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STRUCTURE OF MAXIMAL SPECTRAL SPACES  
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Let  $X$  be a Banach space, let  $B(X)$  be the algebra of all linear bounded operators from  $X$  to  $X$ . Denote by  $C^\infty$  the algebra of all infinite times differentiable complex functions defined on the complex plane  $\mathbf{C}$  with the topology of uniform convergence of every derivate on each compact set in  $\mathbf{C}$ , i.e. with the topology generated by a family of pseudonorm  $|\varphi|_{K,m} = \max_{|p| \leq m} \sup_{z \in K} |D^p f(z)|$ , where  $K$  is arbitrary compact set,  $m$  a non-negative integer,  $p = (p_1, p_2)$ ,  $|p| = p_1 + p_2$  and

$$D^p f = \frac{\partial^{|p|} f}{\partial z_1^{p_1} \partial z_2^{p_2}} (z = z_1 + iz_2).$$

A spectral distribution is a multiplicative vector-valued distribution  $\mathcal{U}: C^\infty \rightarrow B(X)$  for which  $\mathcal{U}(1) = I$ . Denote by  $a$  the function  $a(\lambda) = \lambda$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$ . An operator  $T \in B(X)$  is said to be generalized scalar if there exists a spectral distribution  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $\mathcal{U}(a) = T$ . This class of operators was introduced in paper [2] of C. FOIAS. In this paper the author proved a theorem describing structure of certain class of invariant subspaces of generalized scalar operators, so called maximal spectral spaces [1]. It is the purpose of this note to give another characterization of these invariant spaces which is an analogy of the finite dimensional case. The presented methods are closely related to [3].

First we shall recall some definitions and known results concerning generalized scalar operators included in [2], [1].

Let  $T \in B(X)$  be a generalized scalar operator. Denote by  $\varrho_T(x)$  the set of all complex numbers  $\lambda$  for which there exists a holomorphic solution of the equation

$$(\xi - T) f(\xi) = x$$

in some neighbourhood of  $\lambda$ . Set  $\sigma_T(x) = \mathbf{C} \setminus \varrho_T(x)$ . We have  $\sigma_T(\mathcal{U}(\varphi) x) \subset \text{supp } \varphi$  for  $x \in X$ ,  $\varphi \in C^\infty$ . If  $F = F^- \subset \mathbf{C}$  then  $X_T(F) = \{x : \sigma_T(x) \subseteq F\}$  is a closed hyperinvariant subspace with respect to  $T$ . The space  $X_T(F)$  is maximal spectral, i.e. it has the following property: if  $Z \subset X$  is a closed subspace invariant with respect to  $T$

and  $\sigma(T|Z) \subset \sigma(T|X_T(F))$  then  $Z \subset X_T(F)$ , and  $\sigma(T|X_T(F)) \subseteq F$ . Further, if we denote by  $X^G$  the linear subspace spanned by all elements of the form  $\mathcal{U}(\varphi)x$  with  $\varphi \in C^\infty$  such that  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset G$ ,  $G$  open,  $x \in X$  arbitrary, then  $X_T(F) = \bigcap_{G \supset F} X^G$ . It follows

that  $x \in X_T(F)$  if and only if  $\mathcal{U}(\varphi)x = 0$  for all  $\varphi \in C^\infty$  such that  $\text{supp } \varphi \cap F = \emptyset$ .

Now, we shall begin with certain considerations concerning the decomposition of the unit on compact sets in the space  $C^\infty$ .

If  $\varphi \in C^\infty$  we shall denote by  $\int \varphi(z) dz = \iint \varphi(x + iy) dx dy$  ( $z = x + iy$ ).

**1.1.** *Let  $m$  be a nonnegative integer. Then there exists  $k_m > 1$  with the following property: Let  $K$  be arbitrary compact set, let  $(G_i)_{i=1,2}$  be a covering of  $K$ , i.e.  $K \subset \text{Int } G_1 \cup \text{Int } G_2$  such that  $K \setminus G_i \neq \emptyset$  and  $d(G_i) \leq 1$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Denote by  $\varepsilon = \min_{i=1,2} d(G_i, K \setminus G_{3-i}) > 0$ . Then there exist  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in C^\infty$  with the properties:  $\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 = 1$  in a neighbourhood of the set  $K$ ,  $\text{supp } \varphi_i \subseteq G_i$  and  $\sup |D^j \varphi_i| \leq k_m \varepsilon^{-4-|j|} \max_{i=1,2} d(G_i)^4$  for  $i = 1, 2$  and  $|j| \leq m$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $i = 1, 2$ . There exist compact sets  $K_i$  such that  $D(K_i, \varepsilon/3) \subset G_i$  and  $K \subset K_1 \cup K_2$  ( $D(M, \delta)$  is the set of all  $\lambda$  for which  $d(\lambda, M) < \delta$ ). Take a nonnegative function  $\varphi_0 \in C^\infty$ ,  $\int \varphi_0 = 1$ ,  $\text{supp } \varphi_0 = D(0, 1)^-$ . Let  $u_i$  be the characteristic function of the set  $D(K_i, \varepsilon/4)$ . Define functions

$$\psi_i(\mu) = \int u_i(\mu - 12^{-1}\varepsilon\lambda) \varphi_0(\lambda) d\lambda = (\varepsilon/12)^{-2} \int u_i(\lambda) \varphi_0(12(\mu - \lambda)/\varepsilon) d\lambda.$$

It follows that  $0 \leq \psi_i \leq 1$ ,  $\psi_i(\mu) = 1$  for  $\mu \in D(K_i, \varepsilon/6)$  and  $\text{supp } \psi_i \subset D(K_i, \varepsilon/3) \subset G_i$ . Further,

$$D^j \psi_i = (\varepsilon/12)^{-2} \int u_i(\lambda) D^j(\varphi_0(12(\mu - \lambda)/\varepsilon)) d\lambda$$

so we obtain  $\sup |D^j \psi_i| \leq (\varepsilon/12)^{-2-|j|} \sup |D^j \varphi_0|^2 d(G_i)^2$ . Set  $\varphi_1 = \psi_1$ ,  $\varphi_2 = \psi_2(1 - \psi_1)$ . Since  $K \subset K_1 \cup K_2$ , we have  $\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 = 1$  in a neighbourhood of  $K$ . Clearly  $\text{supp } \varphi_i \subset \text{supp } \psi_i \subset G_i$ . The Leibniz formula yields the following estimate for  $\varphi_2$  and  $j = (j_1, j_2)$ ,  $|j| \leq m$

$$\begin{aligned} \sup |D^j \varphi_2| &= \sup \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{j_1, j_2} \binom{j_1}{k} \binom{j_2}{l} D^{(k,l)} \psi_2 D^{(j_1-k, j_2-l)} (1 - \psi_1) \right| \leq \\ &\leq 1 + \sum_{(k,l) \neq (j_1, j_2)} \binom{j_1}{k} \binom{j_2}{l} \sup |D^{(k,l)} \psi_2| \sup |D^{(j_1-k, j_2-l)} \psi_1| \leq \\ &\leq 1 + \sum_{(k,l) \neq (j_1, j_2)} \binom{j_1}{k} \binom{j_2}{l} (\varepsilon/12)^{-2-k-l} \max_{|j| \leq m} \sup |D^j \varphi_0|^4 d(G_2)^2 \cdot \\ &\cdot (\varepsilon/12)^{-2-j_1-j_2+k+l} d(G_1)^2 \leq 1 + (\varepsilon/12)^{-4-|j|} \max_{|j| \leq m} \sup |D^j \varphi_0|^4 \cdot \\ &\cdot \max_{i=1,2} d(G_i)^4 (2^{|j|} - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(\varepsilon/12)^{4+|j|} \leq d(G_i)^4$  we have

$$\sup |D^j \varphi_2| \leq (\varepsilon/12)^{-4-|j|} \max_{|l| \leq m} \sup |D^l \varphi_0|^4 \max_{i=1,2} d(G_i)^4 \cdot 2^{|j|}.$$

Set

$$k_m = 2^m \cdot 12^{4+m} \max_{|l| \leq m} \sup |D^l \varphi_0|^4.$$

Then we obtain

$$\sup |D^j \varphi_2| \leq k_m \varepsilon^{-4-|j|} \max_{i=1,2} d(G_i)^4 \quad \text{for } |j| \leq m.$$

It is easy to verify that we have the same estimate for the function  $\varphi_1$  as well.

**1.2.** Let  $T$  be a generalized scalar operator. Then there exists a natural number  $p$  such that  $X_T(F) = \bigcap_{\lambda \notin F} (\lambda - T)^p X$  for every closed set  $F$ .

*Proof.* The operator  $T$  possesses a spectral distribution  $\mathcal{U}$ , so there exists a  $K > 0$ , a natural number  $m$  and a compact neighbourhood  $U$  of the set  $\sigma(T)$  such that  $|\mathcal{U}(\varphi)| \leq K|\varphi|_{U,m}$  for every  $\varphi \in C^\infty$ . Let  $(\sqrt{2})^{-1} < c < 1$  be given. Denote by  $b = (\sqrt{2} \cdot c - 1)(4 + 2\sqrt{2})^{-1} < 1$ . Choose a  $p$  natural such that  $c^{p-m} < (2k_m(b^{-1}c)^4)^{-1}$ , where  $k_m$  is a constant corresponding to  $m$  by 1.1.

To prove the inclusion  $\bigcap_{\lambda \notin F} (\lambda - T)^p X \subset X_T(F)$  ( $F = F^-$ ) it suffices to prove that  $\mathcal{U}(\varphi)x = 0$  for every  $\varphi \in C^\infty$  with the support disjoint with  $F$  and for every  $x \in \bigcap_{\lambda \notin F} (\lambda - T)^p X$ . It is easy to see that it suffices to consider only  $\varphi$  with supports included in arbitrary isosceles rectangular triangle  $D$  with the hypotenuse  $d < 1$ ,  $D \cap F = \emptyset$ . Now, consider a required triple  $x, \varphi, D$ . Cover  $D$  by two similar triangles with hypotenuses  $dc$  so that the number  $\varepsilon$  corresponding by 1.1 to this covering be equal  $db$ . Hence, by 1.1 there exists a function  $\varphi_1$  with support in one of the smaller triangles such that  $\sup |D^j \varphi_1| \leq k_m (db)^{-4-|j|} (dc)^4 = k_m (db)^{-|j|} (b^{-1}c)^4$  and  $|\mathcal{U}(\varphi)x| \leq 2|\mathcal{U}(\varphi\varphi_1)x|$ . We can define, by induction, a sequence of triangles  $D_n$  and sequence of function  $\varphi_n$  with properties:  $d(D_n) = dc^n$ ,  $\text{supp } \varphi_n \subset D_n$ ,  $\sup |D^j \varphi_n| \leq k_m (dc^{n-1}b)^{-4-|j|} (dc^n)^4 = k_m (b^{-1}c)^4 (dbc^{n-1})^{-|j|}$  for  $|j| \leq m$  and  $|\mathcal{U}(\varphi)x| \leq 2^n |\mathcal{U}(\varphi\varphi_1 \dots \varphi_n)x|$ .

By induction we obtain

$$\sup |D^j \varphi_1 \dots \varphi_n| \leq (k_m (b^{-1}c)^4)^n (db)^{-|j|} \left(1 + \frac{1}{c} + \dots + \frac{1}{c^{n-1}}\right)^{|j|}$$

for  $|j| \leq m$  and all  $n$ . Indeed, applying the induction hypothesis, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sup |D^j \varphi_1 \dots \varphi_n \varphi_{n+1}| &\leq \sum_{k,l=0}^{j_1, j_2} \binom{j_1}{k} \binom{j_2}{l} \sup |D^{(k,l)} \varphi_1 \dots \varphi_n| \sup |D^{(j_1-k, j_2-l)} \varphi_{n+1}| \leq \\ &\leq (k_m (b^{-1}c)^4)^n k_m (b^{-1}c)^4 \sum_{k,l=0}^{j_1, j_2} \binom{j_1}{k} \binom{j_2}{l} (db)^{-k-l}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{c} + \dots + \frac{1}{c^{n-1}}\right)^{k+l} (dbc^n)^{-j_1-j_2+k+l} = \\ & = (k_m(b^{-1}c)^4)^{n+1} (db)^{-|j|} \left(1 + \frac{1}{c} + \dots + \frac{1}{c^n}\right)^{|j|}. \end{aligned}$$

Denote by  $\lambda_0 = \bigcap_n \text{supp } \varphi_{\varphi_1} \dots \varphi_n$ . The number  $\lambda_0$  belongs to  $D$  so there exists a  $y \in X$  such that  $x = (\lambda_0 - T)^p y$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{U}(\varphi) x| & \leq 2^n |\mathcal{U}(\varphi_{\varphi_1} \dots \varphi_n) x| = 2^n |\mathcal{U}(\varphi \dots \varphi_n(\lambda_0 - a)^p) y| \leq \\ & \leq 2^n |\mathcal{U}(\varphi) y| K \max_{|j| \leq m} \sup_{D_n} \sup_{k,l=0}^{j_1, j_2} \binom{j_1}{k} \binom{j_2}{l} D^{(k,l)}(\varphi_1 \dots \varphi_n) D^{(j_1-k, j_2-l)}(\lambda_0 - a)^p \leq \\ & \leq M_m (2k_m(b^{-1}c)^4 c^p)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{c} + \dots + \frac{1}{c^n}\right)^m. \end{aligned}$$

The last term tends to zero according to definition of  $p$ . We proved the inclusion  $\bigcap_{\lambda \notin F} (\lambda - T)^p X \subset X_T(F)$ . The relation  $\sigma(T|X_T(F)) \subset F$  implies the reverse inclusion. The proof is complete.

An immediate consequence of 1.2 is the following corollary related to [3], [4], [5].

**1.3.** Let  $S$  be a linear transformation (without assumption of continuity) commuting with a scalar generalized operator  $T$ .

Then  $SX_T(F) \subset X_T(F)$  for  $F = F^-$ .

In view of the preceding corollary we can reformulate the Theorem 3.5 in [5] as follows:

**1.4.** Let  $T$  be a generalized scalar operator in a Banach space  $X$  which has no critical eigenvalue (i.e. range  $(\lambda - T)X$  has finite codimension for every eigenvalue  $\lambda$ ). Let  $S$  be a linear transformation commuting with  $T$ .

Then  $S$  is continuous.

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