

ON SOME CLASSES OF OPERATORS BY FUJII AND NAKAMOTO RELATED TO p -HYPONORMAL AND PARANORMAL OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. Recently, we introduced class A as a new class of operators including p -hyponormal and log-hyponormal operators. Class A is defined by an operator inequality, and also the definition of class A is similar to that of paranormality defined by a norm inequality. As generalizations of class A and paranormality, Fujii-Jung-S.H.Lee-M.Y.Lee-Nakamoto introduced class $A(p, r)$ and Yamazaki-Yanagida introduced absolute- (p, r) -paranormality. Moreover, Fujii-Nakamoto introduced class $F(p, r, q)$ and (p, r, q) -paranormality which are further generalizations of these classes.

In this paper, we shall show more precise inclusion relations among the families of class $F(p, r, q)$ and (p, r, q) -paranormality than the results by Fujii-Nakamoto, and we shall also show several results on class $F(p, r, q)$ and (p, r, q) -paranormality.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, a capital letter means a bounded linear operator on a complex Hilbert space H . An operator T is said to be positive (denoted by $T \geq 0$) if $(Tx, x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in H$, and also an operator T is said to be strictly positive (denoted by $T > 0$) if T is positive and invertible.

As extensions of hyponormal operators, i.e., $T^*T \geq TT^*$, p -hyponormal operators for $p > 0$ defined by $(T^*T)^p \geq (TT^*)^p$ and log-hyponormal operators defined by $\log T^*T \geq \log TT^*$ for an invertible operator T are well known. And also an operator T is p -quasihyponormal for $p > 0$ if T is p -hyponormal on $\overline{R(T)}$. It is easily obtained that every p -hyponormal operator is q -hyponormal for $p > q > 0$ by Löwner-Heinz theorem “ $A \geq B \geq 0$ ensures $A^\alpha \geq B^\alpha$ for any $\alpha \in [0, 1]$,” and every invertible p -hyponormal operator for $p > 0$ is log-hyponormal since $\log t$ is an operator monotone function. We remark that log-hyponormality is sometimes regarded as 0-hyponormality since $\frac{X^p - I}{p} \rightarrow \log X$ as $p \rightarrow +0$ for $X > 0$.

An operator T is paranormal if $\|T^2x\| \geq \|Tx\|^2$ for every unit vector $x \in H$. It has been studied by many authors, so there are too many to cite their references, for instance, [2][12][17] and [22]. Ando [2] showed that *every p -hyponormal operator for $p > 0$ and log-hyponormal operator is paranormal*.

Recently, in [18], we introduced class A defined by $|T^2| \geq |T|^2$ where $|T| = (T^*T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$, and we showed that every log-hyponormal operator belongs to class A and every class A operator is paranormal. It turns out that these results contain another proof of Ando’s result stated above. We remark that class A is defined by an operator inequality and paranormality is defined by a norm inequality, and their definitions appear to be similar forms.

And also we introduced two families of classes of operators based on class A and paranormality in [18] as follows: An operator T belongs to class $A(k)$ for $k > 0$ if $(T^*|T|^{2k}T)^{\frac{1}{k+1}} \geq$

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$|T|^2$, and also an operator T is absolute- k -paranormal for $k > 0$ if $\| |T|^k T x \| \geq \| T x \|^{k+1}$ for every unit vector $x \in H$. Particularly an operator T is a class A (resp. paranormal) operator if and only if T is a class A(1) (resp. absolute-1-paranormal) operator.

On the other hand, Fujii-Izumino-Nakamoto [6] introduced p -paranormality for $p > 0$ defined by $\| |T|^p U |T|^p x \| \geq \| |T|^p x \|^2$ for every unit vector $x \in H$, where $T = U|T|$ is the polar decomposition of T . We remark that 1-paranormality equals paranormality. As generalizations of class A(k), absolute- k -paranormality and p -paranormality, Fujii-Jung-S.H.Lee-M.Y.Lee-Nakamoto [10] introduced class A(p, r) and Yamazaki-Yanagida [32] introduced absolute- (p, r) -paranormality as follows:

Definition.

- (1) For each $p > 0$ and $r > 0$, an operator T belongs to class A(p, r) if

$$(|T^*|^r |T|^{2p} |T^*|^r)^{\frac{r}{p+r}} \geq |T^*|^{2r},$$

and let class AI(p, r) be the class of all invertible class A(p, r) operators.

- (2) For each $p > 0$ and $r > 0$, an operator T is absolute- (p, r) -paranormal if

$$(1.1) \quad \| |T|^p |T^*|^r x \|^r \geq \| |T^*|^r x \|^p$$

for every unit vector $x \in H$.

It was pointed out that class A($k, 1$) equals class A(k) in [30]. And also, in [32], it was shown that absolute- $(k, 1)$ -paranormality equals absolute- k -paranormality and absolute- (p, p) -paranormality equals p -paranormality. We should remark that the families of class AI(p, r) determined by operator inequalities and absolute- (p, r) -paranormality determined by norm inequalities constitute two increasing lines on $p > 0$ and $r > 0$ whose origin is log-hyponormality (see section 2).

Moreover, as a continuation of the discussion in [10], Fujii-Nakamoto [11] introduced the following classes of operators.

Definition.

- (1) For each $p > 0$, $r \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$, an operator T belongs to class F(p, r, q) if

$$(1.2) \quad (|T^*|^r |T|^{2p} |T^*|^r)^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq |T^*|^{\frac{2(p+r)}{q}}.$$

- (2) For each $p > 0$, $r \geq 0$ and $q > 0$, an operator T is (p, r, q) -paranormal if

$$(1.3) \quad \| |T|^p U |T|^r x \|^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq \| |T|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} x \|^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

for every unit vector $x \in H$, where $T = U|T|$ is the polar decomposition of T .

We remark that class F($p, r, \frac{p+r}{r}$) equals class A(p, r), and we shall show that $(p, r, \frac{p+r}{r})$ -paranormality equals absolute- (p, r) -paranormality in the next section. Thus many researchers have been discussed parallel families of classes of operators which are generalizations of class A and paranormality.

In this paper, firstly, we shall show more precise inclusion relations among the families of class F(p, r, q) and (p, r, q) -paranormality than the results by Fujii-Nakamoto in [11] from the view of monotonicity of class A(p, r) and absolute- (p, r) -paranormality. Secondly, we shall give a characterization of log-hyponormal operators via class F(p, r, q) and (p, r, q) -paranormality. Lastly, we shall show the result on powers of class F(p, r, q) operators.

2. BACKGROUND AND PRELIMINARIES

At the beginning of this section, we shall show another expression of (p, r, q) -paranormality without using U which appears in the polar decomposition of T , and it causes that $(p, r, \frac{p+r}{r})$ -paranormality equals absolute- (p, r) -paranormality.

Proposition 1. *For each $p > 0$, $r > 0$ and $q \geq 1$, an operator T is (p, r, q) -paranormal if and only if*

$$(2.1) \quad \left\| |T|^p |T^*|^r x \right\|^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq \left\| |T^*|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} x \right\|$$

for every unit vector $x \in H$.

Corollary 2. *For each $p > 0$ and $r > 0$, $(p, r, \frac{p+r}{r})$ -paranormality equals absolute- (p, r) -paranormality.*

Proof of Proposition 1. Let $T = U|T|$ be the polar decomposition of T . We remark that $|T^*|^t = U|T|^t U^*$ for any $t > 0$ and $T^* = U^*|T^*|$ is also the polar decomposition of T^* . Assume that T is (p, r, q) -paranormal for $p > 0$, $r > 0$ and $q \geq 1$, i.e.,

$$(1.3) \quad \left\| |T|^p U |T|^r x \right\|^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq \left\| |T|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} x \right\|$$

for every unit vector $x \in H$. (1.3) is equivalent to

$$(2.2) \quad \left\| |T|^p U |T|^r y \right\|^{\frac{1}{q}} \|y\|^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \geq \left\| |T|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} y \right\| \quad \text{for all } y \in H.$$

Then for every unit vector $x \in H$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| |T^*|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} x \right\| &= \left\| U |T|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} U^* x \right\| = (U^* U |T|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} U^* x, |T|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} U^* x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left\| |T|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} U^* x \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| |T|^p U |T|^r U^* x \right\|^{\frac{1}{q}} \|U^* x\|^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \leq \left\| |T|^p U |T|^r U^* x \right\|^{\frac{1}{q}} \|x\|^{1-\frac{1}{q}} = \left\| |T|^p |T^*|^r x \right\|^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned}$$

and the first inequality holds by (2.2), so that we have (2.1). Conversely, assume that (2.1) holds. (2.1) is equivalent to

$$(2.3) \quad \left\| |T|^p |T^*|^r y \right\|^{\frac{1}{q}} \|y\|^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \geq \left\| |T^*|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} y \right\| \quad \text{for all } y \in H.$$

Then for every unit vector $x \in H$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| |T|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} x \right\| &= \left\| U^* |T^*|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} U x \right\| = (U U^* |T^*|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} U x, |T^*|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} U x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left\| |T^*|^{\frac{p+r}{q}} U x \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| |T|^p |T^*|^r U x \right\|^{\frac{1}{q}} \|U x\|^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \leq \left\| |T|^p U |T|^r U^* U x \right\|^{\frac{1}{q}} \|x\|^{1-\frac{1}{q}} = \left\| |T|^p U |T|^r x \right\|^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned}$$

and the first inequality holds by (2.3), so that we have (1.3), i.e., T is (p, r, q) -paranormal. Hence the proof of Proposition 1 is complete. \square

Proof of Corollary 2. By putting $q = \frac{p+r}{r} \geq 1$ in Proposition 1, $(p, r, \frac{p+r}{r})$ -paranormality equals absolute- (p, r) -paranormality since (2.1) equals (1.1). \square

Next, to explain the background of the classes of operators discussed in this paper, we have to state the following celebrated order preserving operator inequality.

Theorem F (Furuta inequality [13]).

If $A \geq B \geq 0$, then for each $r \geq 0$,

$$(i) \quad (B^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p B^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq (B^{\frac{r}{2}} B^p B^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

and

$$(ii) \quad (A^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p A^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq (A^{\frac{r}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

hold for $p \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ with $(1+r)q \geq p+r$.

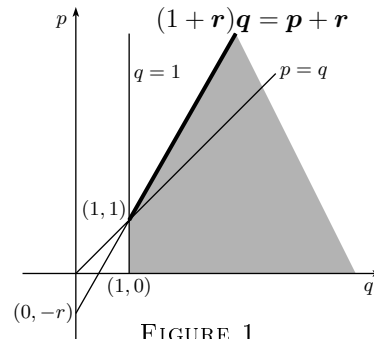


FIGURE 1

We remark that Theorem F yields Löwner-Heinz theorem when we put $r = 0$ in (i) or (ii) stated above. Alternative proofs of Theorem F were given in [4] and [25] and also an elementary one page proof in [14]. It was shown in [27] that the domain drawn for p, q and r in the Figure 1 is the best possible one for Theorem F.

Fujii-Nakamoto [11] observed that class $F(p, r, q)$ derives from Theorem F and (p, r, q) -paranormality corresponds to class $F(p, r, q)$, and also they showed the following Theorem A.1.

Theorem A.1 ([11]).

- (i) For a fixed $k > 0$, T is k -hyponormal if and only if T belongs to class $F(2kp, 2kr, q)$ for all $p > 0$, $r \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ with $(1+2r)q \geq 2(p+r)$, i.e., T belongs to class $F(p, r, q)$ for all $p > 0$, $r \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ with $(k+r)q \geq p+r$.
- (ii) If T belongs to class $F(p_0, r_0, q_0)$ for $p_0 > 0$, $r_0 \geq 0$ and $q_0 \geq 1$, then T belongs to class $F(p_0, r, q_0)$ for any $r \geq r_0$.
- (iii) If T belongs to class $F(p_0, r_0, q_0)$ for $p_0 > 0$, $r_0 \geq 0$ and $q_0 \geq 1$, then T belongs to class $F(p_0, r_0, q)$ for any $q \geq q_0$.
- (iv) If T belongs to class $F(p, r, q)$ for $p > 0$, $r \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$, then T is (p, r, q) -paranormal.
- (v) If T is (p_0, r_0, q_0) -paranormal for $p_0 > 0$, $r_0 \geq 0$ and $q_0 > 0$, then T is (p_0, r_0, q) -paranormal for any $q \geq q_0$.
- (vi) If T is $(p_0, r_0, 1)$ -paranormal for $p_0 > 0$ and $r_0 \geq 0$, then T is $(p_0, r, 1)$ -paranormal for any $r \geq r_0$.
- (vii) If T is $(p, r, 1)$ -paranormal for $p > 0$ and $r \geq 0$, then T is $\max\{p, r\}$ -paranormal.

On the other hand, chaotic order is defined by $\log A \geq \log B$ for positive and invertible operators A and B . Chaotic order is weaker than usual order $A \geq B$ since $\log t$ is an operator monotone function. As a characterization of chaotic order, the following Theorem B.1 was obtained by using Theorem F.

Theorem B.1 ([5][7][15][28]). Let A and B be positive invertible operators. Then the following properties are mutually equivalent:

- (i) $\log A \geq \log B$.
- (ii) $(B^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p B^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq B^p$ for all $p \geq 0$.
- (iii) $(B^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p B^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{r}{p+r}} \geq B^r$ for all $p \geq 0$ and $r \geq 0$.

We remark that the equivalence between (i) and (ii) was shown in [3].

Noting that class $F(p, r, \frac{p+r}{r})$ equals class $A(p, r)$, we can verify that class $A(p, r)$ derives from Theorem B.1. On class $A(p, r)$ and absolute- (p, r) -paranormality, the following Theorem A.2 and Theorem A.3 were shown in [10] and [32], respectively. We remark that Figure 2 expresses the inclusion relations shown in Theorem A.2 and Theorem A.3.

Theorem A.2 ([10]).

- (i) T is log-hyponormal if and only if T belongs to class $AI(p, r)$ for all $p > 0$ and $r > 0$.
- (ii) If T belongs to class $AI(p_0, r_0)$ for $p_0 > 0$ and $r_0 > 0$, then T belongs to class $AI(p, r)$ for any $p \geq p_0$ and $r \geq r_0$.
- (iii) If T belongs to class $A(p_0, r_0)$ for $p_0 > 0$ and $r_0 > 0$, then T belongs to class $A(p_0, r)$ for any $r \geq r_0$.

Theorem A.3 ([32]).

- (i) T is log-hyponormal if and only if T is invertible and absolute- (p, r) -paranormal for all $p > 0$ and $r > 0$.
- (ii) If T is absolute- (p_0, r_0) -paranormal for $p_0 > 0$ and $r_0 > 0$, then T is absolute- (p, r) -paranormal for any $p \geq p_0$ and $r \geq r_0$.
- (iii) If T belongs to class $A(p, r)$ for $p > 0$ and $r > 0$, then T is absolute- (p, r) -paranormal.
- (iv) If T is absolute- (p, r) -paranormal for $p > 0$ and $r > 0$, then T is normaloid, i.e., $\|T\| = r(T)$ where $r(T)$ is the spectral radius of T .

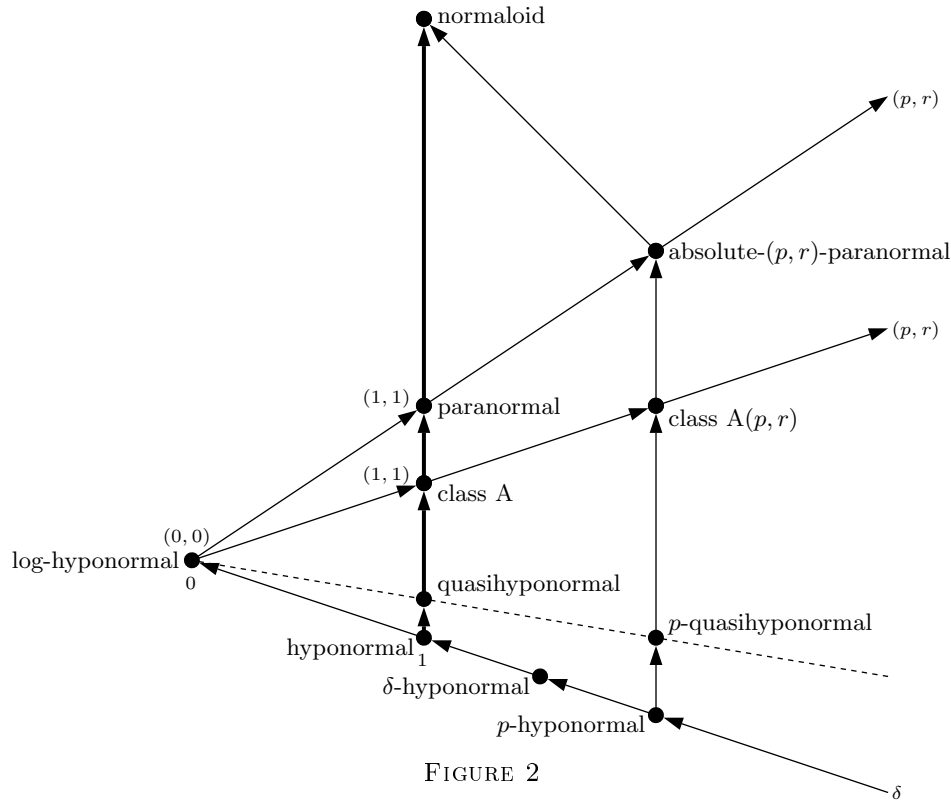


FIGURE 2

Theorem A.2 and Theorem A.3 state that the families of class $AI(p, r)$ determined by operator inequalities and absolute- (p, r) -paranormality determined by norm inequalities have

monotonicity on $p > 0$ and $r > 0$, and log-hyponormality regarded as class $\text{AI}(0, 0)$ or absolute- $(0, 0)$ -paranormality, namely they constitute two increasing lines whose origin is log-hyponormality.

3. INCLUSION RELATIONS

In this section, we shall show more precise inclusion relations than Theorem A.1 among the families of class $F(p, r, q)$ and (p, r, q) -paranormality.

Firstly, we shall give expressions of p -quasihyponormality in terms of class $F(p, r, q)$ and (p, r, q) -paranormality.

Proposition 3. *The following assertions hold for each $p > 0$ and $r > 0$:*

- (i) *T is p -quasihyponormal if and only if T belongs to class $F(p, r, 1)$ if and only if T is $(p, r, 1)$ -paranormal.*
- (ii) *T is p -quasihyponormal if and only if T is $(p, 0, 1)$ -paranormal.*

We remark that Proposition 1 does not hold for $r = 0$ and $q = 1$ since (2.1) holds for $p > 0$, $r = 0$ and $q = 1$, i.e., $\| |T|^p x \| \geq \| |T^*|^p x \|$ for every unit vector $x \in H$ if and only if T is p -hyponormal, but T is $(p, 0, 1)$ -paranormal for $p > 0$ if and only if T is p -quasihyponormal by (ii) of Proposition 3.

Proof of Proposition 3.

Proof of (i). Noting that $\overline{R(T)} = N(T^*)^\perp = N(|T^*|)^\perp = N(|T^*|^r)^\perp = \overline{R(|T^*|^r)}$ for $r > 0$, T is p -quasihyponormal for $p > 0$ if and only if T is p -hyponormal on $\overline{R(|T^*|^r)}$ for $r > 0$. Hence T is p -quasihyponormal for $p > 0$ if and only if

$$|T^*|^r |T|^{2p} |T^*|^r \geq |T^*|^{2(p+r)},$$

i.e., T belongs to class $F(p, r, 1)$ for $r > 0$ if and only if

$$\| |T|^p |T^*|^r x \| \geq \| |T^*|^{p+r} x \|$$

for every unit vector $x \in H$, i.e., T is $(p, r, 1)$ -paranormal for $r > 0$ by Proposition 1.

Proof of (ii). Noting that $\overline{R(T)} = N(T^*)^\perp = N(U^*)^\perp = \overline{R(U)}$, T is p -quasihyponormal for $p > 0$ if and only if $U^* |T|^{2p} U \geq U^* |T^*|^{2p} U = |T|^{2p}$ if and only if $\| |T|^p U x \| \geq \| |T^*|^p x \|$ for every unit vector $x \in H$, that is, T is $(p, 0, 1)$ -paranormal.

Hence the proof of Proposition 3 is complete. \square

Secondly, we shall consider monotonicity of class $F(p, r, q)$ and (p, r, q) -paranormality. Here we recall Theorem B.1.

Theorem B.1 ([5][7][15][28]). *Let A and B be positive invertible operators. Then the following properties are mutually equivalent:*

- (i) $\log A \geq \log B$.
- (ii) $(B^{\frac{p}{2}} A^p B^{\frac{p}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq B^p$ for all $p \geq 0$.
- (iii) $(B^{\frac{p}{2}} A^p B^{\frac{p}{2}})^{\frac{r}{p+r}} \geq B^r$ for all $p \geq 0$ and $r \geq 0$.

In section 2, we verified that class $A(p, r)$ derives from Theorem B.1, and also we explained that Theorem A.2 and Theorem A.3 state that the families of class $AI(p, r)$ and absolute- (p, r) -paranormality constitute two increasing lines on $p > 0$ and $r > 0$ whose origin is log-hyponormality.

On the other hand, as a parallel result to Theorem B.1, Theorem F also leads to the following Theorem B.2.

Theorem B.2 ([8][9]). *For positive operators A and B , $A^\delta \geq B^\delta$ for a fixed $\delta > 0$ if and only if*

$$(B^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p B^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{\delta+r}{p+r}} \geq B^{\delta+r}$$

holds for all $p \geq \delta$ and $r \geq 0$.

Considering these matters, it seems natural that we rewrite class $F(p, r, q)$ and (p, r, q) -paranormality by class $F(p, r, \frac{p+r}{\delta+r})$ and $(p, r, \frac{p+r}{\delta+r})$ -paranormality when we discuss monotonicity of class $F(p, r, q)$ and (p, r, q) -paranormality on p and r . In fact, we obtain the following results on monotonicity of class $F(p, r, \frac{p+r}{\delta+r})$ and $(p, r, \frac{p+r}{\delta+r})$ -paranormality. And also the following Figure 3 represents the inclusion relations shown in this section.

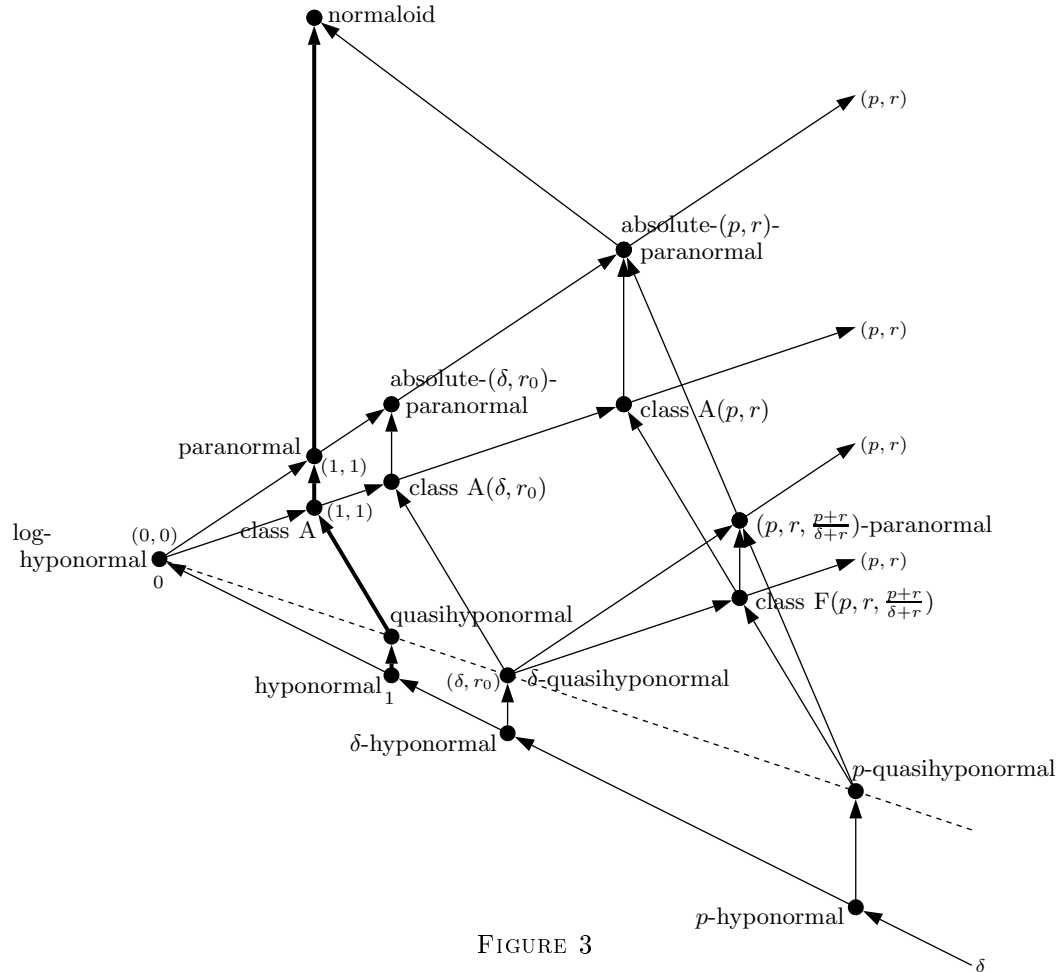


FIGURE 3

Theorem 4. Let T be a class $F(p_0, r_0, \frac{p_0+r_0}{\delta+r_0})$ operator for $p_0 > 0, r_0 \geq 0$ and $-r_0 < \delta \leq p_0$. Then the following assertions hold:

- (i) T belongs to class $F(p_0, r, \frac{p_0+r}{\delta+r})$ for any $r \geq r_0$.
- (ii) If T is invertible and $0 \leq \delta \leq p_0$, then T belongs to class $F(p, r, \frac{p+r}{\delta+r})$ for any $p \geq p_0$ and $r \geq r_0$.

Theorem 5. Let T be a $(p_0, r_0, \frac{p_0+r_0}{\delta+r_0})$ -paranormal operator for $p_0 > 0, r_0 \geq 0$ and $\delta > -r_0$. Then the following assertions hold:

- (i) If $-r_0 < \delta \leq p_0$, then T is $(p_0, r, \frac{p_0+r}{\delta+r})$ -paranormal for any $r \geq r_0$.
- (ii) If $0 \leq \delta$, then T is $(p, r_0, \frac{p+r_0}{\delta+r_0})$ -paranormal for any $p \geq p_0$.
- (iii) If $0 \leq \delta \leq p_0$, then T is $(p, r, \frac{p+r}{\delta+r})$ -paranormal for any $p \geq p_0$ and $r \geq r_0$.

Proposition 3, Theorem 4 and Theorem 5 assert that invertible class $F(p, r, \frac{p+r}{\delta+r})$ and $(p, r, \frac{p+r}{\delta+r})$ -paranormality for $\delta > 0$ constitute two increasing lines for $p \geq \delta > 0$ and $r \geq r_0 > 0$ which have δ -quasihyponormality as the origin since δ -quasihyponormality equals class $F(\delta, r_0, 1)$ or $(\delta, r_0, 1)$ -paranormality. And also, in case $\delta = 0$, (i) and (ii) of Theorem 4 means (iii) and (ii) of Theorem A.2, respectively, and Theorem 5 means (ii) of Theorem A.3. Therefore monotonicity of invertible class $F(p, r, \frac{p+r}{\delta+r})$ and $(p, r, \frac{p+r}{\delta+r})$ -paranormality for $\delta > 0$ is parallel to monotonicity of class $AI(p, r)$ and absolute- (p, r) -paranormality since invertible δ -quasihyponormality (i.e., δ -hyponormality) approaches log-hyponormality as $\delta \rightarrow +0$.

We prepare the following result in order to prove Theorem 4.

Proposition 6. Let A and B be positive operators such that $(B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{\delta+\beta_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} \geq B^{\delta+\beta_0}$ holds for fixed $\alpha_0 > 0, \beta_0 > 0$ and $-\beta_0 < \delta \leq \alpha_0$. Then the following assertions hold:

- (i) $(B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})^{\frac{\delta+\beta}{\alpha_0+\beta}} \geq B^{\delta+\beta}$ for all $\beta \geq \beta_0$.
- (ii) If A and B are invertible and $0 \leq \delta \leq \alpha_0$, then $(B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} A^{\alpha} B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})^{\frac{\delta+\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} \geq B^{\delta+\beta}$ for all $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$ and $\beta \geq \beta_0$.

We need the following Theorem C.1 for the proof of Proposition 6.

Theorem C.1. Let A and B be positive invertible operators such that $(B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{\beta_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} \geq B^{\beta_0}$ holds for fixed $\alpha_0 > 0$ and $\beta_0 > 0$. Then for each fixed $\delta \geq -\beta_0$,

$$f_\delta(\alpha, \beta) = B^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} (B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} A^\alpha B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})^{\frac{\delta+\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} B^{-\frac{\beta}{2}}$$

is increasing for $\alpha \geq \max\{\alpha_0, \delta\}$ and $\beta \geq \beta_0$.

Theorem C.1 is easily obtained as a variant from the following Theorem C.2 by putting $S = B^{-1}$ and $T = A^{-1}$.

Theorem C.2 ([19]). Let S and T be positive invertible operators such that $S^{\beta_0} \geq (S^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} T^{\alpha_0} S^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{\beta_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}}$ holds for fixed $\alpha_0 > 0$ and $\beta_0 > 0$. Then for each fixed $\delta \geq -\beta_0$,

$$g_\delta(\alpha, \beta) = S^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} (S^{\frac{\beta}{2}} T^\alpha S^{\frac{\beta}{2}})^{\frac{\delta+\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} S^{-\frac{\beta}{2}}$$

is decreasing for $\alpha \geq \max\{\alpha_0, \delta\}$ and $\beta \geq \beta_0$.

Proof of Proposition 6.

Proof of (i). Assume that

$$(3.1) \quad (B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{\delta+\beta_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} \geq B^{\delta+\beta_0}$$

holds for fixed $\alpha_0 > 0$, $\beta_0 > 0$ and $-\beta_0 < \delta \leq \alpha_0$. Applying (i) of Theorem F to (3.1), we have

$$(3.2) \quad \{B^{\frac{(\delta+\beta_0)r_1}{2}} (B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{(\delta+\beta_0)p_1}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} B^{\frac{(\delta+\beta_0)r_1}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r_1}{p_1+r_1}} \geq B^{(\delta+\beta_0)(1+r_1)}$$

for any $p_1 \geq 1$ and $r_1 \geq 0$. Putting $p_1 = \frac{\alpha_0+\beta_0}{\delta+\beta_0} \geq 1$ in (3.2), we have

$$(3.3) \quad (B^{\frac{\beta_0+(\delta+\beta_0)r_1}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta_0+(\delta+\beta_0)r_1}{2}})^{\frac{(\delta+\beta_0)(1+r_1)}{\alpha_0+\beta_0+(\delta+\beta_0)r_1}} \geq B^{(\delta+\beta_0)(1+r_1)} \quad \text{for any } r_1 \geq 0.$$

Put $\beta = \beta_0 + (\delta + \beta_0)r_1 \geq \beta_0$ in (3.3). Then we have

$$(B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})^{\frac{\delta+\beta}{\alpha_0+\beta}} \geq B^{\delta+\beta} \quad \text{for } \beta \geq \beta_0.$$

Proof of (ii). Assume that

$$(3.1) \quad (B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{\delta+\beta_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} \geq B^{\delta+\beta_0}$$

holds for fixed $\alpha_0 > 0$, $\beta_0 > 0$ and $0 \leq \delta \leq \alpha_0$. By Löwner-Heinz theorem, (3.1) ensures

$$(B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{\beta_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} \geq B^{\beta_0}.$$

Then we have

$$B^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} (B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} A^{\alpha} B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})^{\frac{\delta+\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} B^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} = f_{\delta}(\alpha, \beta) \geq f_{\delta}(\alpha_0, \beta_0) = B^{-\frac{\beta_0}{2}} (B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}} A^{\alpha_0} B^{\frac{\beta_0}{2}})^{\frac{\delta+\beta_0}{\alpha_0+\beta_0}} B^{-\frac{\beta_0}{2}} \geq B^{\delta},$$

that is,

$$(B^{\frac{\beta}{2}} A^{\alpha} B^{\frac{\beta}{2}})^{\frac{\delta+\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} \geq B^{\delta+\beta}$$

for all $\alpha \geq \max\{\alpha_0, \delta\} = \alpha_0$ and $\beta \geq \beta_0$ by Theorem C.1 and (3.1).

Hence the proof of Proposition 6 is complete. \square

Proof of Theorem 4. Since class $F(p_0, 0, \frac{p_0}{\delta})$ for $0 < \delta \leq p_0$ equals δ -hyponormality and every δ -hyponormal operator belongs to class $F(p, r, \frac{p+r}{\delta+r})$ for all $p \geq \delta$ and $r \geq 0$ by (i) of Theorem A.1, we may assume $r_0 > 0$. Suppose that T belongs to class $F(p_0, r_0, \frac{p_0+r_0}{\delta+r_0})$ for $p_0 > 0$, $r_0 > 0$ and $-r_0 < \delta \leq p_0$, i.e.,

$$(3.4) \quad (|T^*|^{r_0} |T|^{2p_0} |T^*|^{r_0})^{\frac{\delta+r_0}{p_0+r_0}} \geq |T^*|^{2(\delta+r_0)}.$$

Proof of (i). Applying (i) of Proposition 6, (3.4) ensures

$$(|T^*|^r |T|^{2p_0} |T^*|^r)^{\frac{\delta+r}{p_0+r}} \geq |T^*|^{2(\delta+r)}$$

for any $r \geq r_0$, i.e., T belongs to class $F(p_0, r, \frac{p_0+r}{\delta+r})$ for any $r \geq r_0$.

Proof of (ii). If T is invertible and $0 \leq \delta \leq p_0$, applying (ii) of Proposition 6, (3.4) ensures

$$(|T^*|^r |T|^{2p} |T^*|^r)^{\frac{\delta+r}{p+r}} \geq |T^*|^{2(\delta+r)}$$

for any $p \geq p_0$ and $r \geq r_0$, i.e., T belongs to class $F(p, r, \frac{p+r}{\delta+r})$ for any $p \geq p_0$ and $r \geq r_0$.

Hence the proof of Theorem 4 is complete. \square

We need the following Theorem H-M in order to prove Theorem 5.

Theorem H-M (Hölder-McCarthy inequality [26]). *Let A be a positive operator. Then the following inequalities hold for all $x \in H$:*

- (i) $(A^r x, x) \leq (Ax, x)^r \|x\|^{2(1-r)}$ or $\|A^r x\| \leq \|Ax\|^r \|x\|^{1-r}$ for $0 < r \leq 1$.
- (ii) $(A^r x, x) \geq (Ax, x)^r \|x\|^{2(1-r)}$ or $\|A^r x\| \geq \|Ax\|^r \|x\|^{1-r}$ for $r \geq 1$.

Proof of Theorem 5. Suppose that T is $(p_0, r_0, \frac{p_0+r_0}{\delta+r_0})$ -paranormal for $p_0 > 0$, $r_0 \geq 0$ and $\delta \geq -r_0$, i.e.,

$$(3.5) \quad \left\| |T|^{p_0} U |T|^{r_0} x \right\|_{\frac{\delta+r_0}{p_0+r_0}} \geq \left\| |T|^{\delta+r_0} x \right\|$$

for every unit vector $x \in H$, where $T = U|T|$ is the polar decomposition of T . (3.5) holds if and only if

$$(3.6) \quad \left\| |T|^{p_0} U |T|^{r_0} y \right\|_{\frac{\delta+r_0}{p_0+r_0}} \geq \left\| |T|^{\delta+r_0} y \right\| \|y\|_{\frac{\delta+r_0}{p_0+r_0}}^{-1}$$

holds for all $y \in H$.

Proof of (i). If $-r_0 < \delta \leq p_0$, then for any $r \geq r_0$ and every unit vector $x \in H$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| |T|^{p_0} U |T|^r x \right\|_{\frac{\delta+r}{p_0+r}} \\ &= \left\| |T|^{p_0} U |T|^{r_0} \cdot |T|^{r-r_0} x \right\|_{\frac{\delta+r_0}{p_0+r_0} \cdot \frac{p_0+r_0}{\delta+r_0} \cdot \frac{\delta+r}{p_0+r}} \\ &\geq \left(\left\| |T|^{\delta+r_0} \cdot |T|^{r-r_0} x \right\| \left\| |T|^{r-r_0} x \right\|_{\frac{\delta+r_0}{p_0+r_0}}^{-1} \right)^{\frac{p_0+r_0}{\delta+r_0} \cdot \frac{\delta+r}{p_0+r}} \quad \text{by (3.6)} \\ &\geq \left(\left\| |T|^{\delta+r} x \right\| \left\| |T|^{\delta+r} x \right\|_{\frac{r-r_0}{\delta+r} \left(\frac{\delta+r_0}{p_0+r_0} - 1 \right)}^{-1} \right)^{\frac{p_0+r_0}{\delta+r_0} \cdot \frac{\delta+r}{p_0+r}} \\ &= \left\| |T|^{\delta+r} x \right\|, \end{aligned}$$

and the last inequality holds by (i) of Theorem H-M for $\frac{r-r_0}{\delta+r} \in [0, 1]$. Therefore T is $(p_0, r, \frac{p_0+r}{\delta+r})$ -paranormal for any $r \geq r_0$.

Proof of (ii). If $0 \leq \delta$, then for any $p \geq p_0$ and every unit vector $x \in H$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| |T|^p U |T|^{r_0} x \right\|_{\frac{\delta+r_0}{p+r_0}} \\ &\geq \left(\left\| |T|^{p_0} U |T|^{r_0} x \right\|_{\frac{p}{p_0}} \left\| U |T|^{r_0} x \right\|^{1-\frac{p}{p_0}} \right)^{\frac{\delta+r_0}{p+r_0}} \\ &\geq \left(\left\| |T|^{p_0} U |T|^{r_0} x \right\|_{\frac{p}{p_0}} \left\| |T|^{r_0} x \right\|^{1-\frac{p}{p_0}} \right)^{\frac{\delta+r_0}{p+r_0}} \quad \text{since } U \text{ is partial isometry} \\ &\geq \left(\left\| |T|^{\delta+r_0} x \right\|_{\frac{p_0+r_0}{\delta+r_0} \cdot \frac{p}{p_0}} \left\| |T|^{\delta+r_0} x \right\|_{\frac{r_0}{\delta+r_0} (1-\frac{p}{p_0})}^{-1} \right)^{\frac{\delta+r_0}{p+r_0}} \\ &= \left\| |T|^{\delta+r_0} x \right\|, \end{aligned}$$

and the first inequality holds by (ii) of Theorem H-M for $\frac{p}{p_0} \geq 1$ and the last inequality holds by (3.5) and (i) of Theorem H-M for $\frac{r_0}{\delta+r_0} \in [0, 1]$. Therefore T is $(p, r_0, \frac{p+r_0}{\delta+r_0})$ -paranormal for any $p \geq p_0$.

Proof of (iii). It is obvious by (i) and (ii).

Hence the proof of Theorem 5 is complete. \square

Remark. Here we shall show that (i) of Theorem 4 ensures (ii) of Theorem A.1 and also Proposition 3 ensures (vi) and (vii) of Theorem A.1.

Proof of (ii) of Theorem A.1. Suppose that T belongs to class $F(p_0, r_0, q_0)$ for $p_0 > 0$, $r_0 \geq 0$ and $q_0 \geq 1$. Let $q_0 = \frac{p_0+r_0}{\delta+r_0}$. Then class $F(p_0, r_0, q_0)$ for $p_0 > 0$, $r_0 \geq 0$ and $q_0 \geq 1$ equals class $F(p_0, r_0, \frac{p_0+r_0}{\delta+r_0})$ for $p_0 > 0$, $r_0 \geq 0$ and $-r_0 < \delta \leq p_0$. By (i) of Theorem 4, T belongs to class $F(p_0, r, \frac{p_0+r}{\delta+r})$ for $r \geq r_0$. Therefore, by (iii) of Theorem A.1, T belongs to class $F(p_0, r, q_0)$ for $r \geq r_0$ since $q_0 \geq \frac{p_0+r}{\delta+r}$. \square

Proof of (vi) of Theorem A.1. Obvious by Proposition 3. \square

Proof of (vii) of Theorem A.1. Suppose that T is $(p, r, 1)$ -paranormal for $p > 0$ and $r \geq 0$. By Proposition 3 and (v) of Theorem A.1, T is $(p, p, 2)$ -paranormal, i.e., absolute- (p, p) -paranormal (or p -paranormal) for $p > 0$. Therefore T is absolute- (s, s) -paranormal where $s = \max\{p, r\}$, i.e., $\max\{p, r\}$ -paranormal by (ii) of Theorem A.3. \square

4. LOG-HYPONORMALITY

As a characterization of log-hyponormal operators, the following Theorem D.1 was obtained.

Theorem D.1 ([10][31][32]). *Let T be an invertible operator. Then the following assertions are mutually equivalent:*

- (i) T is log-hyponormal.
- (ii) T belongs to class $A(p, p)$, i.e., class $AI(p, p)$ for all $p > 0$.
- (iii) T belongs to class $A(p, r)$, i.e., class $AI(p, r)$ for all $p > 0$ and $r > 0$.
- (iv) T is p -paranormal for all $p > 0$.
- (v) T is absolute- (p, r) -paranormal for all $p > 0$ and $r > 0$.

(i) \Leftrightarrow (ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii) was obtained in [10], and also (i) \Leftrightarrow (iv) and (i) \Leftrightarrow (iv) \Leftrightarrow (v) were obtained in [31] and [32], respectively.

As an extension of Theorem D.1 via class $F(p, r, q)$ and (p, r, q) -paranormality, we have the following Theorem 7.

Theorem 7. *Let T be an invertible operator. Then the following assertions are mutually equivalent for any fixed $\alpha \in (0, 1]$:*

- (i) T is log-hyponormal.
- (ii) T belongs to class $F(p, p, \frac{2}{\alpha})$ for all $p > 0$.
- (iii) T belongs to class $F(p, r, \frac{p+r}{r\alpha})$ for all $p > 0$ and $r > 0$.
- (iv) T is $(p, p, \frac{2}{\alpha})$ -paranormal for all $p > 0$.
- (v) T is $(p, r, \frac{p+r}{r\alpha})$ -paranormal for all $p > 0$ and $r > 0$.

We remark that Theorem 7 ensures Theorem D.1 by putting $\alpha = 1$.

Proof of Theorem 7. (i) \Rightarrow (iii) holds by (i) of Theorem A.2 and (iii) of Theorem A.1. (iii) \Rightarrow (ii) \Rightarrow (iv) and (iii) \Rightarrow (v) \Rightarrow (iv) hold by putting $r = p$ and by (iv) of Theorem A.1. Therefore we have only to show (iv) \Rightarrow (i).

Suppose that T is invertible and $(p, p, \frac{2}{\alpha})$ -paranormal for all $p > 0$ and a fixed $\alpha \in (0, 1]$. T is $(p, p, \frac{2}{\alpha})$ -paranormal if and only if

$$(4.1) \quad \left\| |T|^p |T^*|^p y \right\|^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \|y\|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \geq \| |T^*|^{p\alpha} y \|^2$$

for all $y \in H$ by Proposition 1. By (4.1) and the generalized arithmetic-geometric mean inequality, we have

$$(4.2) \quad \frac{\alpha}{2} \left\| |T|^p |T^*|^p y \right\|^2 + \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \|y\|^2 \geq \left\| |T|^p |T^*|^p y \right\|^{2 \cdot \frac{\alpha}{2}} \|y\|^{2(1-\frac{\alpha}{2})} \geq \| |T^*|^{p\alpha} y \|^2$$

for all $y \in H$ and (4.2) ensures

$$(4.3) \quad \frac{\alpha}{2} |T^*|^p |T|^{2p} |T^*|^p + \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) I \geq |T^*|^{2p\alpha}.$$

Since T is invertible, (4.3) holds if and only if

$$(4.4) \quad \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{|T|^{2p} - I}{p} + \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \frac{|T^*|^{-2p} - I}{p} \geq \frac{|T^*|^{2p(\alpha-1)} - I}{p}.$$

By letting $p \rightarrow +0$ in (4.4), we have

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \log |T|^2 + \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \log |T^*|^{-2} \geq \log |T^*|^{2(\alpha-1)},$$

that is, $\log |T|^2 \geq \log |T^*|^2$. Hence T is log-hyponormal, so the proof of Theorem 7 is complete. \square

5. POWERS OF CLASS $F(p, r, q)$ OPERATORS

On powers of class A operators, we obtained the following result.

Theorem E.1 ([23]).

- (i) If T is an invertible class A operator, then T^n also belongs to class A for all positive integer n .
- (ii) If T is an invertible class A operator, then

$$(5.1) \quad |T|^2 \leq |T^2| \leq \dots \leq |T^n|^{\frac{2}{n}}$$

and

$$(5.2) \quad |T^*|^2 \geq |T^{2*}| \geq \dots \geq |T^{n*}|^{\frac{2}{n}}$$

hold for all positive integer n .

As an extension of (i) of Theorem E.1, Yamazaki [30] showed the following Theorem E.2.

Theorem E.2 ([30]). Let T be a class $AI(p, r)$ operator for $0 < p \leq 1$ and $0 < r \leq 1$. Then T^n belongs to class $AI(\frac{p}{n}, \frac{r}{n})$ for all positive integer n .

In this section, we shall show the following result on powers of class $F(p, r, q)$ operators as a similar result to Theorem E.2.

Theorem 8. Let T be an invertible class $F(p, r, q)$ operator for $0 < p \leq 1$, $0 \leq r \leq 1$ and $q \geq 1$ with $rq \leq p + r$. Then T^n belongs to class $F(\frac{p}{n}, \frac{r}{n}, q)$ for all positive integer n .

We cite the following Lemma F in order to give a proof of Theorem 8.

Lemma F ([16]). *Let $A > 0$ and B be an invertible operator. Then*

$$(BAB^*)^\lambda = BA^{\frac{1}{2}}(A^{\frac{1}{2}}B^*BA^{\frac{1}{2}})^\lambda A^{-\frac{1}{2}}B^*$$

holds for any real number λ .

Proof of Theorem 8. Let T be an invertible class $F(p, r, q)$ operator for $0 < p \leq 1$, $0 \leq r \leq 1$ and $q \geq 1$ with $rq \leq p + r$, i.e.,

$$(1.2) \quad (|T^*|^r |T|^{2p} |T^*|^r)^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq |T^*|^{\frac{2(p+r)}{q}}.$$

We remark that class $F(p, r, q)$ operator T for $0 < p \leq 1$, $0 \leq r \leq 1$ and $q \geq 1$ with $rq \leq p + r$ belongs to class $F(1, 1, 2)$, i.e., class A by (iii) of Theorem A.1 and (ii) of Theorem 4. By Lemma F, (1.2) holds if and only if

$$|T^*|^r |T|^p (|T|^p |T^*|^{2r} |T|^p)^{\frac{1}{q}-1} |T|^p |T^*|^r \geq |T^*|^{\frac{2(p+r)}{q}}$$

if and only if

$$(5.3) \quad |T|^p (|T|^p |T^*|^{2r} |T|^p)^{\frac{1}{q}-1} |T|^p \geq |T^*|^{2(\frac{p+r}{q}-r)}.$$

Then we have

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{aligned} |T|^p (|T|^p |T^{n*}|^{\frac{2r}{n}} |T|^p)^{\frac{1}{q}-1} |T|^p &\geq |T|^p (|T|^p |T^*|^{2r} |T|^p)^{\frac{1}{q}-1} |T|^p \geq |T^*|^{2(\frac{p+r}{q}-r)} \\ &\geq |T^{n*}|^{\frac{2}{n}(\frac{p+r}{q}-r)} \end{aligned}$$

for all positive integer n by (5.2) in Theorem E.1, (5.3) and Löwner-Heinz theorem since $\frac{1}{q} - 1 \in (-1, 0]$ and $\frac{p+r}{q} - r \in [0, 1]$. (5.4) ensures

$$(5.5) \quad |T^{n*}|^{\frac{r}{n}} |T|^p (|T|^p |T^{n*}|^{\frac{2r}{n}} |T|^p)^{\frac{1}{q}-1} |T|^p |T^{n*}|^{\frac{r}{n}} \geq |T^{n*}|^{\frac{2}{n} \frac{p+r}{q}}$$

and (5.5) holds if and only if

$$(5.6) \quad (|T^{n*}|^{\frac{r}{n}} |T|^{2p} |T^{n*}|^{\frac{r}{n}})^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq |T^{n*}|^{\frac{2}{n} \frac{p+r}{q}}$$

by Lemma F. Hence we have

$$(|T^{n*}|^{\frac{r}{n}} |T^n|^{\frac{2p}{n}} |T^{n*}|^{\frac{r}{n}})^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq (|T^{n*}|^{\frac{r}{n}} |T|^{2p} |T^{n*}|^{\frac{r}{n}})^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq |T^{n*}|^{\frac{2}{q}(\frac{p}{n} + \frac{r}{n})}$$

for all positive integer n by (5.1) in Theorem E.1, (5.6) and Löwner-Heinz theorem, that is, T^n belongs to class $F(\frac{p}{n}, \frac{r}{n}, q)$ for all positive integer n . \square

Remark. On powers of p -hyponormal operators, Aluthge-Wang showed the following result in [1] (see also [20][21][24][29]).

Theorem E.3 ([1]). *Let T be a p -hyponormal operator for $0 < p \leq 1$. Then T^n is $\frac{p}{n}$ -hyponormal for all positive integer n .*

We remark that Theorem 8 interpolates Theorem E.2 and Theorem E.3 in case T is invertible. In fact, Theorem 8 yields Theorem E.2 by putting $q = \frac{p+r}{r}$, and also Theorem 8 yields Theorem E.3 by putting $q = 1$ and $r = 0$.

6. CONCLUDING REMARK

In [11], Fujii-Nakamoto introduced absolute (p, r) -paranormality in different form from (1.1) by Yamazaki-Yanagida as follows: T is absolute (p, r) -paranormal (in symbol: $T \in AP(p, r)$) for $p > 0$ and $r \geq 0$ if $\| |T|^p U |T|^r x \| \geq \| |T|x \|^{p+r}$ for every unit vector $x \in H$, where $T = U|T|$ is the polar decomposition of T . We note that we write $T \in AP(p, r)$ if T is an absolute (p, r) -paranormal operator in the sense of Fujii-Nakamoto, and also $T \in AP(p, r)$ for $p > 0$ and $r \geq 0$ if and only if T is a $(p, r, p+r)$ -paranormal operator. The following theorems are shown in [11].

Theorem F.1 ([11]).

- (i) If T belongs to class $F(p, r, 1)$ for $p > 0$ and $r \geq 0$ with $p+r \geq 1$, then $T \in AP(p, r)$.
- (ii) If $T \in AP(p_0, r_0)$ for $p_0 > 0$ and $0 \leq r_0 \leq 1$, then $T \in AP(p, r_0)$ for any $p \geq p_0$.
- (iii) If $T \in AP(p_0, r_0)$ for $p_0 > 0$ and $r_0 \geq 0$ with $p_0 + r_0 \geq 1$, then $T \in AP(p_0, r)$ for any $r \geq r_0$.

Theorem F.2 ([11]).

- (i) If T is (p, r, q) -paranormal for $p > 0$, $r \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$, then $T \in AP(p, s)$ for $s \geq 0$ with $r \leq s \leq 1+r$ and $p+r \geq q(1-s+r)$.
- (ii) If $T \in AP(p, s)$ for $p > 0$ and $s \geq 0$ with $p+s \geq 1$, then T is (p, r, q) -paranormal for $r \geq s$ and $q \geq 1$ with $q(1+r-s) \geq p+r \geq q(r-s)$.
- (iii) If $T \in AP(p, s)$ for $p > 0$ and $s \geq 0$ with $p+s \leq 1$, then T is (p, r, q) -paranormal for $r \geq s$ and $q \geq 1$ with $q(r-s) \geq p+r$.

Here we shall show that Proposition 3 and Theorem 5 lead Theorem F.1 and Theorem F.2.

Proof of Theorem F.1.

Proof of (i). Suppose that T belongs to class $F(p, r, 1)$ for $p > 0$ and $r \geq 0$ with $p+r \geq 1$. Then T is $(p, r, 1)$ -paranormal by Proposition 3. Hence T is $(p, r, p+r)$ -paranormal for $p+r \geq 1$ by (v) of Theorem A.1, that is, $T \in AP(p, r)$.

Proof of (ii). Suppose that $T \in AP(p_0, r_0)$ for $p_0 > 0$ and $0 \leq r_0 \leq 1$, i.e., T is $(p_0, r_0, \frac{p_0+r_0}{(1-r_0)+r_0})$ -paranormal. Since $0 \leq 1-r_0$, (ii) of Theorem 5 ensures that T is $(p, r_0, \frac{p+r_0}{(1-r_0)+r_0})$ -paranormal for any $p \geq p_0$, that is, $T \in AP(p, r_0)$.

Proof of (iii). Suppose that $T \in AP(p_0, r_0)$ for $p_0 > 0$ and $r_0 \geq 0$ with $p_0 + r_0 \geq 1$, i.e., T is $(p_0, r_0, \frac{p_0+r_0}{(1-r_0)+r_0})$ -paranormal. Then T is $(p_0, r, \frac{p_0+r}{(1-r_0)+r})$ -paranormal for any $r \geq r_0$ by (i) of Theorem 5 since $-r_0 < 1-r_0 \leq p_0$. Hence T is (p_0, r, p_0+r) -paranormal for $r \geq r_0$ by (v) of Theorem A.1, that is, $T \in AP(p_0, r)$. \square

Proof of Theorem F.2.

Proof of (i). Suppose that T is (p, r, q) -paranormal for $p > 0$, $r \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$. Let $\epsilon = \frac{p+r}{q}$ where $0 < \epsilon \leq p+r$. Then (p, r, q) -paranormality equals $(p, r, \frac{p+r}{(\epsilon-r)+r})$ -paranormality. Since $-r < \epsilon-r \leq p$, (i) of Theorem 5 ensures that T is $(p, s, \frac{p+s}{(\epsilon-r)+s})$ -paranormal for any $s \geq r$. Hence T is $(p, s, p+s)$ -paranormal for $s \geq r$ and $(\epsilon-r)+s \geq 1$ by (v) of Theorem A.1, that is, $T \in AP(p, s)$ for $s \geq r$ and $p+r \geq q(1-s+r)$.

Proof of (ii). Suppose that $T \in AP(p, s)$ for $p > 0$ and $s \geq 0$ with $p + s \geq 1$, i.e., T is $(p, s, \frac{p+s}{(1-s)+s})$ -paranormal. Then T is $(p, r, \frac{p+r}{(1-s)+r})$ -paranormal for any $r \geq s$ by (i) of Theorem 5 since $-s < 1 - s \leq p$. Hence T is (p, r, q) -paranormal for $r \geq s$ and $q(1 + r - s) \geq p + r$ by (v) of Theorem A.1.

Proof of (iii). Suppose that $T \in AP(p, s)$ for $p > 0$ and $s \geq 0$ with $p + s \leq 1$, i.e., T is $(p, s, p + s)$ -paranormal. Then T is $(p, s, 1)$ -paranormal by (v) of Theorem A.1, and also $(p, s, 1)$ -paranormality equals $(p, r, 1)$ -paranormality for any $r \geq 0$ by Proposition 3. Hence T is (p, r, q) -paranormal for $r \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$ by (v) of Theorem A.1. \square

By scrutinizing the proof of Theorem F.2, we see that the condition of parameters in Theorem F.2 can be loosened as follows:

Theorem 9.

- (i) If T is (p, r, q) -paranormal for $p > 0$, $r \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$, then $T \in AP(p, s)$ for $s \geq r$ and $p + r \geq q(1 - s + r)$.
- (ii) If $T \in AP(p, s)$ for $p > 0$ and $s \geq 0$ with $p + s \geq 1$, then T is (p, r, q) -paranormal for $r \geq s$ and $q(1 + r - s) \geq p + r$.
- (iii) If $T \in AP(p, s)$ for $p > 0$ and $s \geq 0$ with $p + s \leq 1$, then T is (p, r, q) -paranormal for $r \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$.

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