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Abstract:-

P.R.halmos [5] has proved that similar operator on a Hilbert space H have the same spectrum, moreover they have the same point spectrum, approximate point spectrum and the same compression spectrum .

In this paper we show that the situation is absolutely different for the numerical range by giving an example.

Theorem.1/ gives a necessary condition on the similar operator S and T get that $\overline{W(S)} = \overline{W(T)}$, where $\overline{(\)}$ denotes closure, we also consider the case when H is finite dimensional.

In theorem.2/ we prove that if T and S are similar operators on complex Hilbert space H such that $W(T)$ is a closed polygon then $W(S)$ contains the interior of $W(T)$, while when $W(S)$ and $W(T)$ are both closed polygon then $W(S) = W(T)$.

Moreover we prove theorem.3/which states that the numerical range of any operator T on H unitarily invariant (i.e. $W(U^*TU) = W(T)$), and we conclude that the numerical radius is also unitarily invariant.

Finally, we extend thm.3/ to the case of n - tuples of operators on H .

From theorem.4/ we conclude that the joint numerical radius is also unitarily invariant.

Notation:-

In what follows, H denote a complex Hilbert space and T is any operator on H (bounded linear transformation $T: H \rightarrow H$, or we say $T \in B(H)$). The numerical range $W(T)$

Of $T \in B(H)$ is defined as:-

$$W(T) = \{ \langle Tx, x \rangle : x \in H, \|x\| = 1 \},$$

Which is already compact when H is finite dimensional [4], we also know that the convex hull $\text{conh}(W(T))$ of $W(T)$ of $T \in B(H)$ is identical with $\overline{W(T)}$ when T is normal (or subnormal)[5]

The notation $\pi_p(T)$ denote the point spectrum of T , which consist of the set of all eigen values of T , while $\pi_a(T)$ denotes the approximate point spectrum and define as $\pi_a(T) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \exists \text{ a seq. } \{x_n\} \text{ of unit vectors in } H \text{ such that:} \}$

$$\| (T - \lambda I)x_n \| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

The compression spectrum $\pi_c(T)$ of $T \in B(H)$ is defined as $\pi_c(T) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \text{range}(T - \lambda I) \neq H \}$

Now, we will give our main results obtained in this paper in three sections.

First section/ gives an example of 2 similar operators S and T on H such that $W(S) \neq W(T)$, we also give a necessary condition on any 2 similar operators S and T on H to get that $\overline{W(T)} = \overline{W(S)}$, we also consider the case when $W(T)$ and $W(S)$ are both closed polygons and we prove that $W(T) = W(S)$ in this case. We also consider the case when one of $W(T)$ or $W(S)$ is a closed polygon and prove that the other contain P .

In section 2/ we prove that the numerical range $W(T)$ of $T \in B(H)$ is unitarily invariant, and we conclude that the numerical radius is also unitarily invariant.

Finally, in section 3/ we generalize the results of the previous section to the case of n-tuples of operators on H, where the joint numerical range $W(A)$ and the joint numerical radius $w(A)$ of $A=(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$ are define as:-

$$W(A) = \{(\langle A_1 x, x \rangle, \langle A_2 x, x \rangle \dots \langle A_n x, x \rangle) : x \in H, \|x\| = 1\}$$

$$w(A) = \sup \{ |z| : z \in W(A) \}$$

Main results

Section.1

Theorem.A.[5, page 39]

For any two similar operators S and T in $B(H)$,

$\sigma(S) = \sigma(T)$. moreover;

$$1-\pi(S) = \pi(T)$$

$$2-\pi(S) = \pi(T)$$

$$3-\Gamma(S) = \Gamma(T)$$

Now, we need to show that the above fact for similar operators will not valid for the numerical range (I.e. $W(S)$ and $W(T)$ may be different), by giving the following example.

Example:

Let be a 2-dimentional complex Hilbert space , and let

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Clearly T and S are similar , since $\exists A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ such that

$$S = A^{-1} T A$$

Now, we have

$$W(T) = \{ \langle Tx, x \rangle : x \in H, \|x\| = 1 \}$$

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$$= \{ \langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \rangle : x = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \in H, \|x\| = (\sum_{i=1}^2 |\alpha_i|^2)^{1/2} = 1 \}$$

$$= \{ \langle \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \rangle : x = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \in H, |\alpha_1|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 = 1 \}$$

$$= \{ \alpha_1 \cdot \overline{\alpha_1} + 0 \cdot \overline{\alpha_2} : |\alpha_1|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 = 1, x = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \in H \}$$

Because $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_i \langle x, e_i \rangle \overline{\langle y, e_i \rangle}$, when $\{e_i\}$ is a complete orthonormal set for H and

$$\langle x, e_i \rangle = \alpha_i$$

$$= \{ |\alpha_1|^2 : |\alpha_1|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 = 1, x = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \in H \}$$

$$W(T) = [0, 1], \text{ and}$$

$$W(S) = \{ \langle Sx, x \rangle : x \in H, \|x\| = 1 \}$$

$$= \{ \langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \rangle : |\alpha_1|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 = 1, x = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \in H \}$$

$$= \{ \langle \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \rangle : |\alpha_1|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 = 1, x = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \in H \}$$

$$= \{ (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \cdot \overline{\alpha_1} + 0 \cdot \overline{\alpha_2} : |\alpha_1|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 = 1, x = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \in H \}$$

$$= |\alpha_1|^2 + \alpha_2 \cdot \overline{\alpha_1} : |\alpha_1|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 = 1, x = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \in H \}$$

Now, if we take $z \in W(S)$ and consider $\text{Im}(z)$ the imaginary part of z , we have:

$$\text{Im}(z) = \text{Im}(|\alpha_1|^2 + \alpha_2 \cdot \overline{\alpha_1}), \text{ but } |\alpha_1|^2 \text{ is real}$$

$$= \text{Im}(\alpha_2 \cdot \overline{\alpha_1})$$

If we take $\alpha_1 = 1/2 e^{i\theta}$ ((i.e.) with $|\alpha_1| = 1/2$), and

$\alpha_2 = |\alpha_2| \cdot e^{i\phi}$, with $\phi \neq \theta$, we get

$$|\alpha_2| = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

i.e. $\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2} e^{i\theta}$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} e^{i\phi}$$

Now,

$$\operatorname{Im}(z) = \operatorname{Im}(\alpha_2 \overline{\alpha_1})$$

$$= \operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot e^{i\phi} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^{-i\theta}\right)$$

$$= \operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot e^{i(\phi-\theta)}\right)$$

But, $\phi - \theta \neq 0$

Thus, $\operatorname{Im} e^{i(\phi-\theta)} \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Im}(z) \neq 0$

i.e. z is not real

$\Rightarrow z \in [0, 1] = W(T)$

$\Rightarrow W(T) \neq W(S)$

In fact, one can compute $W(S)$ as in [3] and can find that $W(S)$, is the ellipse with foci 0 and 1 and eccentricity $\sin\theta$, where θ is the angle between the two Eigen vectors of S corresponding to the Eigen values 0 and 1

Theorem 1.

Let T and S be similar operators on a Hilbert space H , if T and S are subnormal, then:

$$\overline{W(S)} = \overline{W(T)}$$

Proof:

Since T and S are subnormal, we get that [5], [1]

$\text{Conh}(\sigma(T)) = \overline{W(T)}$ and

$\text{Conh}(\sigma(S)) = \overline{W(S)}$, where Conh denotes the convex hull

But, T and S are similar, we get

$$\sigma(T) = \sigma(S)$$

Therefore

$$\overline{W(T)} = \text{Conh}(\sigma(T)) = \text{Conh}(\sigma(S)) = \overline{W(S)}$$

Corollary.

Let T and S be similar operators on a finite dimensional Hilbert space H. If T and S are subnormal then

$$W(T) = W(S)$$

Proof

By applying theorem 1, we get that:

$$\overline{W(T)} = \overline{W(S)} \dots\dots\dots 1.1$$

Since H is finite dimensional, we conclude that the unit sphere $S(H) = \{x \in H : \|x\| = 1\}$ of H is compact.

Now, $W(T)$ is a continuous image of $S(H)$, we will get that $W(T)$ is compact $\forall T \in B(H)$.

But we know that every compact subset of a Hausdorff space is closed [6, page 153, theorem 11.5]

$$\text{i.e. } \overline{W(T)} = W(T) \text{ and } \overline{W(S)} = W(S)$$

therefore $W(T) = W(S)$.

Now, we will take a geometric characterization for the numerical range of similar operators, specially when the numerical range of one of these operators (or both of them) is closed polygon.

Theorem .B , [7 , corollary 2.1]

For a complex Hilbert space H, and $T \in B(H)$,

If $\overline{W(T)}$ is a closed polygon then $\text{Conh}(\sigma(T)) \subseteq \overline{W(T)}$

Lemma:

Let T and S be similar operators on, we have:

1-If \overline{WT} = closed polygon P , then \overline{WS} contains P (and thus $W(S)$ contains P°)

2-If \overline{WT} and \overline{WS} are closed polygon then $\overline{W(T)} = \overline{W(S)}$

Proof:

Suppose that $\overline{W(T)}$ = closed polygon P.

now , by applying theorem . B we get that :

$$C \text{ on } h(\sigma(T)) = \overline{W(T)} \dots \dots \dots (1.2)$$

But, S and T are similar , from theorem . A we get that :

$$\sigma(T) = \sigma(S) \dots \dots \dots (1.3) \text{ From (1.2) and (1.3) we get that:}$$

$$\text{Conh}(W(S)) = \overline{W(T)} = P \dots \dots \dots (1.4)$$

But, we know that [5] ,the closure of the numerical range of any operator contains the spectrum of that operator , i.e.

$$W(S) \subseteq \overline{W(S)} , \forall S \in B(H)$$

But $\overline{W(S)}$ is always convex [5].

Therefore

$$P = \text{Conh}(W(S)) \subseteq \overline{W(S)} \dots \dots \dots (1.5)$$

From (1.4) and(1.5) we get that

$$\overline{W(T)} \subseteq \overline{W(S)}$$

i.e. $P \subseteq \overline{W(S)}$,

$$P^\circ \subseteq (\overline{W(S)})^\circ , \text{ where } ()^\circ \text{ denotes interior}$$

But, a theorem of Bouldin [2] , states that:

$$[\overline{W(S)}]^\circ \subseteq W(S) , \forall S \in B(H).$$

Thus, $P^\circ \leq W(S)$.

Suppose that $\overline{W(T)} = P1$ (1.6)

$\overline{W(S)} = P2$ (1.7)

Applying first part of Lemma on equation (1.6) we get

$P1 \leq \overline{W(S)} = P2$ (*)

Again, we apply the first part of the Lemma on equation (1.7)

We will get

$P2 \leq \overline{W(T)} = P1$ (**)

From (*) and (**) we get that : $P1=P2$

i.e. $\overline{W(T)} = \overline{W(S)}$.

Theorem .2

Let T and S be any two similar operator on a complex Hilbert space H ,we have :

If W(T) is a closed polygon then W(S) contains :P° 1-

If W(T) and W(S) are closed polygon then $W(T)=W(S)$ 2-

Proof

Follow directly from the Lemma , under assumption that W(T) and W(S) are closed .

Section .2:

Let S and T be operators on Hilbert space H , a basic problem is the determination of W(ST). In [4],

A super set for W(T) is given.

Remark.1 [5]

The inequality $w(ST) \leq W(S).W(T)$ is not true when we take:

$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, we have

$$w(S) = w(T) = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ but } w(ST) = 1$$

Remark :2 [5]

If S and T are normal operator on H, then:

$$w(ST) \leq w(S) \cdot w(T)$$

Proof

Since S and T are normal , we have:

$$w(S) = \|S\|, w(T) = \|T\|$$

Now,

$$W(ST) \leq \|ST\| \leq \|S\| \cdot \|T\| = w(S) \cdot w(T)$$

Section.2

In this section, we prove that the numerical range is unitarily invariant, and similarly for the numerical radius.

Theorem.3

Let T be any operator on a Hilbert space H, if U is a unitary operator on H, then

$$W(U^* T U) = W(T)$$

Proof:

$$W(U^* T U) = \{ \langle (U^* T U)x, x \rangle : x \in H, \|x\| = 1 \}$$

$$= \{ \langle T Ux, Ux \rangle : x \in H, \|x\| = 1 \}$$

$$\text{But } \|Ux\| = \|x\|, \forall x \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow \|Ux\| = \|x\| = 1 \forall x \in S(H) = \text{sphere of } H$$

$$\Rightarrow \|W\|(U^* T U) = \{ \langle T Ux, Ux \rangle : Ux \in H, \|x\|=1 \}$$

$$W(U^* T U) \leq W(T) \dots\dots\dots(2.1)$$

By Applying (2.1) on U^* since it is also unitary ,we get

$$W(U \cdot U^* T U \cdot U^*) \leq W(U^* T U)$$

$$\Rightarrow W(T) \leq W(U^* T U) \dots\dots\dots(2.2)$$

From (2.1) and (2.2) we conclude that:

$$W(U^*TU) = W(T)$$

Corollary:

Let T be operator on H .If U is a unitary operator on H, then:

$$w(U^*TU)=w(T)$$

Proof

It follows directly from theorem. 3

Section.3:

In this section we generalize the results of section .2 to the case of n-tubes of operators on H,

Theorem 4

Let A=(A1,A2,.....,An) be any n-tuple of operators on H and let U be a unitary operator on h, then

$$W(U^*AU)=W(A)$$

Proof

By definition, we have:

$$W(U^*AU)=\{(U^*A1U)x, x \rangle, \langle (U^*A2U)x, x \rangle, \dots, \langle (U^*AU)x, x \rangle): x \in H, \|x\| = 1\}$$

$$=\{(\langle A1Ux, Ux \rangle, \langle A2Ux, Ux \rangle, \dots, \langle An Ux, Ux \rangle): x \in H, \|x\|=1\}$$

$$\text{But } \|Ux\| = \|x\| = 1, \forall x \in S(H)$$

,

$$\Rightarrow W(U^*AU)=\{(A1Ux, Ux \rangle, \langle A2Ux, Ux \rangle, \dots, \langle An Ux, Ux \rangle): \|Ux\| = 1, Ux \in H\}$$

$$\Rightarrow W(U^*AU) \leq W(A) \dots \dots \dots (3.1)$$

Applying 3.1 for U* since it is also unitary , we get:

$$W(U.U^*AU.U^*) \leq W(U^*AU)$$

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$$\Rightarrow W(A) \leq W(U^*AU).....(3.2)$$

From(3.1) and (3.2) ,we get:

$$W(U^*AU)=W(A):$$

Corollary:

Let $A=(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$ be any n-tuple of operators on H ,and U be any unitary operator on H ,then :

$$W(U^*AU)= W(A)$$

Proof

It follows directly from theorem 4

الملخص:

تم في هذا البحث الحصول على الشرط الضروري على مؤثرين متشابهين T, S على فضاء هلبرت H لكي يكون لهما نفس الإنغلاق للمدى العددي للمؤثرين أعلاه, $\overline{W(S)} = \overline{W(T)}$ كذلك تحت دراسة المدى العددي للمؤثرين المتشابهين على فضاء هلبرت و استنتجنا بأن :-

أولاً. إذا كان $\overline{W(T)}$ مضلع مغلق فإن $\overline{W(S)} \supseteq [W(T)]^\circ =$ داخل المدى العددي للمؤثر (T)

ثانياً. إذا كان كل من $W(S)$ و $W(T)$ مضلع مغلق فإن $W(S)=W(T)$ بالإضافة لذلك استنتجنا بأن

ثالثاً. $W(U^*TU)=W(T)$ حيث U هو مؤثر unitary operator

رابعاً. تم تعميم المبرهنة السابقة في حالة n-tuple

خامساً. مع مبرهنات اخرى.

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