

A HILBERT-SCHMIDT NORM EQUALITY  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
FUGLEDE-PUTNAM-ROSENBLUM'S TYPE THEOREM  
FOR GENERALIZED MULTIPLIERS

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $H$  denote a separable, infinite-dimensional, complex Hilbert space. Let  $C_2(H) \subset B(H)$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_2$ ,  $\sigma(\cdot)$ ,  $\upharpoonright$  denote, respectively, the Hilbert-Schmidt class, the class of all bounded linear operators, the Hilbert-Schmidt norm, the spectrum and the restriction of an operator. In this paper, for normal operators  $A$  and  $B$  we will always denote by  $E(\cdot)$  and  $B(\cdot)$  respectively their associated spectral measures.

The following theorem:

**THEOREM 1.1.** *For  $A, B, X \in B(H)$  with  $A$  and  $B$  normal,  $\Delta(X) \equiv AX - XB = 0$  implies  $\Delta^*(X) \equiv A^*X - XB^* = 0$ ,*

is known as the classical Fuglede-Putnam-Rosenblum's (FPR) theorem" (see [15]). This theorem has been generalized in various ways under different conditions for  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $X$ , and for different (mainly differential) expressions  $\Delta$  (and appropriately defined)  $\Delta^*$  (see [16], [2], [3], [26]). The asymptotic versions of those generalizations have also been proven in different operator topologies by use of R.L. Moore's construction (see [18], [20]).

On the other hand, the commutator  $\Delta(A, B)X = AX - XB$  and the multiplier  $M(A, B)X = AXB$  are the simplest cases of generalized multipliers, associated to analytic functions  $f(z, w) = z - w$  and  $f(z, w) = zw$  respectively. Various aspects of generalized multipliers are investigated, for example, in [9], [25], [11], [4], [5], [6], [7].

In this paper we prove an FPR type theorem for generalized multipliers.

## 2. ESSENTIALLY BOUNDED FUNCTIONAL CALCULUS

**THEOREM 2.1.** (Boundedness of the trace variation) For arbitrary  $X, Y \in C_2(H)$  we have

$$\sum_{m,n} |\operatorname{tr}(E(\gamma_m)XF(\delta_n)Y^*)| \leq \|X\|_2 \|Y\|_2,$$

for every finite Borel partition  $\{\gamma_m\}, \{\delta_n\}$  of the complex plane.

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m,n} |\operatorname{tr}(E(\gamma_m)XF(\delta_n)Y^*)| = \\ & = \sum_{m,n} |\operatorname{tr}(E(\gamma_m)XF(\delta_n)(E(\gamma_m)YF(\delta_n))^*)| \leq \\ & \leq \sum_{m,n} |\operatorname{tr}(E(\gamma_m)XF(\delta_n)(E(\gamma_m)XF(\delta_n))^*) \operatorname{tr}(E(\gamma_m)YF(\delta_n)(E(\gamma_m)YF(\delta_n))^*)|^{1/2} \leq \\ & \leq \left\{ \sum_{m,n} \operatorname{tr}(E(\gamma_m)XF(\delta_n)(E(\gamma_m)XF(\delta_n))^*) \right\}^{1/2} \times \\ & \times \left\{ \sum_{m,n} \operatorname{tr}(E(\gamma_m)YF(\delta_n)(E(\gamma_m)YF(\delta_n))^*) \right\}^{1/2} = \\ & = \left\{ \sum_{m,n} \operatorname{tr}(E(\gamma_m)XF(\delta_n)X^*) \right\}^{1/2} \left\{ \sum_{m,n} \operatorname{tr}(E(\gamma_m)YF(\delta_n)Y^*) \right\}^{1/2} = \\ & = \operatorname{tr}(XX^*)^{1/2} \operatorname{tr}(YY^*)^{1/2} = \|X\|_2 \|Y\|_2. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

According to the extension theorem given in [23] we derive the following:

**COROLLARY 2.1.** Let  $X, Y \in C_2(H)$ . The mapping  $\gamma \times \delta \rightarrow \operatorname{tr}(E(\gamma)XF(\delta)Y^*)$  of the family of all Cartesian products of Borel sets in  $\mathbb{C}$  can be extended in a unique way to a complex Borel measure  $\mu_{X,Y}$  in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  such that  $|\mu_{X,Y}| \leq \|X\|_2 \|Y\|_2$ .

Also, the mapping  $f \rightarrow \int_{\operatorname{supp} E \times \operatorname{supp} F} f d\mu_{X,Y}$  is a bounded linear functional on  $L_\infty(\operatorname{supp} E \times \operatorname{supp} F, d\mu_{X,Y})$ , because

$$\left| \int_{\sigma(A) \times \sigma(B)} f d\mu_{X,Y} \right| \leq \|f\|_\infty |\mu_{X,Y}| \leq \|f\|_\infty \|X\|_2 \|Y\|_2.$$

Sometimes, we use some more informative notations

$$\int_{\operatorname{supp} E \times \operatorname{supp} F} f(z, w) d \operatorname{tr}(E(z)XF(w)Y^*)$$

and

$$\int_{\text{supp}E \times \text{supp}F} f(z, w) \text{tr}(dE(z)X dF(w)Y^*)$$

instead of

$$\int_{\text{supp}E \times \text{supp}F} f d\mu_{X,Y}.$$

From the same inequality we conclude that for every  $Y \in C_2(H)$  and every function  $f$ , which is bounded and Borel measurable on  $\text{supp}E \times \text{supp}F$ , the mapping  $X \rightarrow \int_{\text{supp}E \times \text{supp}F} f d\mu_{X,Y}$  is a bounded linear functional on  $C_2(H)$ , which is a Hilbert space itself (see [17]), with the norm given by  $\langle A, B \rangle_2 = \text{tr}(AB^*)$ . Therefore there exists a bounded linear operator on  $C_2(H)$ , denoted by  $f(A, B)$  or  $\Delta_f(A, B)$ , such that

$$\text{tr}(f(A, B)(X)Y^*) = \int_{\text{supp}E \times \text{supp}F} f(z, w) d \text{tr}(E(z)XF(w)Y^*).$$

Obviously,  $\|f(A, B)\| \leq \|f\|_\infty$ , but some more precise considerations show that this inequality is in fact an equality.

Some of the well known functional calculus formulae for normal operators (see [8], p.131, (4)-(11) and p.154 (10)) can be rephrased as follows:

(i)  $(\alpha f + \beta g)(A, B)X = \alpha f(A, B)X + \beta g(A, B)X,$

(ii)  $(fg)(A, B)X = f(A, B)(g(A, B)X),$

(iii)  $\sigma(f(A, B))$  is exactly the essential range of  $\sigma(A) \times \sigma(B)$  by  $f$ , being measured by  $\mu \times \nu$ , for any positive measures  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  mutually absolutely continuous with respect to  $E$  and  $F$  respectively.

(iv)  $f(A, B)^* = \bar{f}(A, B).$

(v)  $f(A, B)X = AX$  if  $f(z, w) = z$  and  $f(A, B)X = XB$  if  $f(z, w) = w$ .

From (ii) and (iv) it follows that  $f(A, B)$  is a normal operator on  $C_2(H)$ , and therefore, if  $X \in C_2(H)$ , the Hilbert-Schmidt equality in FPR type theorem for (essentially) bounded multipliers coincides, in fact, with the normality of the corresponding multiplier. But if  $X$  is in  $B(H)$  but not in  $C_2(H)$ , this question has a sense only if  $f(A, B)X$  is definable and belongs to  $C_2(H)$ . One possible situation is when  $f$  is analytic, and so, we will concentrate our attention on this type of multipliers, to which we will, in the sequel, refer as to analytic or generalized multipliers.

### 3. GENERALIZED MULTIPLIERS

Following [11], for  $A, B \in B(H)$ , and for every function  $f$  analytic in each variable in some neighbourhood of the set  $\sigma(A) \times \sigma(B)$ , we can define on  $B(H)$  a linear operator

$f(A, B)$ , which is called a generalized (or analytic) multiplier (or transformator), by

$$f(A, B)(X) = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_A} \oint_{\Gamma_B} f(z, w)(A - z)^{-1} X (B - w)^{-1} dz dw,$$

for every operator  $X \in B(H)$ . The above integrals are calculated over regular contours  $\Gamma_A$  and  $\Gamma_B$  surrounding  $\sigma(A)$  and  $\sigma(B)$  respectively. If the operators  $A$  and  $B$  are known from context, we also use the notation  $\Delta_f$ , and if in addition the function  $f$  is known, we denote it simply by  $\Delta$ . The last notation is traditional and has come from the broadly investigated transformator  $X \rightarrow AX - XB$  (see for example [1], [12], [13], [14], [21], [11]).

Similarly, we define the adjoint multiplier:

$$f(A, B)^*(X) = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\bar{\Gamma}_A} \oint_{\bar{\Gamma}_B} \overline{f(\bar{z}, \bar{w})} (A^* - z)^{-1} X (B^* - w)^{-1} dz dw$$

(where  $\bar{\Gamma}_A$  stands for  $\{z: \bar{z} \in \Gamma_A\}$ ).

For such functional calculus (see [19], [11], [24]) the formulae (i), (ii) and (v) are still valid, while (iii) and (iv) become

$$(iii) \sigma(f(A, B)) \subset f(\sigma(A), \sigma(B)),$$

$$(iv') (f(A, B)[C_2(H)])^* = f(A, B)^*[C_2(H)].$$

Of course, for normal operators  $A$  and  $B$  and such an analytic  $f$ , a straightforward application of the Cauchy reproducing formula shows that this transformator coincide with the previously introduced one.

#### 4. FPR THEOREM

In the beginning we give some well-known theorems concerning the factorization of an analytic function.

**THEOREM 4.1.** (Weierstrass, see [10, p.11]) *Let  $f$  be an analytic (in each variable) function in the open set  $W' = U \times \{w: |w| \leq R\}$ , where  $U$  is a neighbourhood of the origin 0 in  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $f(0, w) \not\equiv 0$  in the disc  $\{w: |w| \leq R\}$ . Let also  $r \leq R$  for some  $r$  such that  $f(0, w)$  has no zero on the sphere  $\{w: |w| = r\}$  and let  $k$  be the number of zeros of the same function in the open disc  $V_r = \{w: |w| \leq r\}$  counting their multiplicity. Then there exists a neighbourhood  $W' = U' \times V_r \subset W$  of the origin in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  in which the function  $f$  can be represented in the following form:*

$$f(z, w) = (w^k + c_1(z)w^{k-1} + \dots + c_k(z)) f_0(z, w),$$

for some functions  $c_j(z)$  in  $U'$ , and for some analytic function  $f_0$  having no zeros in  $W'$ .

**THEOREM 4.2.** (Factorization theorem, see [10, p.13]) *Let  $U$  be a (simply connected) open set in  $\mathbb{C}$  and let the function  $f$  be analytic in  $U \times V$  such that for every fixed  $z \in U$  the function  $f(z, \cdot)$  has in  $V$  exactly  $m$  geometrically different zeros. Then those zeros analytically depend on  $z$ , i.e. there exist: analytic in  $U$  functions  $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^m$ , a function  $f_0$ , analytic and with no zeros in  $U \times V$ , and some natural numbers  $\{k_i\}_{i=1}^m$  such that*

$$f(z, w) = \prod_{i=1}^m (w - \alpha_i(z))^{k_i} f_0(z, w)$$

for every  $(z, w) \in U \times V$ .

**THEOREM 4.3.** (Discriminant set, see [10, p.11]) *Let the function  $f$  be analytic in the bounded open set  $W = U \times V$  in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  with zero set having no accumulation points on  $\partial U \times V$ . If  $m < \infty$  is the maximal number of geometrically different zeros of  $f(z, w)$  in  $V$  with  $z \in U$  fixed, then  $G$ , the set of points at which this maximum is obtained, is an open set everywhere dense in  $U$ . Moreover, there is a function  $\Delta(z)$  analytic in  $U$  (not identical to zero) having a set  $U \setminus G$  for its zero set (on  $U$ ).*

**COROLLARY 4.1.** (see [10, p.15]) *Let the function  $f$  be analytic in the bounded open set  $W = U \times V$  in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  with zero set having no accumulation points on  $U \times \partial V$ . Then there is a Weierstrass polynomial  $F$  such that  $Z_F = Z_f$  and such that for every fixed  $z \in G$  all the roots of the polynomial  $F(z, \cdot)$  are simple.*

**COROLLARY 4.2.** (see [10, p.15]) *The discriminant set of  $f$ , i.e. the projection on  $U$  of the set*

$$\left\{ (\xi, \eta) \in U \times V : F(\xi, \eta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} F(\xi, \eta) = 0 \right\},$$

is the zero set of the above mentioned polynomial  $F$ .

Now we give our main FPR theorem for generalized multipliers.

**THEOREM 4.4.** (FPR theorem for generalized multipliers) *Let  $A, B, X \in B(H)$ , with  $A$  and  $B$  normal, and let  $f$  be analytic in some neighbourhood of the set  $\sigma(A) \times \sigma(B)$ . If  $\Delta_f(X) \in C_2(H)$ , then  $\Delta_f^*(X) \in C_2(H)$  with*

$$\|\Delta_f(X)\|_2 = \|\Delta_f^*(X)\|_2.$$

*Proof.* Using the additivity of the spectral measure, it is sufficient to prove that for every connected component  $U \times V$  of the above mentioned neighbourhood of the set  $\sigma(A) \times \sigma(B)$ , we have  $\Delta_f^*(E(U)XF(V)) \in C_2(H)$  and

$$\|\Delta_f(E(U)XF(V))\|_2 = \|\Delta_f^*(E(U)XF(V))\|_2.$$

If  $f \equiv 0$  this is obvious.

If  $f \not\equiv 0$ , then the set  $\sigma_0 := \{z \in \sigma(A) : (\forall w \in V) f(z, w) = 0\}$  is finite according to the theorem of uniqueness. For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  let  $\sigma_\varepsilon := \sigma(A) \setminus \bigcup_{s \in \sigma_0} B(s, \varepsilon)$  and  $U_\varepsilon := U \setminus \bigcup_{s \in \sigma_0} \overline{B}(s, \varepsilon/2)$ . Obviously  $\sigma_\varepsilon \subset U_\varepsilon$ . Also, for the operator  $A_\varepsilon := A|_{E(\sigma_\varepsilon)H}$ , we have  $\sigma(A_\varepsilon) = \sigma_\varepsilon$ .

For every  $(z, w) \in \sigma(A_\varepsilon) \times \sigma(B)$  there exists  $r_{z,w} > 0$  such that  $V_{z,w} := B(w, r_{z,w}) \subset V$  and such that the function  $f(z, \cdot)$  has no zeros on  $\partial V_{z,w}$  (if  $f(z, w) = 0$  it exists because zero  $w$  is isolated, and if  $f(z, w) \neq 0$ , by continuity). By continuity of  $f$  and compactness of  $\partial V_{z,w}$  there is  $\varepsilon_{z,w} > 0$  and there is  $U_{z,w} := B(w, 2\varepsilon_{z,w}) \subset U_\varepsilon$ , such that  $f \neq 0$  on  $U_{z,w} \times \partial V_{z,w}$ .

So we have that  $m$ , the maximal number of geometrically different zeros of  $f(\cdot, w)$  on  $U_{z,w}$ , is finite, and also, that  $D_{z,w}$ , the set of points where this maximal number is not obtained is exactly the set

$$\left\{ \xi \in U_{z,w} : (\exists \eta \in V_{z,w}) F(\xi, \eta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} F(\xi, \eta) = 0 \right\},$$

where  $F$  is the Weierstrass polynomial associated to  $f$  on  $U_{z,w}$ . It also coincide with the set of zeros of the discriminant of  $F$  on  $U_{z,w}$ , which is an analytic function, and thus we have  $\sigma_{z,w} := D_{z,w} \cap \overline{B}(w, \varepsilon_{z,w})$  to be finite. So, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the set  $\sigma_1 := \bigcup_{\xi \in \sigma_\varepsilon} D_{z,w}$  is finite according to compactness of  $\sigma_\varepsilon$ . Once again, that will allow

us to "eliminate" a small neighbourhoods of  $\sigma_1$  by letting  $\sigma_{\varepsilon'} := \sigma(A_\varepsilon) \setminus \bigcup_{s \in \sigma_1} B(s, 2\varepsilon')$  and  $U_{\varepsilon'} := U_\varepsilon \setminus \bigcup_{s \in \sigma_1} B(s, \varepsilon')$  for an arbitrary  $\varepsilon' > 0$ . Obviously  $\sigma_{\varepsilon'} \subset U_{\varepsilon'}$ , and, for a

given  $(z, w) \in \sigma_{\varepsilon'} \times \sigma(B)$  there is  $\varepsilon'_{z,w} > 0$  such that  $U'_{z,w} := B(z, \varepsilon'_{z,w}) \subset U_{z,w} \cap U_{\varepsilon'}$ . Since the zero set of  $f$  has no accumulation points on  $U'_{z,w} \times \partial V_{z,w}$ , and since the number of geometrically different zeros of  $f(z, \cdot)$  is constant, we will have, according to Theorem 4.2 that

$$f(\xi, \eta) = \prod_{k=0}^n f_k(\xi, \eta)$$

on  $U'_{z,w} \times V_{z,w}$ , for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $f_k(\xi, \eta) = \eta - a_k(\xi)$  for some analytic (in  $V_{z,w}$ ) functions  $a_k(\xi)$ , for every  $1 \leq k \leq n$  and some  $f_0(\xi, \eta)$  analytic and having no zeros in  $U'_{z,w} \times V_{z,w}$ .

Define

$$A_{z,w} = A|_{E(U'_{z,w})H},$$

$$B_{z,w} = B|_{F(V_{z,w})H}$$

and

$$X_{z,w} = E(U'_{z,w}) X A|_{F(V_{z,w})H}.$$

The commutativity of the operator family  $\{\Delta_{f_k}, \Delta_{f_k}^*\}_{k=0}^n$  on  $B(E(U'_{z,w})H, F(V_{z,w})H)$  and Theorem 1 in [26] consequently give

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \Delta_{f_1} \left( \prod_{k=2}^n \Delta_{f_k}(\Delta_{f_0}(X_{z,w})) \right) \right\|_2 &= \left\| \Delta_{f_1}^* \left( \prod_{k=2}^n \Delta_{f_k}(\Delta_{f_0}(X_{z,w})) \right) \right\|_2 \\ &= \left\| \prod_{k=2}^n \Delta_{f_k}(\Delta_{f_1}^*(\Delta_{f_0}(X_{z,w}))) \right\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

Using the same arguments  $n - 1$  times we get

$$\left\| \Delta_{f_0} \left( \prod_{k=1}^n \Delta_{f_k}(X_{z,w}) \right) \right\|_2 = \left\| \prod_{k=1}^n \Delta_{f_k}^*(\Delta_{f_0}(X_{z,w})) \right\|_2 = \left\| \Delta_{f_0} \left( \prod_{k=1}^n \Delta_{f_k}^*(X_{z,w}) \right) \right\|_2.$$

Since the transformator  $\Delta_{f_0}^* \Delta_{f_0}^{-1}$  is an isometry on  $B(E(U'_{z,w})H, F(V_{z,w})H)$ , then the above expressions are equal to

$$\left\| \Delta_{f_0}^* \left( \prod_{k=1}^n \Delta_{f_k}(X_{z,w}) \right) \right\|_2,$$

and this implies

$$\|\Delta_f(X_{z,w})\|_2 = \|\Delta_f^*(X_{z,w})\|_2,$$

and hence

$$\|E(U'_{z,w})\Delta_f(X)F(V_{z,w})\|_2 = \|E(U'_{z,w})\Delta_f^*(X)F(V_{z,w})\|_2.$$

According to the compactness of  $\sigma(A_{\varepsilon'}) \times \sigma(B)$ , there is a finite covering  $\{U'_{z_i, w_i} \times V_{z_i, w_i}\}_{i=1}^I$ , which, according to the additivity of vector functions  $\mu, \mu^*$  defined by

$$\mu(\gamma \times \delta) = E(\gamma)\Delta_f(X)F(\delta)$$

and

$$\mu^*(\gamma \times \delta) = E(\gamma)\Delta_f^*(X)F(\delta),$$

gives

$$(1) \quad \left\| \mu^* \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^I U'_{z_i, w_i} \times V_{z_i, w_i} \right) \right\|_2 = \left\| \mu \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^I U'_{z_i, w_i} \times V_{z_i, w_i} \right) \right\|_2.$$

Still more, the strong continuity of every spectral measure in the corresponding Hilbert space gives that the measure  $G_Z$ , defined by

$$G_Z(\gamma \times \delta) = E(\gamma)ZF(\delta),$$

is additive and strongly continuous for all  $Z \in B(H)$  and  $\sigma$ -additive and  $C_2$ -continuous whenever  $Z \in C_2(H)$ .

Since  $\sigma_1$  is finite, the strong continuity of  $\mu^*$  and  $C_2$ -continuity of  $\mu$  gives

$$s - \lim_{\varepsilon' \rightarrow 0} E \left( \bigcup_{s \in \sigma_1} B(s, 2\varepsilon') \setminus \sigma_1 \right) \Delta_f^*(X) = 0$$

and

$$C_2 - \lim_{\varepsilon' \rightarrow 0} E \left( \bigcup_{s \in \sigma_1} B(s, 2\varepsilon') \setminus \sigma_1 \right) \Delta_f(X) = 0.$$

Having

$$(\sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \sigma_1) \times \sigma(B) \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^I (U_{z_i, w_i} \times V_{z_i, w_i}) \subset \left( \bigcup_{s \in \sigma_1} B(s, 2\varepsilon') \setminus \sigma_1 \right) \times \sigma(B),$$

we obtain

$$s - \lim_{\varepsilon' \rightarrow 0} \mu^* \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^I U'_{z_i, w_i} \times V_{z_i, w_i} \right) = E(\sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \sigma_1) \Delta_f^*(X)$$

and

$$C_2 - \lim_{\varepsilon' \rightarrow 0} \mu \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^I U'_{z_i, w_i} \times V_{z_i, w_i} \right) = E(\sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \sigma_1) \Delta_f(X).$$

Now, having both sides of equality (1) less or equal to  $\|\Delta_f(X)\|_2$ , the uniform boundedness principle on  $C_2(H)$  gives  $E(\sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \sigma_1) \Delta_f^*(X) \in C_2(H)$ , but this imply that we also have

$$C_2 - \lim_{\varepsilon' \rightarrow 0} \mu^* \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^I U'_{z_i, w_i} \times V_{z_i, w_i} \right) = E(\sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \sigma_1) \Delta_f^*(X).$$

The limit process in (1), together with  $\|X\bar{f}(s, B)\|_2 = \|Xf(s, B)\|_2$  for all  $s \in \sigma_1$  gives

$$\|E(\sigma_\varepsilon) \Delta_f^*(X)\|_2 = \|E(\sigma_\varepsilon) \Delta_f(X)\|_2.$$

The similar procedure with  $\varepsilon$  instead of  $\varepsilon'$ , talking account that  $X\bar{f}(\bar{s}, B^*) = Xf(s, B) = 0$  for all  $s \in \sigma_0$ , gives  $\Delta_f^*(X) \in C_2(H)$ , and finally

$$\|\Delta_f^*(X)\|_2 = \|\Delta_f(X)\|_2. \quad \blacksquare$$



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