

## On backward extensions of operators

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There is a description of subnormality for an abstract operator  $T$  in terms of weighted shifts; namely  $T$  is subnormal if and only if for each  $h \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ , the weighted shift with weight sequence  $\alpha_h := \{\|T^{n+1}h\| / \|T^n h\|\}$  is subnormal ([Lam],[St]). We define  $W_h$  to be the weighted shift on  $l^2_+$  with the weight sequence  $\alpha_h$ . Then by C. Berger's theorem, for each  $h \neq 0$  there is a Borel probability measure  $\mu_h$  over  $[0, \|W_h\|^2]$  such that, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $\|T^n h\|^2 / \|h\|^2 = \int t^n d\mu_h$ . A nonzero vector  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  is called a *k-step backward extension vector* for  $T$  if  $1/t^k \in L^1(\mu_h)$ . We write  $\mathcal{E}_T$  for the set of all *k-step backward extension vectors* for  $T$ . If  $\mathcal{E}_T = \mathcal{H}$ , then we say that  $T$  has *k-step full backward extension*. If this holds for all integers  $k \geq 1$ , then we say that  $T$  has  *$\infty$ -step full backward extension*. Suppose that  $N \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{K})$  is its minimal normal extension. Then we have the following theorem.

**Theorem A.** *If  $k \geq 1$  is integer, then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i)  *$T$  has  $k$ -step full backward extension;*
- (ii)  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H} \cap N^k(\mathcal{K})$ ;
- (iii)  $\text{ran}T^k$  is closed and  $\ker T^{*k}$  is contained in  $\text{ran}N^k$ ;
- (iv) *for every  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ , there exists a positive real constant  $c_h$  such that*

$$\left| \left( \sum_{i=0}^n T^{*i} h_i, h \right) \right|^2 \leq c_h \sum_{i,j=0}^n \left( T^{j+k} h_i, T^{i+k} h_j \right), \quad h_0, \dots, h_n \in \mathcal{H}, \quad n \geq 0.$$

**Corollary B.** *Suppose  $T$  has one-step full backward extension and dense range. Then  $T$  has  $\infty$ -step full backward extension.*

In particular, if  $T$  is cyclic, then  $T$  is unitarily equivalent to a multiplication operator  $S_\nu$  on  $H^2(\nu)$ , with normal extension  $N_\nu$  on  $L^2(\nu)$ , where the subscript  $\nu$  indicates multiplication by the independent variable  $z$  on  $H^2(\nu)$  or  $L^2(\nu)$ . For nonzero  $h$  in  $H^2(\nu)$ , let  $d\nu_h = |h|^2 d\nu$ . Then we have the following proposition.

**Proposition C.** *Let  $T$  be a cyclic subnormal operator on  $\mathcal{H}$  with associated measure  $\nu$ . Then  $T$  has full backward extension if and only if  $\int_{\mathbb{D}} |h(z)/z|^2 d\nu < \infty$  for all  $h \in H^2(\nu)$ .*

**Corollary D.** *Suppose  $S_\nu$  has full backward extension and dense range. Then  $R^2(\nu) = H^2(\nu)$ , where  $R^2(\nu) := H^2(\nu) \vee \{\frac{1}{z^k} : k \geq 1\}$ .*

**Proposition E.** *Let  $T$  be a quasinormal operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then  $T$  has  $\infty$ -step backward extension.*

**Remark F.** The above works on backward extensions also can be extended to completely hyperexpansive operators in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  (cf. [JJS]).

This talk is based on [HJL], [JJS], and [JLS]. In addition, we will discuss further research on this area.

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