## Unitary equivalence of complex symmetric contractions with finite defect

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A criterion for a contraction T on a Hilbert space to be complex symmetric is given in terms of the operator-valued characteristic function  $\Theta_T$  of T in 2007 by Chevrot, Fricain, and D. Timotin. To further classify unitary equivalent complex symmetric contractions, we notice a simple condition of when  $\Theta_{T_1}$ and  $\Theta_{T_2}$  coincide for two complex symmetric contractions  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . As an application, surprisingly we solve the problem for any defect index n, when the defect indexes of contractions are 2, this problem was left open in them. Furthermore, a construction of  $3 \times 3$  symmetric inner matrices is proposed, which extends some results on  $2 \times 2$  inner matrices by Garcia and  $2 \times 2$  symmetric inner matrices by Chevrot, Fricain, and D. Timotin.

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