



Article **Asymmetric Putnam-Fuglede Theorem for** (*n*, *k*)-Quasi-*-Paranormal Operators

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Abstract: $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator if, for non-negative integers k and n, $||T^*(T^kx)||^{(1+n)} \leq ||T^{(1+n)}(T^kx)|| ||T^kx||^n$; for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$. In this paper, the asymmetric Putnam-Fuglede theorem for the pair (A, B) of power-bounded operators is proved when (i) A and B^* are n-*-paranormal operators (ii) A is a (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator with reduced kernel and B^* is n-*-paranormal operator. The class of (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operators and k-quasi-*-class A operators. As a consequence, it is showed that if T is a completely non-normal (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator for k = 0, 1 such that the defect operator D_T is Hilbert-Schmidt class, then $T \in C_{10}$.

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1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, \mathcal{H} denotes an infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ and $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ denotes the algebra of all bounded linear operators acting on \mathcal{H} . Spectrum, point spectrum, residual spectrum, continuous spectrum, and approximate spectrum of an operator T will be denoted by $\sigma(T)$, $\sigma_p(T)$, $\sigma_r(T)$, $\sigma_c(T)$, $\sigma_a(T)$, respectively. The kernel and the range of an operator T will be denoted by ker T and ran(T) respectively.

For any operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, let $|T| = (T^*T)^{1/2}$, and consider the following standard definitions: normal if $T^*T = TT^*$ and T is hyponormal if $|T^*|^2 \leq |T|^2$ (i.e., equivalently, if $||T^*x|| \leq ||Tx||$ for every $x \in \mathcal{H}$).

An operator *T* is said to be *-paranormal iff $||T^*x||^2 \le ||T^2x|| ||x||$, for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$, or equivalently, $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is *-paranormal iff $T^{*2}T^2 - 2\lambda TT^* + \lambda^2 \ge 0$, for all $\lambda > 0$. The class of *-paranormal operators was introduced in [1]. Another well-known generalization of *-paranormal operators are (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operators defined as follows: *T* is said to be (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator if

$$||T^*(T^kx)||^{(1+n)} \le ||T^{(1+n)}(T^kx)|| ||T^kx||^n$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$ and for non-negative integers k and n.

An operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be paranormal [2] iff

$$||Tx||^2 \le ||T^2x|| ||x||$$
 for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$.

The familiar Putnam-Fuglede theorem asserts that if $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ are normal operators and AX = XB for some $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, then $A^*X = XB^*$ (see [3]). A simple example of two

unilateral shifts shows that this theorem cannot be extended to the class of hyponormal operators. Let us write the Putnam-Fuglede theorem in an asymmetric form: if $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ are normal operators and $AX = XB^*$ for some $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, then $A^*X = XB$.

Many authors extended this theorem for different non-normal classes of operators (see [2,4–12]). In this paper, we shall generalize this theorem to certain (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operators.

The organization of the paper is as follows; in Section 2, we give some properties for (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operators needed in the sequel. In Section 3, we present our main theorems to prove that the asymmetric Putnam-Fuglede theorem holds for some power-bounded operators *A*, *B* in the following cases:

- (i) A and B^* are *n*-*-paranormal operators
- (ii) *A* is a (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator with reduced kernel and B^* are *n*-*-paranormal operator;
- (iii) *A* is a n *-paranormal operator and B^* are (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator with reduced kernel (an operator *T* with reduced kernel means that its kernel is invariant under T^*).

These results extend those recently given in [9,13,14] and as applications of our main theorems, we obtain the following:

- 1. if *T* is a (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator with reduced kernel (resp. *n*-*-paranormal operator or a *n* quasi-*-class *A* with reduced kernel), then *T* has a part in the class C_{00} on a stable subspace \mathcal{H}_0 and a compression quasi-affine transform to an isometry on the orthogonal complement of \mathcal{H}_0 .
- 2. Next, we prove that if *T* is completely non-normal (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator; for k = 0, 1 and verifying the defect operator D_T is a Hilbert-Schmidt class, then $T \in C_{10}$.

This generalizes the results given by Takahashi and Uchiyama [15] for completely non-normal hyponormal contraction operators and those given by Duggal, Jeonb, Kim [13] for the case of completely non-normal *-paranormal contraction operators.

Let us recall some facts about the construction of the limit isometric operator or the g-asymptotic limit associated with a power-bounded operator T (see [16]).

Definition 1. A Banach limit or a generalized limit is a bounded linear functional glim on $l^{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$ (the Banach space of bounded complex sequences) which preserves the ordinary notion of convergence. That is if $\lim x_n = x$ then $g\lim(x_n) = x$.

Banach limit may be characterized as those continuous functional which satisfy the following conditions:

- *glim* is positive, i.e., if $x_n \ge 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then $glim(x_n) \ge 0$;
- glim(1) = 1, where (1) = (1, 1, 1,);
- *glim* is shift-invariant, i.e., $glim(x_n) = glim(x_{n+1})$.

(see [17]) for further details.

In the sequel we fix a generalized Banach limit *glim* on $l^{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$ for a power-bounded operator *T*; $sup_n ||T^n x|| \leq \infty$, on the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . The following map is a bounded sesquilinear form

$$\phi_T(x,y) = glim_n \langle T^n x, T^n y \rangle; \quad x, y \in \mathcal{H}$$
(1)

Since $\{||T^n|| : n \ge 1\}$ is bounded, then $glim||T^nx|| = 0$ if and only if $inf_n||T^nx|| = 0$ and so, this holds if and only if $lim_n||T^nx|| = 0$.

We denote by \mathcal{H}_0 the kernel of ϕ_T , i.e.,

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \{ x \in \mathcal{H} : \lim_n \|T^n x\| = 0 \}$$

$$\tag{2}$$

 \mathcal{H}_0 is said the stable subspace for *T*. It is clear that \mathcal{H}_0 is an invariant subspace for any operator in the commutant of *T*, i.e., \mathcal{H}_0 is an hyperinvariant subspace. We recall the following definitions:

- (i) A power-bounded operator *T* is said to be of class C_1 if the sequence $\{||T^n x|| : n \in N\}$ does not converge to 0 for any non-zero vector *x* i.e., $\mathcal{H}_0(T) = \{0\}$.
- (ii) *T* is said to be strongly stable if $\mathcal{H}_0(T) = \mathcal{H}$ and we write $T \in C_{0,2}$;
- (iii) *T* is of class $C_{.j} : j = 0, 1$ if T^* is of class $C_{j} : j = 0, 1$;
- (iv) *T* is of class C_{ij} : i, j = 0, 1 if $T \in C_i \cap C_j$.

It follows from Equation (1) of the sesquilinear application ϕ_T that there exists a positive operator $A_{T,g} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ such that the equation $\phi_T(x, y) = \langle A_{T,g}x, y \rangle$ holds for all vectors $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$. The operator $A_{T,g}$ is said the *g*-asymptotic limit of *T* which is usually depends on the particular choice of the generalized limit *g*. It is well known that ker $A_{T,g} = \mathcal{H}_0$ holds for every Banach limit *g* and

$$glim_n \|T^n x\|^2 = \|A_{T,g}^{\frac{1}{2}} x\|^2 = \|A_{T,g}^{\frac{1}{2}} T x\|^2$$
(3)

Furthermore, there exists an isometry *V* on ran(A) such that

$$VA^{\frac{1}{2}} = A^{\frac{1}{2}}T.$$
 (4)

The concept of asymptotic limit and their generalizations play an important role in the hyperinvariant subspace problem [16,18]. Since T^* is a power-bounded operator whenever T is, let A_* be the strong limit of $\{T^nT^{*n} : n \ge 1\}$ and let V^* be the associated isometry on $\overline{\operatorname{ran}(A^*)}$ so that all the preceding properties hold for T^* , A^* , V^* .

Definition 2. *Let* $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ *, then*

(*i*) the joint point spectrum, denoted by $\sigma_{ip}(T)$ is the set

$$\sigma_{iv}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : Tx = \lambda x \text{ and } T^*x = \overline{\lambda}x\}.$$

(ii) the joint approximate point spectrum, denoted by $\sigma_{ja}(T)$ is the set of scalars λ for which there exists a normalized sequence $\{x_n\} \subset \mathcal{H}$ verifying

$$(T-\lambda)x_n \to 0$$
 and $(T-\lambda)^*x_n \to 0$.

Notice that in general, $\sigma_{jp}(T) \subset \sigma_p(T)$; however, the equality holds for the following operator classes: *p*-hyponormal or log-hyponormal, absolute-*-*k*-paranormal.

Definition 3. $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operators if, for non-negative integers k and n,

$$\|T^*(T^kx)\|^{(1+n)} \le \|T^{(1+n)}(T^kx)\| \|T^kx\|^n \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{H}.$$
(5)

If k = 0, it is clear that *T* is *n*-*-paranormal operator [8] and if n = 1, then *T* is *-paranormal [1]. Also, if n = 0, *T* is *k* quasi-hyponormal [8] and if n = 1, *T* is *k*-quasi-*-hyponormal operator [19].

2. Properties of (n, k)-Quasi-*-Hyponormal Operators

Lemma 1. [19] If $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, then T is (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator if and only if

$$T^{*k}T^{*(n+1)}T^{(n+1)}T^k - (n+1)t^n T^{*k}TT^*T^k + nt^{(n+1)}T^{*k}T^k \ge 0$$
(6)

for all t > 0.

Lemma 2. Let $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. If T is a normal operator, then

$$||Tx||^{n} \le ||T^{(n)}x|| ||x||^{n}$$
(7)

for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$ *and non-negative integer n*

Proof. We recall from [20] that if *A* is a positive operator on Hilbert space then

$$\langle Ax, x \rangle^r \le \langle A^r x, x \rangle \tag{8}$$

for all r > 1 and any unit vector x.

Let *T* be a normal operator and $n \ge 1$, then

$$||Tx||^{2n} = \langle T^*Tx, x \rangle^n \tag{9}$$

By the above inequality

$$||Tx||^{2n} \le \langle (T^*T)^n x, x \rangle = \langle T^{*n}T^n x, x \rangle = ||T^n x||^2$$
(10)

for all $n \ge 1$ and unit vector x. Hence, for x = y/||y||, $y \ne 0$, we get our result. \Box

Lemma 3. Let T be (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator. If $\overline{ran T^k} \neq H$, then T has the following decomposition:

$$T = \left[\begin{array}{cc} T_1 & S \\ 0 & T_2 \end{array} \right].$$

on $\mathcal{H} = \overline{ran T^k} \oplus (ran T^k)^{\perp}$, where T_1 is n-*-paranormal operator, $T_2^k = 0$ and $\sigma(T) = \sigma(T_1) \cup \{0\}$.

Proof. If $ran T^k \neq \mathcal{H}$, then \mathcal{H} has the following non-trivial decomposition: $\mathcal{H} = \overline{ran T^k} \oplus (ran T^k)^{\perp}$. Also, it is clear that $\overline{ran T^k}$ is an invariant subspace for T such that $T_1 = T|_{\overline{ran T^k}}$ is *n*-*-paranormal operator and $T_2^k = 0$; where $T_2 = T_{|(ran T^k)^{\perp}}$. Hence, T has the triangular matrix form cited above. \Box

Proposition 1. Let $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$.

- 1. If T is a power-bounded n-*-paranormal operator and there is an invariant subspace \mathcal{M} for which the restriction $T|_{\mathcal{M}} = N$ of T on \mathcal{M} is a normal operator, then \mathcal{M} reduces T and $N = U \oplus 0$ where U is unitary.
- 2. If T is a power-bounded (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator and there is an invariant subspace \mathcal{M} for which the restriction $T|_{\mathcal{M}} = N$ of T on \mathcal{M} is an injective normal operator then \mathcal{M} reduces T and N is a unitary operator. In particular, if $\mathcal{M} = \overline{RanT^k}$ and T_1 as in the previous Lemma, is normal operator, then $\overline{RanT^k}$ reduces T.

Proof.

1. Let *T* be a power-bounded *n*-*-paranormal operator and let us consider an invariant subspace $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{H}$ for *T* such that $T|_{\mathcal{M}} = N$ is normal. The operator *T* has the following matrix decomposition

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} N & R \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix}$$

On the one hand, we have that *N* is a power-bounded normal operator, since *N* is normaloid it follows that *N* is a contraction. It is well known that $N = U \oplus N_0$ where *U* is unitary and N_0

is of class C_{00} for possible $N_0 = 0$. On the other hand, Since the operator *T* is *n*-*-paranormal, it follows that

$$\|R^*x\|^2 + \|Nx\|^2 = \|T^*x\|^2 \le \|T^nx\|^{\frac{2}{n}} = \|N^nx\|^{\frac{2}{n}},$$
(11)

for all unit vector $x \in \mathcal{M}$.

Since the kernel of *N* reduces *N*, hence $N = N_1 \oplus 0$.

If $x \in kerN$ then from (7) we get $x \in kerR^*$. Thus

$$R^* = 0 \quad on \quad kerN \tag{12}$$

For each unit vector $x \in \mathcal{M} \ominus kerN$ we have, $(\|R^*x\|^2 + 1)^n \le \frac{1}{\|Nx\|^{2n}} \|N^nx\|^2$

From Lemma 1, we get for all $k \ge 1$, that

$$(\|R^*x\|^2 + 1)^{nk} \le \frac{1}{\|Nx\|^{2nk}} \|N^nx\|^{2k} \le \frac{1}{\|Nx\|^{2nk}} \|N^{nk}x\|^2$$
(13)

If $N_0 \neq 0$ then

$$(\|R^*x\|^2 + 1)^{nk} \le \frac{1}{(\|Ux\|^2 + \|N_0x\|^2)^{nk}}(\|U^{nk}x\|^2 + \|N_0^{nk}x\|^2)$$
(14)

Since *U* is unitary and ||x|| = 1 then

$$(\|R^*x\|^2 + 1)^{nk} \le \frac{1}{(1 + \|N_0x\|^2)^{nk}} (1 + \|N_0^{nk}x\|^2)$$
(15)

Since $N_0 \in C_{00}$ and $1 + ||N_0x||^2 > 1$ then for $k \to \infty$ we get $(||R^*x||^2 + 1)^{nk} \to 0$. However, $||R^*x||^2 + 1 \ge 1$ which is a contradiction. Hence, $N_0 = 0$ and then N = U on $\mathcal{M} \ominus kerN$.

By substituting $N_0 = 0$ and k = 1 in the inequality (11), we get $(||R^*x||^2 + 1)^n = 1$. Therefore, $R^*x = 0$ on $\mathcal{M} \ominus kerN$ and by (8), we have $R^* = 0 = R$.

2. As in the case (1), let us consider an invariant subspace $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{H}$ for T such that $T|_{\mathcal{M}} = N$ is normal. The operator T has the following matrix

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} N & R \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix},$$

on the decomposition $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^{\perp}$, where *N* is an injective normal operator and then $\overline{ranN^k} = \mathcal{M}$. Hence, $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \overline{ranN^k}$. Indeed, we have $T^k x = N^k x$ for all $x \in \mathcal{M}$. Since *N* is normal then $ranN^k = ranN$ and by the assumption that *N* is injective, we get $\overline{ranN^k} = \mathcal{M}$.

Since *T* is (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator, then

$$\|T^*(T^kx)\|^2 \le \|T^{(n+1)}T^kx\|^{\frac{2}{(n+1)}}\|T^kx\|^{\frac{2n}{(n+1)}}$$
(16)

Put $y = T^k x = N^k x \in \mathcal{M} = \overline{ranN^k}$ for all $x \in \mathcal{M}$, we get,

$$(\|R^*y\|^2 + \|Ny\|^2)^{n+1} \le \|N^{n+1}y\|^2 \|y\|^{2n},$$
(17)

Since *N* is a contraction and $y = N^k x$ we get $||y||^{2n} \le 1$. Hence,

$$(\|R^*y\|^2 + \|Ny\|^2)^{n+1} \le \|N^{n+1}y\|^2,$$
(18)

for all $y \in \mathcal{M} = \overline{ranN^k}$ we get the desired result, by following the same steps as in the proof of the previous assertion (1).

Lemma 4. If $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator, then T° is (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator.

Proof. The proof is a consequence of the Lemma 1 and the properties of the isometric *-homomorphism ϕ of the Berberian technique. \Box

Corollary 1. Let T be a power-bounded (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator.

- 1. If k = 0 (i.e., T is n-*-paranormal) and $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T)$, then ker $(T \lambda)$ reduces T. Also, if k > 0 and $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T) \{0\}$, then ker $(T \lambda)$ reduces T.
- 2. If T is n-*-paranormal and $Tx = \lambda x$ such that $x \neq 0$, then $T^*x = \overline{\lambda} x$ and $\sigma_p(T) = \sigma_{jp}(T)$. The same result holds in case k > 0 and $\lambda \neq 0$ and $\sigma_p(T) \{0\} = \sigma_{jp}(T) \{0\}$.
- 3. If $\lambda \neq \mu$, then ker $(T \lambda) \perp \text{ker} (T \mu)$.
- 4. $T = N \oplus A$ on the decomposition $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^{\perp}$, where \mathcal{M} is the subspace spanned by the eigenspaces of T, N is a normal operator and A is a power-bounded (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator with $\sigma_r(A^*) = \emptyset$. Moreover,

$$\sigma(A^*) \subseteq \sigma_p(A^*) \cup \sigma_c(A^*) \subseteq \sigma_a(A^*).$$

5. If T is n-*-paranormal, then $\sigma_a(T) = \sigma_{ia}(T)$; also, and if k > 0, then $\sigma_a(T) - \{0\} = \sigma_{ia}(T) - \{0\}$.

Proof.

- 1. The result follows immediately from Proposition 1 by taking $\mathcal{M} = ker(T \lambda)$ and $N = \lambda I$ which is normal.
- 2. It follows from item (1).
- 3. If $Tx = \lambda x$ and $Ty = \mu y$ with $\lambda \neq \mu$, then

$$\lambda \langle x, y \rangle = \langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle = \langle x, \overline{\mu}y \rangle = \mu \langle x, y \rangle$$

implies $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$.

4. From items (1), (2), (3) and according to the decomposition $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{M} \oplus (\mathcal{M})^{\perp}$, where \mathcal{M} is the subspace spanned by the eigenspaces, the operator *T* can be written

$$T = \left[\begin{array}{cc} N & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{array} \right],$$

where $N = T|_{\mathcal{M}}$ is a normal operator and A is a (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator. Since $\sigma_p(A) = \emptyset$ it yields ker $(A - \lambda) = \{0\}$, for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and so

$$\operatorname{ker}(A - \lambda)^{\perp} = \{0\}^{\perp}$$
 i.e., $\operatorname{ran}(A^* - \overline{\lambda}) = \mathcal{K}$,

where \mathcal{K} is the initial space of A, i.e., $\mathcal{K} = \left(\bigoplus_{\lambda_i \in \sigma_p(T)} ker(T - \lambda_i) \right)^{\perp}$. Therefore, the residual spectrum of A is empty. From the decomposition of the spectrum, we get

$$\sigma(A^*) = \sigma_p(A^*) \cup \sigma_c(A^*) \subseteq \sigma_a(A^*).$$

5. the last statement follows from Lemma 1 and the assertion (1). \Box

Lemma 5. If T is (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal and \mathcal{M} is an invariant subspace for T, Then $T|_{\mathcal{M}}$ is (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal.

Proof. According to the decomposition $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^{\perp}$, then *T* can be written

$$T = \left[\begin{array}{cc} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{array} \right]$$

where $A = T|_{\mathcal{M}}$. Since *T* is (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal, then

$$\|T^*(T^kx)\|^2 \le \|T^{(n+1)}T^kx\|^{\frac{2}{(n+1)}}\|T^kx\|^{\frac{2n}{(n+1)}}$$
(19)

and for all $x \in \mathcal{M}$ we have that $T^k x = A^k x$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \|A^*(A^k x)\|^2 &\leq \|T^*(T^k x)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|T^{(n+1)} T^k x\|^{\frac{2}{(n+1)}} \|T^k x\|^{\frac{2n}{(n+1)}} \quad \text{(from inequality (19))} \\ &= \|A^{(n+1)} A^k x\|^{\frac{2}{(n+1)}} \|A^k x\|^{\frac{2n}{(n+1)}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, *A* is (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal. \Box

3. Main Theorems

We are ready to show our main theorems.

Definition 4. An operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to have the (PF) property if $TX = XV^*$ for any operator $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ and any isometry $V \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ implies $T^*X = XV$.

Lemma 6. [21] Let $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ and $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- 1. *A*, *B* satisfy Fuglede-Putnam theorem;
- 2. *if* AX = XB for any operator $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$, then $\overline{ran(X)}$ reduces A, $(kerX)^{\perp}$ reduces B and $A|_{\overline{ran(X)}}$, $B|_{(kerX)^{\perp}}$ are unitarily equivalent normal operators.

The following result was given by Duggal-Kubrusl [22] in the contractive case and by Pagacz [9] in the general case but our proof seems more direct, simpler and gives more explicit decomposition than Pagacz's proof.

Proposition 2. Let $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ be a power-bounded operator. A has the PF property if and only if $A = U \oplus C$ where U is unitary and C is of class $C_{.0}$.

Proof. Since *T* is a power-bounded operator then there is a *g*-asymptotic limit A_* associated with the operator T^* which is a positive operator and has the form $A_* = 0 \oplus A_1$ on the decomposition $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_0^{\perp}$ where $\mathcal{H}_0 = ker A_*$ is the stable subspace of T^* .

Furthermore, there exists an isometry *V* on $\overline{\operatorname{ran} A_*} = \mathcal{H}_0^{\perp}$ (the asymptotic isometry associated with *A**), satisfy Equation (4), i.e., $VX = XT^*$, where $Xh = R^{\frac{1}{2}}h$, for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$. Hence,

$$TX = XV^* \tag{20}$$

It follows from the previous Lemma, for T = A, $B = V^*$, that if T has the PF property (i.e., T, V^* satisfy Fuglede-Putnam theorem) then $\overline{\operatorname{ran} X} = \mathcal{H}_0^{\perp}$ reduces T and $T|_{\overline{\operatorname{ran}(X)}}$, V^* are unitarily equivalent normal operators (we have $(kerX)^{\perp} = \mathcal{H}_0^{\perp}$). Which means that $T|_{\overline{\operatorname{ran}(X)}}$ is a unitary operator. Since \mathcal{H}_0 is the stable subspace of T^* and $T^*|_{\mathcal{H}_0}$ is of class $C_{.0}$ then $T|_{\mathcal{H}_0}$ is of class $C_{.0}$. The reverse implications it follows immediately from the previous Lemma. \Box

Proposition 3. (*P. Pagacz* [9]) Every power-bounded *n*-*-paranormal operator has the PF property.

Theorem 1. Let $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$, $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ be power-bounded *n*-*-paranormal operators. If $AX = XB^*$ for any $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$, then $A^*X = XB$.

Proof. Since *B* is *n*-*-paranormal operator then by the Propositions 2 and 3, $B = U \oplus B_0$ on the decomposition $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_0^{\perp}$ where \mathcal{H}_0 is the stable subspace of B^* . Setting $X = [X_1, X_2] \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_0^{\perp}, K)$.

It follows from $AX = XB^*$ that

$$AX_1 = X_1 B_0^* \tag{21}$$

$$AX_2 = X_2 U^* \tag{22}$$

Since A is n-*-paranormal operator and U is unitary then by the Propositions 3, we get

$$A^*X_2 = X_2 U \tag{23}$$

We have ran(X_1) is invariant for A and ker X_1 is invariant for B_0^* . Hence, the operators A, X_1 and B_0 can be written:

$A = \left[\right]$	A_1 0	S A ₂],	$X_1 =$	$\left[\begin{array}{c} Y\\ 0\end{array}\right]$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
	<i>B</i> ₀	=	$B_{01} \\ 0$	R B ₀₂]	

and

From Lemma 5, A_1 is a (power) *n*-*-paranormal operator, B_{01}^* is of class $C_{0.}$ From the previous decompositions and Equation (21), we get $A_1Y = YB_{01}^*$, where *Y* is an injective operator with dense range.

Thus,

$$A_1^n Y h = Y B_{01}^{*n} h$$

Hence, $||A_1^n Yh|| = ||YB_{01}^{*n}h|| \le ||Y|| ||B_{01}^{*n}h|| \to 0$ (strongly). Since A_1 is a (power) *n*-*-paranormal operator then, by Propositions 2 and 3, we deduce that A_1 is not of class C_0 . Hence, Y = 0. Therefore, $X_1 = 0$. Thus, from Equation (23), we get

$$A^*X = [0, A^*X_2] = [0, X_2U] = [0, X_2](B_0 \oplus U) = XB.$$
(24)

Theorem 2. Let \mathcal{A} be power-bounded (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator with reduced kernel and \mathcal{B} be power-bounded *n*-*-paranormal operator. If $\mathcal{AX} = \mathcal{XB}^*$ for some $\mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, then $\mathcal{A}^*\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{XB}$ holds for all non-negative integers *n* and k > 0.

Proof. If $\sigma_p(A) - \{0\} \neq \emptyset \neq \sigma_p(B) - \{0\}$ and A is reduced by its kernel, then by Corollary 1, we can write the operators A, B as follows

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} N & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathcal{B} = \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}$$

according to the decomposition.

 $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^{\perp} = \mathcal{K} \oplus \mathcal{K}^{\perp}$, where *N*, *M* are normal operators and *M*, \mathcal{K} are the subspaces spanned by the eigenspaces of \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} respectively, with $\sigma_r(\mathcal{A}^*) = \sigma_r(\mathcal{B}^*) = \emptyset$.

Moreover, if
$$\mathcal{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \\ X_3 & X \end{bmatrix}$$
, then from $\mathcal{AX} = \mathcal{XB}^*$ it follows that
$$\begin{cases} NX_1 = X_1 M^* \\ NX_2 = X_2 B^* \\ AX_3 = X_3 M^* \\ AX = XB^* \end{cases}$$

To prove the adjoint version of this system it is enough to prove the earlier equation because the first three equations are particular cases of it. Instead consider the following decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_1 &= \overline{\operatorname{ran}(X)} \oplus \overline{\operatorname{ran}(X)}^{\perp} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{H}_1 = \mathcal{M}^{\perp} \\ \mathcal{H}_2 &= \overline{\operatorname{ran}(X^*)} \oplus \ker X \text{ with } \mathcal{H}_2 = \mathcal{K}^{\perp} \end{aligned}$$

From the equation $AX = XB^*$ we deduce that $\overline{ran(X)}$ is invariant for A and ker X is invariant for B^* . Hence, the operators A, X and B can be written:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & S \\ 0 & A_2 \end{bmatrix} \in B(\mathcal{H}_1), \ X = \begin{bmatrix} Y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in B(\mathcal{H}_2, \mathcal{H}_1)$$

and

$$B = \left[\begin{array}{cc} B_1 & R \\ 0 & B_2 \end{array} \right] \in B(\mathcal{H}_2).$$

From Lemma 5, A_1 is a (power) (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator, B_1 is a (power-bounded) *n*-*-paranormal operators and from Corollary 1, $\sigma_r(A_1^*) = \sigma_r(B_1^*) = \emptyset$.

Also, $AX = XB^*$ implies $A_1Y = YB_1^*$ where Y is injective with dense range.

From Lemma 5, A_1 and B_1 have the following matrices decompositions:

$$A_1 = \left[\begin{array}{cc} A_{11} & R \\ 0 & A_{12} \end{array} \right] \text{ and } B_1 = B_{11} \oplus 0$$

according to the decomposition

$$\overline{\operatorname{ran}(X)} = \overline{\operatorname{ran}(A_1^k)} \oplus \overline{\operatorname{ran}(A_1^k)}^{\bot}$$

and

$$\overline{\operatorname{ran}(X^*)} = \overline{\operatorname{ran}(B_1^k)} \oplus \overline{\operatorname{ran}(B_1^k)}^{\perp}$$

where A_{11}, B_{11}^* are power-bounded *n*-*-paranormal operators and $A_{22}^k = 0$. It is clear that $A_1Y = YB_1^*$ implies that $A_1^kY = YB_1^{*k}$ for any positive integer *k* and therefore $Y(\operatorname{ran}(B^k)) = \operatorname{ran} A_1^k$. So *Y* has the following matrix

$$Y = \left[\begin{array}{cc} Y_1 & D \\ 0 & Y_2 \end{array} \right]$$

where $Y_1 : \overline{ran(B_1^k)} \to \overline{ran(A_1^k)}$ is injective with dense range. Also, it follows from the equation $A_1Y = YB_1^*$ that $A_{11}^kY_1 = Y_1B_{11}^{*k}$. Since A_{11} and B_{11}^* are power-bounded *n*-*-paranormal operators, then from Theorem 1 we have $A_{11}^{*k}Y_1 = Y_1B_{11}^k$, and because of Y is injective with dense range, we get A_{11} is an injective normal operator unitary equivalent to B_{11} . From Proposition 1, we get that $ran(A_1^k)$ reduces A_1 . Hence R = 0 and from $A_1Y = YB_1^*$ it follows that $Y_2^*A_{12}^* = 0$. Since Y has dense range

then $A_{12} = 0$. Therefore $A_1 = A_{11} \oplus 0$ which is a (n)-*-paranormal operator. Finally, we deduce that $A_1^*Y = YB_1$ and then $A^*X = XB$ and the proof is complete. \Box

Remark 1. By the same method, we can prove the dual version of Theorem 2. Indeed, let A be a power-bounded n-*-paranormal operator and B be a power-bounded (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator with reduced kernel. If $AX = XB^*$ for some $X \in B(H)$, then $A^*X = XB$ holds for all non-negative integers n and k > 0.

Definition 5. An operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be

- (i) k-quasi-*-class A if $T^{*k}|T^2|T^k \ge T^{*k}|T^*|^2T^k$ for non-negative integer k;
- (*ii*) (n, k)-quasi-paranormal operator if

 $||T(T^{k}x)||^{(1+n)} \le ||T^{(1+n)}(T^{k}x)|| ||T^{k}x||^{n}$

for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$ and for non-negative integers n, k.

Lemma 7. We have the following proper inclusions:

- (*i*) (k-quasi-*-class $A) \subset (k$ -quasi-*-paranormal);
- (ii) the class (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator is normaloid, for k = 0, 1.

Proof. For (i) see [19].

We give a proof of (ii) which seems direct and simpler than given in [19] Istratescu and Istratescu [23] have proved that *n*-paranormal operators are normaloid. Thus, for proving (ii) it suffices to show that the class (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operators; for k = 0, 1 is a subset of *n*-paranormal one.

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(Tx)\|^{2(n+1)} &= \langle T^2x, T^2x \rangle^{n+1} \\ &= \langle T^*T^2x, Tx \rangle^{n+1} \\ &\leq \|T^*T^2x\|^{n+1}\|Tx\|^{n+1} \\ &\leq |T^{n+1}T^2x\|\|T^2\|^n\|Tx\|^{n+1} \ (T \text{ is } (n,1) \text{-quasi-*-paranormal}) \\ &= |T^{n+2}Tx\|\|T^2\|^n\|Tx\|^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{H}$.

Hence (n, 1)-quasi-*-paranormal $\subset (n + 1)$ -paranormal. The case k = 0 is similar. \Box

As a consequence, we get

Corollary 2. *The asymmetric Fuglede-Putnam theorem holds for the pair of power-bounded operators* $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ *in each of the following cases:*

- 1. A is k-quasi-*-class A operator with reduced kernel and B is n-*-paranormal operator;
- 2. A is *n*-*-paranormal operator and B is *k*-quasi-*-class A operator with reduced kernel;
- 3. $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ are k-quasi-*-class A operators with 0 not in their approximate spectrum.

As an application of Theorems 1, 2, Corollary 2 and Pagacz's Theorem [9], we get the following:

Corollary 3. *Let T be a power-bounded operator, then T has the Wold-type decomposition (i.e., T is a direct sum of a unitary operator and an operator of class* $C_{.0}$ *) in each of the following cases:*

- *(i) n*-*-*paranormal operator;*
- *(ii)* (*n*, *k*)-quasi-*-paranormal operator with reduced kernel;
- *(iii) k*-quasi-*-class A operator with reduced kernel.

We note that (i) was proved by Duggal in case n = 1 [13] and extended by Pagacz for $n \ge 1$ [9]. The result (iii) generalizes that of Hoxha and Braha [24] which was proved in the contraction operator case.

4. Application

Definition 6. A non-zero transform $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ is said to be a quasi-invertible if it is injective and has dense range. $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be a quasi-affine transform of $R \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ if there exists a quasi-invertible $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ intertwining R to T, *i.e.*, TX = XR.

Proposition 4. If a power-bounded operator is of class $C_{1,i}$ then it is a quasi-affine transform of an isometry.

Proof. If *T* is a power-bounded operator on \mathcal{H} of class $C_{1,}$, then it follows by the above remarks that $\ker A_{T,g} = \ker A_{T,g}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \mathcal{H}_0 = \{0\}$. Since *A* is a positive operator, then

$$\overline{\operatorname{ran}(A_{T,g})} = \overline{\operatorname{ran}(A_{T,g}^{\frac{1}{2}})} = \mathcal{H}.$$

From Equation (3), *T* is a quasi-affine transform of an isometry *V* on $\overline{ran(A_{T,g})}$.

We note here that the previous was given by Duggal, Kubrusly [13] in the contractive case. We give the Kerchy's Lemma [16] which was first proven by Sz-Nagy and Foias [18] for contractions and by Kerchy for power-bounded operators.

Lemma 8. (Kerchy) If T is a power-bounded operator on \mathcal{H} , then T has the following matrix form:

$$T = \left[\begin{array}{cc} T_0 & D \\ 0 & T_1 \end{array} \right]$$

on the decomposition $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_0^{\perp}$, where \mathcal{H}_0 is the stable subspace of $T, T_0 \in C_0$ and $T_1 \in C_1$.

Remark 2. Since the spectral radius of a power-bounded operators is not greater then 1, then the power-bounded normaloid operators are contractions. Hence, by the Lemma 7, (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operators (in particular *k*-quasi-*-class A operator if k = 0, 1) and *k*-paranormal operators are contractions.

A contraction *T* on a separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H} is said to be a completely non-unitary if it has no non-trivial unitary direct summand. *T* is said to be of class C_0 , written $T \in C_0$ if $\psi(f) = f(T) = 0$; for some non-zero function *f*, where ψ is a weak*weak continuous homomorphism from the Hardy space $\mathcal{H}^{\infty}(D)$ on the open unit disc *D* to the weakly closed subalgebra of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ generated by *T*, that is an extension of the usual functional calculus. This is the \mathcal{H}^{∞} -functional calculus developed by Sz-Nagy and Foias [18]. It is well known that each contraction of class C_0 is of class C_{00} and the converse is given by Takahashi and Uchiyama (Theorem 1, [15]), under the assumption that the defect operator $D_T = (I - T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is of Hilbert-Schmidt class.

As a consequence of our main results, we have that if *T* is a power-bounded and completely non-unitary *n*-*-paranormal operator (resp. be a (n, k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator or a *k*-quasi-*-class *A* operator with reduced kernels), then *T* has part (its restriction on the invariant subspace \mathcal{H}_0) in C_0 and its compression on \mathcal{H}_0^{\perp} is quasi-affine transform of an isometry.

Proposition 5. Let *T* be a power-bounded and completely non-unitary n-*-paranormal operator (resp. be a (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator or a k-quasi-*-class *A* operator with reduced kernels). Then *T* has the following triangular matrix

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} T_0 & D \\ 0 & T_1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(25)

on the decomposition $\mathcal{H}=\mathcal{H}_0\oplus\mathcal{H}_0^{\perp}$, where \mathcal{H}_0 is the stable subspace of T and

(*i*) $T_0 \in C_{00}$; (*ii*) $T_1 \in C_{10}$; (*iii*) T_1 is quasi-affine transform of an isometry.

Proof. Since *T* is completely non-unitary, then it follows from Corollary 3 that *T* is of class *C*_{.0}. Since the *C*_{.0} property is invariant under the restriction to an invariant subspace, therefore by the Kerchy's Lemma, we get the desired triangular matrix form (25) of *T* on the decomposition $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_0^{\perp}$ and the assertions (i) and (ii) follow immediately. (iii) follows from Kerchy's Lemma and Proposition 4.

Proposition 6. Let T be a power-bounded and completely non-unitary n-*-paranormal operator (resp. be a (n,k)-quasi-*-paranormal operator or a k-quasi-*-class A operator with reduced kernels). If T is a contraction with the above matrix form (25) such that the defect operator $D_T = (I - T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is of Hilbert-Schmidt class. Then, $T_0 \in C_0$ and $\sigma_p(T)$ is at most countable.

Furthermore, the following assertions are equivalent:

- (*i*) $T \in C_{0.}$;
- (*ii*) $T \in C_0$;
- (iii) ind(T) = 0.

Proof. Since T_0 is a contraction such that the defect operator D_{T_0} is of Hilbert-Schmidt class, i.e., $tr(I - T_0^*T_0) < \infty$, by Theorem 1 in [15], T_0 is of class C_0 .

Since the point spectrum of a completely non-unitary does not intersect with the unite circle and $\sigma_p(T_1)$ is empty, then $\sigma_p(T)$ lies in $\sigma(T_0)$. However, $T_0 \in C_0$, that is the spectrum of T_0 does not fill the unit disc. Hence, $\sigma_p(T)$ is at most countable. \Box

Remark 3. The assertions (i), (ii) and (iii) above are proven in [15] for all contraction in $C_{.0}$ such that the defect operator $D_T = (I - T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is of Hilbert-Schmidt class.

Proposition 7. If *T* is a power-bounded *n*-*-paranormal operators (resp. the (n, 1)-quasi-*-paranormal operators with reduced kernel) such that its spectrum lies in the unit circle \mathbb{T} , then *T* is a unitary operator.

Proof. We have that our classes cited in the Proposition are invariant under multiplication by non-zero scalar and are contractions normaloid by Remark 3 and Lemma 5. Therefore, by following the proof given by Duggal [13], we obtain the desired result. \Box

It is well known that a contraction normal operator is a direct sum of a unitary operator and un operator of class C_{00} . So the natural question is what happen for a non-normal operators? Takahashi and Uchiyama [15] proved that a completely non-normal hyponormal operator such that the defect operator D_T is of Hilbert-Schmidt class, is of class C_{10} and Duggal, Jeonb, Kim [13] extended this result under the same assumptions to the case *-paranormal operators.

In the following, we generalize this result in more general classes.

Theorem 3. If T is a completely non-normal n-*-paranormal operators (resp. the (n, 1)-quasi-*-paranormal operators with reduced kernel) such that the defect operator $D_T = (I - T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is of Hilbert-Schmidt class, then $T \in C_{10}$.

Proof. From Proposition 4, *T* has the following triangular matrix

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} T_0 & D\\ 0 & T_1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(26)

on the decomposition $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_0^{\perp}$ where \mathcal{H}_0 is the stable subspace of T, $T_0 \in C_{00}$ and $T_1 \in C_{10}$. Therefore, by Proposition 5, D_{T_0} is of Hilbert-Schmidt class and $T_0 \in C_0$ with the form

$$T_0 = \begin{bmatrix} A & D \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}$$
(27)

where $\sigma(A) = \sigma_p(A) \subset \mathbb{D}$ and $\sigma(B) \subset \mathbb{T}$ (where \mathbb{D} is the open unit disc). From Corollary 3 and the fact that T_0 is completely non-normal, it follows that $\sigma_p(T_0)$ is empty and yields $\sigma(T_0) = \sigma(B) \subset \mathbb{T}$. Therefore, by the Proposition 7, T_0 is unitary; a contradiction. This shows that T_0 is absent. Finally, we conclude that $T = T_1 \in C_{10}$. \Box

5. Discussions and Further Studies

The following Putnam-Fuglede theorem is very well known:

Theorem 4. (Putnam-Fuglede Theorem) [4,5].

Assume that $A, B \in B(\mathcal{H})$ are normal operators. If AX = XB for some $X \in B(\mathcal{H})$, then $A^*X = XB^*$.

There are many generalizations of this theorem to several classes of operators (see [3-5,7,8,10,16,21,25-27]) etc. In 1978, S.K Berberian [28] showed that the Putnam-Fuglede theorem holds when A and B* are hyponormal and X is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator. Radjapalipour [3] showed that Putnam-Fuglede theorem remains valid for hyponormal operators. In 2002, Uchiyama and Tanahashi [25] proved that Putnam-Fuglede theorem still holds for *p*-hyponormal and log-hyponormal operators. Bachir and Lombarkia [5] gave the extension of Putnam-Fuglede Theorem for *w*-hyponormal and class (*Y*). Recently, Mecheri and Uchiyama [7] extended Putnam-Fuglede to class \mathcal{A} operators. In this paper, we generalize the Putnam-Fuglede theorem to a large class of operators, say (*n*,*k*)-quasi-*- paranormal operators. These results extend those given in [8,14,17,20]. As application of our main theorems, we obtain:

- 1. Characterization of (n, k)-quasi-*- paranormal operators with reduced kernel.
- 2. Characterization of completely non-normal (n,k) quasi *-paranormal operators. These generalizes the results given by
 - (i) Tanahashi and Uchiyama [15] for completely non-normal hyponormal contraction operator.
 - (ii) Duggal, Jeon, and Kim [13] completely non-normal *-paranormal contraction operator.

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