## WEYL'S THEOREM FOR *p*-HYPONORMAL OR *M*-HYPONORMAL OPERATORS

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Abstract. In 1997, M. Cho, M. Ito and S. Oshiro showed that Weyl's theorem holds for *p*-hyponormal operators, for any p > 0. In this note we give another proof of this result. Also, it is shown that Weyl's theorem holds for *M*-hyponormal operators. Further, in 1962, Stampfli showed that if *T* is hyponormal and its Weyl spectrum is  $\{0\}$  then *T* is compact and normal. We show that this result remains true if the hypothesis of hyponormality is replaced by either (a) *p*-hyponormality or (b) *M*-hyponormality.

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**1. Introduction.** We denote the set of all bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  by  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . For a  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and for some p > 0, if  $(T^*T)^p \ge (TT^*)^p$ , then *T* is said to be *p*-hyponormal.  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is called *M*-hyponormal if there exists a positive constant *M* for each  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $(T-zI)(T-zI)^* \le M^2(T-zI)^*(T-zI)$ . If p=1, then *T* is called simply hyponormal and it is equivalent to the case where M=1.

 $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is called a *Fredholm operator* if  $T\mathcal{H}$  is closed and both Ker  $T = \{x \in \mathcal{H} : Tx = 0\}$  and Ker  $T^*$  are finite-dimensional. To any Fredholm operator T there corresponds an integer  $i(T) = \dim \operatorname{Ker} T - \dim \operatorname{Ker} T^*$ , called the *index* of T. Let  $\mathcal{F}_0$  denotes the class of all Fredholm operators in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  of index 0. Then  $w(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda I \notin \mathcal{F}_0\}$  is called the *Weyl spectrum* of T. It is known that, for a  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}), w(T)$  is non-empty and  $w(T) = \bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})} \sigma(T + K)$ , where  $\sigma(T)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ 

denote the spectrum of T and the set of all compact operators in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  respectively.

For a  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , let  $\sigma_p(T)$  and  $\pi_{00}(T)$  denote the point spectrum and the set of all isolated eigenvalues of finite multiplicity of T respectively. According to Coburn [3], we say that *Weyl's theorem holds for* T if  $\sigma(T)\setminus w(T) = \pi_{00}(T)$ . He showed that Weyl's theorem holds for hyponormal operators and this result was generalized to phyponormal operators by Cho-Ito-Oshiro [4]. Also, by Stampfli [8], it is known that if T is hyponormal and if  $w(T) = \{0\}$ , then T is compact and normal. In this paper, we shall give another proof of the result of Cho-Ito-Oshiro and prove that Weyl's theorem holds for M-hyponormal operators and that Stampfli's result above is also applicable to p-hyponormal or M-hyponormal operators.

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**2. Preliminaries.** According to Berberian [2], we say that *T* is *isoloid* if every isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$  is in the point spectrum or *T*. Also if every restriction  $T|_{\mathcal{M}}$  to its reducing subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  is isoloid, then we say that *T* satisfies the condition  $(\alpha''')$ .

The following result was given by Berberian [2].

THEOREM A. If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  satisfies the condition  $(\alpha'')$  and if every finite-dimensional eigenspace of T reduces T, then Weyl's theorem holds for T.

DEFINITION 1. If  $||Tx||^2 \le ||T^2x|| ||x||$ , for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , then we say that T is *paranormal*.

The following results are well known.

**PROPOSITION 1.** If T is paranormal, then  $||T|| = \sup\{|\lambda| ; \lambda \in \sigma(T)\}$ .

PROPOSITION 2. (Heinz's, inequality [6]) If  $A \ge B \ge 0$ , then  $A^{\alpha} \ge B^{\alpha}$ , for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ .

PROPOSITION 3. (Hansen's inequality [5]) If  $A \ge 0$  and  $||B|| \le 1$  then  $(B^*AB)^{\delta} \ge B^* A^{\delta} B$ , for all  $\delta \in (0, 1]$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.** (Hölder-McCarthy inequality [7]) If  $A \ge 0$ , then for each  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  we have

$$\langle A^r x, x \rangle \begin{cases} \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle^r \|x\|^{2(1-r)} & (0 < r \le 1), \\ \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle^r \|x\|^{2(1-r)} & (r \ge 1). \end{cases}$$

**PROPOSITION 5.** [12] Let T be p-hyponormal with its polar decompositon T = U|T|. Then, for any s and t such that  $s \ge 0$  and  $t \ge 0$ ,

$$|T|^{s}U|U|^{t} \text{ is } \begin{cases} 1-hyponormal & (\max(s,t) \leq p), \\ \frac{p+\min(s,t)}{s+t} - hyponormal & (\max(s,t) > p). \end{cases}$$

**PROPOSITION 6.** ([11]) The restriction  $T|_{\mathcal{M}}$  of an M-hyponormal operator T to its invariant subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  is also M-hyponormal.

DEFINITION 2. For a  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , we say that T belongs to the class  $\mathcal{Y}_{\alpha}$  for some  $\alpha \geq 1$  if there is a positive number  $K_{\alpha}$  such that  $|T^*T - TT^*|^{\alpha} \leq K_{\alpha}^2(T - zI)^*$  (T - zI), for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . Also, let  $\mathcal{Y} = \bigcup_{\alpha \geq 1} \mathcal{Y}_{\alpha}$ .

The following results are known.

**PROPOSITION** 7. [10] If T is M-hyponormal, then  $T \in \mathcal{Y}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$ .

**PROPOSITION 8.** [10] If  $T \in \mathcal{Y}$ , then  $Tx = \lambda x$  implies  $T^*x = \overline{\lambda}x$ .

**PROPOSITION 9.** [10] If  $T \in \mathcal{Y}$  and if  $\sigma(T) = \{0\}$ , then T = 0.

COROLLARY 1. If T is M-hyponormal and  $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda\}$ , then  $T = \lambda I$ .

*Proof.* Let *T* be a *M*-hyponormal operator such that  $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda\}$ , then  $T - \lambda I$  is also *M*-hyponormal and  $\sigma(T - \lambda I) = \{0\}$ . Therefore  $T - \lambda I = 0$  by Propositions 7 and 9.

## 3. Main theorems.

**LEMMA** 1. If T is invertible and p-hyponormal, then  $T^{-1}$  is also p-hyponormal.

*Proof.* Since T is an invertible p-hyponormal operator, we have  $|T|^{2p} \ge |T^*|^{2p}$  and  $|T|^{-2p} \le |T^*|^{-2p}$ . It is easy to verify the equalities  $|T^{-1^*}|^{2p} = |T|^{-2p}$  and  $|T^*|^{-2p} = |T^{-1}|^{2p}$ , and the assertion of Lemma 1 holds.

**REMARK.** It is well known that the inverse operator  $T^{-1}$  of an invertible paranormal operator T is also paranormal.

LEMMA 2. If T is p-hyponormal, then T is paranormal.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  be an arbitrary non-zero vector. Then we have

$$\|T^{2}x\|^{2} = \left\langle (T^{*}T)^{p\frac{1}{p}}Tx, Tx \right\rangle$$
  

$$\geq \|Tx\|^{2\left(1-\frac{1}{p}\right)}\left\langle (T^{*}T)^{p}Tx, Tx \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{(by Proposition 4)}$$
  

$$\geq \|Tx\|^{2\left(1-\frac{1}{p}\right)}\left\langle T^{*}(TT^{*})^{p}Tx, Tx \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{(since } T \text{ is } p\text{-hyponormal)}$$
  

$$= \|Tx\|^{2\left(1-\frac{1}{p}\right)}\left\langle (T^{*}T)^{1+p}x, x \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{p}}$$
  

$$\geq \|Tx\|^{2\left(1-\frac{1}{p}\right)}\|x\|^{-2}\|Tx\|^{2\left(1+\frac{1}{p}\right)} \quad \text{(by Proposition 4)}$$
  

$$= \|Tx\|^{4}\|x\|^{-2}.$$

Hence, we have  $||Tx||^2 \le ||T^2x|| ||x||$ , for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , and the proof of Lemma 2 is complete.

COROLLARY 2. If T is p-hyponormal and if  $\sigma(T) = \{0\}$ , then T = 0.

*Proof.* By Lemma 2 and by Proposition 1, we have the conclusion.

**LEMMA 3.** [9] If T is p-hyponormal for a p such that  $0 , then the restriction <math>T|_{\mathcal{M}}$  to its invariant subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  is also p-hyponormal.

*Proof.* Let P be the orthogonal projection onto  $\mathcal{M}$ . Then  $T|_{\mathcal{M}} = TP$  on  $\mathcal{M}$ . Thus we obtain

$$\{(T|_{\mathcal{M}})^*(T|_{\mathcal{M}})^p\} = (PT^*TP)^p \ge P(T^*T)^p P \quad \text{(by Proposition 3)},$$

and

 $\{(T|_{\mathcal{M}})(T|_{\mathcal{M}})^*\}^p = (TPT^*)^p = P(TPT^*)^p P \le P(TT^*)^p P$  (by Proposition 2).

Since T is p-hyponormal

$$\{(T|_{\mathcal{M}})(T|_{\mathcal{M}})^*\}^p \le P(TT^*)^p P \le P(T^*T)^p P \le \{(T|_{\mathcal{M}})^*(T|_{\mathcal{M}})\}^p$$

and this inequality shows that  $T|_{\mathcal{M}}$  is *p*-hyponormal.

**THEOREM 1.** If T is p-hyponormal or M-hyponormal, then T is isoloid and satisfies the condition ( $\alpha'''$ ) by Lemma 3 or Proposition 6 respectively.

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$ . Then the range of the Riesz projection  $E = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} (zI - T)^{-1} dz$  is a closed invariant subspace for T and  $\sigma(T|_{E\mathcal{H}}) = \{\lambda\}$ . Here D is a closed ball with center  $\lambda$  that satisfies  $\sigma(T) \cap D = \{\lambda\}$ , and  $\partial D$  is the boundary of D described once counterclockwise.

First, we prove that every *M*-hyponormal operator is isoloid.

If T is M-hyponormal, then  $T|_{\mathcal{EH}}$  is also M-hyponormal, by Proposition 6. Since  $\sigma(T|_{\mathcal{EH}}) = \{\lambda\}$ , we have  $T|_{\mathcal{EH}} = \lambda E$ , by Corollary 1. Hence, the assertion of Theorem 1 holds for M-hyponormal operators.

Next, we prove that every *p*-hyponormal operator is isoloid.

If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $\sigma(T|_{E\mathcal{H}}) = \{0\}$  and  $T|_{E\mathcal{H}}$  is paranormal, by Lemma 3.  $T|_{E\mathcal{H}} = 0$  by Corollary 2. Therefore 0 is in the point spectrum of *T*.

If  $\lambda \neq 0$ ,  $T|_{E\mathcal{H}}$  is an invertible paranormal operator and hence  $(T|_{E\mathcal{H}})^{-1}$  is also paranormal by Lemmas 1 and 2. By Proposition 1, we see that  $||T|_{E\mathcal{H}}|| = |\lambda|$  and  $||(T|_{E\mathcal{H}})^{-1}|| = \frac{1}{|\lambda|}$ . Let  $x \in E\mathcal{H}$  be an arbitrary vector. Then

$$\|x\| \le \left\| (T|_{E\mathcal{H}})^{-1} \| \|T|_{E\mathcal{H}} x\| = \frac{1}{|\lambda|} \|T|_{E\mathcal{H}} x\| \le \frac{1}{\lambda} |\lambda| \|x\| = \|x\|.$$

This implies that  $\frac{1}{\lambda}T|_{E\mathcal{H}}$  is unitary. Therefore  $T|_{E\mathcal{H}}$  is normal and equal to  $\lambda E$ . Hence, the assertion of Theorem 1 holds for *p*-hyponormal operators. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

LEMMA 4. For any  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  with its polar decomposition T = U|T| and  $\lambda = re^{i\theta} \neq 0$ ,  $(T - \lambda I)x = (T - \lambda I)^*x = 0$  if and only if  $(|T| - rI)x = (U - e^{i\theta}I)x = 0$ .

*Proof.* If  $(T-\lambda I)x = (T-\lambda I)^*x = 0$ , then  $|T|^2x = T^*T = r^2x$  and |T|x = rx because |T| + rI is invertible. By the assumption,  $re^{i\theta}x = Tx = U|T|x = rUx$  and we have  $(U-e^{i\theta}I)x = 0$  because  $r \neq 0$ .

Conversely, if  $(|T| - rI)x = (U - e^{i\theta}I)x = 0$ , then  $(U - e^{i\theta}I)^*x = 0$  by the general theory and we obtain that  $Tx = U|T|x = Urx = re^{i\theta}x = \lambda x$  and  $T^*x = |T|U^*x = |T|e^{-i\theta}x = re^{-i\theta}x = \lambda x$ .

LEMMA 5. If T is p-hyponormal for  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $(T - \lambda I)x = 0$  implies that  $(T - \lambda I)^*x = 0$ .

*Proof.* If  $\lambda = 0$ , then the assertion is trivial since Ker $T \subseteq$  Ker $T^*$ , for every *p*-hyponormal operator *T*.

For a *p*-hyponormal operator T with  $p = \frac{1}{2}$  and a  $\lambda = re^{-i\theta} \neq 0$ , we have

$$(T - \lambda I)^{*}(T - \lambda I) = (|T| - |\lambda|I)^{2} + |\lambda| (U - e^{i\theta}I) |T| (U - e^{i\theta}I)^{*} + |\lambda|(|T| - |T^{*}|)$$
  

$$\geq (|T| - |\lambda|I)^{2}.$$

Therefore, if  $(T-\lambda I)x=0$ , then  $(|T|-|\lambda|I)x=0$  and hence  $(U-e^{i\theta}I)x=0$  because  $r \neq 0$ . We have  $(T-\lambda I)^*x=0$  by Lemma 4.

LEMMA 6. If T is p-hyponormal with the polar decomposition T = U|T|, then every eigenspace of U is invariant under |T| and  $U^*$ .

*Proof.* If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is an eigenvalue of U and x is a non-zero eigenvector with respect to  $\lambda$ , then  $\lambda = 0$  or  $|\lambda| = 1$ , since the range of U is a subspace of the domain space of U.

If  $\lambda = 0$ , then the assertion follows from  $\text{Ker}U = \text{Ker}|T| \subseteq \text{Ker}|T^*| = \text{Ker}U^*$ .

If  $\lambda = e^{i\theta}$  and  $(U - e^{i\theta}I)x = 0$ , then  $(U - e^{i\theta}I)^*x = 0$  by the general theory and, since

$$\begin{split} \left\| \left( |T|^{2p} - |T^*|^{2p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} x \right\|^2 &= \left\langle \left( |T|^{2p} - |T^*|^{2p} \right) x, x \right\rangle = \left\langle \left( |T|^{2p} - U|T|^{2p} U^* \right) x, x \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \left( |T|^{2p} - Ue^{-i\theta} |T|^{2p} \right) x, x \right\rangle = -e^{-i\theta} \left\langle \left( |T|^{2p} x, \left( U - e^{i\theta} I \right) \right)^* x \right\rangle = 0, \end{split}$$

it follows that  $(U - e^{i\theta}I)|T|^{2p}x = -e^{i\theta}(|T|^{2p} - |T^*|^{2p})x = 0$ . Therefore  $\text{Ker}(U - e^{i\theta}I)$  is invariant under  $|T|^{2p}$  and hence invariant under |T|.

COROLLARY 3. If T is p-hyponormal, then  $(T - \lambda I)x = 0$  implies that  $(T - \lambda I)^*x = 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\text{Ker} T \subseteq \text{Ker} T^*$  for every *p*-hyponormal operator *T*, the assertion holds for  $\lambda = 0$ .

By Propositions 5 and 2, if T is a p-hyponormal operator and  $\tilde{T} = |T|^{1/2} U|T|^{1/2}$ , then  $\tilde{T}$  is always p-hyponormal with  $p = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $|\tilde{T}^*| \le |T| \le |\tilde{T}|$ . Hence if  $(T - \lambda I)x = 0$ , for some  $\lambda = re^{i\theta} \ne 0$ , then  $(\tilde{T} - \lambda I)|T|^{\frac{1}{2}x} = 0$  and  $|\tilde{T}||T|^{\frac{1}{2}x} = |\tilde{T}^*||T|^{\frac{1}{2}x} = r|T|^{\frac{1}{2}x}$ , by Lemmas 5 and 4. From the inequality  $|\tilde{T}^*| \le |T| \le |\tilde{T}|$  it is easy to show that  $|T||T|^{\frac{1}{2}x} = r|T|^{\frac{1}{2}x}$ . Hence we have  $(|T| - rI)x \in \text{Ker}|T| = \text{Ker}U$  and  $Ux = \frac{1}{r}U|T|x = \frac{1}{r}Tx = \frac{1}{r}\lambda x = e^{i\theta}x$ . Also  $x = U^*Ux \in [|T|\mathcal{H}]^{\sim}$ . Since  $(|T| - rI)x \in \text{Ker}|T| \cap [|T|\mathcal{H}]^{\sim} = \{0\}$ , |T|x = rx and  $T^*x = |T|U^*x = e^{-i\theta}|T|x = re^{-i\theta}x = \bar{\lambda}x$ .

REMARK. In the proof of Corollary 3 (the case  $\lambda \neq 0$ ), we only used the fact that T was w-hyponormal (i.e., T satisfies the condition  $|\tilde{T}^*| \leq |T| \leq |\tilde{T}|$ ). In [1], Aluthge-Wang proved that every w-hyponormal operator is paranormal and it is easy to show that every w-hyponormal operator T with Ker $T \subseteq$  Ker $T^*$  satisfies the condition ( $\alpha'''$ ). Hence Weyl's theorem holds also for a w-hyponormal operator T which satisfies the property Ker $T \subseteq$  Ker $T^*$ , by Berberian's result (Theorem A).

THEOREM 2. Weyl's theorem holds for p-hyponormal or M-hyponormal operators.

*Proof.* If T is p-hyponormal or M-hyponormal, then every eigenspace of T is a reducing subspace of T, by Corollary 3 or Propositions 7 and 8, respectively. Also T

satisfies the condition  $\alpha'''$ , by Theorem 1, and therefore Berberian's result (Theorem A) shows that Weyl's theorem holds for *T*.

THEOREM 3. For a w-hyponormal operator T,  $\sigma(T)\setminus w(T) \subseteq \pi_{00}(T)$ . Moreover, Weyl's theorem holds for T if Ker $T|_{[TH]^{\sim}} = \{0\}$ .

Proof. Firstly, we shall show that  $\sigma(T)\setminus w(T) \subseteq \pi_{00}(T)$ , for every w-hyponormal operator T. It follows from the Remark after Corollary 3 that we have  $\sigma(T)\setminus\{w(T)\bigcup\{0\}\} = \pi_{00}(T)\setminus\{0\}$ . Also it suffices to show that if  $0 \in \sigma(T)\setminus w(T)$ , then  $0 \in \pi_{00}(T)$ . Assume that  $0 \notin \pi_{00}(T)$ . Since  $0 < \dim \operatorname{Ker} T < \infty$  and  $T\mathcal{H}$  is closed because  $0 \in \sigma(T)\setminus w(T)$ , our assumption implies that 0 is a cluster point of  $\sigma(T)$ . Since  $T \in \mathcal{F}_0$ , there is s > 0 with  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < |z| < s\} \cap \sigma(T) \subseteq \sigma(T)\setminus\{w(T)\bigcup\{0\}\} \subseteq \pi_{00}(T)$  and therefore  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < |z| < s\} \cap \sigma(T)$  is a countable infinite set whose only cluster point is 0. Put  $\{\lambda_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < |z| < s\} \cap \sigma(T)$ . Then each  $\lambda_n$  is an eigenvalue of T, satisfying  $(T - \lambda_n I)x = 0$  implies  $(T - \lambda_I)^*x = 0$ , with finite multiplicity and  $\lambda_n \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Let  $\mathcal{M} = \bigoplus_n \operatorname{Ker}(T - \lambda_n I)$  and let  $E_n$  be the orthogonal projection onto  $\operatorname{Ker}(T - \lambda_n I)$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is an infinite dimensional reducing subspace of T and the restriction  $T|_{\mathcal{M}} = \bigoplus_n \lambda_n E_n$  is a compact normal operator with  $\operatorname{Ker} T|_{\mathcal{M}} = \{0\}$ . Hence  $T\mathcal{M}$  is not closed and this contradicts the fact that  $T\mathcal{H}$  is closed. Thus we have  $0 \in \pi_{00}(T)$  and this completes the proof of the first part of this theorem.

Next, we shall show that Weyl's theorem holds for w-hyponormal operators which satisfy the condition  $\text{Ker }T|_{[TH]^{\sim}} = \{0\}.$ 

Since  $\sigma(T)\setminus w(T) \subseteq \pi_{00}(T) \subseteq \{\sigma(T)\setminus w(T)\} \cup \{0\}$ , it suffices to show that if  $0 \in \pi_{00}(T)$ , then  $0 \in \sigma(T)\setminus w(T)$ .

Let

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} A & S \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 on  $\mathcal{H} = [T\mathcal{H}]^{\sim} \oplus \operatorname{Ker} T^*$ ,

be w-hyponormal with Ker $A = \{0\}$ . If  $0 \in \pi_{00}(T)$ , then  $0 \notin \sigma(A)$  or 0 is an isolated point of  $\sigma(A)$  because  $\sigma(A) \subseteq \sigma(T) \subseteq \sigma(A) \bigcup \{0\}$ . We see that A is isoloid because A is paranormal. Hence if 0 is an isolated point of  $\sigma(A)$ , then  $0 \in \sigma_p(A)$  and this contradicts Ker $A = \{0\}$ . Also we have  $0 \notin \sigma(A)$ . It is easy to see that Ker $T = \{-A^{-1}Su \oplus u : 0 \oplus u \in \text{Ker}T^*\}$  and this implies dimKer $T^* = \text{dimKer}T < \infty$ . Since the closedness of  $T\mathcal{H}$  follows from the invertibility of A, we have  $0 \in \sigma(T) \setminus w(T)$ , and this completes the proof of the second part of this theorem.

THEOREM 4. If T is p-hyponormal or M-hyponormal and if  $w(T) = \{0\}$ , then T is compact and normal.

*Proof.* Since Weyl's theorem holds for *T*, by Theorem 2, and  $w(T) = \{0\}$ , by the assumption, every non-zero point of  $\sigma(T)$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(T)$  with finite dimensional eigenspace which reduces *T*, by Corollary 3 or Propositions 7 and 8, respectively. Hence  $\sigma(T) \setminus w(T)$  is a finite set or a countably infinite set whose only cluster point is 0. Let  $\sigma(T) \setminus w(T) = \{\lambda_n\}$  with  $|\lambda_1| \ge |\lambda_2| \ge |\lambda_3| \ge \cdots > 0$  and let  $E_n$  be the orthogonal projection onto Ker $(T-\lambda_n I)$ . Then  $TE_n = E_n T = \lambda_n E_n$  and  $E_n E_m = 0$  if  $n \ne m$ . Put  $E = \bigoplus_n E_n$ . Then  $T = \bigoplus_n \lambda_n E_n \oplus T|_{(I-E)\mathcal{H}}$  with the property  $\sigma(T|_{(I-E)\mathcal{H}})$  =  $\{0\}$ . Since  $T|_{(I-E)\mathcal{H}}$  is also *p*-hyponormal or *M*-hyponormal by Lemma 3 or by

Proposition 6, respectively,  $T|_{(I-E)\mathcal{H}} = 0$ , by Corollary 2 or by Corollary 1 respectively. Hence  $T = \bigoplus_n \lambda_n E_n$  is normal. The compactness of *T* follows from the finiteness or the countability of  $\{\lambda_n\}_n$  satisfying  $|\lambda_n| \downarrow 0$ . Also each  $E_n$  is a finite rank projection.

COROLLARY 4. If T is w-hyponormal and if  $w(T) = \{0\}$ , then T is compact and normal.

*Proof.* For every w-hyponormal operator T,  $\sigma(T)\setminus w(T)\subseteq \pi_{00}(T)$ , by Theorem 3. The proof is similar to that of Theorem 4.

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