

## SUBSCALAR OPERATORS AND GROWTH OF RESOLVENT

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ABSTRACT. We construct a Banach space bounded linear operator  $T$  which is not  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar but  $\|(T - z)^{-1}\| \leq (|z| - 1)^{-1}$  for  $|z| > 1$  and  $m(T - z) \geq \text{const} \cdot (1 - |z|)^3$  for  $|z| < 1$  (here  $m$  denotes the minimum modulus). This gives a negative answer to a variant of a problem of K.B. Laursen and M.M. Neumann. We also give a sufficient condition (in terms of growth of resolvent and of an analytic left inverse of  $T - z$ ) implying that  $T$  is an  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar operator. This condition is also necessary for Hilbert space operators.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Generalized scalar operators are those Banach spaces operators possessing a  $C^\infty$ -functional calculus. To be more specific, let  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C})$  denote the usual Fréchet algebra of all  $C^\infty$ -functions on  $\mathbb{C}$  with the topology of uniform convergence of derivatives of all orders on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $X$  be a complex Banach space. A bounded linear operator  $S \in B(X)$  is said ([8]) to be an  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C})$ -scalar (or *generalized scalar*) operator if there is a continuous algebra homomorphism  $\Phi : \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow B(X)$  for which  $\Phi(1) = I$  and  $\Phi(z) = S$ . Here  $z$  denotes the identity function on  $\mathbb{C}$ . A bounded linear operator is  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C})$ -subscalar if it is similar to the restriction of an  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C})$ -scalar operator to one of its closed invariant subspaces. We refer to three books [8], [10] and [12] for more information on  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C})$ -scalar and  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C})$ -subscalar operators.

The following statements are known to be equivalent (see [8], [12]):

- (i)  $S$  is  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -scalar, i.e., it has a continuous functional calculus on the Fréchet algebra  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$  of  $C^\infty$ -functions on the unit circle  $\mathbb{T}$ ;
- (ii)  $S$  is  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C})$ -scalar with spectrum  $\sigma(S)$  in the unit circle  $\mathbb{T}$ ;
- (iii)  $S$  is invertible, and there exist constants  $C > 0$ ,  $p \geq 0$  and  $q \geq 0$  such that

$$\|S^n\| \leq Cn^p \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}) \quad \text{and} \quad \|S^{-n}\| \leq Cn^q \quad (n \in \mathbb{N});$$

(iv)  $\sigma(S) \subset \mathbb{T}$  and there exist constants  $C > 0$ ,  $p \geq 0$  and  $q \geq 0$  such that  $\|(S - z)^{-1}\| \leq C(|z| - 1)^{-p}$  ( $|z| > 1$ ) and  $\|(S - z)^{-1}\| \leq C(1 - |z|)^{-q}$  ( $|z| < 1$ ).

The distinction between the growth of norms of positive and negative powers (and the resolvent growth inside and outside unit disc) will become apparent later on.

For  $T \in B(X)$  we denote

$$m(T) = \inf\{\|Tx\| : x \in X, \|x\| = 1\}.$$

This quantity is called the *minimum modulus* of  $T$  ([11]) or the *lower bound* of  $T$  ([12]). It is easy to see that  $m(T) > 0$  if and only if  $T \in B(X)$  is one-to-one and with closed range. For invertible operators  $S$  we have  $m(S) = \|S^{-1}\|^{-1}$ .

The main question we consider in this note is the problem of intrinsic characterizations of  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar operators (i.e. operators similar to a restriction of an  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -scalar operator to an invariant subspace). Compressions of  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -scalar operators to invariant subspaces have been studied in [6].

Let  $T \in B(X)$  be an  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar operator. Using (iii) for the invertible extension of  $T$  we obtain the existence of constants  $C > 0$ ,  $p \geq 0$  and  $q \geq 0$  such that:

$$(P) \quad \|T^n\| \leq Cn^p \quad \text{and} \quad m(T^n)^{-1} \leq Cn^q.$$

It is natural to ask if the polynomial growth condition (P) above (in terms of norms and minimum moduli of iterates) characterizes  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar operators (cf. Problem 6.1.15 of [12] and [9]). This problem was also discussed in [15], [18], [17], [16]. It was recently proved by the authors [5], [4] that  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar operators are indeed characterized by the polynomial growth condition (P).

Using the resolvent condition (iv), it can be proved similarly that if  $T \in B(X)$  is an  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar operator then there exist constants  $C > 0$ ,  $p \geq 0$  and  $q \geq 0$  such that

$$(R) \quad \|(T - z)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{C}{(|z| - 1)^p} \quad (|z| > 1) \quad \text{and} \quad m(T - z) \geq C(1 - |z|)^q \quad (|z| < 1).$$

Note that if  $T$  is  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar then  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T)$ , the approximate point spectrum of  $T$  given by

$$\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \inf\{\|(T - \lambda)x\| : \|x\| = 1\} = 0\},$$

is included in the unit circle. Moreover, either  $\sigma(T)$  is included in the unit circle (and so  $T$  is  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -scalar) or  $\sigma(T) = \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ , the closed unit disc.

Again it is natural to ask if the condition (R) implies the  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalarity of  $T$ . This is a variant of the open Problem 6.1.14 in [12].

The aim of this note is to show that the answer to the above problem is negative: there is a Banach space operator  $T$  satisfying condition (R) (with suitable  $p$  and  $q$ ) which is not  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar. We also give a sufficient condition (in terms

of growth of resolvent and of an analytic left inverse of  $T - z$ ) implying that  $T$  is an  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar operator. This condition is also necessary for Hilbert space operators.

We mention that a characterization of  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar operators in terms of the growth of the local resolvent of the adjoint has been given by Didas [9]. We refer also to [14], [20], [19] for related papers considering conditions of type (P) or (R) (for small values of  $p$  and  $q$ ) and studying the similarity of Hilbert space operators with unitary operators.

2. A COUNTEREXAMPLE

Recall that an equivalent definition of decomposable operators is the following:  $T \in B(X)$  is *decomposable* if for every open cover  $\mathbb{C} = U \cup V$ , there are closed invariant (for  $T$ ) subspaces  $Y$  and  $Z$  of  $X$  such that  $X = Y + Z$  and  $\sigma(T \upharpoonright Y) \subset U$ ,  $\sigma(T \upharpoonright Z) \subset V$ . We refer for instance to [8] and [12]. An operator  $T \in B(X)$  has *Bishop's property* ( $\beta$ ) if, for every open set  $U \subset \mathbb{C}$ , the operator  $T_U$  defined by  $T_U(f)(z) = (T - z)f(z)$  on the set  $\mathcal{O}(U, X)$  of holomorphic functions from  $U$  into  $X$  is injective and has closed range. According to a result by E. Albrecht and J. Eschmeier [1],  $T \in B(X)$  is *subdecomposable* (i.e.,  $T$  is similar to the restriction of a decomposable operator) if and only if  $T$  has Bishop's property ( $\beta$ ).

EXAMPLE 2.1. On the Banach space  $X = c_0$ , there exists an operator  $T \in B(X)$  such that:

- (i)  $\|T\| \leq 1, \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \mathbb{T}$  and  $\sigma(T) = \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ ;
- (ii)  $\|(T - z)^{-1}\| \leq (|z| - 1)^{-1}$  ( $|z| > 1$ );
- (iii) there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$m(T - z) \geq C(1 - |z|)^3 \quad (z \in \mathbb{D});$$

- (iv)  $T$  is not  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar;
- (v)  $T$  has Bishop's property ( $\beta$ ).

*Proof.* Let  $X = c_0$  be the Banach space of all complex sequences converging to zero endowed with the supremum norm. We denote its standard basis by  $e_1, e_2, \dots$ . For  $n \geq 1$  let

$$w_n = e^{\ln^2(n+2) - \ln^2(n+3)}.$$

Let  $T \in B(X)$  be the weighted shift defined by  $Te_n = w_n e_{n+1}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ).

The proof of the properties of Example 2.1 will be obtained in several steps. We first remark that  $0 < w_n < 1$  for all  $n$ .

*Claim 1.*  $(w_n)$  is an increasing sequence and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = 1$ .

*Proof.* For each  $n \geq 1$  there exists  $x = x(n)$  such that  $n + 2 \leq x \leq n + 3$  and

$$\ln^2(n + 2) - \ln^2(n + 3) = -2 \frac{\ln x}{x}.$$

The function  $g(x) = -2\frac{\ln x}{x}$  is increasing since

$$g'(x) = -2\frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2} > 0 \quad (x > e).$$

Therefore  $(\ln^2(n + 2) - \ln^2(n + 3))$  is an increasing sequence for  $n \geq 1$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\ln^2(n + 2) - \ln^2(n + 3)) = 0.$$

Hence  $(w_n)$  is an increasing sequence and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = 1$ . ■

The previous claim implies that  $\|T\| \leq 1$ . Therefore, for  $|z| > 1$ , we have

$$\|(T - z)^{-1}\| = \left\| -\frac{1}{z} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{z^n} T^n \right\| \leq \frac{1}{|z| - 1}.$$

This proves (ii).

For  $n \geq 1$  we have  $T^n e_k = w_k w_{k+1} \cdots w_{k+n-1} e_{k+n}$  ( $k \geq 1$ ), and so

$$\begin{aligned} m(T^n) &= \inf_k w_k \cdots w_{k+n-1} = w_1 \cdots w_n = e^{\ln^2 3 - \ln^2 4} e^{\ln^2 4 - \ln^2 5} \cdots e^{\ln^2(n+2) - \ln^2(n+3)} \\ &= e^{\ln^2 3 - \ln^2(n+3)} = \frac{3^{\ln 3}}{(n+3)^{\ln(n+3)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $T$  does not satisfy condition (P), and so  $T$  is not  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar. This proves (iv).

We also have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(T^n)^{1/n} = 1$ . Therefore (see [13])

$$\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \subset \{z : |z| = 1\}.$$

Since the spectrum of a weighted shift is circularly symmetric, we have in fact  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) = \{z : |z| = 1\}$ . But  $\partial\sigma(T) \subset \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \subset \sigma(T)$  and thus  $\sigma(T)$  is either equal to  $\mathbb{D}$  or contained in  $\mathbb{T}$ . Since  $T$  is not invertible we have  $\sigma(T) = \mathbb{D}$ . This completes the proof of (i).

Note also that

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{|\ln m(T^n)|}{n^2} < \infty,$$

so  $T$  satisfies the Beurling-type condition (B) (cf. Section 4 of [5]). Consequently,  $T$  has Bishop’s property  $(\beta)$  (see Theorem 4.5 of [5]).

We prove now (iii).

*Claim 2.*  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1-w_n)^3}{w_{n+1}-w_n} = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then there is an  $x = x(n)$ ,  $n + 2 \leq x \leq n + 3$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} w_{n+1} - w_n &= e^{\ln^2(n+3) - \ln^2(n+4)} - e^{\ln^2(n+2) - \ln^2(n+3)} \\ &= e^{\ln^2 x - \ln^2(x+1)} \left( \frac{2 \ln x}{x} - \frac{2 \ln(x+1)}{x+1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and there is a  $y = y(n)$ ,  $x \leq y \leq x + 1$  (i.e.,  $n + 2 \leq y \leq n + 4$ ) such that

$$w_{n+1} - w_n = -2e^{\ln^2 x - \ln^2(x+1)} \frac{1 - \ln y}{y^2}.$$

Similarly, there is an  $x' = x'(n)$ ,  $n + 2 \leq x' \leq n + 3$ , such that

$$\ln^2(n + 2) - \ln^2(n + 3) = -\frac{2 \ln x'}{x'}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1 - w_n)^3}{w_{n+1} - w_n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{1 - e^{\ln^2(n+2) - \ln^2(n+3)}}{\ln^2(n+2) - \ln^2(n+3)} \right)^3 (\ln^2(n + 2) - \ln^2(n + 3))^3}{-2e^{\ln^2 x - \ln^2(x+1)} \frac{1 - \ln y}{y^2}} \\ &= (-1)^3 \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln^2(n + 2) - \ln^2(n + 3))^3}{\frac{1 - \ln y}{y^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{-2 \ln x'}{x'} \right)^3}{\frac{1 - \ln y}{y^2}} \\ &= -4 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y^2}{x'^2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln^3 x'}{x'(1 - \ln y)} = 0. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

*Claim 3.* There is an  $r > 0$  such that  $m(T - z) \geq (1 - |z|)^3$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,  $|z| \geq r$ .

*Proof.* Find  $n_0$  such that

$$\frac{(1 - w_n)^3}{w_{n+1} - w_n} < \frac{1}{16}$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Find  $r$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \leq r < 1$ , such that  $r - (1 - r)^3 > w_{n_0}$ .

Suppose on the contrary that there is a  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}$ ,  $|\lambda| \geq r$  such that

$$m(T - \lambda) < (1 - |\lambda|)^3.$$

Thus there exists  $x = (x_i) \in X$  with  $\|x\| = \max_i |x_i| = 1$  and  $\|(T - \lambda)x\| < (1 - |\lambda|)^3$ . Since  $(T - \lambda)x = (-\lambda x_1, w_1 x_1 - \lambda x_2, w_2 x_2 - \lambda x_3, \dots)$ , we have  $|\lambda| |x_1| < (1 - |\lambda|)^3$  and  $\sup_i |w_i x_i - \lambda x_{i+1}| < (1 - |\lambda|)^3$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $\lambda > 0$  and  $x_i > 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Indeed, replace  $\lambda$  by  $|\lambda|$  and  $x_i$  by  $|x_i|$  ( $i \geq 1$ ). We have

$$\sup_i |w_i |x_i| - \lambda |x_{i+1}| \leq \sup_i |w_i x_i - \lambda x_{i+1}| < (1 - |\lambda|)^3.$$

Thus we may assume that there are  $r, \mu$  with  $\frac{1}{2} \leq r < \mu < 1$  and  $u = (u_i) \in X$  with  $u_i \geq 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ),  $\|u\| = \max_i u_i = 1$  and

$$(2.1) \quad \mu u_1 < (1 - \mu)^3, \quad \sup_i |w_i u_i - \mu u_{i+1}| < (1 - \mu)^3.$$

We show that this is not possible. Write for short  $a = (1 - \mu)^3$ . Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfy  $u_m = 1$  and  $u_j < 1$  for all  $j < m$ . We have  $u_1 < \frac{(1-\mu)^3}{\mu} < 1$ . Thus  $m \geq 2$ .

We show that  $w_{m-1} \geq \mu - a$ . Suppose on the contrary that  $w_{m-1} < \mu - a$ . By (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} a > |w_{m-1}u_{m-1} - \mu u_m| &\geq \mu u_m - w_{m-1}u_{m-1} \geq \mu - (\mu - a)u_{m-1} \\ &= (\mu - a)(1 - u_{m-1}) + a \geq a, \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. Hence

$$(2.2) \quad w_{m-1} \geq \mu - a.$$

We show now that  $w_m \geq \mu + a$ . Suppose on the contrary that  $w_m < \mu + a$ . Then  $w_m - w_{m-1} \leq 2a$  and  $1 - w_{m-1} \geq 1 - w_m \geq 1 - \mu - a$ . Therefore we have

$$\frac{(1 - w_m)^3}{w_m - w_{m-1}} \geq \frac{(1 - \mu - a)^3}{2a} = \frac{(1 - \mu - (1 - \mu)^3)^3}{2(1 - \mu)^3} \geq \frac{1}{16},$$

since  $\mu \geq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $(1 - \mu) - (1 - \mu)^3 = (1 - \mu)\mu(2 - \mu) \geq \frac{1}{2}(1 - \mu)$ . Thus  $m - 1 < n_0$ , and so

$$\mu - a \geq r - (1 - r)^3 > w_{n_0} \geq w_{m-1},$$

a contradiction with (2.2). Hence

$$(2.3) \quad w_m \geq \mu + a.$$

Since  $|w_m u_m - \mu u_{m+1}| < a$ , we have  $\mu u_{m+1} > w_m - a$ , and so

$$u_{m+1} > \frac{w_m - a}{\mu} \geq 1,$$

a contradiction with the assumption that  $\|u\| = 1$ .

Hence  $m(T - z) \geq (1 - |z|)^3$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $|z| \geq r$ . ■

Since  $m(T - z) > 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  and the function

$$z \mapsto \frac{m(T - z)}{(1 - |z|)^3}$$

is continuous on  $\mathbb{D}$ , there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that  $m(T - z) \geq C(1 - |z|)^3$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ .

The proof of Example 2.1 is now complete. ■

REMARKS 2.2. (i) Another proof of Bishop’s property  $(\beta)$  for  $T$  can be given using 1.7.1 of [12].

(ii) The fact that  $T$  has Beurling-type property (B) implies by Theorem 4.5 of [5] that there exists a Banach space  $Y$  containing  $c_0$  and an invertible operator  $S \in B(Y)$  such that  $T = S|_X$  and  $S$  satisfies

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\log \|S^n\|}{1 + n^2} < \infty.$$

Note that this condition implies ([8]) that  $S$  is decomposable.

(iii) We don't know if the weighted shift  $T$  on the Hilbert space  $\ell_2 = \ell_2(\mathbb{N})$  given by

$$Te_n = \exp(\ln^2(n + 2) - \ln^2(n + 3))e_{n+1} \quad (n \geq 1)$$

is a hilbertian counterexample to the variant of Laursen-Neumann problem.

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a separable Banach space containing (an isomorphic copy of)  $c_0$ . Then there exist  $R \in B(X)$  and a constant  $C > 0$  such that:*

- (i)  $\sigma(R) = \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ ;
- (ii)  $\|(R - z)^{-1}\| \leq C(|z| - 1)^{-1}$  ( $|z| > 1$ );
- (iii)  $m(R - z) \geq C(1 - |z|)^3$  ( $z \in \mathbb{D}$ );
- (iv)  $R$  is not  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar;
- (v)  $R$  has Bishop's property ( $\beta$ ).

*Proof.* According to a result due to A. Sobczyk (see [7]), if  $X$  is a separable Banach space containing an isomorphic copy of  $c_0$ , then  $X$  contains a subspace  $Y$ , isomorphic to  $c_0$ , which is complemented in  $X$ . We consider the operator  $R$  on  $X$  equal to the operator of Example 2.1 on  $Y$  and equal to the identity on its complement. Then  $R$  satisfies all the requirements because of the properties of  $T$ . ■

### 3. SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS

We begin with the following sufficient condition.

**PROPOSITION 3.1.** *Let  $T \in B(X)$  be a Banach space operator satisfying*

$$\|(T - z)^{-1}\| \leq C(|z| - 1)^{-p} \quad (|z| > 1),$$

*for some fixed constants  $C > 0$  and  $p \geq 0$ . Suppose that there are  $q \geq 0$  and an analytically dependent left inverse function  $L : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow B(X)$  such that  $L(z)(T - z) = I$  and*

$$\|L(z)\| \leq C(1 - |z|)^{-q} \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}).$$

*Then  $T$  is  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar.*

We note that the growth condition on the analytically dependent left inverse function  $L$  implies that

$$\|x\| = \|L(z)(T - z)x\| \leq C(1 - |z|)^{-q}\|(T - z)x\|;$$

hence

$$m(T - z) \geq C^{-1}(1 - |z|)^q.$$

We also note that if  $T - z$  is left invertible for each  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , then there is an analytically dependent left inverse function on  $\mathbb{D}$  (see [3], [2]).

*Proof of Proposition 3.1.* A proof of this result can be given using Didas’ criterion [9] in terms of local resolvent of the adjoint of  $T$ . We give here a different proof.

It is a classical result (see Theorem 1.5.12 of [12]) that the resolvent growth condition outside the closed unit disc implies a polynomial growth condition for the powers of  $T$ : there is a constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$\|T^n\| \leq cn^p \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Write  $L(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} L_i z^i$  ( $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ), with  $L_i \in B(X)$ . Let  $0 < r < 1$ . By the Cauchy formula, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\|L_n\| \leq \frac{\max\{\|L(z)\| : |z| \leq r\}}{r^n} \leq \frac{C}{r^n(1-r)^q}.$$

In particular, for  $r = n/(n+q)$  (where the function  $r \mapsto r^{-n}(1-r)^{-q}$  attains the minimum) we obtain  $\|L_n\| \leq C\left(\frac{n}{n+q}\right)^{-n}\left(1-\frac{n}{n+q}\right)^{-q}$ . We have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+q}\right)^{-n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{q}{n}\right)^n = e^q$ . Further, for  $n \geq q$  we have  $\left(1 - \frac{n}{n+q}\right)^{-q} = \left(\frac{n+q}{q}\right)^q \leq \left(\frac{2n}{q}\right)^q$ . Thus there is a constant  $K > 0$  such that  $\|L_n\| \leq K \cdot n^q$  for all  $n$ .

We have

$$I = L(z)(T - z) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} L_i z^i (T - z) = L_0 T + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} z^i (L_i T - L_{i-1})$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Thus  $L_0 T = I$  and  $L_i T = L_{i-1}$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Hence

$$L_n T^{n+1} = L_{n-1} T^n = \dots = L_0 T = I.$$

Let  $x \in X, \|x\| = 1$ . Then

$$1 = \|x\| = \|L_{n-1} T^n x\| \leq \|L_{n-1}\| \cdot \|T^n x\|.$$

Thus  $\|T^n x\| \geq \|L_{n-1}\|^{-1}$ , and so for some constant  $K'$  we have  $m(T^n) \geq K'n^{-q}$  for all  $n$ . Hence  $T$  is  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar by Theorem 4.1 of [5]. ■

The next result gives an intrinsic characterization of  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar operators on Hilbert spaces.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $T \in B(H)$ . Then  $T$  is  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar if and only if there are constants  $C > 0, p \geq 0, q \geq 0$  and an analytic operator-valued function  $L : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow B(H)$  such that:*

- (i)  $\|(T - z)^{-1}\| \leq C(|z| - 1)^{-p}$  ( $|z| > 1$ );
- (ii)  $L(z)(T - z) = I$  ( $|z| < 1$ );
- (iii)  $\|L(z)\| \leq C(1 - |z|)^{-q}$  ( $|z| < 1$ ).

*Proof.* Suppose that  $T$  is a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -subscalar operator. According to Theorem 4.1 of [5], there are a Hilbert space  $K$ , constants  $C' > 0, s \geq 0$  and an  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{T})$ -scalar extension  $S \in B(K)$  such that  $\sigma(S) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T) \subset \mathbb{T}$  and

$$\|S^m\| \leq C'|m|^s \quad (m \in \mathbb{Z}, m \neq 0).$$

It is known ([12], 1.5.12) that the power growth estimate  $\|S^m\| \leq C'|m|^s$  implies that  $\|(S - z)^{-1}\| \leq C||z| - 1|^{-s-1}$  ( $|z| \neq 1$ ) for a suitable constant  $C > 0$ . This implies

$$\|(T - z)^{-1}\| \leq C(|z| - 1)^{-s-1} \quad (|z| > 1).$$

We define  $L : \mathbb{D} \mapsto B(H)$  by

$$L(z)x = P_H(S - z)^{-1}x \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}, x \in H),$$

where  $P_H \in B(K)$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $H$ .

Then  $L$  is analytic and we have

$$\|L(z)\| \leq \|(S - z)^{-1}\| \leq C(1 - |z|)^{-s-1} \quad (|z| < 1).$$

The equality  $L(z)(T - z) = I$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  follows from the equalities  $(S - z)^{-1}(S - z) = I$  and  $S|_H = T$ .

The second implication follows from Proposition 3.1. ■

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