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# CHARACTERIZATION OF STRONG STABILITY OF POWER-BOUNDED OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. By a bounded backward sequence of the operator  $T$  we mean a bounded sequence  $\{x_n\}$  satisfying  $Tx_{n+1} = x_n$ . In [8] we have characterized contractions with strongly stable nonunitary part in terms of bounded backward sequences.

The main purpose of this work is to extend that result to power-bounded operators.

Additionally, we show that a power-bounded operator is strongly stable ( $C_0$ .) if and only if its adjoint does not have any nonzero bounded backward sequence. Similarly, a power-bounded operator is non-vanishing ( $C_1$ .) if and only if its adjoint has a lot of bounded backward sequences.

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## 1. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex, separable Hilbert space. We denote by  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  the space of bounded linear transformations acting on  $\mathcal{H}$ . By a *contraction* we mean  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $\|Tx\| \leq \|x\|$  for each  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ . By a *power-bounded* operator we mean  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $\|T^n\|$  is uniformly bounded for all  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

An operator  $T$  is said to be *completely nonunitary* (abbreviated *cnu*) if  $T$  restricted to every reducing subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$  is nonunitary. As usual, by  $T^*$  we mean the adjoint of  $T$ .

We define as usually:

**Definition 1.1.** *An operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be of class  $C_0$ . if*

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x\| = 0$$

for each  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Note that a power-bounded operator  $T$  is of class  $C_0$ . if and only if it is strongly stable ( $T^n \rightarrow 0$ , SOT).

Indeed, let  $T$  be  $C_0$ .. If we fix  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  then for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there is  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|T^k x\| < \epsilon$ , so for all  $m > k$  we have

$$\|T^m x\| = \|T^{m-k} T^k x\| \leq \|T^{m-k}\| \|T^k x\| \leq \epsilon \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|T^n\|.$$

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In general,  $C_0$  operators can be extremely different from strongly stable operators. The following example shows a bounded operator of class  $C_0$ , which is not strongly stable at any (nonzero) point.

**Example 1.2.** Let  $\{N_k\}_k$  be the sequence such that

$$\begin{cases} N_1 = 1 \\ N_{k+1} = 3N_k + 2N_k^2, \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

Then let us define the operator  $S$  as the unilateral shift with weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots$ , i.e.,  $S : l^2 \ni (x_1, x_2, \dots) \mapsto (0, w_1x_1, w_2x_2, \dots) \in l^2$ , where

$$\begin{cases} w_1 = 1 \\ w_i = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ for } i = N_k + 1, N_k + 2, \dots, 3N_k \\ w_i = 2^{\frac{1}{N_k}}, \text{ for } i = 3N_k + 1, 3N_k + 2, \dots, N_{k+1}. \end{cases}$$

For nonzero  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in l^2$  there is  $i_0$  such that  $x_{i_0} \neq 0$ . But by definition of  $S$  we have  $S^{N_k}e_1 = e_{N_k+1}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , thus  $\|S^{N_k-i_0}x\| \geq \|S^{N_k-i_0}x_{i_0}e_{i_0}\| = \frac{1}{w_1w_2\dots w_{i_0}}|x_{i_0}|$ .

So  $S^n x \not\rightarrow 0$  for all nonzero  $x \in l^2$ .

Now we show that  $S$  is of class  $C_0$ .

Fix  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in l^2$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . We can assume  $\|x\| = 1$ .

Since  $\{N_k\}_k$  increases, then there is  $N \in \{N_k | k = 1, 2, \dots\}$  such that

$\sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} |x_i|^2 < \frac{\epsilon}{32}$  and  $(\frac{1}{2^N})^2 < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ . By that we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \|S^{2N}x\|^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^N |x_i|^2 \|S^{2N}e_i\|^2 + \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} |x_j|^2 \|S^{2N}e_j\|^2 = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N |x_i|^2 \|S^N(w_i w_{i+1} \dots w_{i+N-1} e_{i+N})\|^2 + \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} |x_j|^2 |w_j w_{j+1} \dots w_{j+2N-1}|^2 \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N |x_i|^2 \|w_i w_{i+1} \dots w_N \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i-1} S^N e_{i+N}\|^2 + \\ &+ \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} |x_j|^2 \underbrace{2^{\frac{1}{N}} 2^{\frac{1}{N}} \dots 2^{\frac{1}{N}}}_{2N} \leq \sum_{i=1}^N |x_i|^2 \|S^N e_{i+N}\|^2 + \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} |x_j|^2 4^2 = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N |x_i|^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^N \|e_{i+2N}\|^2 + \frac{\epsilon}{32} 16 \leq \|x\| \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

In contrast to the above notion we have:

**Definition 1.3.** An operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be of class  $C_1$  if

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x\| > 0$$

for each nonzero  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Operators of class  $C_1$  are also called *non-vanishing*.

We also say that  $T$  is of class  $C_0$  or  $C_1$  if its adjoint is of class  $C_0$  or  $C_1$ , respectively.

Let us define  $\mathcal{M}(T) := \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \exists \{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} : x = x_0, Tx_{n+1} = x_n \text{ and } \{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is bounded}\}$ . Naturally, such a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  can be called as the *bounded backward sequence*.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

In the paper [8] we have presented the following theorem with some applications.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $T$  be a contraction. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- for any bounded backward sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $T$ , the sequence of norms  $\{\|x_n\|\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is constant,
- the nonunitary part of  $T$  is of class  $C_0$ .

We have been asked the natural question about a possible generalization to power-bounded operators. In this work we will try to answer this question.

The easy extension of the above theorem for power-bounded operators is not true. To see this, let us consider the following:

**Example 2.2.**

$$\text{Let } T : l^2 \ni (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) \mapsto (0, x_1 + x_2, 0, x_3 + x_4, 0, \dots) \in l^2.$$

It is clear that  $T$  is power-bounded, in fact  $T = T^2$ . Additionally, if  $x = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) \in \mathcal{M}(T) \subset T(\mathcal{H})$ , then  $a_{2k+1} = 0$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $T^{-1}(\{x\}) = \{x\}$ . Thus, even any (not necessary bounded) backward sequence of  $T$  must be constant.

On the other hand,  $T$  has trivial unitary part and is not  $C_0$ , since  $T^* = T^{*2}$ .

## 3. CHARACTERIZATION OF $C_1$ AND $C_0$ POWER-BOUNDED OPERATORS

To introduce the next theorem, let us recall the construction of isometric asymptotes (see [7]).

Let us define a new semi-inner product on  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$[x, y] := \text{glim} \{ \langle T^{*n}x, T^{*n}y \rangle \}_{n \in \mathbb{N}},$$

where  $\text{glim}$  denote a Banach limit.

Thus, the factor space  $\mathcal{H}/\mathcal{H}_0$ , where  $\mathcal{H}_0$  stands for the linear manifold  $\mathcal{H}_0 := \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid [x, x] = 0\}$ , endowed with the inner product  $[x + \mathcal{H}_0, y + \mathcal{H}_0] = [x, y]$ , is an inner product space. Let  $\mathcal{K}$  denote the resulting Hilbert space obtained by completion. Let  $X$  denote the natural embedding of Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  into  $\mathcal{K}$  i.e.  $X : \mathcal{H} \ni x \mapsto x + \mathcal{H}_0 \in \mathcal{K}$ .

We can see that:  $\|XT^*x\| = \|Xx\|$ . So there is an isometry  $V : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  such that  $XT^* = VX$ . The isometry  $V$  is called *isometric asymptote*.

**Lemma 3.1.** *For any power-bounded operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  the corresponding  $X$  from the construction above satisfies:*

$$X^*(\mathcal{K}) = \mathcal{M}(T).$$

*Proof.* By definition of  $V$  and  $X$ , we have  $TX^* = X^*V^*$ . Let  $x_n := X^*V^n x$ , then

$$Tx_{n+1} = TX^*V^{n+1}x = X^*V^*V^{n+1}x = x_n.$$

Moreover  $\|x_n\| \leq \|X^*\| \|x\|$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $X^*x = x_0 \in \mathcal{M}(T)$ , where  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ . Hence  $X^*(\mathcal{H}) \subset \mathcal{M}(T)$ .

To prove the converse, let us fix  $x \in \mathcal{M}(T)$ . By definition of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$ , there exists  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{H}$ , a bounded backward sequence of  $x$ . Let  $y \in \mathcal{H}$ , then

$$(1) \quad |\langle x, y \rangle| = |\langle T^n x_n, y \rangle| = |\langle x_n, T^{*n} y \rangle| \leq \|x_n\| \|T^{*n} y\|.$$

So  $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|x_n\| \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{*n} y\| \leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|x_n\| \|Xy\|$ . So by Theorem 1 in [9], we have  $x \in X^*(\mathcal{K})$ .  $\square$

At the begining, we have observed that if  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{*n} x\| = 0$ , for some  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{*n} x\| = 0$ . So we have:

$$\{x \in \mathcal{H} | T^{*n} x \rightarrow 0\} = \mathcal{N}(X).$$

Now by Lemma 3.1 we obtain:

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $T$  be a power-bounded operator, then*

$$\mathcal{H} = \{x \in \mathcal{H} | T^{*n} x \rightarrow 0\} \oplus \overline{\mathcal{M}(T)}.$$

We also have:

**Theorem 3.3.** *A power-bounded operator  $T$  is  $C_{.1}$  if and only if  $\overline{\mathcal{M}(T)} = \mathcal{H}$ .*

It is trivial that  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  is included in the set of origins of all backward sequences, that is,  $T^\infty(\mathcal{H}) := \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} T^n(\mathcal{H})$ . But in general, the converse inclusion does not hold, even for  $C_{.1}$  contractions.

To see this let us consider the following example.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $\mathcal{H} = l^2$ . Then  $\mathbb{H} := l^2(\mathcal{H}) = \{\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{H} | \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|x_n\|^2 < \infty\}$  is a separable Hilbert space, with the norm  $\|\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\| := \sqrt{\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|x_n\|^2}$ .

For the element  $\{\mathbf{x}_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{H}$  sometimes we write  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{x}_n$ .

Let  $S_w$  be the backward unilateral shift with weights  $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots)$ ,

i.e.,  $S_w : \mathcal{H} \ni (x_1, x_2, \dots) \mapsto (w_1 x_2, w_2 x_3, \dots) \in \mathcal{H}$ . If we put  $w_i^n = (\frac{1}{n})^{\frac{1}{i-1} - \frac{1}{i}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i > 2$ , and  $w_1^n = w_2^n = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $T = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_{w^n}$  is a  $C_1$  contraction.

Indeed,  $T^m = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_{w^n}^m$ , where  $S_{w^n}^m(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) = (w_1^n w_2^n \dots w_m^n x_{m+1}, w_2^n w_3^n \dots w_{m+1}^n x_{m+2}, \dots)$  and  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} w_1^n w_2^n \dots w_m^n = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1}{n})^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{m}} = \frac{1}{n^2} > 0$ .

Now, let us consider  $x = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (\frac{1}{n}, 0, 0, \dots) \in \mathbb{H}$ .

For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $x = T^m a_m$ , where

$$a_m = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \underbrace{(0, 0, \dots, 0, (\frac{1}{n})^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{m}}, 0, 0, \dots)}_m \in \mathbb{H}. \text{ Thus } x \in T^\infty(\mathcal{H}).$$

Now let  $\{b_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{H}$  be a backward sequence for  $x$ , then

$$x = T^m b_m \text{ and thus } b_m = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m, (\frac{1}{n})^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{m}}, 0, 0, \dots) \text{ for some}$$

complex  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m$ . So  $\|a_m\| \leq \|b_m\|$ , but

$$\|a_m\|^2 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (\frac{1}{n})^{2(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{m})} \rightarrow \infty \text{ (for } m \rightarrow \infty \text{)}. \text{ Hence } x \notin \mathcal{M}(T).$$

One more consequence of Corollary 3.2 is the following:

**Theorem 3.5.** *A power-bounded operator  $T$  is  $C_0$  if and only if  $\mathcal{M}(T) = \{0\}$ .*

Another proof of this theorem (in the case of operators considered on Banach spaces) can be found in [10].

**Corollary 3.6.** *If  $T$  is power-bounded and invertible, then*

$$\|T^{*n}x\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{H} \text{ if and only if } \|T^{-n}x\| \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{H}.$$

*Proof.* If  $T$  is power-bounded, then  $T^*$  is power-bounded too.

By Theorem 3.5 we obtain that  $T^*$  is strongly stable if and only if each nontrivial sequence such that  $Tx_{n+1} = x_n$  is unbounded.

But we have  $x_n = T^{-n}x_0$ . Thus the second condition means that  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|T^{-n}x\| = \infty$  for each nonzero  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Now, if for some  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  there is an increasing sequence  $\{n_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|T^{-n_k}x\| < N$ , then for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\|T^{-n}x\| = \|T^{n_k - n} T^{-n_k}x\| \leq \|T^{n_k - n}\| \|T^{-n_k}x\| \leq N \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|T^n\|,$$

since  $n_k > n$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . □

**Example 3.7.** Let  $V$  be the classical integral Volterra operator defined, on the space  $L^2[0, 1]$ , by

$$(Vf)(x) := \int_0^x f(t)dt, \text{ for } f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

It is easy to calculate that  $(V^*f)(x) = \int_x^1 f(t)dt$ .

Hence  $V + V^* = P$ , where  $P$  is the one-dimensional projection on

subspace of constant functions. It is well-known that  $\|(I + V)^{-1}\| = 1$  (see Problem 150 in [4]). The Allan-Pedersen relation (see [1])

$$S^{-1}(I - V)S = (I + V)^{-1},$$

where  $Sf(t) = e^t f(t)$  show us that  $I - V$  is similar to a contraction. So it is power-bounded.

Furthermore, Proposition 3.3 from [5] yields to

$$(2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n}(I - V)^n V f = 0, \text{ for all } f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

But as we mentioned,  $I - V$  is power-bounded. Moreover,  $V$  has dense range. Therefore  $I - V$  is  $C_0$ . (To obtain this, instead of (2) we can use the Esterle-Katznelson-Tzafriri theorem (see [3], [6]), since  $\sigma(I - V) = \{1\}$ .)

Now, by Corollary 3.6 we obtain

$$\|(I + V - P)^{-n} f\| = \|(I - V)^{-n} f\| \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } f \in L^2[0, 1] \setminus \{0\}.$$

Additionally, from (1) in the proof of Lemma 3.1 and (2) we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \|(I + V - P)^{-n} f\| \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } f \in V(L^2[0, 1]) \setminus \{0\}.$$

**Remark.** To obtain the first part of this result we also can use Theorem 3.4 from [2] and observe that each local spectrum  $\sigma_x(I + V - P)$  is equal  $\{1\}$ . (Because  $\{1\} = \sigma(I - V) = \sigma((I + V - P)^*) = \sigma(I + V - P)$ .)

**Example 3.8.** According to the above example we see that the contraction  $(I + V)^{-1}$  is of class  $C_0$  and as before  $\sigma(I + V) = \{1\}$ . So using Theorem 3.4 from [2] we obtain that  $\|(I + V)^n f\| \rightarrow \infty$  for all nonzero  $f \in L^2[0, 1]$ .

Now by Corollary 3.6 we have

$$(I - V + P)^{-n} f = (I + V)^{-n} f \rightarrow 0 \text{ for all } f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

So the contraction  $(I + V)^{-1}$  is of class  $C_{00}$ .

#### 4. MAIN RESULT

To give a generalization of Theorem 2.1, we will need the following lemma (due to Kérchy, see [7]):

**Lemma 4.1.** *If  $T$  is power-bounded, then  $T$  can be represented by the matrix*

$$(3) \quad \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{21} \\ 0 & T_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $T_{11}, T_{22}$  are power-bounded,  $T_{11}$  is of class  $C_0$  and  $T_{22}$  is of class  $C_1$ .

*Proof.* Let (3) be the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the orthogonal decomposition  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{N}^\perp$ , where  $\mathcal{N} := \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid T^n x \rightarrow 0\}$ . By definition  $\mathcal{N}$  is invariant for  $T$ . So  $T|_{\mathcal{N}} = T_{11}$ , thus  $T_{11}$  is of class  $C_0$  (and power-bounded). Moreover, we have:

$$T_{22} = P_{\mathcal{K}} T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}), \text{ where } \mathcal{K} := \mathcal{N}^\perp \neq \{0\}.$$

The subspace  $\mathcal{K}$  is invariant for  $T^*$ . So we obtain  $T^*|_{\mathcal{K}} = T_{22}^*$ , thus  $T_{22}$  is power-bounded.

Now, we will show that  $T_{22}$  is  $C_1$ .

To see this, let us assume that  $T_{22}^n f \rightarrow 0$  for some  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ .

For an arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|T_{22}^{n_0} f\| < \frac{\epsilon}{2M}$ , where  $M := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|T^n\|$ .

Let us suppose for a while that  $T_{22} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ . By definition of  $T_{22}$  we have:  $(T - T_{22})x = P_{\mathcal{N}}Tx \in \mathcal{N}$  for each  $x \in \mathcal{K}$ .

Hence for each  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n_0\}$  there exists  $m_k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|T^{m'+k-1}(T - T_{22})T_{22}^{n_0-k} f\| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2n_0}$  for all  $m' \geq m_k$ .

Now, for  $m := \max\{m_k \mid k = 1, 2, \dots, n_0\}$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^{m+n_0} f\| &= \|T^m(T^{n_0} - T^{n_0-1}T_{22} + T^{n_0-1}T_{22} - T^{n_0-2}T_{22}^2 + \dots + \\ &+ TT_{22}^{n_0-1} - T_{22}^{n_0} + T_{22}^{n_0})f\| = \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{n_0} T^{m+k-1}(T - T_{22})T_{22}^{n_0-k} f + T^m T_{22}^{n_0} f \right\| \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n_0} \|T^{m+k-1}(T - T_{22})T_{22}^{n_0-k} f\| + \|T^m T_{22}^{n_0} f\| \leq n_0 \frac{\epsilon}{2n_0} + M \frac{\epsilon}{2M} = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $T^n f \rightarrow 0$ , contrary to  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ .

So  $T_{22}$  is of class  $C_1$ . □

Now, we can give our generalization of Theorem 2.1:

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $T$  be a power-bounded operator. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- for any bounded backward sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $T$ , the sequence of norms  $\{\|x_n\|\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is constant;
- $T$  can be decomposed as  $T = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & 0 \\ T_{21} & U \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $U$  is a unitary and  $T_{11}$  is of class  $C_0$ .

*Proof.* To the proof of the first implication, let  $T = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & 0 \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  be the matrix form Lemma 4.1, where  $T_{11} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1)$  is  $C_0$  and  $T_{22} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_2)$  is  $C_1$ . Now,  $\mathcal{H}_2$  is invariant for  $T$ , thus  $T_{22} = T|_{\mathcal{H}_2}$ . Hence, each bounded backward sequence of  $T_{22}$  is bounded backward sequence of  $T$ . So, by our assumption  $T_{22}$  is an isometry on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}(T_{22})}$ . But by Theorem 3.3 we have  $\overline{\mathcal{M}(T_{22})} = \mathcal{H}_2$ . So  $T_{22}$  is an isometry.

Finally, it can be decomposed as  $T_{22} = U \oplus S_+$ , where  $U$  is unitary and  $S_+$  is the unilateral shift. But  $T_{22}$  is  $C_1$ . So we have  $T_{22} = U$ .

To prove the converse implication, let us assume that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is the bounded backward sequence of  $T$ . Let  $x_n = a_n + b_n$ , where  $a_n \in \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $b_n \in \mathcal{H}_2$ . We have:

$$T_{11}a_{n+1} + (T_{21}a_{n+1} + Ub_{n+1}) = Ta_{n+1} + Tb_{n+1} = Tx_{n+1} = x_n = a_n + b_n.$$



So  $T_{11}a_{n+1} = a_n$  and  $\|a_n\| \leq \|x_n\|$ . It means that  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a bounded backward sequence of  $T_{11}$ , but  $T_{11}$  is of class  $C_0$ . So by Theorem 3.5 we obtain  $a_n \equiv 0$ . Thus  $\|x_{n+1}\| = \|b_{n+1}\| = \|Ub_{n+1}\| = \|b_n\| = \|x_n\|$ .  $\square$

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