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SIMILARITY AND QUASISIMILARITY OF BILATERAL OPERATOR VALUED  
WEIGHTED SHIFTS

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**Abstract.** In this paper we study the problem of quasisimilarity of bilateral operator valued weighted shifts which is a generalization of a result of Fialkow for the scalar valued weighted shifts.

Let  $H$  be a complex Hilbert space and let  $l^2_{\infty}(H)$  be the Hilbert space of all sequences  $(x_n)_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty}$  such that  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \|x_n\|^2 < \infty$ ,  $x_n \in H$ , with scalar product  $((x_n), (y_n)) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (x_n, y_n)$ .

When convenient we will write  $(x_n) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \otimes x_n$  or

$$(x_n) = (\dots, x_{-2}, x_{-1}, \boxed{x_0}, x_1, x_2, \dots)$$

where the square denotes the zero position.

Let  $(A_i)_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty}$  be a uniformly bounded sequence of positive invertible operators, then the operator  $A$  on  $l^2(H)$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} A(\dots, f_{-1}, f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots) &= \\ &= (\dots, A_{-2}f_{-2}, f_{-2}, \boxed{A_{-1}f_{-1}}, A_0f_0, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

is called a bilateral operator valued weighted shift with weights  $(A_i)_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty}$ .

Again we make a remark that the square means the zero position.

Without loss of generality we will assume that the operator weights  $A_i$  are positive, since each invertible operator valued weighted shift is unitarily equivalent to the operator weighted shift with positive weights, see Lambert [6].

Let  $B(H)$  be the algebra of all bounded, linear operators on  $H$ . An operator  $X$  in  $B(H)$  is quasi-invertible if  $X$  is injective and has a dense range (i.e.  $\text{Ker}(X) = \text{Ker}(X^*) = \{0\}$ ).

Operators A and B in  $B(H)$  are quasisimilar if there exist operators X and Y with  $AX=XB$  and  $YA=BY$ .

It is clear that similarity of two operators implies quasisimilarity.

The question of similarity and quasisimilarity of scalar weighted shifts are studied by several authors, Kelly (see Halmos [1]), Hoover [2], Fialkow [3], [4], [5], and Williams [7] and others.

In this note we will generalize the result of Fialkow [3] to the case of bilateral operator valued weighted shifts.

Theorem 1. Let A and B be operator valued weighted shifts with weights  $\{A_i\}_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty}$  and  $\{B_i\}_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty}$  respectively, and suppose that there exists an integer k such that

$$(a) \sup_{i \geq \max(1-k, 1)} \{ \|A_{i-1+k} \dots A_0 B_0^{-1} B_1^{-1} \dots B_{i-1}^{-1}\| \} < \infty$$

and

$$(b) \sup_{i \geq \max(1-k, 1)} \{ \|A_{-i}^{-1} A_{-(i-1)}^{-1} \dots A_{-1}^{-1} B_{-1} B_{-2} \dots B_{-(i+k)}\| \} < \infty$$

then there exists a quasiinvertible operator X such that  $AX=XB$ .

Proof. We will find a diagonal operator D and a product  $U^k D$  will be required solution. The operator U is a bilateral unweighted shift which is defined as follows

$$U( \dots, f_{-1}, \boxed{f_0}, f_1, \dots ) = ( \dots, f_{-2}, \boxed{f_{-1}}, f_0, \dots )$$

For the definitions of the diagonal elements  $D_i$  of operator D the following case we will consider:

Case 1. If  $k \geq 2$  we set

$$\text{For } i \geq 1, D_i = A_{i-1+k} \dots A_0 B_0^{-1} B_1^{-1} \dots B_{i-1}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

$$D_k = A_{k-1} \dots A_1 A_0 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{For } -k+1 \leq i \leq -1 \quad (3)$$

$$D_i = B_i \dots B_{-1} A_0 \dots A_{k+1-i}$$

$$D_{-k} = B_{-k} \dots B_{-1} \quad (4)$$

For  $i \geq 1$ , we set (5)

$$D_{-(i+k)} = A_{-i}^{-1} A_{-(i-1)}^{-1} \dots A_{-1}^{-1} B_{-1} B_{-2} \dots B_{-(k+i)}$$

Case 2. If  $k=1$  equation (3) may be deleted.

Case 3. If  $k=0$ , operators (2)-(4) may be replaced by the operator

$$D_0 = I$$

Case 4. If  $k \leq -2$  ( $1-k \geq 3$ ).

For  $i \geq 1-k$  we set (1)

$$D_i = A_{i-1+k} \dots A_1 A_0 B_0^{-1} B_1^{-1} \dots B_{i-1}^{-1}$$

$$D_{-k} = B_0^{-1} \dots B_{-k-1}^{-1} \quad (2)$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq -(k+1)$  we set (3)

$$D_{-k-i} = A_{-i}^{-1} \dots A_{-1}^{-1} B_0 B_1 \dots B_{-k-i-1}$$

$$D_0 = A_k^{-1} \dots A_0^{-1} \quad (4)$$

For  $i \geq 1-k$  we set (5)

$$D_{-i-k} = B_{-(1+k)} \dots B_{-1} A_{-1}^{-1} A_{-2}^{-1} \dots A_{-i}^{-1}$$

The conditions (a) and (b) imply that the operator  $X$  can be extended to a quasi-invertible operator  $X$  in  $B(l^2(H))$ . We will show that the equation  $AX=XB$  holds.

We consider Case 1, and  $i \geq 1$ . Let  $\hat{f}_i = (\dots, \boxed{0}, \dots, 0, f_i, 00)$ .

Then we have

$$B\hat{f}_i = (\dots, \boxed{0}, 0, \dots, 0, B_i f_i, 0, \dots)$$

where  $B_i f_i$  is a vector on  $i+1$  position. If we look at the projection onto  $i+k+1$  coordinate space we get

$$\begin{aligned} P_{i+k+1} X B \hat{f}_i &= A_{i+k} A_{i-1+k} \dots A_0 B_0^{-1} B_1^{-1} \dots B_{i-1}^{-1} B_i^{-1} B_i f_i = \\ &= A_{i+k} \dots A_0 B_0^{-1} B_1^{-1} \dots B_{i-1}^{-1} f_i \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand we have

$$P_{i+k+1} A X \hat{f}_i = P_{i+k+1} A (\dots, \boxed{0}, \dots, 0, D_i f_i, \dots),$$

where  $D_i f_i$  is a vector onto  $k+i$  position. So we have

$$P_{i+k+1}AX\hat{f}_i = A_{i+k}(A_{i-1+k}\dots A_1A_0B_0^{-1}B_1^{-1}\dots B_{i-1}^{-1}f_i)$$

therefore we have proved that

$$P_{i+k+1}AX\hat{f}_i = P_{i+k+1}XB\hat{f}_i$$

The other projections are zero, so it is shown that

$$AX\hat{f}_i = XB\hat{f}_i$$

The set of a linear combinations of vectors of the form  $\hat{f}_i$  are dense in the space  $l^2(H)$  so the equation  $AX=XB$  holds on the whole space  $l^2(H)$ .

**Theorem 2.** If  $A$  and  $B$  are operator valued weighted shifts with weights  $\{A_i\}_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty}$  and  $\{B_i\}_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty}$  respectively, and suppose that the following conditions hold

(a) There is an integer  $k$  such that

$$\sup_{i \geq \max(1-k, 1)} \{ \|A_{i-1+k}\dots A_0B_0^{-1}B_1^{-1}\dots B_{i-1}^{-1}\| \} < \infty$$

and

$$\sup_{i \geq \max(1-k, 1)} \{ \|B_{-(i+k)}\dots B_{-1}A_{-1}^{-1}A_{-2}^{-1}\dots A_{-i}^{-1}\| \} < \infty$$

(b) There exists an integer  $m$  such that

$$\sup_{i \geq \max(1-k, 1)} \{ \|B_{i-1+m}\dots B_0A_0^{-1}A_1^{-1}\dots A_{i-1}^{-1}\| \} < \infty$$

and

$$\sup_{i \geq \max(1-k, 1)} \{ \|A_{-(i+m)}\dots A_{-1}B_{-1}^{-1}B_{-2}^{-1}\dots B_{-i}^{-1}\| \}$$

Then operators  $A$  and  $B$  are quasisimilar.

**Proof.** Condition (a) implies the existence of quasi-invertible operator  $X$  on the space  $l^2(H)$  such that  $AX=XB$ .

Condition (b) implies that there exist a quasi-invertible operator  $Y$  such that  $YA=BY$ .

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СЛИЧНОСТ И КВАЗИСЛИЧНОСТ НА ДВОСТРАНИ ОПЕРАТОРСКО  
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