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## THE FUGLEDE-PUTNAM THEOREM AND PUTNAM'S INEQUALITY FOR QUASI-CLASS (A, k) OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is called quasi-class (A,k) if  $T^{*k}(|T^2|-|T|^2)T^k \geq 0$  for a positive integer k, which is a common generalization of class A. The famous Fuglede–Putnam's theorem is as follows: the operator equation AX = XB implies  $A^*X = XB^*$  when A and B are normal operators. In this paper, firstly we show that if X is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator, A is a quasi-class (A,k) operator and  $B^*$  is an invertible class A operator such that AX = XB, then  $A^*X = XB^*$ . Secondly we consider the Putnam's inequality for quasi-class (A,k) operators and we also show that quasisimilar quasi-class (A,k) operators have equal spectrum and essential spectrum.

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