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Properties of spectrally bounded compact elementary operators

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Abstract

Spectrally bounded compact elementary operators on dense irreducible subalgebras of C^* -algebras are characterized. Also, it is shown that left multiplications, right multiplications, generalized derivations and basic elementary operators are spectrally bounded compact elementary operators. Furthermore, several properties of spectrally bounded compact elementary operators such as completeness, convergence, continuity and total boundedness in a general Banach setting are outlined.

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1. Introduction

The study of elementary operators has become an active area of research in operator theory [2]. The elementary operator, being an operator on the Banach space $B(H)$, has attracted much attention of many mathematicians. Some results about the spectra, the numerical ranges and norms of elementary operators were studied in [2, 6]. Actually, the norm of an elementary operator is traced back to the works of Stampfli [30] who worked on the norms of derivations. In [8], the norm of an elementary operator was determined to be

$$\sup \left\{ \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n A_i X B_i \right\| ; X \in B(H); \|X\| \leq 1 \right\} = \sup \left\{ \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n A_i U B_i \right\| : U U^* = U^* U = I; U \in B(H) \right\}.$$

In addition, Okelo [22] determined the norm a two-sided multiplication operator on C^* -algebra. He showed that for any complex Hilbert space H , if $T_{A,B} : B(H) \rightarrow B(H)$ such that $T_{A,B}(X) = AXB \quad \forall X \in B(H)$ then $\|T_{A,B}(X)\| = \|A\| \|B\|$. Furthermore, Okelo [23] investigated the orthogonality of elementary operators and gave the necessary and sufficient conditions for their normality. Also, in [24] the author considered the orthogonality of elementary operators when they are implemented by norm-attainable operators on a Hilbert space. In particular, the study of elementary operators has been developed in two branches; namely, spectral properties and structural properties. Therefore, a systematic study of elementary operators was started by Lumer and Rosenblum [14] who studied the spectral properties of elementary operators. Later, Vala [32] pioneered the study of compactness of elementary operators and proved that a linear mapping $T \mapsto ATB$ is compact if and only if A and B are compact operators on a Banach space. In connection to compactness of operators, Akemann and Wright [1] gave the necessary and sufficient conditions for a given C^* -algebra to admit a non-zero compact or weakly compact derivations; that is, a C^* -algebra admits a non-zero compact derivations if and only if it contains nonzero finite dimensional central projections. Fong and Sourour [10] characterized compactness of elementary operators on $B(H)$, where $B(H)$ is set of all bounded linear operators on separable Hilbert Space H , and they showed that an elementary operator on $B(H)$ is compact if and only if it has representation $T_{A,B}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i X B_i$ for A_i and B_i being compact. Saksman and Tylli [27] studied a number of structural properties of elementary operators on Banach space setting such as basic sequence techniques applied in Banach spaces and weak compactness or strict singularity of a basic two sided multiplication operator. These properties include the norms and spectra of elementary operators in various settings. A detailed study of spectral boundedness of elementary operators was introduced by Mathieu [15] in which the results were motivated by their connections to the non-commutative Singer-Wermer conjecture and Kaplansky's problem of invertibility-preserving operators. Bresar and Turovskii [3] studied elementary operators on Banach algebras that are simultaneously compact and they considered an algebra \mathcal{A} over a field \mathbb{K} , where $A \in \mathcal{A}$ is of completely finite rank if both L_A and R_A are finite rank. Denote by A_{cf} the set of all completely finite rank elements of \mathcal{A} . In [3], it was shown that if

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\mathcal{A}_{cf} is the sum of all finite dimensional ideals of \mathcal{A} , then every element in \mathcal{A}_{cf} generates a finite dimensional ideal in \mathcal{A} . Fialkow [9] presented a number of results on spectral properties of elementary operators where a new expression for the essential spectra of an elementary operator was derived, that is, $\sigma_e(R_{AB}) = \sigma_H(A) \circ \sigma_{H_e}(B) \cup \sigma_{H_e}(A) \circ \sigma_H(B)$. Shulmann and Turowska [29] discussed properties of operators on Hilbert spaces which share similar properties with elementary operators on $B(H)$. This is because $T_{A,B}(X) = \sum_{k=1}^n L_{A_k} R_{B_k}$ has a formal adjoint $T_{A^*,B^*}^*(X) = \sum_{k=1}^n L_{A_k^*} R_{B_k^*}$ which turns into a proper adjoint if restricted to the ideal S_2 of Hilbert Schmidt operators. These properties include approximate intertwining, the intersection of the kernel of adjoint, ranges of derivations and commutators, spectral subspaces and Fuglede type theorems among others.

The study of positive maps in operator theory has also attracted considerable attention from many researchers. Huruya and Tomiyama [20] studied completely bounded maps of C^* -algebras and proved that a completely positive map is completely bounded. For example, a derivation is completely bounded but not completely positive. Also, every bounded linear map of C^* -algebra into a commutative C^* -algebra is completely bounded. Let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} be C^* -algebras, it is shown [20] that for a fixed C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} , every bounded linear map of \mathcal{A} into an arbitrary C^* -algebra \mathcal{B} is completely bounded if and only if \mathcal{A} finite dimensional. Furthermore, Huruya and Tomiyama [20] proved that for a fixed C^* -algebra \mathcal{B} every bounded linear map of an arbitrary C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} into \mathcal{B} is completely bounded if and only if every irreducible representation of \mathcal{B} is finite dimensional with bounded degree. Curto and Mathieu [5] gave a characterization of spectral boundedness of generalized inner derivation on unital Banach algebra to be spectrally bounded. Furthermore, Mathieu [17] showed that a derivation on a Banach algebra \mathcal{A} is spectrally bounded if and only if it maps it into $\text{Rad}\mathcal{A}$. Mathieu [19] gave a review on the recent advances in the study of elementary operators that have not been explored before. The main question being when an elementary operator is spectrally bounded or spectrally isometric. Therefore, the study of spectral characterizations of operators has attracted a lot of research in past years. In [16], it was shown that every spectrally bounded operators need not to be continuous in general hence it is important to study spectral boundedness of compact elementary operators on dense irreducible subalgebras. Semrl [28] studied spectrally bounded linear maps on $B(H)$ and showed that if H is a separable infinite dimensional Hilbert space, then $T : B(H) \rightarrow B(H)$ is a unital surjective linear spectrally bounded map which is either an automorphism or anti-automorphism. Furthermore, Lin and Mathieu [13] proved that every unital bounded linear mapping from a purely infinite C^* -algebra of real rank zero into a unital Banach algebra which preserves elements of square zero is a Jordan homomorphism. In the results, they used unital surjective spectral isometries as Jordan homomorphisms.

As we have seen that a lot of research has been done on the structural properties of elementary operators but there are still open problems on spectral boundedness of compact elementary operators on dense irreducible subalgebras. In this paper, we characterize spectral boundedness of compact elementary operators on dense irreducible subalgebras.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we outline preliminary concepts which are useful in the sequel. Let \mathcal{A} be a Banach algebra. We denote a dense irreducible C^* -subalgebra of \mathcal{A} by \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . The algebra of all compact elementary operators is denoted by $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{E})$. Also, we denote the algebra of all spectrally bounded compact elementary operators by $\mathcal{C}_{SBD}(\mathcal{E})$.

Definition 2.1. ([21], Section 2) *Consider a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} and let $T : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$, T is called an elementary operator if it has the following representation: $T_{A,B}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i X B_i \forall A_i, B_i$ are fixed in \mathcal{A} or $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$ is multiplier algebra of \mathcal{A} . For $A, B \in B(H)$, we define particular elementary operators as follows:*

- (i). *The left multiplication operator $L_A : B(H) \rightarrow B(H)$ by $L_A(X) = AX, \forall X \in B(H)$.*
- (ii). *The right multiplication operator $R_B : B(H) \rightarrow B(H)$ by $R_B(X) = XB, \forall X \in B(H)$.*
- (iii). *The generalized derivation (implemented by A, B) by $\delta_{A,B}(X) = L_A - R_B, \forall X \in B(H)$.*
- (iv). *The basic elementary operator (implemented by A, B) by $M_{A,B}(X) = AXB, \forall X \in B(H)$.*
- (v). *The Jordan elementary operator (implemented by A, B) by $\mathcal{U}_{A,B}(X) = AXB + BXA, \forall X \in B(H)$.*

Definition 2.2. [12] *Let V be a linear vector space. A non-negative real valued function $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a norm on V if it satisfies the following conditions:*

- (i). $\|a\| \geq 0$ and $\|a\| = 0$ if and only if $a = 0$ for all $a \in V$.
- (ii). $\|\alpha a\| = |\alpha| \|a\|$ for all $a \in V$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$.

(iii). $\|a + b\| \leq \|a\| + \|b\|$ for all $a, b \in V$.

The ordered pair $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a normed space.

Definition 2.3. ([4], Definition 4.1) If \mathcal{A} is any C^* -algebra and $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow B(H)$ is a representation then Φ is irreducible if $\Phi(\mathcal{A})$ is an irreducible subalgebra of $B(H)$.

Definition 2.4. ([11], Definition 2.2) Let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} be complex Banach algebras. A linear mapping $T : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is called spectrally bounded if there exists a constant $M \geq 0$ such that $r(Tx) \leq Mr(x)$ and spectrally infinitesimal if $r(T(x)) = 0$, for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. If $r(T(x)) = r(x)$, for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ we say that T is a spectral isometry. If $r(x) = 0$, then x is called quasi-nilpotent.

Definition 2.5. ([31], Definition 1.3) A Banach space Ω is said to have the approximation property for every compact subset C of Ω and for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a finite rank operator $T \in B(\Omega)$ such that $\|Tx - x\| < \varepsilon$ for each $x \in C$.

Definition 2.6. ([7], Proposition 2.2.1) The radical of an algebra \mathcal{A} is defined to be intersection of the maximal left ideals of \mathcal{A} denoted by $\text{rad}\mathcal{A}$. An algebra (non-unital) is radical if $\text{rad}\mathcal{A} = 0$ then $\text{rad}\mathcal{A}$ is an ideal in \mathcal{A} and $\mathcal{A}/\text{rad}(\mathcal{A})$ is a semi-simple algebra.

Remark 2.1. An elementary operator leaves each ideal of \mathcal{A} invariant hence it is close at hand to use primitive ideals and dense algebras of operators to study properties of it [6].

Definition 2.7. ([25], Definition 4.2.12) A representation T of an algebra \mathcal{A} on a linear space X is called strictly dense if whenever x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is a finite list of linearly independent vectors in X and y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n is a list of vectors in X then there is an element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ with $T_a x_j = y_j$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Definition 2.8. ([25], Definition 4.1.17) Let \mathcal{A} be an algebra and let X be a linear space. Then X is called an \mathcal{A} -module if there is a fixed representation $T : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow B(X)$ and $T_a x$ denoted by ax , $a \in \mathcal{A}$ and $x \in X$. If \mathcal{A} and X are both normed and the representation $T : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow B(X)$ is continuous then the corresponding module is called a left \mathcal{A} -module.

Remark 2.2. If X is a both a left and right \mathcal{A} -module and if the two module actions satisfy $a(xb) = (ax)b \forall a, x \in X$ then is called \mathcal{A} -bimodule [25].

Definition 2.9. Let $T_{A_i, B_i} \in C(\mathcal{E})$ for the set of all spectrally bounded compact operators. We define

$$\|T_{A_i, B_i}\|_\sigma = \inf\{M \geq 0 \mid r(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \leq Mr(X)\},$$

for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ and $\|T_{A_i, B_i}\|_\sigma$ is the spectral operator norm of T_{A_i, B_i} .

Definition 2.10. Let $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ be a spectrally bounded operator, then $T_{B_i^*, A_i^*} : \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}^*$ defined by $T_{B_i^*, A_i^*} S = S \circ T_{A_i, B_i}$, for $S \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^*$ is said to be the spectral adjoint of T_{A_i, B_i} .

Definition 2.11. A linear mapping $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ is said to:

- (i). compress left essential spectrum if $\sigma_{le}(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \subseteq \sigma_{le}(X)$, $\forall X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$.
- (ii). compress right essential spectrum if $\sigma_{re}(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \subseteq \sigma_{re}(X)$, $\forall X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$.
- (iii). compress semi-Fredholm spectrum if $\sigma_{sf}(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \subseteq \sigma_e(X)$, $\forall X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$.

Definition 2.12. A linear mapping $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ is surjective up to compact operators if $\mathcal{A}_{DIR} = \text{Ran}(T_{A_i, B_i}) + \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$ and hence is called essentially spectrally bounded if there exists constant M such that $r_e(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \leq Mr_e(X)$, for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$.

Definition 2.13. Let \mathcal{A}_{DIR} and \mathcal{B}_{DIR} be two dense irreducible subalgebras. Let $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ and $\mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ be closed proper ideals of dense irreducible subalgebras \mathcal{A}_{DIR} and \mathcal{B}_{DIR} respectively. A linear mapping $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ is surjective modulo \mathcal{J} if for every $Y \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$, there exists $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ such that $Y - T_{A_i, B_i}(X) \in \mathcal{J}$. We define the induced mapping $\hat{T}_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR}/\mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}/\mathcal{J}$ by $\hat{T}_{A_i, B_i}(X + \mathcal{I}) = T_{A_i, B_i}(X) + \mathcal{J}$, $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$.

Definition 2.14. Let $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$. The spectral operator norm is defined by

$$\|T_{A_i, B_i}(X)\|_\sigma = \inf\{M \geq 0 \mid r(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \leq Mr(X), X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}\}.$$

Definition 2.15. A linear mapping $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ is said to be spectrally compact if $\overline{T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{C}_{DIR})}$ is compact in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} where $\mathcal{C}_{DIR} = \{X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} : r(X) \leq 1\}$ and $\mathcal{C}_{DIR} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$.

Definition 2.16. A representation $\Phi : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow C(\mathcal{E})$ is irreducible provided the C^* -subalgebra $\Phi(\mathcal{A}_{DIR})$ is irreducible in $C(\mathcal{E})$, that is, there are no subalgebra for $\Phi(\mathcal{A}_{DIR})$ that are reducing except for trivial ones $\{0\}$ and \mathcal{A}_{DIR} .

3. Spectrally bounded compact elementary operators

In this section, we characterize spectral boundedness of compact elementary operators on dense irreducible subalgebras of Banach algebra A . We begin with the following proposition:

Proposition 3.1. *Consider L_A, R_B and $\delta_{A,B} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{E})$. Let \mathcal{A}_{DIR} be a unital C^* -subalgebra of A , then the following are equivalent:*

- (i). L_A and R_B are both spectrally bounded.
- (ii). $\delta_{A,B}$ is spectrally bounded.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). From Definition 2.1, the left multiplication elementary operator is denoted by $L_A = AX$ for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ and A fixed in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . It follows from [26] Proposition 2.1 that for some constant $M \geq 0$, $r(AX) \leq Mr(X)$ holds hence L_A is spectrally bounded. Consequently, $R_A = XA$ must be spectrally bounded. It is also known that inner derivation $\delta_A \in Rad(\mathcal{A}_{DIR})$. So, if $A = B$ then R_B is spectrally bounded and if $A - B = C$ then $R_{A-B} = R_C$ which is intuitively spectrally bounded. The generalized derivation can be expressed as:

$$\delta_{A,B}(X) = L_A(X) - R_B(X) = R_{A-B}(X) + L_A(X) - R_A(X) = X(A - B) + AX - XA = XA - XB + AX - XA = AX - XB.$$

Let a canonical homomorphism $\varphi : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}/Rad(\mathcal{A}_{DIR})$ be a spectral isometry such that there exists a linear map $R : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ with $R\mathcal{A}_{DIR} \subseteq Rad(\mathcal{A}_{DIR})$. Therefore, if $N \in \mathcal{C}_{SBD}(\mathcal{E})$ then $R + N \in \mathcal{C}_{SBD}(\mathcal{E})$ and $r(\delta_{A,B}(X)) = r(L_A(X) - R_B(X)) = r(R_{A-B}(X) + L_A(X) - R_A(X))$ holds. Hence, $r(\delta_{A,B}(X)) \leq Mr(X)$ must be spectrally bounded.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). We suppose that $\delta_{A,B}$ is spectrally bounded, then $r(\delta_{A,B}(X)) \leq Mr(X)$ for some constant $M \geq 0$. We need to prove that L_A and R_B are both spectrally bounded, that is, $r(L_A(X)) \leq Mr(X)$ and $r(R_B(X)) \leq Mr(X)$ for some constant $M \geq 0$. Let a canonical homomorphism $\varphi : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}/Rad(\mathcal{A}_{DIR})$ be a spectral isometry such that B is central modulo the $Rad(\mathcal{A}_{DIR})$, thus

$$\begin{aligned} r(\delta_{A,B}) &= r(AX - XB) = r(\varphi(A)\varphi(X) - \varphi(X)\varphi(B)) = r((\varphi(A) - \varphi(B))\varphi(X)) = r(\varphi(X)(\varphi(A) - \varphi(B))) \\ &= r(\varphi(B)\varphi(X) - \varphi(X)\varphi(A)) = r(BX - XA), \quad X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $r(\delta_{B,A}(X)) = r(\delta_{A,B}(X)) \leq Mr(X)$ is spectrally bounded. Now, suppose that R_B is not spectrally bounded. Then there exists an irreducible representation Φ of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} such that $\Phi(B) \neq I_{\mathbb{C}}$. Let a vector v be in the representation space such that $\{v, \Phi(B)v\}$ is linearly independent. Since Φ is a continuous representation of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} on a Banach space Ω , then from Jacob density theorem, there exists $X, E \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ such that $\Phi(X)v = 0, \Phi(X)\Phi(B)v = 0, \Phi(E)\Phi(B)v = \Phi(B)v, \Phi(E)v = -nv$, whenever $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Furthermore, from Sinclair’s theorem, we assume that E is invertible such that

$$(\Phi(A)\Phi(E)\Phi(X)\Phi(E)^{-1} - \Phi(E)\Phi(X)\Phi(E)^{-1}\Phi(B))v = nv.$$

Hence, $r(AEXE^{-1} - EXE^{-1}B) \geq n$ which contradicts the hypothesis that $r(AEXE^{-1} - EXE^{-1}B) \leq Mr(EXE^{-1}) = Mr(X)$ and for some $M \geq 0$. Thus, R_B must be spectrally bounded. Analogously, L_A is also spectrally bounded. Therefore, L_A and R_B are both spectrally bounded. \square

Proposition 3.2. *Let $L_A : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ be compact and spectrally bounded, then L_A maps into the radical of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} if and only if \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is a C^* -subalgebra of A with identity.*

Proof. Let L_A be compact, spectrally bounded and maps into radical of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . We prove that \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is a C^* -subalgebra of A with identity. Let $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ such that $(I - X)^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X^n$ and $\|X\| = \gamma < 1$ with $C_i = \sum_{n=0}^i X^n$. Indeed, (C_i) is a Cauchy sequence converging to some element $E = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X^n$ since for $i < j$ it holds that

$$\|C_i - C_j\| \leq \sum_{n=i+1}^j \|X\|^n \leq \frac{\gamma^{i+1}}{1 - \gamma}.$$

Now, $XC_i = C_{i+1} - I$ and $E(I - X) = (I - X)E = I$ and hence \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is a C^* -subalgebra of A with identity. Conversely, let \mathcal{A}_{DIR} be a C^* -subalgebra with identity. We prove that L_A is compact, spectrally bounded and maps into radical of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . It follows from Proposition 3.1, L_A is compact and spectrally bounded such that $r(AX) \leq Mr(X)$ for some constant $M \geq 0$. In addition, to show that L_A maps into the $rad(\mathcal{A}_{DIR})$ then we need to prove that intersection of all maximal left ideals must be invertible in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} and any invertible element of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is contained in the intersection of all left maximal ideal. We begin with showing that the intersection of all maximal left ideals must be invertible in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . Suppose that X is in the intersection of all maximal left ideals of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . If $L = I - AX$ is not invertible then $\mathcal{A}_{DIR}L$ is a

left ideal. This is because every left ideal of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is contained in a maximal left ideal. Now, $AX \in \mathcal{L}_0$ and $I - AX \in \mathcal{L}_0$ which implies that $I \in \mathcal{L}_0$ where \mathcal{L}_0 is some left ideal. Therefore, $\mathcal{L}_0 = \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ which is a contradiction. Next, we show that any invertible element of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is contained in the intersection of all left maximal ideal. Suppose that $I - AX$ is invertible for all $A \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$. If X is not in the intersection of all maximal left ideals, it means that there exists a maximal left ideals \mathcal{L}_0 such that $X \notin \mathcal{L}_0$. Therefore, $\mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{A}_{DIR}X = \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ and $I - AX \in \mathcal{L}_0$, but this gives a contradiction because $I \in \mathcal{L}_0$. Hence, L_A maps into the radical of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . \square

Lemma 3.1. *Let $R_B : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ be compact and spectrally bounded, then R_B maps into the radical of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} if and only if \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is a C^* -subalgebra with identity.*

Proof. Let R_B be compact, spectrally bounded and maps into radical of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . We prove that \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is a C^* -subalgebra of A with identity. It follows analogously from Proposition 3.2 that \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is C^* -subalgebra of A with identity.

Conversely, let \mathcal{A}_{DIR} be a C^* -subalgebra with identity. We prove that R_B is compact, spectrally bounded and maps into radical of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . It follows from Proposition 3.1, R_B is compact and spectrally bounded such that $r(XB) \leq Mr(X)$ for some constant $M \geq 0$. In addition, to show that R_B maps into the $rad(\mathcal{A}_{DIR})$ then we need to prove that intersection of all maximal right ideals must be invertible in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} and any invertible element of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is contained in the intersection of all right maximal ideal. We begin with showing that the intersection of all maximal right ideals must be invertible in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . Suppose that X is in the intersection of all maximal right ideals of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . If $R = I - XB$ is not invertible then $R\mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ is a right ideal. This is because every right ideal of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is contained in a maximal right ideal. Now, $XB \in \mathcal{R}_0$ and $I - XB \in \mathcal{R}_0$ which implies that $I \in \mathcal{R}_0$ where \mathcal{R}_0 is some right ideal. Therefore, $\mathcal{R}_0 = \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ which is a contradiction. Next, we show that any invertible element of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is contained in the intersection of all right maximal ideal. Suppose that $I - XB$ is invertible for all $B \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$. If X is not in the intersection of all maximal right ideals, it means that there exists a maximal right ideals \mathcal{R}_0 such that $X \notin \mathcal{R}_0$. Therefore, $R\mathcal{A}_{DIR} + \mathcal{R}_0 = \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ and $I - XB \in \mathcal{R}_0$, but this gives a contradiction because $I \in \mathcal{R}_0$. Thus, R_B maps into the radical of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . \square

Theorem 3.1. *Let $M_{A,B} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ be compact and spectrally bounded, then $M_{A,B}$ maps into the radical of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} if and only if \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is a C^* -subalgebra of A with identity.*

Proof. Suppose that $M_{A,B}$ is compact, spectrally bounded and maps into the radical of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . We need to show that \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is a C^* -subalgebra of A with identity. Indeed, this follows analogously from Proposition 3.2 that \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is C^* -subalgebra of A with identity.

Conversely, let \mathcal{A}_{DIR} be a C^* -subalgebra of A with identity. We need to show that $M_{A,B}$ is compact, spectrally bounded and maps into the radical of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . From Definition 2.1, the basic elementary operator is denoted by $M_{A,B}(X) = AXB$ for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ and A, B fixed in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . Let X be a projection in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} , that is, $X^2 = X$ such that $L_A R_B = AX \cdot XB = AX^2B = AXB = BAX$. Since $r(X) = \|X\|$ and $r(AXB) = r(BAX)$, it follows from Proposition 2.4 of [18] that

$$r(M_{A,B}(X)) = r(AXB) = r(BAX) \leq \|B\|_\sigma r(AX) \leq \|B\|_\sigma \|A\|_\sigma r(X) = Mr(X).$$

Hence, $r(M_{AXB}) \leq Mr(X)$ is spectrally bounded for some $M \geq 0$. Now, to prove that $M_{A,B}(X)$ maps into the radical, we need to show that the intersection of all maximal left (right) ideals are invertible in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} and any invertible element of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is contained in the intersection of all maximal left (right) ideal. Let $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ be in the intersection of all maximal left (right) ideal of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} then $I - AXB$ is invertible in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} for any A, B fixed in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . This is because by Proposition 3.2, $I - AXB$ is left invertible by letting $B = I$ and by Lemma 3.1, $I - AXB$ is right invertible by letting $A = I$ hence AXB must be invertible in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . Finally, let $E \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ such that $E(I - AXB) = (I - AXB)E = I$ holds. Since $AX \in \mathcal{L}_0$ and $XB \in \mathcal{R}_0$, it implies that AXB is in the maximal ideal \mathcal{M}_0 since $E(I - AXB) = (I - AXB)E = I$. Therefore, $E = I + E(AXB)$ is left invertible and E is maximal ideal. Thus, $I - AXB$ and AXB are contained in the maximal ideal \mathcal{M}_0 . Therefore $M_{A,B}$ maps into the radical of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . \square

Corollary 3.1. *Every elementary operator $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ defined by $T_{A_i, B_i}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i X B_i$ is spectrally bounded.*

Proof. From Theorem 3.1, $M_{A,B}(X)$ is spectrally bounded and since T_{A_i, B_i} is the sum of basic elementary operators, it follows immediately that T_{A_i, B_i} is spectrally bounded, that is, $r(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \leq Mr(X)$. \square

Remark 3.1. *If $(L_A - R_A)\mathcal{A}_{DIR} \not\subseteq Rad(\mathcal{A}_{DIR})$ that is A is not central modulo $Rad(\mathcal{A}_{DIR})$ then R_A and hence L_A cannot be spectrally bounded.*

Theorem 3.2. *Let $T_{A_i, B_i} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{E})$ be spectrally compact. Then T_{A_i, B_i} is a compact operator if and only if it is spectrally bounded.*

Proof. Suppose that T_{A_i, B_i} is spectrally bounded. We prove that T_{A_i, B_i} is a compact operator. Let

$$\mathcal{C}_{DIR} = \{X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} : r(X) \leq 1\}$$

be closed C^* -subalgebra of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . Since T_{A_i, B_i} is spectrally bounded, $\mathcal{C}_{DIR} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ and $\overline{T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{C}_{DIR})} \subseteq \overline{T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{A}_{DIR})}$, and thus $\overline{T_{A_i, B_i} \mathcal{C}_{DIR}}$ is spectrally compact and hence compact.

Conversely, let T_{A_i, B_i} be compact. We show that T_{A_i, B_i} is spectrally bounded. We prove by contradiction. Suppose that T_{A_i, B_i} is not spectrally bounded. We know that T_{A_i, B_i} attains its spectral operator norm if for some positive number $M \geq 0$ then $\|T_{A_i, B_i}(X)\|_\sigma \leq M$, for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$. If $r(X) > 0$ for any $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$, $\|T_{A_i, B_i}(\frac{X}{r(X)})\|_\sigma \leq M$ and $r(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \leq Mr(X)$ is spectrally bounded. Choose $\varepsilon > 0$ arbitrarily such that $r(X) = 0$, then

$$r\left(\frac{X}{\frac{\varepsilon}{M}}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \left\|T_{A_i, B_i}\left(\frac{X}{\frac{\varepsilon}{M}}\right)\right\|_\sigma \leq M \quad \text{and} \quad \|T_{A_i, B_i}(X)\|_\sigma \leq M \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{M} = \varepsilon.$$

Therefore, $r(T_{A_i, B_i}X) \leq \|T_{A_i, B_i}(X)\|_\sigma = 0$ since $r(X) = 0$. Hence, $r(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \leq Mr(X)$ for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$, which is a contradiction. Hence, by Corollary 3.1, T_{A_i, B_i} must be spectrally bounded. \square

Example 3.1. Suppose that \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is dense irreducible commutative C^* -subalgebra and $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{C})$ is C^* -subalgebra of Banach algebra \mathcal{A} . Let Φ be an irreducible representation of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} on \mathbb{C} and Ψ be an unbounded character on \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . Then, the operator $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{C})$ having the representation

$$T_{A_i, B_i}(X) = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi(X) & \Psi(X) \\ 0 & \Phi(X) \end{pmatrix},$$

for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$, is an unbounded operator and $r(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) = |\Phi(X)| \leq r(X)$ for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$. Hence, T_{A_i, B_i} is spectrally bounded elementary but not compact; otherwise, by Theorem 3.2, T_{A_i, B_i} should be spectrally bounded and compact operator.

Theorem 3.3. Every compact and spectrally bounded C^* -subalgebra \mathcal{C}_{DIR} is complete.

Proof. Let X_n be spectrally bounded sequence in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} such that $r(X_n) \leq M$ for some positive number $M \geq 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $\mathcal{C}_{DIR} = \{X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} : r(X) \leq M\}$ is a spectrally bounded C^* -subalgebra of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} then $\overline{T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{C}_{DIR})}$ is compact and $(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_n))$ is a sequence in the compact subalgebra. To show that \mathcal{C}_{DIR} is complete, we prove that every converging sequence in the compact subalgebra $\overline{T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{C}_{DIR})}$ has a convergent subsequence. We apply the approximation property from Definition 2.5 for compact C^* -subalgebra \mathcal{C}_{DIR} of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . Let Y_n be a sequence in $\overline{T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{C}_{DIR})}$ and for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then $\|Y_n - T_{A_i, B_i}(X_n)\| < \frac{1}{n}$, $X_n \in \mathcal{C}_{DIR}$. Since the sequence X_n is spectrally bounded, then there exists subsequence $T_{A_i, B_i}(X_{n_k})$ of $T_{A_i, B_i}(X_n)$ such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} T_{A_i, B_i}(X_{n_k}) \rightarrow Y$, for every $Y \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$. Let an arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. There are $K_1, K_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{n_k} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \forall k \geq K_1$ and $\|T_{A_i, B_i}(X_{n_k}) - Y\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ for every $k \geq K_2$. Finally, suppose that $k \geq \max\{K_1, K_2\}$ then

$$\|Y_{n_k} - Y\| = \|Y_{n_k} - T_{A_i, B_i}(X_{n_k}) + T_{A_i, B_i}(X_{n_k}) - Y\| \leq \|Y_{n_k} - T_{A_i, B_i}(X_{n_k})\| + \|T_{A_i, B_i}(X_{n_k}) - Y\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

Therefore, the subsequence $Y_{n_k} \rightarrow Y$ converges. \square

Theorem 3.4. Let \mathcal{C}_{DIR} be a closed C^* -subalgebra of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . If $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{C}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ is a spectrally bounded compact elementary operator, then T_{A_i, B_i} has a spectrally bounded compact elementary operator extension $\tilde{T}_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$, where both T_{A_i, B_i} and \tilde{T}_{A_i, B_i} acts on sequences of maps with a unique point of convergence.

Proof. By Theorem 3.2, T_{A_i, B_i} is spectrally bounded compact elementary operator and the extension $\tilde{T}_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ is guaranteed by spectral extension property. Now, we only check the uniqueness of the point of convergence of \tilde{T}_{A_i, B_i} . Let X_k be a spectrally bounded sequence in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} such that $r(X_k) \leq M$, for some constant $M \geq 0$ and for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Suppose we consider the set $U = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| < M\}$ such that $\sigma(X_k) \subseteq U$, for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. We note from Theorem 3.3 that \mathcal{C}_{DIR} is compact and complete. Hence, any $X_1 \in \overline{\mathcal{C}_{DIR}}$ has a sequence $X_{1_k} \in \mathcal{C}_{DIR}$ converging to X_1 i.e $X_{1_k} \rightarrow X_1$. So applying upper semi-continuous property of the spectrum, we have $\|X_1 - Z\| < \gamma_1$ for $0 < \gamma_1 < 1$ implies $\sigma(Z) \subseteq U$ hence $r(Z) \leq M$. Choose $0 < \varrho_1 < \gamma_1$, then there exists $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|X_{1_k} - X_1\| < \varrho_1 < 1$ for every $k \geq k_1$. Hence $\sigma(X_{1_k}) \subseteq U$ for every $k \geq k_1$. Again, we choose $X_2 \in \overline{\mathcal{C}_{DIR}}$ such that the sequence $X_{2_k} \in \mathcal{C}_{DIR}$ converges to X_2 i.e $X_{2_k} \rightarrow X_2$. Again applying upper semi-continuous property of the spectrum, we have $\|X_2 - Z\| < \gamma_2$ for $0 < \gamma_2 < \frac{1}{2}$ implies $\sigma(Z) \subseteq U$ hence $r(Z) \leq M$. If $0 < \varrho_2 < \gamma_2$, then there exists $k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|X_{2_k} - X_2\| < \varrho_2 < \frac{1}{2}$ for every $k \geq k_2$. Hence $\sigma(X_{2_k}) \subseteq U$ for every $k \geq k_2$. By induction, the sequence X_{i_k} converges X_i such that $X_{i_k} - X_{i_{k_i}} \rightarrow 0$ and $\sigma(X_{i_k}) \subseteq U$. Using completeness property of T_{A_i, B_i} there exists a converging subsequence $X_{i_{k_i}}$ such that $T_{A_i, B_i}(X_{i_{k_i}}) \rightarrow Y_0$ for some $Y_0 \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$ and applying continuity of \tilde{T}_{A_i, B_i} , we have $\tilde{T}_{A_i, B_i}(X_{k_i}) - \tilde{T}_{A_i, B_i}(X_{i_{k_i}}) = \tilde{T}_{A_i, B_i}(X_{k_i} - X_{i_{k_i}}) \rightarrow 0$. Therefore, $\tilde{T}_{A_i, B_i}(X_{k_i}) \rightarrow Y_0$ and X_k has a unique point of convergence Y_0 for both T_{A_i, B_i} and \tilde{T}_{A_i, B_i} . \square

Corollary 3.2. *Let $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ be a spectrally bounded compact elementary operator. Then the spectral adjoint $T_{B_i^*, A_i^*} : \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}^*$ is totally bounded if and only if \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^* is a spectrally bounded C^* -subalgebra of \mathcal{A} .*

Proof. Suppose that $T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}$ is totally bounded. We show that \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^* is a spectrally bounded C^* -subalgebra of \mathcal{A} . Let $\{S_a\}_{a \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a Cauchy sequence in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^* . Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ and $a, b \geq n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$|S_a(X) - S_b(X)| = r((S_a - S_b)X) \leq \|S_a - S_b\|_\sigma r(X) < \varepsilon r(X), \text{ for all } X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}.$$

In particular, the $\|T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}\|_\sigma \leq \|T_{A_i, B_i}\|_\sigma$ and $T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}S = S \circ T_{A_i, B_i}$, for all $S \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^*$ and thus $T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}$ is spectrally bounded. Now,

$$r(T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}S) = \|S \circ T_{A_i, B_i}\| \leq \|S\|_\sigma \|T_{A_i, B_i}\|_\sigma = \|T_{A_i, B_i}\|_\sigma r(S) \leq M r(S), \text{ for all } S \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^*.$$

Hence, \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^* is a spectrally bounded C^* -subalgebra of \mathcal{A} .

Conversely, let \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^* be a spectrally bounded C^* -subalgebra of \mathcal{A} . We show that $T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}$ is totally bounded. So, we consider \mathcal{C}_{DIR}^* a closed C^* -subalgebra of \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^* such that for some constant $M > 0$ and for every $S \in \mathcal{C}_{DIR}^*$ then

$$\|S\|_\sigma = r(S) \leq M. \tag{1}$$

This shows that S is spectrally bounded. From Theorem 3.3, T_{A_i, B_i} is a spectrally bounded compact elementary operator so that $\overline{T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{C}_{DIR}^*)}$ is compact and complete. Thus, given $\varepsilon > 0$, then the sequence $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \mathcal{C}_{DIR}$ is totally bounded for $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $\|T_{A_i, B_i}(X) - T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k)\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3M}$. Hence, \mathcal{C}_{DIR} is totally bounded. Now, we check if \mathcal{C}_{DIR}^* is a totally bounded C^* -subalgebra. Let an irreducible representation $\Phi : \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ be defined by

$$\Phi(S) = (S(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_1)), \dots, (S(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_n))), \text{ for every } S \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^*.$$

By Equation (1), $S \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}^*$ is spectrally bounded and T_{A_i, B_i} is compact operator. It follows that Φ is a compact operator and $\overline{\Phi(\mathcal{C}_{DIR}^*)}$ is also compact C^* -subalgebra. To see that $\Phi(\mathcal{C}_{DIR}^*)$ is totally bounded, consider the sequence $S_1, \dots, S_a \in \mathcal{C}_{DIR}^*$ such that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ then there exists $m \in \{1, 2, \dots, a\}$ with $\|\Phi S - \Phi S_m\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$. Thus, for every $S \in \mathcal{C}_{DIR}^*$ then there exists $m \in \{1, 2, \dots, a\}$ such that

$$|S(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k)) - S_m(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k))|^2 \leq \sum_{b=1}^n |S(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_b)) - S_m(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_b))|^2 = \|\Phi(S - S_m)\|^2 < \frac{\varepsilon^2}{3^2},$$

for every $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Indeed, for any $X \in \mathcal{C}_{DIR}$ and $S \in \mathcal{C}_{DIR}^*$, then $\|T_{A_i, B_i}(X) - T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k)\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3M}$ for $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $\|\Phi S - \Phi S_m\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ for $m \in \{1, 2, \dots, a\}$. Thus, $\|S\| \leq \|S\|_\sigma \leq M$ holds for every $S \in \mathcal{C}_{DIR}^*$. Consequently, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |S(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) - S_m(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))| &= |S(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) - S(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k)) + S(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k)) - S_m(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k)) \\ &\quad + S_m(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k)) - S_m(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))| \\ &\leq |S(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) - S(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k))| + |S(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k)) - S_m(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k))| \\ &\quad + |S_m(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k)) - S_m(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))| \\ &\leq \|S\| \cdot \|T_{A_i, B_i}(X) - T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k)\| + \|\Phi S - \Phi S_m\| + \|S\| \cdot \|T_{A_i, B_i}(X_k) - T_{A_i, B_i}(X)\| \\ &< M \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{3M} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + M \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{3M} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}(S) - T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}(S_m)\|_\sigma &= \sup\{r((T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}(S) - T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}(S_m))(X)) : r(X) \leq 1\} \\ &= \sup\{|(T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}(S) - T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}(S_m))(X)| : r(X) \leq 1\} \\ &= \sup\{|S(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) - S_m(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))| : r(X) \leq 1\} \\ &\leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for every $S \in \mathcal{C}_{DIR}^*$, $\|T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}(S) - T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}(S_m)\|_\sigma \leq \varepsilon$ for $m \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Therefore, $T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}(\mathcal{C}_{DIR}^*)$ is totally bounded and $T_{B_i^*, A_i^*}$ is a totally bounded operator. \square

Proposition 3.3. *Let $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ be a linear map which is surjective up to compact operators. Then T_{A_i, B_i} is essentially spectrally bounded if and only if $T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{K}_{DIR}) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$ and the induced map $\hat{T}_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{Q}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_{DIR}$ defined by $\hat{T}_{A_i, B_i}(\varphi(X)) = \varphi(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \forall X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ is either a continuous automorphism or continuous anti-automorphism multiplied by nonzero scalar.*

Proof. Without loss of generality, assume that T_{A_i, B_i} is essentially spectrally bounded such that $r_e(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \leq Mr_e(X)$, for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ holds. It is sufficient to prove that the operator T_{A_i, B_i} leaves the \mathcal{K}_{DIR} invariant. Let $E \in \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$, we show that $T_{A_i, B_i}(E) \in \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$. Let $S \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$, since T_{A_i, B_i} is surjective up to compact operators then there exists $Y' \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ and $E' \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ for which $S = T_{A_i, B_i}(S') + E'$ and so $S' \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$. Now, $S + T_{A_i, B_i}(E) = T_{A_i, B_i}(S') + E' + T_{A_i, B_i}(E) = T_{A_i, B_i}(S' + E) + E' \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$. Thus, for every $S \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$, $S + T_{A_i, B_i}(E) \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$. It follows that for every $E \in \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$ we have $S + E \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ thus $T_{A_i, B_i}(E) \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ and we conclude that $T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{K}_{DIR}) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$. Let $E \in \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$ and $Y \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$. We show that T_{A_i, B_i} is surjective to compact operators, that is, $T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{A}_{DIR}) = Ran(T_{A_i, B_i}) + \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$. Therefore, for any $Y \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$, there exists $C_0 \in \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$ such that $Y = T_{A_i, B_i}(X) + C_0$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} r(\lambda\varphi(T_{A_i, B_i}(C)) + \varphi(Y)) &= r(\varphi(\lambda(T_{A_i, B_i}(C)) + Y)) = r_e(\lambda(T_{A_i, B_i}(C)) + Y) = r_e(T_{A_i, B_i}(\lambda C + X) + C_0) \\ &= r_e(T_{A_i, B_i}(\lambda C + X)) \leq Mr_e(\lambda C + X) = Mr_e(X), \lambda \in \mathbb{C}. \end{aligned}$$

This $\lambda \rightarrow r(\varphi(T_{A_i, B_i}(C)) + \varphi(Y))$ is a subharmonic function on \mathbb{C} . By liouville's Theorem implies that $r(\varphi(T_{A_i, B_i}(C)) + \varphi(Y)) = r(\varphi(Y))$. By Zemánek's characterization of the radical, we have $\varphi(T_{A_i, B_i}(C)) = 0$ and $T_{A_i, B_i}(C) \in \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$. This shows that $T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{K}_{DIR}) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$. Thus, T_{A_i, B_i} induces a surjective spectrally bounded linear map $\widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{Q}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_{DIR}$ defined by $\widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i}(\varphi(X)) = \varphi(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))$, $\forall X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$. We show that \widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i} is a continuous Jordan automorphism \mathcal{U} multiplied by an invertible central element of \mathcal{Q}_{DIR} . Now, consider a non-zero projection $P \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ where \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is a purely infinite C^* -algebra. It follows that $P\mathcal{A}_{DIR}P$ is also properly infinite C^* -algebra and each element can be written as a finite sum of $P\mathcal{A}_{DIR}P$. Thus

$$T_{A_i, B_i}(P) + T_{A_i, B_i}(Q) + T_{A_i, B_i}(Q)T_{A_i, B_i}(P) = 0, \forall Q \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}. \tag{2}$$

Suppose we replace Q with $I - P$ then,

$$T_{A_i, B_i}(P) + T_{A_i, B_i}(I) + T_{A_i, B_i}(I)T_{A_i, B_i}(P) = 2(T_{A_i, B_i}(P))^2. \tag{3}$$

Multiplying the identity $T_{A_i, B_i}(I)$ on left hand side and $T_{A_i, B_i}(P)$ on the right hand side of Equation (3) and comparing the two equations

$$T_{A_i, B_i}(I)(T_{A_i, B_i}(P))^2 = (T_{A_i, B_i}(P))^2T_{A_i, B_i}(I). \tag{4}$$

Now, let $X = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i P_i$ be a linear combination of orthogonal family of projection P_1, \dots, P_n of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . Applying Equation (2), we have $T_{A_i, B_i}(X)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 P_i^2$ and $(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))^2 T_{A_i, B_i}(I) = T_{A_i, B_i}(I)(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))^2$ follows from Equation (4). Consequently T_{A_i, B_i} is continuous and has real rank zero, thus $(T_{A_i, B_i}(M))^2 T_{A_i, B_i}(I) = T_{A_i, B_i}(I)(T_{A_i, B_i}(M))^2$ holds for self-adjoint elements of \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . Suppose we choose $Y \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ such that each element can be expressed as finite sum square zero elements in \mathcal{B}_{DIR} and T_{A_i, B_i} is surjective and $T_{A_i, B_i}(I)$ is the central element of \mathcal{B}_{DIR} . Using Equation (3) we have

$$(T_{A_i, B_i}(P))^2 = T_{A_i, B_i}(P)T_{A_i, B_i}(I) = (T_{A_i, B_i}(P^2))T_{A_i, B_i}(I), \forall P \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}.$$

Suppose that $N \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ such that $T_{A_i, B_i}(N) = I$ with $T_{A_i, B_i}(I)$ being invertible then

$$I = (T_{A_i, B_i}(N))^2 = (T_{A_i, B_i}(N^2))(T_{A_i, B_i}(I)) = (T_{A_i, B_i}(I))(T_{A_i, B_i}(N^2)).$$

Let $\mathcal{U}(X) = (T_{A_i, B_i}(I))^{-1}(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))$, $\forall X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ and for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$,

$$(\mathcal{U}(X))^2 = T_{A_i, B_i}(I)^{-2}(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))^2 = (T_{A_i, B_i}(I))^{-1}(T_{A_i, B_i}(X^2)) = \mathcal{U}(X^2).$$

Hence \mathcal{U} is a Jordan automorphism multiplied by an invertible central element of \mathcal{Q}_{DIR} and the centre $\widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i}(\varphi(X)) = \varphi(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))$. Therefore, \mathcal{Q}_{DIR} is a prime C^* -subalgebras and \mathcal{U} is a Jordan an automorphism or an anti-automorphism. \square

Theorem 3.5. *Let $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ be a linear map which is surjective up to compact operators. Then T_{A_i, B_i} compresses the essential spectrum if and only if $T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{K}_{DIR}) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$ and the induced map $\widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{Q}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_{DIR}$ defined by $\widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i}(\varphi(X)) = \varphi(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \forall X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ is either a continuous automorphism or continuous anti-automorphism.*

Proof. From Proposition 3.3, it follows that T_{A_i, B_i} is an essentially spectrally bounded, that is, $r_e(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \leq Mr_e(X)$ for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ and $T_{A_i, B_i}(\mathcal{K}_{DIR}) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_{DIR}$. Therefore, the induced map $\widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{Q}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_{DIR}$ is either a continuous automorphism or continuous anti-automorphism multiplied by a non-zero constant α . Then T_{A_i, B_i} is said to compress the essential spectrum if $\{\alpha\} = \sigma_e(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) \subseteq \sigma_e(X) = I$ where $\alpha = I$. \square

Proposition 3.4. *Let \mathcal{I} and \mathcal{J} be two closed proper ideals of dense irreducible subalgebras \mathcal{A}_{DIR} and \mathcal{B}_{DIR} respectively such that $\mathcal{B}_{DIR}/\mathcal{J}$ is semi-simple. Then for a linear mapping $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i). T_{A_i, B_i} is essentially spectrally bounded and surjective modulo \mathcal{J} .
- (ii). $T_{A_i, B_i}\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$ and $\widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR}/\mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}/\mathcal{J}$ spectrally bounded and surjective.

Proof. (ii) \rightarrow (i). Since T_{A_i, B_i} is spectrally compact then $T_{A_i, B_i}\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$. We say that T_{A_i, B_i} is essentially spectrally bounded if for any positive number $M \geq 0$, then $r(T_{A_i, B_i}(X) + \mathcal{J}) \leq Mr(X + \mathcal{I})$, for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$. Without the loss of generality, we assume that \widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i} essentially spectrally bounded, that is, for all $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$, $r(\widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i}(X) + \mathcal{J}) \leq Mr(X + \mathcal{I})$. We see that T_{A_i, B_i} is surjective modulo \mathcal{J} if for every $Y \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ then, there is $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ such that $Y - T_{A_i, B_i}(X) \in \mathcal{J}$. Thus, for every $Y \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ then $Y + \mathcal{J} = \widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i}(X + \mathcal{I}) = T_{A_i, B_i}(X) + \mathcal{J}$ for some $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ hence T_{A_i, B_i} is surjective modulo \mathcal{J} .
 (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Now, we prove that $T_{A_i, B_i}\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$, then fix $X \in \mathcal{I}$ and $Y \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ such that there exists $X_1 \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ such that $Y - T_{A_i, B_i}(X_1) \in \mathcal{J}$. For any $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, it holds that

$$r(\lambda(T_{A_i, B_i}(X) + \mathcal{J}) + Y + \mathcal{J}) = r(\lambda T_{A_i, B_i}(X) + Y + \mathcal{J}) = r(\lambda T_{A_i, B_i}(X + X_1) + \mathcal{J}) \leq Mr(\lambda X + X_1 + \mathcal{I}) = Mr(X_1 + \mathcal{I}).$$

for some constant $M \geq 0$. Using the sub-harmonicity of spectral radius function $\lambda \rightarrow r(\lambda(T_{A_i, B_i}(X) + \mathcal{J}) + Y + \mathcal{J})$ is bounded on \mathbb{C} hence constant and $r(T_{A_i, B_i}(X) + \mathcal{J} + Y + \mathcal{J}) = r(Y + \mathcal{J})$, for all $Y \in \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$. Thus, $T_{A_i, B_i}(X) + \mathcal{J} \in Rad(\mathcal{B}_{DIR})/\mathcal{J}$ and by Zamanek’s characterization of the radical $T_{A_i, B_i}(X) \in \mathcal{J}$ is semi-simple. □

Proposition 3.5. *Let \mathcal{I} and \mathcal{J} be two closed proper ideals of dense irreducible subalgebras \mathcal{A}_{DIR} and \mathcal{B}_{DIR} respectively such that $\mathcal{B}_{DIR}/\mathcal{J}$ is semi-simple. If $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ is essentially spectrally bounded and surjective modulo \mathcal{J} , then T_{A_i, B_i} is a Jordan automorphism modulo \mathcal{J} .*

Proof. Suppose that \mathcal{A}_{DIR} be a C^* -subalgebra with real rank zero and \mathcal{B}_{DIR} be a unital Banach algebra. Then by Proposition 3.4, $T_{A_i, B_i}\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$ and $\widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR}/\mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}/\mathcal{J}$ is unital essentially spectrally bounded compact and surjective. Suppose that P is a nonzero projection in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} . It follows that P is a properly infinite since \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is a purely infinite and the hereditary property of C^* -subalgebras implies that $P\mathcal{A}_{DIR}P$ is properly infinite. In fact, the projection $P\mathcal{A}_{DIR}P$ can be expressed as a finite sum of square zero elements in $P\mathcal{A}_{DIR}P$. Now, T_{A_i, B_i} sends every projection in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} into an idempotent in \mathcal{B}_{DIR} . Thus, choose any $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ with $X^2 = 0$ then $(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))^2 = 0$ hence T_{A_i, B_i} is Jordan automorphism because the linear span of orthogonal projection is dense in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} and thus rank zero. It follows that \widehat{T}_{A_i, B_i} is Jordan automorphism modulo \mathcal{J} . □

Lemma 3.2. *Let $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ be a spectrally bounded compact elementary operator from a unital dense irreducible C^* -subalgebra \mathcal{A}_{DIR} into unital semi-simple dense irreducible Banach subalgebra \mathcal{B}_{DIR} . If P, Q of mutually orthogonal projections in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} then*

$$(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))(T_{A_i, B_i}(Y)) + (T_{A_i, B_i}(Y))(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) = 0, \text{ for every } X \in P\mathcal{A}_{DIR}P, Y \in Q\mathcal{A}_{DIR}Q \tag{5}$$

Proof. Because of Proposition 3.5, T_{A_i, B_i} preserves square zero and is spectrally bounded. Suppose that $X \in P\mathcal{A}_{DIR}P$ and $Y \in Q\mathcal{A}_{DIR}Q$ then each element can be written as a finite sum $X = \sum_i X_i$ and $Y = \sum_j Y_j$, respectively, where $\sum_i X_i \in P\mathcal{A}_{DIR}P, \sum_j Y_j \in Q\mathcal{A}_{DIR}Q$ are square zero for all i, j . This means that $(X_i + Y_j)^2 = 0$ and $(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_i + Y_j))^2 = 0$ which yields,

$$(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_i))(T_{A_i, B_i}(Y_j)) + (T_{A_i, B_i}(Y_j))(T_{A_i, B_i}(X_i)) = 0.$$

Summing over all i, j we have $(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))(T_{A_i, B_i}(Y)) + (T_{A_i, B_i}(Y))(T_{A_i, B_i}(X)) = 0$. □

Theorem 3.6. *Let $T_{A_i, B_i} : \mathcal{A}_{DIR} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{DIR}$ be a spectrally bounded compact elementary operator from a unital dense irreducible C^* -subalgebra \mathcal{A}_{DIR} onto semi-simple dense irreducible Banach subalgebra \mathcal{B}_{DIR} . If $T_{A_i, B_i}(I)$ is an invertible element in centre of \mathcal{B}_{DIR} then every nonzero projection in \mathcal{A}_{DIR} is properly infinite.*

Proof. Let $P \in \mathcal{A}_{DIR}$ be a nontrivial projection. Suppose that $X = P$ and $Y = Q = I - P$. Using Equation (5), we have

$$(T_{A_i, B_i}(P))T_{A_i, B_i}(I - P) + T_{A_i, B_i}(I - P)(T_{A_i, B_i}(P)) = 0.$$

Since $(T_{A_i, B_i}(P))^2 = (T_{A_i, B_i}(P))$ then substituting $T_{A_i, B_i}(I - P)$ with $T_{A_i, B_i}(I)$, we have

$$(T_{A_i, B_i}(P))(T_{A_i, B_i}(I)) + (T_{A_i, B_i}(I))(T_{A_i, B_i}(P)) = 2(T_{A_i, B_i}(P))^2$$

By multiplying the identity $T_{A_i, B_i}(I)$ on the left and on the right by $T_{A_i, B_i}(P)$ and subtracting the resulting identities, we obtain

$$(T_{A_i, B_i}(P))^2(T_{A_i, B_i}(I)) = (T_{A_i, B_i}(I))T_{A_i, B_i}(P)^2,$$

for nontrivial projection P . Suppose $\{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$ is an orthogonal family in \mathcal{A}_{DITR} and $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$ and by applying Equation (5), $(T_{A_i, B_i}(\sum_i \lambda_i P_i))^2 = \sum_i \lambda_i^2 (T_{A_i, B_i}(P_i))^2$. Also, \mathcal{A}_{DITR} has a real rank zero, therefore the linear combinations are dense in a subset of self-adjoint elements of \mathcal{A}_{DITR} . In fact, T_{A_i, B_i} is spectrally bounded and it extends to all X which are self-adjoint in \mathcal{A}_{DITR} . Now $XY + YX = (X + Y)^2 - X^2 - Y^2$ and $(X + iY)^2 = X^2 - Y^2 + i(XY + YX)$ for all self-adjoint $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}_{DITR}$. We conclude that $T_{A_i, B_i}(I)$ commutes with $(T_{A_i, B_i}(W))^2$ for every $W \in \mathcal{A}_{DITR}$. Then T_{A_i, B_i} is surjective and $T_{A_i, B_i}(I)$ commutes with every square of an element \mathcal{B}_{DITR} but since $2Y = (I + Y)^2 - I - Y^2$ for each $Y \in \mathcal{B}_{DITR}$. We obtain $T_{A_i, B_i}(I)$ belong to centre of \mathcal{B}_{DITR} . Consequently $T_{A_i, B_i}(P^2)(T_{A_i, B_i}(I)) = T_{A_i, B_i}(P)(T_{A_i, B_i}(I)) = (T_{A_i, B_i}(P))^2$ for every projection $P \in \mathcal{A}_{DITR}$. Thus, \mathcal{A}_{DITR} has a rank zero, we see that $(T_{A_i, B_i}(X))^2(T_{A_i, B_i}(I)) = (T_{A_i, B_i}(X))^2$, for every $X \in \mathcal{A}_{DITR}$. Since T_{A_i, B_i} is surjective, it follows that $T_{A_i, B_i}(I)$ must be invertible. \square

4. Open problems

Most of the linear mappings on Banach algebras are elementary operators. Due to varied definitions of elementary operators, the interplay between the structural properties of elementary operators and the underlying algebra is often challenging; for example, the structure of spectrally bounded compact elementary operators on general Banach algebras. We end this paper by stating the following open problems.

- (i). Establish some properties of power bounded spectrally compact elementary operators on general Banach subalgebras.
- (ii). Investigate the idempotency and orthogonality properties of spectrally bounded compact elementary operators on general Banach subalgebras.

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