

## A FORMULA FOR THE INNER SPECTRAL RADIUS

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This note presents an asymptotic formula for the minimum of the moduli of the elements in the spectrum of a bounded linear operator acting on Banach space  $X$ . This minimum moduli is called the inner spectral radius, and the formula established herein is an analogue of Gelfand's spectral radius formula.

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $B(X)$  denote the Banach algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $X$ , and let  $T$  be an element of  $B(X)$ . We denote by  $m(T)$  the “minimum moduli” of  $T$  and define it by

$$m(T) = \inf \{ \|Tx\|, x \in X, \|x\| = 1 \}. \quad (1.1)$$

In what follows,  $i(T)$  and  $i_{ap}(T)$  will denote, respectively, inner spectral radius and inner approximate spectral radius of  $T$ . We define  $i(T)$  and  $i_{ap}(T)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} i(T) &= \inf \{ |\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(T) \}, \\ i_{ap}(T) &= \inf \{ |\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma_{ap}(T) \}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

Makai and Zemanek [3] proved that

$$i_{ap}(T) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [m(T^n)]^{1/n}. \quad (1.3)$$

In this note, we prove the same formula for  $i(T)$ . The main results established herein are the following theorem and corollary.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $T \in B(X)$ . Then,  $r_i(T) = i(T)$  if and only if  $r_i(T) \leq r_i(T^*)$ .*

**COROLLARY 1.2.** *It is not necessary that  $r_i(T) = r_i(T^*)$  for any  $T \in B(X)$ .*

**2. Basic concepts.** Throughout,  $X$  will denote a Banach space,  $B(X)$  is the Banach algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $X$ .  $T$  will denote an element of  $B(X)$ . We denote  $T^*$  as the transpose of  $T$  ( $T^*$  is an element of  $B(X^*)$ , where  $X^*$  is dual space of  $X$ ) and define

$$(T^*g)(x) = g(T(x)), \quad x \in X, g \in X^*. \quad (2.1)$$

If  $X$  is a Hilbert space, then  $T^*$  is the adjoint of  $T$  and  $T^* \in B(X)$ . We denote by  $\sigma(T)$ ,  $\sigma_{ap}(T)$ ,  $\sigma_p(T)$ , and  $\sigma_c(T)$ , respectively, spectrum, approximate point spectrum, point spectrum, and compression spectrum of  $T$  and define

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(T) &= \{\lambda : (T - \lambda I) \text{ is not invertible, } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}\}, \\ \sigma_{ap}(T) &= \{\lambda : (T - \lambda I) \text{ is not bounded below, } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}\}, \\ \sigma_p(T) &= \{\lambda : \ker(T - \lambda I) \neq 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}\}, \\ \sigma_c(T) &= \{\lambda : \text{ran}(T - \lambda I) \text{ is not dense in } X, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}\}.\end{aligned}\tag{2.2}$$

The spectral radius of  $T$  is denoted by  $r(T)$  and defined by

$$r(T) = \sup \{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(T)\}.\tag{2.3}$$

We recall the following statements. One can see their proof in [1].

- (1)  $\|T\| = \|T^*\|$ .
- (2)  $r(T) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n\|^{1/n}$  (Gelfand's formula).
- (3)  $r(T) = r(T^*)$ .
- (4)  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(T^*)$ , if  $X$  is a Hilbert space, then  $\sigma(T^*) = \overline{\sigma(T)}$ , where  $\overline{\sigma(T)} = \{\bar{\lambda} : \lambda \in \sigma(T)\}$ .

For operator  $T \in B(X)$ , define

$$m(T) = \inf \{\|Tx\|, x \in X, \|x\| = 1\}.\tag{2.4}$$

$m(T)$  is called the minimum moduli of  $T$ . Note that by definition of  $m(T)$ , we have  $\|Tx\| \geq m(T)\|x\|$ . It is clear that; if  $T$  is an invertible element in  $B(X)$ , then  $m(T) = \|T^{-1}\|^{-1}$ .

**DEFINITION 2.1.** The inner spectral radius and inner approximate spectral radius of  $T$  are denoted, respectively, by  $i(T)$  and  $i_{ap}(T)$  and defined by (1.2).

**PROPOSITION 2.2.** *If  $|\lambda| < m(T)$ , then  $(T - \lambda I)$  is bounded below.*

**PROOF.** We have

$$\|(T - \lambda I)x\| \geq \|Tx\| - \|\lambda x\| \geq (m(T) - |\lambda|)\|x\|.\tag{2.5}$$

The assumption implies that  $m(T) - |\lambda| > 0$  and hence  $(T - \lambda I)$  is bounded below by the definition.  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 2.3.** *For every operator  $T \in B(X)$ ,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [m(T^n)]^{1/n} = \sup [m(T^n)]^{1/n}.\tag{2.6}$$

**PROOF.** For every operator  $T$  and  $S$  in  $B(X)$ , we have

$$m(TS) \geq m(T)m(S), \quad (2.7)$$

by definition of the minimum moduli. Therefore, for every positive integers  $i$  and  $j$ ,

$$m(T^{i+j}) \geq m(T^i)m(T^j). \quad (2.8)$$

This is the crucial inequality. Let  $k$  be fixed. For every integer number  $n$ , we have  $n = kq + r$ ,  $0 \leq r < k$ , where  $q = q(n)$  and  $r = r(n)$  are functions of  $n$ . Note that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q(n)/n = 1/k$ . Thus, by (2.8) we have

$$m(T^n) \geq m(T^k)^q m(T)^r, \quad \text{for each positive integer } n. \quad (2.9)$$

Hence,

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} [m(T^n)]^n \geq m(T^k)^{1/k}. \quad (2.10)$$

Since this equation holds for all  $k$ , we have

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} [m(T^n)]^n \geq \sup [m(T^n)]^{1/n} \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [m(T^n)]^n \quad (2.11)$$

and the result follows.  $\square$

Assume that  $r_i(T) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [m(T^n)]^{1/n}$ . By Gelfand's formula, it is clear that if  $T$  is invertible, then  $r_i(T) = [r(T^{-1})]^{-1}$ .

**COROLLARY 2.4.** *Let  $T \in B(X)$ . Then,  $0 \in \sigma_{ap}(T)$  if and only if  $m(T) = 0$ .*

**PROOF.** The result follows from the facts that  $0 \in \sigma_{ap}(T)$  if and only if  $T$  is not bounded below and  $\|Tx\| \geq m(T)\|x\|$  for each  $x \in X$ .  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** *Let  $T \in B(X)$ . If  $\lambda \in \sigma_{ap}(T)$ , then  $|\lambda| \geq r_i(T)$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $\lambda \in \sigma_{ap}(T)$ . Assume, contrary to what we wish to prove, that  $|\lambda| < r_i(T)$ . Thus,  $|\lambda|^n < m(T^n)$  for some integer  $n$  by the definition of  $r_i(T)$ . By Proposition 2.2,  $(T^n - \lambda^n I)$  is bounded below. We have

$$T^n - \lambda^n = (T^{n-1} + T^{n-2}\lambda + \dots + \lambda^{n-1})(T - \lambda). \quad (2.12)$$

Hence,  $(T - \lambda)$  is bounded below and so  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{ap}(T)$ , which is contradictory to our assumption.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.6.** *For each  $T \in B(X)$ ,*

$$\sigma_{ap}(T) \subseteq \{\lambda : r_i(T) \leq |\lambda| \leq r(T)\}. \quad (2.13)$$

Makai and Zemanek in [3] proved that  $i_{ap}(T) = r_i(T)$  for every  $T \in B(X)$ . In the next section, we will prove that  $i(T) = r_i(T)$  if and only if  $r_i(T) \leq r_i(T^*)$ .

**3. Inner spectral radius.** The purpose of this section is to prove the main result.

We know that  $\partial\sigma_{ap}(T) \subseteq \sigma(T)$  and  $r_i(T) = i_{ap}(T)$  and so  $r_i(T) \in \sigma(T)$ . Therefore, for every  $T \in B(X)$ , we have

$$i(T) \leq r_i(T). \quad (3.1)$$

**FACT 3.1.** If  $X$  is a finite-dimensional space, then  $\sigma_{ap}(T) = \sigma(T)$  for each  $T \in B(X)$  and hence  $r_i(T) = i(T)$ .

**FACT 3.2.** If  $T$  is a compact operator acting on Banach space  $X$ , then  $r_i(T) = i(T)$ .

We begin with some general lemmas that we need in the proof of the main theorem.

**LEMMA 3.3.** *Let  $T \in B(X)$ . Then,  $\sigma_c(T) = \sigma_p(T^*)$ . (If  $X$  is a Hilbert space, then  $\sigma_c(T) = \overline{\sigma_p(T^*)}$ ).*

**PROOF.** First, we show that  $\sigma_c(T) \subseteq \sigma_p(T^*)$ . Suppose  $\lambda$  is an element in  $\sigma_c(T)$ . Consider  $M$  the closure of  $\text{ran}(T - \lambda I)$ . By definition of  $\sigma_c(T)$ ,  $M \neq X$ . If  $x_0$  is a nonzero element in  $X - M$ , then by the Hahn-Banach theorem there is  $f_0 \in X^*$  such that  $f_0(M) = 0$  and  $f_0(x_0) = 1$ . We have  $((T^* - \lambda I)f_0)(x) = f_0((T - \lambda I)x) = 0$  for every  $x \in X$  and hence  $f_0 \in \ker(T^* - \lambda I)$ , that is  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T^*)$ .

Now, we prove  $\sigma_p(T^*) \subseteq \sigma_c(T)$ . Suppose  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(T^*)$ , thus, there is a nonzero functional  $g$  in  $X^*$  such that  $(T^* - \lambda I)g = 0$  and so,  $g((T - \lambda I)x) = 0$  for each  $x \in X$  by (2.1). Hence,  $g(t) = 0$  for any  $t$  in closure  $\text{ran}(T - \lambda I)$ .

But  $g \neq 0$  on  $X$ , and hence there is  $x_0 \in X - M$  such that  $g(x_0) \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $M \neq X$ , that is,  $\lambda \in \sigma_c(T)$ .

If  $X$  is a Hilbert space, then we know that  $\ker(T) = (\text{ran } T^*)^\perp$  and closure( $\text{ran } T^*$ ) =  $(\ker T)^\perp$  in [1, Theorem II.2.19]. Thus, by the definition of  $\sigma_p(T)$  and  $\sigma_c(T)$ , we get the following result.  $\square$

**LEMMA 3.4.** *Let  $T \in B(X)$ . Then,  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_{ap}(T) \cup \sigma_c(T)$ .*

**PROOF.** It follows from [1, Proposition VII.6.4] and the definition of  $\sigma_{ap}(T)$  and  $\sigma_c(T)$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 3.5.** *Let  $T \in B(X)$ . If  $\sigma(T) \subseteq \{\lambda : r_i(T) \leq |\lambda| \leq r(T)\}$ , then  $r_i(T) = i(T)$ .*

**PROOF.** By assumption, we have  $r_i(T) \leq i(T)$  and the result follows the fact that  $i(T) \leq r_i(T)$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $T \in B(X)$ . Then,  $r_i(T) = i(T)$  if and only if  $r_i(T) \leq r_i(T^*)$ .*

**PROOF.** First, suppose that  $r_i(T) \leq r_i(T^*)$ . By Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4,  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_{ap}(T) \cup \sigma_p(T^*)$  (if  $X$  is a Hilbert space, then  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_{ap}(T) \cup \overline{\sigma_p(T^*)}$ ). We have

$$\sigma(T) \subseteq \{\lambda : r_i(T) \leq |\lambda| \leq r(T)\}. \quad (3.2)$$

Hence, by Lemma 3.5,  $r_i(T) = i(T)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $r_i(T) = i(T)$ . We have  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(T^*)$  (if  $X$  is a Hilbert space, then  $\sigma(T^*) = \overline{\sigma(T)}$ ). Thus,  $i(T) = i(T^*)$  by definition of  $i(T)$ , and, therefore,

$$r_i(T) = i(T) = i(T^*) \leq r_i(T^*). \quad (3.3)$$

□

**EXAMPLE 3.7.** Let  $X$  be a Hilbert space and  $N \in B(X)$  a normal operator. Then,

$$i(N) = i(N^*) = r_i(N) = r_i(N^*). \quad (3.4)$$

Since  $N$  is normal,  $\|Nx\| = \|N^*x\|$  for every  $x$  in  $X$ , and, therefore,  $m(N) = m(N^*)$ . Similarly, we have  $m(N^n) = m(N^{*n})$  for each  $n$ , and so,  $i(N) = i(N^*) = r_i(N) = r_i(N^*)$ .

If  $X$  is a Hilbert space and  $N \in B(X)$  is a normal operator, then  $r(N) = \|N\|$ . In the next proposition, we prove that  $r_i(N) = m(N)$  for the normal operator  $N$  in  $B(X)$ .

Recall that for each operator  $T \in B(X)$  the numerical range of  $T$  is defined and denoted as follows:

$$W(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda = \langle Tx, x \rangle, x \in X \text{ with } \|x\| = 1\}. \quad (3.5)$$

The following interesting theorem was proved in [2, Theorem 27.9].

**THEOREM 3.8.** *If  $T$  is a selfadjoint operator in  $B(X)$ ,  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  denote, respectively, the infimum and the supremum of the numerical range of  $T$ , then  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are approximate eigenvalues of  $T$ , and the spectrum of  $T$  is contained in the interval  $[M_1, M_2]$ .*

By this theorem, for each positive operator  $T \in B(X)$  we have

$$i(T) = r_i(T) = \inf \{\langle Tx, x \rangle, x \in X \text{ with } \|x\| = 1\}. \quad (3.6)$$

**PROPOSITION 3.9.** *If  $N$  is normal operator acting on Hilbert space  $X$ , then  $i(N) = r_i(N) = m(N)$ .*

**PROOF.** As shown in Example 3.7, we have  $m(N) = m(N^*)$ . Now, we prove that  $m(NN^*) = m(N)^2$ . Since  $NN^*$  is positive, by (3.6) and Proposition 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} m(NN^*) &\leq r_i(NN^*) = \inf \{\langle NN^*x, x \rangle, x \in X \text{ with } \|x\| = 1\} \\ &= \inf \{\|Nx\|^2, x \in X \text{ with } \|x\| = 1\} = m(N)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

By (2.8), we get

$$m(NN^*) \geq m(N)m(N^*) = m(N)^2. \quad (3.8)$$

Hence,

$$m(NN^*) = m(N)^2. \quad (3.9)$$

By induction, we show that if  $j = 2^n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $m(N^j) = m(N)^j$ . This is clearly true for  $n = 0$ . Assume it to be true for some  $n$ , then for all  $x \in \mathfrak{h}$ , we have

$$\|N^{2^{n+1}}(x)\| = \|N^{2^n}(N^{2^n}(x))\| = \|(N^{2^n})^*(N^{2^n}(x))\|, \quad (3.10)$$

because  $N^{2^n}$  is normal. This shows that  $m(N^{2^{n+1}}) = m((N^{2^n})^*N^{2^n})$ , which is equal to  $m(N^{2^n})^2$ . Thus,  $m(N^{2^{n+1}}) = (m(N)^{2^n})^2 = m(N)^{2^{n+1}}$ . Therefore,

$$r_i(N) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [m(N^n)]^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [m(N^{2^n})]^{1/2^n} = m(N). \quad (3.11)$$

□

**EXAMPLE 3.10.** Suppose  $U$  is a unilateral weighted shift with weights  $(1, 2, 1, \dots)$  acting on separable Hilbert space  $\mathfrak{h}$ . William Ridge [4] proved that  $\sigma_{ap}(U) = \{\lambda : |\lambda| = \sqrt{2}\}$ ,  $\sigma(U) = \{\lambda : |\lambda| \leq \sqrt{2}\}$ , and  $\sigma_{ap}(U^*) = \sigma(U^*) = \sigma(U)$ . Hence,  $r_i(U) = r(U) = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $r_i(U^*) = i(U^*) = 0$ , and  $i(U) = 0$ . Therefore, we have  $i(U) \neq r_i(U)$  and  $r_i(U^*) < r_i(U)$ .

We know that  $r(T) = r(T^*)$  for any  $T \in B(X)$ . But in the above example  $r_i(U^*) < r_i(U)$  so, we can write the next corollary.

**COROLLARY 3.11.** *It is not necessary that  $r_i(T) = r_i(T^*)$  for any  $T \in B(X)$ .*

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