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# SPECTRAL CONTINUITY OF (p,k)-QUASIPOSINORMAL OPERATOR AND (p,k)-QUASIHYPONORMAL OPERATOR

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**Abstract:** An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be (p,k)-quasiposinormal operator, if  $T^{*k}(c^2(T^*T)^p - (TT^*)^p)T^k \geq 0$  for a positive integer 0 , some <math>c > 0 and a positive integer k. In this paper, we prove that, the (p,k) quasi-posinormal operator is a pole of resolvent of  $T^*$ . Then we prove that if  $\{T_n\}$  is a sequence of operators in the class  $(p,k) - \mathcal{Q}$  and  $(p,k) - \mathcal{QP}$  which converges in the operator norm topology to an operator T in the same class, then the functions spectrum, Weyl spectrum, Browder spectrum and essential surjectivity spectrum are continuous at T.

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space and  $B(\mathcal{H})$  denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators acting on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Every operator T can be decomposed into T=U|T| with a partial isometry U, where  $|T|=\sqrt{T^*T}$ . In [8], H.C. Rhaly Jr. introduced and studied posinormal operators. He showed a characterization of posinormality and spectral properties of posinormal operators. Moreover, he gave many fruitful examples of posinormal operators for the Casáro operator. As a further generalization of posinormal operators, M. Itoh [16] introduced p-posinormal operators and he proved that a p-posinormal

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operator is M-paranormal operator. An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is positive,  $T \geq 0$ , if  $(Tx,x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , and posinormal if there exists a positive  $\lambda \in B(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $TT^* = T^*\lambda T$ . Here  $\lambda$  is called interrupter of T. In other words, an operator T is called posinormal if  $TT^* \leq c^2T^*T$ , where  $T^*$  is the adjoint of T and c > 0, see [8]. An operator T is said to be heminormal, if T is hyponormal and  $T^*T$  commutes with  $TT^*$ . An operator T is said to be p-posinormal if  $(TT^*)^p \leq c^2(T^*T)^p$  for some c > 0. It is clear that 1-posinormal is posinormal. In [19], M. Y. Lee and S. H. Lee have studied a structure theorem and some properties for (p,k)-quasi-posinormal operators. They have proved that if T is invertible, then T is (p,k)-quasi-posinormal. Also T and  $T^*$  are (p,k)-quasi-posinormal for invertible T.

An operator T is said to be (p, k)-quasi-posinormal, if

$$T^{*k}(c^2(T^*T)^p - (TT^*)^p)T^k \ge 0,$$

where k is a positive integer, 0 and <math>c > 0. (p, k)-quasi-posinormal operated is denoted by  $(p, k) - \mathcal{QP}$  a (p, 1)-quasi-posinormal is p-posinormal.

An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be (p,k)-quasihyponormal operator, denoted by  $(p,k)-\mathcal{Q}$ , for some  $0 and integer <math>k \geq 1$  if  $T^{*k}(|T|^{2p}-|T^*|^{2p})T^k \geq 0$ . Evidently, a  $(1,k)-\mathcal{Q}$  operator is k-quasihyponormal, a  $(1,1)-\mathcal{Q}$  operator is quasihyponormal.

If  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , we write N(T) and R(T) for null space and range of T, respectively. Let  $\alpha(T) = \dim N(T) = \dim (T^{-1}(0))$ ,  $\beta(T) = \dim N(T^*) = \dim (\mathcal{H}/T(\mathcal{H}))$ ,  $\sigma(T)$  denote the spectrum and  $\sigma_a(T)$  denote the approximate point spectrum. Then  $\sigma(T)$  is a compact subset of the set  $\mathbb{C}$  of complex numbers. The function  $\sigma$  viewed as a function from  $B(\mathcal{H})$  into the set of all compact subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$ , with its Hausdorff metric, is know to be an upper semi-continuous function [14, Problem 103], but it fails to be continuous [14, Problem 102]. Also we know that  $\sigma$  is continuous on the set of normal operators in  $B(\mathcal{H})$  extended to hyponormal operators [14, Problem 105]. The continuity of  $\sigma$  on the set of quasihyponormal operators (in  $B(\mathcal{H})$ ) has been proved by Erevenko and Djordjevic [10], the continuity of  $\sigma$  on the set of p-hyponormal has been proved by Duggal and Djordjevic [9], and the continuity of  $\sigma$  on the set of  $G_1$  operators has been proved by Luecke [20].

An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  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  $i(T) = \alpha(T) - \beta(T)$ . The ascent of T, asc(T), is the least non-negative integer n such that  $T^{-n}(0) = T^{-(n+1)}(0)$  and the descent of T, dsc(T), is the least non-negative integer n such that  $T^n(\mathcal{H}) = T^{(n+1)}(\mathcal{H})$ . We say that T is of finite ascent (resp., finite descent) if asc $(T - \lambda I) < \infty$  (resp.,

 $\operatorname{dsc}(T-\lambda I)<\infty$ ) for all complex numbers  $\lambda$ . T is said to be left semi-Fredholm (resp., right semi-Fredholm),  $T\in\Phi_+(\mathcal{H})$  (resp.,  $T\in\Phi_-(\mathcal{H})$ ) if  $T\mathcal{H}$  is closed and the deficiency index  $\alpha(T)=\dim(T^{-1}(0))$  is finite (resp., the deficiency index  $\beta(T)=\dim(\mathcal{H}\setminus T\mathcal{H})$  is finite); T is semi-Fredholm if it is either left semi-Fredholm or right semi-Fredholm, and T is Fredholm if it is both left and right semi-Fredholm. The semi-Fredholm index of T,  $\operatorname{ind}(T)$ , is the number  $\operatorname{ind}(T)=\alpha(T)-\beta(T)$ . T is called Weyl, if it is Fredholm of index zero and Browder if it is Fredholm of finite ascent and descent. Let  $\mathbb C$  denote the set of complex numbers. The Weyl spectrum  $\sigma_w(T)$  and the Browder spectrum  $\sigma_b(T)$  of T are the sets  $\sigma_w(T)=\{\lambda\in\mathbb C:T-\lambda \text{ is not Weyl}\}$  and  $\sigma_b(T)=\{\lambda\in\mathbb C:T-\lambda \text{ is not Browder}\}$ .

Let  $\pi_0(T)$  denote the set of Riesz points of T (i.e., the set of  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $T - \lambda$  is Fredholm of finite ascent and descent [7]) and let  $\pi_{00}(T)$  and iso $\sigma(T)$  denotes the set of eigen values of T of finite geometric multiplicity and isolated points of the spectrum. The operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to satisfy Browder's theorem, if  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_w(T) = \pi_0(T)$  and T is said to satisfy Weyl's theorem if  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_w(T) = \pi_{00}(T)$ . In [15], Weyl's theorem for T implies Browder's theorem for T, and Browder's theorem for T is equivalent to Browder's theorem for  $T^*$ .

Berkani [5] has called an operator  $T \in B(X)$  as B-Fredholm if there exists a natural number n for which the induced operator  $T_n: T^n(X) \to T^n(X)$  is Fredholm. We say that the B-Fredholm operator T has stable index if  $\operatorname{ind}(T-\lambda)$   $\operatorname{ind}(T-\mu) \geq 0$  for every  $\lambda, \mu$  in the B-Fredholm region of T.

The essential spectrum  $\sigma_e(T)$  of  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is the set  $\sigma_e(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \text{ is not Fredholm}\}$ . Let  $\operatorname{acc}_{\sigma}(T)$  denote the set of all accumulation points of  $\sigma(T)$ , then  $\sigma_e(T) \subseteq \sigma_w(T) \subseteq \sigma_b(T) \subseteq \sigma_e(T) \cup \operatorname{acc}_{\sigma}(T)$ . Let  $\pi_{a0}(T)$  be the set of  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma_a(T)$  and  $0 < \alpha(T - \lambda) < \infty$ , where  $\sigma_a(T)$  denotes the approximate point spectrum of the operator T. Then  $\pi_0(T) \subseteq \pi_{00}(T) \subseteq \pi_{a0}(T)$ . We say that a-Weyl's theorem holds for T if

$$\sigma_{aw}(T) = \sigma_a(T) \backslash \pi_{a0}(T),$$

where  $\sigma_{aw}(T)$  denotes the essential approximate point spectrum of T (i.e.,  $\sigma_{aw}(T) = \bigcap \{\sigma_a(T+K) : K \in K(\mathcal{H})\}$  with  $K(\mathcal{H})$  denoting the ideal of compact operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ ). Let  $\Phi_+(\mathcal{H}) = \{T \in B(\mathcal{H}) : \alpha(T) < \infty \text{ and } T(\mathcal{H}) \text{ is closed}\}$  and  $\Phi_-(\mathcal{H}) = \{T \in B(\mathcal{H}) : \beta(T) < \infty\}$  denote the semigroup of upper semi-Fredholm and lower semi-Fredholm operators in  $B(\mathcal{H})$  and let  $\Phi_+^-(\mathcal{H}) = \{T \in \Phi_+(\mathcal{H}) : \operatorname{ind}(T) \leq 0\}$ . Then  $\sigma_{aw}(T)$  is the complement in  $\mathbb{C}$  of all those  $\lambda$  for which  $(T - \lambda) \in \Phi_+^-(\mathcal{H})$ , see [22]. The concept of a-Weyl's theorem was introduced by Rakocvic [23]. The concept states that a-Weyl's theorem for T  $\Rightarrow$  Weyl's theorem for T, but the converse is generally false. Let  $\sigma_{ab}(T)$  denote

the Browder essential approximate point spectrum of T.

$$\sigma_{ab}(T) = \bigcap \{ \sigma_a(T+K) : TK = \mathbf{K} \ \mathbf{T} \ \text{and} \ \mathbf{K} \in K(\mathcal{H}) \}$$
$$= \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda \notin \Phi_+^-(\mathcal{H}) \text{ or } \operatorname{asc}(\mathbf{T} - \lambda) = \infty \},$$

then  $\sigma_{aw}(T) \subseteq \sigma_{ab}(T)$ . We say that T satisfies a Browder's theorem, if  $\sigma_{ab}(T) = \sigma_{aw}(T)$ , see [22].

An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  has the single valued extension property at  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ , if for every open disc  $D_{\lambda_0}$  centered at  $\lambda_0$  the only analytic function  $f: D_{\lambda_0} \to \mathcal{H}$  which satisfies

$$(T-\lambda)f(\lambda)=0$$
 for all  $\lambda \in D_{\lambda_0}$ 

is the function  $f \equiv 0$ . Trivially, every operator T has SVEP at points of the resolvent  $\rho(T) = \mathbb{C}/\sigma(T)$ ; also T has SVEP at  $\lambda \in \mathrm{iso}\sigma(T)$ . We say that T has SVEP if it has SVEP at every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . In this paper, we prove that the continuity of the set theoretic functions spectrum, Weyl spectrum, Browder spectrum and essential surjectivity spectrum on the classes consisting of (p,k) -quasihyponormal operators and (p,k) - quasi-posinormal operators. Note that if an operator T has finite ascent, then it has SVEP and  $\alpha(T-\lambda) \leq \beta(T-\lambda)$  for all  $\lambda$  [2, Theorem 3.8 and 3.4]. For a subset S of the set of complex numbers, let  $\overline{S} = \{\overline{\lambda} : \lambda \in S\}$  where  $\lambda$  denotes the complex number and  $\overline{\lambda}$  denotes the conjugate.

#### 2. Main Results

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $T \in (p,k)$ -quasiposinormal operator. If  $\overline{\lambda} \in \pi_{00}(T^*)$ , then it is a pole of the resolvent of  $T^*$ .

Proof. If  $0 \neq \overline{\lambda} \in \pi_{00}(T^*)$ , then  $\lambda \in iso\sigma(T) \Rightarrow \lambda$  is a normal of eigen value of T ([17], Lemma 2.3) and hence a simple pole of the resolvent of T ([17], Cor. 2.8). If instead,  $\lambda = 0$  then dim  $\ker T^* < \infty \Rightarrow \operatorname{ran} T^*$  is closed and hence  $T^* \in \Phi_+(\mathcal{H})$  implies  $T \in \Phi_-(\mathcal{H})$ . Since both T and  $T^*$  have SVEP at 0, it follows that,  $asc(T) = dsc(T) < \infty$  (See [1], Theorem 2.3). Hence 0 is a pole of the resolvent of T implies 0 is the pole of the resolvent of  $T^*$ 

**Lemma 2.2.** (i) If 
$$T \in (p, k) - Q$$
, then  $asc(T - \lambda) \le k$  for all  $\lambda$ .

(ii) If  $T \in (p, k) - \mathcal{QP}$ , then T has SVEP.

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*Proof.* (i) Proof of (i) is [13, Page 146] or [25].

(ii) Proof of (ii) is [24, Lemma 2.3].

**Lemma 2.3.** If  $T \in (p, k) - \mathcal{Q} \cup (p, k) - \mathcal{QP}$  and  $\lambda \in iso\sigma(T)$ , then  $\lambda$  is a pole of the resolvent of T.

*Proof.* Proof of this lemma is [25, Theorem 6] and [17, Corollary 2.8].  $\square$ 

**Lemma 2.4.** If  $T \in (p, k) - \mathcal{Q} \cup (p, k) - \mathcal{QP}$ , then  $T^*$  satisfies a-Weyl's theorem.

Proof. If  $T \in (p,k) - \mathcal{Q}$ , then T has SVEP, which implies that  $\sigma(T^*) = \sigma_a(T^*)$  by [2, Corollary 2.45]. Then T satisfies Weyl's theorem i.e.,  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_w(T) = \pi_0(T) = \pi_{00}(T)$  by [13, Corollary 3.7]. Since  $\pi_{00}(T) = \overline{\pi_{00}(T^*)} = \overline{\pi_{a0}(T^*)}$ ,  $\sigma(T) = \overline{\sigma(T^*)} = \overline{\sigma_a(T^*)}$  and  $\sigma_w(T) = \overline{\sigma_w(T^*)} = \overline{\sigma_{ea}(T^*)}$  by [3, Theorem 3.6(ii)],  $\sigma_a(T^*) \setminus \sigma_{ea}(T^*) = \pi_{a0}(T^*)$ . Hence if  $T \in (p,k) - \mathcal{Q}$ , then  $T^*$  satisfies a-Weyl's theorem.

If  $T \in (p,k) - \mathcal{QP}$ , then by [24, Theorem 3.4],  $T^*$  satisfies a-Weyl's theorem.

Corollary 2.5. If  $T \in (p, k) - \mathcal{Q} \cup (p, k) - \mathcal{Q} \mathcal{P}$ , then  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T^*) \setminus \sigma_{ea}(T^*) \Rightarrow \lambda \in iso\sigma_a(T^*)$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** If  $T \in (p, k) - \mathcal{Q} \cup (p, k) - \mathcal{QP}$ , then  $\operatorname{asc}(T - \lambda) < \infty$  for all  $\lambda$ .

*Proof.* Since  $T - \lambda$  is lower semi-Fredholm, it has SVEP. We know that from [2, Theorem 3.16] the SVEP implies finite ascent. Hence the proof follows.  $\square$ 

**Lemma 2.7.** [6, Proposition 3.1] If  $\sigma$  is continuous at a  $T^* \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , then  $\sigma$  is continuous at T.

**Lemma 2.8.** [12, Theorem 2.2] If an operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  has SVEP at points  $\lambda \notin \sigma_w(T)$ , then  $\sigma$  is continuous at  $T \Leftrightarrow \sigma_w$  is continuous at  $T \Leftrightarrow \sigma_b$  is continuous at T.

**Lemma 2.9.** If  $\{T_n\}$  is a sequence in  $(p,k) - \mathcal{Q}$  or  $(p,k) - \mathcal{QP}$  which converges in norm to T, then  $T^*$  is a point of continuity of  $\sigma_{ea}$ .

Proof. We have to prove that the function  $\sigma_{ea}$  is both upper semi-continuous and lower semi-continuous at  $T^*$ . But by [11, Theorem 2.1], we have that the function  $\sigma_{ea}$  is upper semi-continuous at  $T^*$ . So we have to prove that  $\sigma_{ea}$  is lower semi-continuous at  $T^*$  i.e.,  $\sigma_{ea}(T^*) \subset \lim \inf \sigma_{ea}(T_n^*)$ . Assume the contradiction that  $\sigma_{ea}$  is not lower semi - continuous at  $T^*$ . Then there exists an  $\epsilon > 0$ , an integer  $n_0$ , a  $\lambda \in \sigma_{ea}(T^*)$  and an  $\epsilon$ -neighbourhood  $(\lambda)_{\epsilon}$  of  $\lambda$  such that  $\sigma_{ea}(T_n^*) \cap (\lambda)_{\epsilon} = \emptyset$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Since  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ea}(T_n^*)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$  implies  $T_n^* - \lambda \in \Phi_+^-(\mathcal{H})$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ , the following implications hold:

$$ind(T_n^* - \lambda) \leq 0, \alpha(T_n^* - \lambda) < \infty \text{ and } (T_n^* - \lambda)\mathcal{H} \text{ is closed}$$

$$\Rightarrow ind(T_n - \overline{\lambda}) \geq 0, \beta(T_n - \overline{\lambda}) < \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow ind(T_n - \overline{\lambda}) = 0, \alpha(T_n - \overline{\lambda}) = \beta(T_n - \overline{\lambda}) < \infty$$
(Since  $T_n \in (p, k) - \mathcal{Q} \cup (p, k) - \mathcal{QP} \Rightarrow ind(T_n - \overline{\lambda}) \leq 0$ 
by Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.6)

for all  $n \geq n_0$ . The continuity of the index implies that  $\operatorname{ind}(T - \overline{\lambda}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \operatorname{ind}(T_n - \overline{\lambda}) = 0$ , and hence that  $(T - \overline{\lambda})$  is Fredholm with  $\operatorname{ind}(T - \overline{\lambda}) = 0$ . But then  $T^* - \lambda$  is Fredholm with  $\operatorname{ind}(T^* - \lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow T^* - \lambda \in \Phi_+^-(\mathcal{H})$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\sigma_{ea}$  is lower semi - continuous at  $T^*$ . Hence the proof follows.  $\square$ 

**Theorem 2.10.** If  $\{T_n\}$  is a sequence in  $(p,k) - \mathcal{Q}$  or  $(p,k) - \mathcal{QP}$  which converges in norm to T, then  $\sigma$  is continuous at T.

*Proof.* Since T has SVEP by Lemma 2.2,  $\sigma(T^*) = \sigma_a(T^*)$ . Evidently, it is enough if we prove that  $\sigma_a(T^*) \subset \liminf \sigma_a(T^*)$  for every sequence  $\{T_n\}$  of operators in  $(p,k) - \mathcal{Q}$  or  $(p,k) - \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{P}$  such that  $T_n$  converges in norm to T. Let  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T^*)$ . Then either  $\lambda \in \sigma_{ea}(T^*)$  or  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T^*) \setminus \sigma_{ea}(T^*)$ .

If  $\lambda \in \sigma_{ea}(T^*)$ , then the proof follows, since

$$\sigma_{ea}(T^*) \subset \lim \inf \sigma_{ea}(T_n^*) \subset \lim \inf \sigma_a(T_n^*).$$

If  $\lambda \in \sigma_a(T^*) \setminus \sigma_{ea}(T^*)$ , then  $\lambda \in \text{iso}\sigma_a(T^*)$  by Corollary 2.5. Consequently,  $\lambda \in \text{lim inf}\sigma_a(T_n^*)$  i.e.,  $\lambda \in \text{lim inf}\sigma(T_n^*)$  for all n by [18, Theorem IV. 3.16], and there exists a sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$ ,  $\lambda_n \in \sigma_a(T_n^*)$ , such that  $\lambda_n$  converges to  $\lambda$ . Evidently  $\lambda \in \text{lim inf}\sigma_a(T_n^*)$ . Hence  $\lambda \in \text{lim inf}\sigma(T_n^*)$ . Now by applying Lemma 2.7, we obtain the result.

Corollary 2.11. If  $\{T_n\}$  is a sequence in (p,k) - Q or (p,k) - QP which converges in norm to T, then  $\sigma$ ,  $\sigma_w$  and  $\sigma_b$  are continuous at T.

*Proof.* Combining Theorem 2.10 with Lemma 2.8 and Lemma 2.9, we obtain the result.  $\Box$ 

Let  $\sigma_s(T) = \{\lambda : T - \lambda \text{ is not surjective}\}\$ denote the surjectivity spectrum of T and let  $\Phi_-^+(\mathcal{H}) = \{\lambda : T - \lambda \in \Phi_-(\mathcal{H}), \text{ ind}(T - \lambda) \geq 0\}$ . Then the essential surjectivity spectrum of T is the set  $\sigma_{es}(T) = \{\lambda : T - \lambda \notin \Phi_-^+(\mathcal{H})\}$ .

Corollary 2.12. If  $\{T_n\}$  is a sequence in (p,k) - Q or (p,k) - QP which converges in norm to T, then  $\sigma_{es}$  is continuous at T.

*Proof.* Since T has SVEP by Lemma 2.2,  $\sigma_{es}(T) = \sigma_{ea}(T^*)$  by [2, Theorem 3.65 (ii)]. Then by applying Lemma 2.9, we obtain the result.

Let  $\mathcal{K} \subset B(\mathcal{H})$  denote the ideal of compact operators,  $B(\mathcal{H})/\mathcal{K}$  the Calkin algebra and let  $\pi: B(\mathcal{H}) \to B(\mathcal{H})/\mathcal{K}$  denote the quotient map. Then  $B(\mathcal{H})/\mathcal{K}$  being a  $C^*$  - algebra, there exists a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_t$  and an isometric \* - isomorphism  $\nu: B(\mathcal{H})/\mathcal{K} \to B(\mathcal{H}_t)$  such that the essential spectrum  $\sigma_e(T) = \sigma(\pi(T))$  of  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is the spectrum of  $\nu \circ \pi(T)$  ( $\in B(\mathcal{H}_t)$ ). In general,  $\sigma_e(T)$  is not a continuous function of T.

Corollary 2.13. If  $\{\pi(T_n)\}$  is a sequence in (p,k) - Q or (p,k) - QP which converges in norm to  $\pi(T)$ , then  $\sigma_e$  is continuous at T.

Proof. If  $T_n \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is essentially  $(p,k) - \mathcal{Q}$  or  $(p,k) - \mathcal{QP}$ , i.e., if  $\pi(T_n) \in (p,k) - \mathcal{Q}$  or  $(p,k) - \mathcal{QP}$ , and the sequence  $\{T_n\}$  converges in norm to T, then  $\nu \circ \pi(T) \in B(\mathcal{H}_{\ell})$  is a point of continuity of  $\sigma$  by Theorem 2.10. Hence  $\sigma_e$  is continuous at T, since  $\sigma_e(T) = \sigma(\nu \circ \pi(T))$ .

Let  $\mathcal{H}(\sigma(T))$  denote the set of functions f that are non-constant and analytic on a neighbourhood of  $\sigma(T)$ .

**Lemma 2.14.** Let  $T \in B(X)$  be an invertible  $(p,k) - \mathcal{QP}$  has SVEP, then  $ind(T - \lambda) \leq 0$  for every  $\lambda \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $T - \lambda$  is B-Fredholm.

Proof. T has SVEP by [24, Lemma 2.3]. Then  $T|_M$  has SVEP for every invariant subspaces  $M \subset X$  of T. From [4, Theorem 2.7], we know that if  $T - \lambda$  is a B-Fredholm operator, then there exist  $T - \lambda$  invariant closed subspaces M and N of X such that  $X = M \oplus N$ ,  $(T - \lambda)|_M$  is a Fredholm operator with SVEP and  $(T - \lambda)|_N$  is a Nilpotent operator. Since  $\operatorname{ind}(T - \lambda)|_M \leq 0$  by [21, Proposition 2.2], it follows that  $\operatorname{ind}(T - \lambda) \leq 0$ .

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