A) \setminus \sigma_{Bw}(A)$ . Then  $A - \lambda$  is a  $B$ -Fredholm operator of index zero, and there exists a direct sum decomposition  $H = H_1 \oplus H_2$ , such that  $A_1 = (A - \lambda)|_{H_1}$  is a Fredholm operator of index zero,  $A_2 = (A - \lambda)|_{H_2}$  is nilpotent and  $A - \lambda = A_1 \oplus A_2$  [2, lemma 4.1]. We have two possibilities: either  $\lambda \in \sigma(A|_{H_1})$  or  $\lambda \notin \sigma(A|_{H_1})$ .

Assume that  $\lambda \in \sigma(A|_{H_1})$ . Since  $A$  is conditionally totally posinormal,  $A|_{H_1}$  is also conditionally totally posinormal. Hence, [13, proposition 3.5] implies that  $A|_{H_1}$  satisfies Weyl's theorem. Therefore if  $\lambda \in \sigma(A|_{H_1})$ , then  $\lambda \in \pi_{00}(A|_{H_1})$ . Hence,  $\lambda \in iso\sigma(A|_{H_1})$ . Now, since  $A - \lambda = (A|_{H_1} - \lambda I|_{H_1}) \oplus A_2$ , and  $A_2$  is nilpotent, we have  $\sigma(A_1) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(A - \lambda) \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\lambda \in iso\sigma(A)$ . This implies that  $\lambda \in \pi_{00} \subset E(A)$ . Conversely, let  $\lambda \in E(A)$ . Then  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(A)$ . Therefore  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(A)$ . Let  $P$  be the spectral projection

$$P = \int_{\partial B_0} (\lambda_0 I - A)^{-1} d\lambda_0,$$

where  $B_0$  is an open disk centred at  $\lambda$  that contains no other points of  $\sigma(A)$ . Then  $A$  can be represented as the direct sum

$$A = A_1 \oplus A_2, \text{ where } \sigma(A_1) = \{\lambda\} \text{ and } \sigma(A_2) = \sigma(A) \setminus \{\lambda\}.$$

Then  $\lambda I - A_2$  is invertible. We have to consider two cases.

Case I where  $\lambda = 0$ . Assume that  $\lambda = 0$ . Then  $\sigma(A_1) = \{0\}$ . Since  $A_1 \in CTP$  such that  $\sigma(A) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$ , it follows that  $A_1 = 0$ . Therefore  $\lambda I - A = 0 \oplus \lambda I - A_2$ .

Case II where  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Since  $A_1$  is an invertible  $CTP$  operator, it follows that  $A_1^{-1}$  is a  $CTP$  operator. Then  $\|A_1\| = |\lambda|$  and  $\|A_1^{-1}\| = \frac{1}{|\lambda|}$ . Therefore, for any  $x \in R(P)$ , we have:

$$\|x\| \leq \|A_1^{-1}\| \|A_1 x\| = \frac{1}{|\lambda|} \|A_1 x\| \leq \frac{1}{|\lambda|} |\lambda| \|x\| = \|x\|.$$

Hence  $\frac{1}{\lambda} A_1$  is unitary. Therefore  $A_1$  is normal and  $\lambda I - A_1$  is also normal. Since  $\lambda I - A_1$  is quasinilpotent and the only normal quasinilpotent operator is zero, it follows that  $\lambda I - A = 0 \oplus \lambda I - A_2$ . Now since  $\lambda I - A_2$  is invertible, it is known that  $\lambda I - A$  has finite ascent and descent. Suppose that  $ascent(\lambda_0 I - A) = descent(\lambda_0 I -$

$A) = p$ . Then  $H = N[(\lambda_0 I - A)^p] \oplus R[(\lambda_0 I - A)^p]$ . Therefore  $(\lambda_0 I - A)|_{[p]}$  is Weyl, hence  $\lambda_0 \in \sigma(A) \setminus \sigma_{Bw}(A)$ . ■

*Remark 2.1.* Let  $A \in B(H)$  be a conditionally totally posinormal operator such that  $\sigma((A - \lambda I)|_M) = \{0\} \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)|_M = 0$ . If  $A$  is quasinilpotent, then Lemma 2.4 would imply that  $A$  is nilpotent. By using the same techniques used in the proof of [6, lemma 2.3], it is easy to see that  $A$  is isoloid.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $A \in B(H)$  be a conditionally totally posinormal operator such that  $\sigma((A - \lambda I)|_M) = \{0\} \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)|_M = 0$ . Then  $f(A)$  satisfies the generalized Weyl's theorem for every function  $f$  analytic in a neighborhood of  $\sigma(A)$ . In particular, Weyl's theorem holds for  $f(A)$ .*

PROOF. By the previous theorem,  $A$  satisfies the generalized Weyl's theorem and since  $A$  is isoloid by Remark 2.1, [1, lemma 2.9] would imply that the generalized Weyl's theorem holds for  $f(A)$ . ■

The essential approximate point spectrum  $\sigma_{ea}(A)$  is defined by:

$$\sigma_{ea}(A) = \cap \{ \sigma_a(A + K) : K \text{ is a compact operator} \},$$

where  $\sigma_a(A)$  is the approximate point spectrum of  $A$ . We consider the set

$$\Phi_+^-(H) = \{ A \in B(H) : A \text{ is left semi-Fredholm and } \text{ind } A \leq 0 \}.$$

V. Rakočević [18] proved that

$$\sigma_{ea}(A) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : A - \lambda \notin \Phi_+^-(H) \},$$

and the inclusion  $\sigma_{ea}(f(A)) \subset f(\sigma_{ea}(A))$  holds for all functions  $f(z)$  that are analytic on some open neighborhood of  $\sigma(A)$  with no restriction on  $A$ . The next theorem shows the spectral mapping theorem on the essential approximate point spectrum of conditionally totally posinormal operators or totally posinormal operators.

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $A \in B(H)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . If  $A - \lambda$  is semi-Fredholm and it has finite ascent, then  $\text{ind } (A - \lambda) \leq 0$ .*

PROOF. If  $A - \lambda$  has finite descent, then  $\text{ind } (A - \lambda) = 0$  by [22, theorem V 6.2]. If  $A - \lambda$  does not have finite descent, then

$$n \text{ind } (A - \lambda) = \dim N(A - \lambda)^n - \dim R((A - \lambda)^n)^\perp \rightarrow -\infty.$$

Hence  $\text{ind } (A - \lambda) < 0$ . ■

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $A \in B(H)$  be conditionally totally posinormal operators or totally posinormal operators. If  $A - \lambda$  is semi-Fredholm for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $\text{ind } (A - \lambda) \leq 0$ .*

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $A \in B(H)$  be conditionally totally posinormal operators or totally posinormal operators. Then*

$$\sigma_{ea}(f(A)) = f(\sigma_{ea}(A))$$

for every function  $f(z)$  that is analytic on some open neighborhood  $G$  of  $\sigma(A)$ .

PROOF. It suffices to show that  $f(\sigma_{ea}(A)) \subseteq \sigma_{ea}(f(A))$ .

We may assume that  $f$  is nonconstant. Let  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ea}(f(A))$  and let

$$f(z) - \lambda = g(z) \prod_{j=1}^n (z - \lambda_j),$$

where  $\lambda_j \in G$  and  $g(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in G$ . Then

$$f(A) - \lambda = g(T) \prod_{j=1}^n (A - \lambda_j).$$

Since  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ea}(f(A))$  and all operators on the right side of above equality commute, each  $(A - \lambda_j)$  is left semi-fredholm and  $\text{ind}(A - \lambda_j) \leq 0$  by the previous corollary. Thus  $\lambda_j \notin \sigma_{ea}(A)$  and  $\lambda \notin f(\sigma_{ea}(A))$ . ■

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