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# An Inequality for Similarity Condition Numbers of Unbounded Operators with Schatten - von Neumann Hermitian Components

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**Abstract.** Let H be a linear unbounded operator in a separable Hilbert space. It is assumed the resolvent of H is a compact operator and  $H - H^*$  is a Schatten - von Neumann operator. Various integro-differential operators satisfy these conditions. Under certain assumptions it is shown that H is similar to a normal operator and a sharp bound for the condition number is suggested.

We also discuss applications of that bound to spectrum perturbations and operator functions.

## 1. Introduction and Statement of the Main Result

Let  $\mathfrak{H}$  be a separable Hilbert space with a scalar product (.,.), the norm  $\|.\| = \sqrt{(.,.)}$  and unit operator I. Two operators A and  $\tilde{A}$  acting in  $\mathfrak{H}$  are said to be similar if there exists a boundedly invertible bounded operator T such that  $\tilde{A} = T^{-1}AT$ . The constant  $\kappa_T = \|T^{-1}\|\|T\|$  is called the condition number. The condition number is important in applications. We refer the reader to [5], where condition number estimates are suggested for combined potential boundary integral operators in acoustic scattering and [23], where condition numbers are estimated for second-order elliptic operators. Conditions that provide the similarity of various operators to normal and selfadjoint ones were considered by many mathematicians, cf. [1, 4, 7], [14, 15], [17]-[21], and references given therein. In many cases, the condition number must be numerically calculated, e.g. [2, 20]. The interesting generalizations of condition numbers of bounded linear operators in Banach spaces were explored in the paper [13].

In the present paper we consider a class of unbounded operators in a Hilbert space with Schatten von Neumann Hermitian components. Numerous integro-differential operators belong to that class. We suggest a sharp bound for the condition numbers of the considered operators. It generalizes and improves the bound for the condition numbers of operators with Hilbert-Schmidt Hermitian components from [11]. We also discuss applications of the obtained bound to spectrum perturbations and norm estimates for operator functions.

Introduce the notations. For a linear operator A in  $\mathfrak{H}$ , Dom(A) is the domain,  $A^*$  is the adjoint of A;  $\sigma(A)$  denotes the spectrum of A and  $A^{-1}$  is the inverse to A;  $R_{\lambda}(A) = (A - I\lambda)^{-1}$  ( $\lambda \notin \sigma(A)$ ) is the resolvent;  $A_I := (A - A^*)/2i$ ;  $\lambda_k(A)$  (k = 1, 2, ...) are the eigenvalues of A taken with their multiplicities and enumerated as  $|\lambda_j(A)| \leq |\lambda_{j+1}(A)|$ , and  $\rho(A, \lambda) = \inf_k |\lambda - \lambda_k(A)|$ . By  $SN_r$  ( $1 \leq r < \infty$ ) we denote the Schatten - von Neumann ideal of compact operators K with the finite norm  $N_r(K) := [Trace(KK^*)^{r/2}]^{1/r}$ .

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Everywhere below H is an invertible operator in  $\mathfrak{H}$ , with the following properties:  $Dom(H) = Dom(H^*)$ , and there are an  $r \in [1, \infty)$  and an integer  $p \ge 1$ , such that

$$H^{-1} \in SN_r \text{ and } H_I \in SN_{2v}. \tag{1.1}$$

Note that instead of the condition  $H^{-1} \in SN_r$ , in our reasonings below, one can require the condition  $(H - aI)^{-1} \in SN_r$  for some point  $a \notin \sigma(H)$ . Since  $H^{-1}$  is compact,  $\sigma(H)$  is purely discrete. It is assumed that all the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i(H)$  of H are different. For a fixed integer m put

$$\delta_m(H) = \inf_{j=1,2,...;\ j\neq m} |\lambda_j(H) - \lambda_m(H)|.$$

It is further supposed that

$$\zeta_q(H) := \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\delta_j^q(H)} \right]^{1/q} < \infty \ (\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{2p} = 1)$$
 (1.2)

for an integer  $p \ge 1$ . Hence it follows that

$$\hat{\delta}(H) := \inf_{m} \delta_m(H) = \inf_{j \neq k; j, k=1, 2, \dots} |\lambda_j(H) - \lambda_k(H)| > 0.$$

$$(1.3)$$

Denote also

$$u_p(H) := \sqrt{2}\zeta_q(H) \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\beta_p^{kp+m} N_{2p}^{kp+m+1}(H_I)}{\hat{\delta}^{kp+m}(H) \sqrt{k!}},$$

where

$$\beta_p := 2\left(1 + \frac{2p}{e^{2/3}ln^2}\right). \tag{1.4}$$

Now we are in a position to formulate our main result.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let conditions (1.1) and (1.2) be fulfilled. Then there are an invertible operator T and a normal operator D acting in  $\mathfrak{H}$ , such that

$$THx = DTx \ (x \in Dom(H)). \tag{1.5}$$

Moreover,

$$\kappa_T := ||T^{-1}||||T|| \le e^{2u_p(H)}$$
(1.6)

The proof of this theorem is divided into a series of lemmas which are presented in the next three sections. The theorem is sharp: if H is selfadjoint, then  $u_v(H) = 0$  and we obtain  $\kappa_T = 1$ .

As it is shown below, one can replace (1.6) by the inequality

$$\kappa_T \le e^{2\hat{u}_p(H)},\tag{1.7}$$

where

$$\hat{u}_p(H) := \sqrt{2e} \, \zeta_q(H) \, \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \frac{\beta_p^m N_{2p}^{m+1}(H_I)}{\hat{\delta}^m(A)} \, exp \, \left[ \frac{(\beta_p N_{2p}(H_I))^{2p}}{2\hat{\delta}^{2p}(A)} \right].$$

In addition, below we show that in our considerations instead of  $\beta_p$  defined by (1.4) in the case

$$p = 2^{m-1}$$
,  $m = 2, 3, ...$ , one can take  $\hat{\beta}_p = 2(1 + \text{ctg}(\frac{\pi}{4p}))$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1 = \sqrt{2}$  (1.8)

instead of  $\beta_1$ .

To illustrate Theorem 1.1, consider the operator H = S + K, where  $K \in SN_{2p}$  and S is a positive definite selfadjoint operator with a discrete spectrum, whose eigenvalues are different and

$$\lambda_{j+1}(S) - \lambda_j(S) \ge b_0 j^{\alpha} \quad (b_0 = const > 0; \alpha > 1/q = (2p-1)/(2p); j = 1, 2, ...)$$
 (1.9)

Since *S* is selfadjoint we have

$$\sup_{k} \inf_{j} |\lambda_{k}(H) - \lambda_{j}(S)| \le ||K||,$$

cf. [16]. Thus, if

$$2||K|| < \inf_{j} (\lambda_{j+1}(S) - \lambda_{j}(S)), \tag{1.10}$$

then  $\hat{\delta}(H) \ge \inf_j (\lambda_{j+1}(S) - \lambda_j(S) - 2||K||)$  and (1.2) holds with

$$\zeta_q(H) \le \zeta_q(S, K)$$
, where  $\zeta_q(S, K) := [\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\lambda_{j+1}(S) - \lambda_j(S) - 2||K||)^{-q}]^{1/q} < \infty$ .

**Example 1.2.** Consider in  $L^2(0,1)$  the spectral problem

$$u^{(4)}(x) + (Ku)(x) = \lambda u(x)$$
  $(\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, 0 < x < 1); \ u(0) = u(1) = u''(0) = u''(1) = 0,$ 

where  $K \in SN_{2p}$ ,  $p \ge 1$  for an arbitrary  $p \ge 1$ . So H is defined by  $H = d^4/dx^4 + K$  with

$$Dom(H) = \{v \in L^2(0,1) : v^{(4)} \in L^2(0,1), \ v(0) = v(1) = v''(0) = v''(1) = 0\}.$$

Take  $S = d^4/dx^4$  with  $Dom\ (S) = Dom\ (H)$ . Then  $\lambda_j(S) = \pi^4 j^4\ (j = 1, 2, ...)$  and  $\lambda_{j+1}(S) - \lambda_j(S) \ge 4\pi^4 j^3$ . If  $||K|| < 2\pi^4$ , then  $\hat{\delta}(H) \ge 4\pi^4 - 2||K||$  and

$$\zeta_q^q(H) \le \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (4\pi^4 j^3 - 2||K||)^{-q} < \infty.$$

Now one can directly apply Theorem 1.1.

# 2. Auxiliary Results

Let  $B_0$  be a bounded linear operator in  $\mathfrak{H}$  having a finite chain of invariant projections  $P_k$  (k = 1, ..., n;  $n < \infty$ ):

$$0 \subset P_1 \mathfrak{H} \subset P_2 \mathfrak{H} \subset \dots \subset P_n \mathfrak{H} = \mathfrak{H}$$
 (2.1)

and

$$P_k B_0 P_k = B_0 P_k \quad (k = 1, ..., n).$$
 (2.2)

That is,  $B_0$  maps  $P_k\mathfrak{H}$  into  $P_k\mathfrak{H}$  for each k. Put

$$\Delta P_k = P_k - P_{k-1}$$
 ( $P_0 = 0$ ) and  $A_k = \Delta P_k B_0 \Delta P_k$ .

It is assumed that the spectra  $\sigma(A_k)$  of  $A_k$  in  $\Delta P_k \mathfrak{H}$  satisfy the condition

$$\sigma(A_k) \cap \sigma(A_j) = \emptyset \quad (j \neq k; \ j, k = 1, ..., n). \tag{2.3}$$

Lemma 2.1. One has

$$\sigma(B_0) = \bigcup_{k=1}^n \sigma(A_k).$$

For the proof see [11].

Under conditions (2.1), (2.2) put

$$Q_k = I - P_k$$
,  $B_k = Q_k B_0 Q_k$  and  $C_k = \Delta P_k B_0 Q_k$ .

Since  $B_i$  is a a block triangular operator matrix, according to the previous lemma we have

$$\sigma(B_j) = \bigcup_{k=j+1}^n \sigma(A_k) \ (j = 0, ..., n).$$

Under this condition, according to the Rosenblum theorem from [22], the equation

$$A_i X_j - X_j B_j = -C_j \quad (j = 1, ..., n - 1)$$
 (2.4)

has a unique solution (see also [6, Section I.3] and [3]). We need also the following result proved in [11].

**Lemma 2.2.** Let condition (2.3) hold and  $X_i$  be a solution to (2.4). Then

$$(I - X_{n-1})(I - X_{n-2}) \cdots (I - X_1) B_0 (I + X_1)(I + X_2) \cdots (I + X_{n-1}) =$$

$$A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_n. \tag{2.5}$$

Take

$$\hat{T}_n = (I + X_1)(I + X_2) \cdots (I + X_{n-1}). \tag{2.6}$$

It is simple to see that the inverse to  $I + X_i$  is the operator  $I - X_i$ . Thus,

$$\hat{T}_n^{-1} = (I - X_{n-1})(I - X_{n-2}) \cdots (I - X_1)$$
(2.7)

and (2.5) can be written as

$$\hat{T}_n^{-1} B_0 \hat{T}_n = diag (A_k)_{k-1}^n. \tag{2.8}$$

By the inequalities between the arithmetic and geometric means we get

$$\|\hat{T}_n\| \le \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (1 + \|X_k\|) \le \left(1 + \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|X_k\|\right)^{n-1}$$
(2.9)

and

$$\|\hat{T}_n^{-1}\| \le \left(1 + \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|X_k\|\right)^{n-1}.$$
 (2.10)

Furthermore, we need the following result

**Theorem 2.3.** Let M be a linear operator in  $\mathfrak{H}$ , such that  $Dom(M) = Dom(M^*)$  and  $M_I = (M - M^*)/2i \in SN_{2p}$  for some integer  $p \ge 1$ . Then

$$||R_{\lambda}(M)|| \le \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\beta_p N_{2p}(M_I))^{kp+m}}{\rho^{pk+m+1}(M,\lambda)\sqrt{k!}} \quad (\lambda \notin \sigma(M)).$$
 (2.11)

Moreover, one has

$$||R_{\lambda}(M)|| \le \sqrt{e} \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \frac{(\beta_p N_{2p}(M_I))^m}{\rho^{m+1}(M,\lambda)} \exp\left[\frac{(\beta_p N_{2p}(M_I))^{2p}}{2\rho^{2p}(M,\lambda)}\right] \quad (\lambda \notin \sigma(M)).$$
 (2.12)

For the proof in the case p > 1 see [8, Theorem 7.9.1]. The case p = 1 is proved in [8, Theorem 7.7.1]. Besides,  $\beta_p$  can be replaced by  $\hat{\beta}_p$  according to (1.8).

## 3. The Finite Dimensional Case

In this section we apply Lemma 2.3 to an  $n \times n$ -matrix A whose eigenvalues are different and are enumerated in the increasing way of their absolute values. We define

$$\hat{\delta}(A) := \min_{j,k=1,\dots,n;\ k \neq j} |\lambda_j(A) - \lambda_k(A)| > 0.$$
(3.1)

Hence, there is an invertible matrix  $T_n \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and a normal matrix  $D_n \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , such that

$$T_n^{-1}AT_n = D_n. (3.2)$$

Furthermore, for a fixed  $m \le n$  put

$$\delta_j(A) = \inf_{m=1,2,\dots,n; \ m \neq j} |\lambda_j(A) - \lambda_m(A)|.$$

Let  $\{e_k\}$  be the Schur basis (the orthogonal normal basis of the triangular representation) of matrix A:

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{nn} \end{array}\right)$$

with  $a_{jj} = \lambda_j(A)$ . Take  $P_j = \sum_{k=1}^{j} (., e_k) e_k$ .  $B_0 = A$ ,  $\Delta P_k = (., e_k) e_k$ ,

$$Q_j = \sum_{k=j+1}^n (., e_k) e_k, A_k = \Delta P_k A \Delta P_k = \lambda_k(A) \Delta P_k,$$

$$B_{j} = Q_{j}AQ_{j} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{j+1,j+1} & a_{j+1,j+2} & \dots & a_{j+1,n} \\ 0 & a_{j+2,j+2} & \dots & a_{j+2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \vdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$C_{j} = \Delta P_{j}AQ_{j} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{j,j+1} & a_{j,j+2} & \dots & a_{j,n} \\ \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$D_n = diag(\lambda_k(A)). (3.4)$$

In addition,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1(A) & C_1 \\ 0 & B_1 \end{pmatrix}, B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2(A) & C_2 \\ 0 & B_2 \end{pmatrix}, ..., B_j = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{j+1}(A) & C_{j+1} \\ 0 & B_{j+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

(j < n). So  $B_j$  is an upper-triangular  $(n - j) \times (n - j)$ -matrix. Equation (2.4) takes the form

$$\lambda_j(A)X_j - X_jB_j = -C_j.$$

Since  $X_j = X_j Q_j$ , we can write  $X_j (\lambda_j (A) Q_j - B_j) = C_j$ . Therefore

$$X_j = C_j \left( \lambda_j(A) Q_j - B_j \right)^{-1}. \tag{3.5}$$

The inverse operator is understood in the sense of subspace  $Q_i\mathbb{C}^n$ . Hence,

$$||X_j|| \le ||C_j|| ||(\lambda_j(A)Q_j - B_j)^{-1}||.$$

Besides, due to (2.11)

$$\|(\lambda_j(A)Q_j - B_j)^{-1}\| \le \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\beta_p N_{2p}(B_{jl})^{kp+m}}{\delta_j^{kp+m+1}(A)\sqrt{k!}},$$

where  $B_{jI}$  is the imaginary Hermitian component of  $B_j$ . But  $N_{2p}(B_{jI}) = N_{2p}(Q_jA_IQ_j) \le N_{2p}(A_I)$   $(j \ge 1)$ . So

$$\|(\lambda_j(A)Q_j - B_j)^{-1}\| \le \frac{\tau(A)}{\delta_j(A)}$$

where

$$\tau(A) = \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\beta_p N_{2p}(A_I))^{kp+m}}{\hat{\delta}^{kp+m}(A) \sqrt{k!}}.$$

Consequently,

$$||X_j|| \le \tau(A) \frac{||C_j||}{\delta_i(A)}.$$

Take  $T_n = \hat{T}_n$  as in (2.6) with  $X_k$  defined by (3.5). Besides (2.9) and (2.10) imply

$$||T_n|| \le \left(1 + \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} ||X_j||\right)^{n-1} \le \left(1 + \frac{\tau(A)}{(n-1)} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{||C_j||}{\delta_j(A)}\right)^{n-1}$$
(3.6)

and

$$||T_n^{-1}|| \le \left(1 + \frac{\tau(A)}{(n-1)} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{||C_j||}{\delta_j(A)}\right)^{n-1}.$$
(3.7)

But by the Hólder inequality,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\|C_j\|}{\delta_j(A)} \le \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \|C_j\|^{2p}\right)^{1/2p} \zeta_q(A) \ (1/(2p) + 1/q = 1), \tag{3.8}$$

where

$$\zeta_q(A) := \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\delta_k^q(A)}\right)^{1/q}.$$

In addition,

$$||C_j||^2 \le \sum_{k=j+1}^n |a_{jk}|^2, j < n; C_n = 0,$$

and

$$4||A_Ie_j||^2 = ||(A - A^*)e_j||^2 = |a_{jj} - \overline{a}_{jj}|^2 + 2\sum_{k=j+1}^n |a_{jk}|^2 \ge 2||C_j||^2; j < n.$$

Thus,  $||C_j|| \le \sqrt{2}||A_Ie_j||$ ,  $j \le n$  and therefore

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} ||C_j||^{2p} \le 2^p \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} ||A_I e_j||^{2p}.$$

But from Lemmas II.4.1 and II.3.4 [12], it follows that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} ||A_I e_j||^{2p} \le N_{2p}^{2p}(A_I).$$

Therefore relations (3.6)-(3.8) with the notation

$$\psi_{n,p}(A) = \left(1 + \frac{\tau(A)\sqrt{2}N_{2p}(A_I)\zeta_q(A)}{n-1}\right)^{n-1}$$

imply  $||T_n|| \le \psi_{n,p}(A)$  and  $||T_n^{-1}|| \le \psi_{n,p}(A)$ .

We thus have proved the following.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let condition (3.1) be fulfilled. Then there is an invertible operator  $T_n$ , such that (3.2) holds with  $\kappa_{T_n} := ||T_n^{-1}|| ||T_n|| \le \psi_{n,p}^2(A)$ .

According to (2.12) one can replace  $\tau(A)$  by

$$\hat{\tau}(A) := \sqrt{e} \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \frac{(\beta_p N_{2p}(A_I))^m}{\hat{\delta}^m(A)} \exp \left[ \frac{(\beta_p N_{2p}(A_I))^{2p}}{2\hat{\delta}^{2p}(A)} \right]$$

and therefore

$$\kappa_{T_n} \le \hat{\psi}_{n,p}^2(A),\tag{3.9}$$

where

$$\hat{\psi}_{n,p}(A) = \left(1 + \frac{\hat{\tau}(A)\sqrt{2}N_{2p}(A_I)\zeta_q(A)}{n-1}\right)^{n-1}.$$

The previous lemma and (3.9) improve the bound from [9, 10] for the condition numbers of matrices with large n.

## 4. Proof of Theorem 1.1

Recall the Keldysh theorem, cf. [12, Theorem V. 8.1].

**Theorem 4.1.** Let A = S(I + K), where  $S = S^* \in SN_r$  for some  $r \in [1, \infty)$  and K is compact. In addition, let from Af = 0 ( $f \in \mathfrak{H}$ ) it follows that f = 0. Then A has a complete system of root vectors.

We need the following result.

**Lemma 4.2.** Under the hypothesis of Theorem 1.1, operator  $H^{-1}$  has a complete system of root vectors.

*Proof.* We can write  $H = H_R + iH_I$  with the notation  $H_R = (H + H^*)/2$ . For any real c with  $-c \notin \sigma(H) \cup \sigma(H_R)$  we have

$$(H + cI)^{-1} = (I + i(H_R + cI)^{-1}H_I)^{-1}(H_R + cI)^{-1}.$$

But  $(I + i(H_R + cI)^{-1}H_I)^{-1} - I = K_0$ , where  $K_0 = -i(H_R + cI)^{-1}H_I(I + i(H_R + cI)^{-1}H_I)^{-1}$  is compact. So

$$(H+cI)^{-1} = (H_R+cI)^{-1}(I+K_0). (4.1)$$

Due to (1.1)  $(H + cI)^{-1} = H^{-1}(I + cH^{-1})^{-1} \in SN_r$ . Hence

$$(H_R + cI)^{-1} = (I + i(H_R + cI)^{-1}H_I)(H + cI)^{-1} \in SN_r$$

and therefore by (4.1) and the Keldysh theorem operator  $(H + cI)^{-1}$  has a complete system of roots vectors. Since  $(H + cI)^{-1}$  and  $H^{-1}$  commute,  $H^{-1}$  has a complete system of roots vectors, as claimed.  $\square$ 

From the previous lemma it follows that there is an orthonormal (Schur) basis  $\{\hat{e}_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ , in which  $H^{-1}$  is represented by a triangular matrix (see [12, Lemma I.4.1]). Denote  $\hat{P}_k = \sum_{j=1}^k (., \hat{e}_j) \hat{e}_j$ . Then

$$H^{-1}\hat{P}_k = \hat{P}_k H^{-1}\hat{P}_k \quad (k = 1, 2, ...).$$

Besides,

$$\Delta \hat{P}_k H^{-1} \Delta \hat{P}_k = \lambda_k^{-1}(H) \Delta \hat{P}_k \ (\Delta \hat{P}_k = \hat{P}_k - \hat{P}_{k-1}, \ k = 1, 2, ...; \hat{P}_0 = 0). \tag{4.2}$$

Put

$$D = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \Delta \hat{P}_k \ (\Delta \hat{P}_k = \hat{P}_k - \hat{P}_{k-1}, \ k = 1, 2, ...) \text{ and } V = H - D.$$

We have

$$H\hat{P}_k f = \hat{P}_k H\hat{P}_k f \ (k = 1, 2, ...; \ f \in Dom(H)).$$
 (4.3)

Indeed,  $H^{-1}\hat{P}_k$  is an invertible  $k \times k$  matrix, and therefore,  $H^{-1}\hat{P}_k\mathfrak{H}$  is dense in  $\hat{P}_k\mathfrak{H}$ . Since  $\Delta\hat{P}_j\hat{P}_k = 0$  for j > k, we have  $0 = \Delta\hat{P}_jHH^{-1}\hat{P}_k = \Delta\hat{P}_jH\hat{P}_kH^{-1}\hat{P}_k$ . Hence  $\Delta\hat{P}_jHf = 0$  for any  $f \in \hat{P}_kH$ . This implies (4.3).

Furthermore, put  $H_n = HP_n$ . Due to (4.3) we have

$$||H_n f - H f|| \to 0 \ (f \in Dom(H)) \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$
 (4.4)

From Lemma 3.1 and (4.4) with  $A = H_n$  it follows that in  $\hat{P}_n \mathfrak{H}$  there is a invertible operator  $T_n$  such that  $T_n H_n = \hat{P}_n D T_n$  and

$$||T_n|| \le \psi_{n,p}(H_n) := \left(1 + \frac{\tau(H_n)\sqrt{2}N_{2p}(H_{nI})\zeta_q(H_n)}{n-1}\right)^{n-1}$$

where

$$\tau(H_n) = \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\beta_p N_{2p}(H_{nI}))^{kp+m}}{\hat{\delta}^{kp+m}(H_n) \sqrt{k!}}.$$

It is clear, that

$$\tau(H_n) \sqrt{2} N_{2p}(H_{nI}) \zeta_q(H_n) \le \tau(H) \sqrt{2} N_{2p}(H_I) \zeta_q(H) = u_p(H)$$

and therefore

$$||T_n|| \le (1 + \frac{u_p(H)}{n-1})^{n-1} \le e^{u_p(H)}.$$

Similarly,  $||T_n^{-1}|| \le e^{u_p(H)}$ .

So there is a weakly convergent subsequence  $T_{n_j}$  whose limit we denote by T. It is simple to check that  $T_n = P_n T$ . Since projections  $P_n$  converge strongly, subsequence  $\{T_{n_j}\}$  converges strongly. Thus  $T_{n_j}H_{n_j}f \to THf$  strongly and, therefore  $\hat{P}_{n_j}DT_{n_j}f = T_{n_j}H_{n_j}f \to THf$  strongly. Letting  $n_j \to \infty$  hence we arrive at the required result.  $\square$ 

*Inequality* (1.7) follows from (3.9) according to the above arguments.

## 5. Operators with Hilbert - Schmidt Components

In this section in the case p = 1 we slightly improve Theorem 1.1. Besides, the misprint in the main result from [11] is corrected.

Denote

$$g(H) := \sqrt{2}[N_2^2(H_I) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |Im \ \lambda_k(H)|^2]^{1/2} \le \sqrt{2}N_2(H_I),$$

and

$$\tau_2(H) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{g^{k+1}(H)}{\sqrt{k!} \hat{S}^k(H)}.$$

**Theorem 5.1.** Let conditions (1.1) and (1.2) be fulfilled with p = 1. Then there are an invertible operator T and a normal operator D acting in  $\mathfrak{H}$ , such that (1.5) holds. Moreover,

$$\kappa_T \le e^{2\zeta_2(H)\tau_2(H)}. ag{5.1}$$

*Proof.* Let *A* be an  $n \times n$ -matrix whose eigenvalues are different. Define  $\hat{\delta}(A)$ ,  $\delta_m(A)$  and  $\zeta_2(A)$  as in Section 3. We have

$$g(A) := \sqrt{2} [N_2^2(A_I) - \sum_{k=1}^n |Im \lambda_k(A)|^2]^{1/2}.$$

Put

$$\tau_2(A) := \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \frac{g^{k+1}(A)}{\sqrt{k!} \hat{\delta}^k(A)} \text{ and } \gamma_n(A) := \left(1 + \frac{\zeta_2(A)\tau_2(A)}{n-1}\right)^{2(n-1)}.$$

Due to Lemma 3.1 from [11], there are an invertible matrix  $M_n \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and a normal matrix  $D_n \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , such that  $M_n^{-1}AM_n = D_n$ . and

$$||M_n^{-1}||||M_n|| \le \gamma_n(A). \tag{5.2}$$

Now take  $H_n$  and  $\hat{P}_n$  as in the proof of Theorem 1.1 from which it follows follows that in  $\hat{P}_n\mathfrak{H}$  there is a invertible operator  $T_n$  such that  $T_nH_n=\hat{P}_nDT_n$ . Besides, according to (5.2)

$$||T_n^{-1}||||T_n|| \le \left(1 + \frac{\zeta_2(H_n)\tau_2(H_n)}{n-1}\right)^{2(n-1)}$$

with

$$\tau_2(H_n) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \frac{g^{k+1}(H_n)}{\sqrt{k!} \hat{\delta}^k(H_n)}.$$

It is simple to see that  $\zeta_2(H_n) \le \zeta_2(H)$ ,  $\tau_2(H_n) \le \tau_2(H)$  and thus

$$||T_n^{-1}||||T_n|| \le e^{2\zeta_2(H)\tau_2(H)}$$

Hence taking into account (4.4) and that a subsequence of  $\{T_n\}$  strongly converges (see the proof of Theorem 1.1), we arrive at the required result.  $\square$ 

# 6. Applications of Theorem 1.1

Rewrite (1.5) as  $Hx = T^{-1}DTx$ . Let  $\Delta P_k$  be the eigenprojections of the normal operator D and  $E_k = T^{-1}\Delta P_k T$ . Then

$$Hx = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k(H) E_k x \ (x \in Dom(H)).$$

Let f(z) be a scalar function defined and bounded on the spectrum of H. Put

$$f(H) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(\lambda_k(H)) E_k$$

and

$$\gamma_p(H) = e^{2u_p(H)}.$$

Theorem 1.1 immediately implies.

**Corollary 6.1.** Let conditions (1.1) and (1.2) hold. Then  $||f(H)|| \le \gamma_v(H) \sup_k |f(\lambda_k(H))|$ .

In particular, we have

$$||e^{-Ht}|| \le \gamma_v(H)e^{-\beta(H)t} \quad (t \ge 0),$$

where  $\beta(H) = \inf_k Re \ \lambda_k(H)$  and

$$||R_{\lambda}(H)|| \le \frac{\gamma_p(H)}{\rho(H,\lambda)} \quad (\lambda \notin \sigma(H)). \tag{6.1}$$

Let A and  $\tilde{A}$  be linear operators. Then the quantity

$$sv_A(\tilde{A}) := \sup_{t \in \sigma(\tilde{A})} \inf_{s \in \sigma(A)} |t - s|$$

is said to be the variation of  $\tilde{A}$  with respect to A.

Now let  $\tilde{H}$  be a linear operator in  $\mathfrak{H}$  with  $Dom(H) = Dom(\tilde{H})$  and

$$\xi := \|H - \tilde{H}\| < \infty. \tag{6.2}$$

From (6.1) it follows that  $\lambda \notin \sigma(\tilde{H})$ , provided  $\xi \gamma_p(H) < \rho(H, \lambda)$ . So for any  $\mu \in \sigma(\tilde{H})$  we have  $\xi \gamma_p(H) \ge \rho(H, \mu)$ . This inequality implies our next result.

**Corollary 6.2.** Let conditions (1.1), (1.2) and (6.2) hold. Then  $sv_H(\tilde{H}) \leq \xi \gamma_p(H)$ .

Now consider unbounded perturbations. To this end put

$$H^{-\nu} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k^{-\nu}(H) E_k \ (0 < \nu \le 1).$$

Similarly  $H^{\nu}$  is defined. We have

$$||H^{\nu}R_{\lambda}(H)|| \le \frac{\gamma(H)}{\phi_{\nu}(H,\lambda)} \quad (\lambda \notin \sigma(H)), \tag{6.3}$$

where

$$\phi_{\nu}(H,\lambda) = \inf_{k} |(\lambda - \lambda_{k}(H))\lambda_{k}^{-\nu}(H)|.$$

Now let  $\tilde{H}$  be a linear operator in  $\mathfrak{H}$  with  $Dom(H) = Dom(\tilde{H})$  and

$$\xi_{\nu} := \|(H - \tilde{H})H^{-\nu}\| < \infty.$$
 (6.4)

Take into account that

$$R_{\lambda}(H) - R_{\lambda}(\tilde{H}) = R_{\lambda}(H)(\tilde{H} - H)R_{\lambda}(\tilde{H}) = R_{\lambda}(\tilde{H})(\tilde{H} - H)H^{-\nu}H^{\nu}R_{\lambda}(H).$$

Thus,  $\lambda \notin \sigma(\tilde{H})$ , provided the conditions (6.4) and  $\xi_{\nu}\gamma_{\nu}(H) < \phi_{\nu}(H,\lambda)$  hold. So for any  $\mu \in \sigma(\tilde{H})$  we have

$$\xi_{\nu}\gamma(H) \ge \phi_{\nu}(H,\mu). \tag{6.5}$$

The quantity

$$\nu - \operatorname{rsv}_H(\tilde{H}) := \sup_{t \in \sigma(\tilde{H})} \inf_{s \in \sigma(H)} |(t - s)s^{-\nu}|$$

is said to be the  $\nu$ - relative spectral variation of operator  $\tilde{H}$  with respect to H. Now (6.5) implies.

**Corollary 6.3.** Let conditions (1.1), (1.2) and (6.4) hold. Then  $\nu - \text{rsv}_H(\tilde{H}) \leq \xi_{\nu} \gamma_{\nu}(H)$ .

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