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**Abstract**

Let  $X$  be a complex Banach space, and let  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  be the space of bounded operators on  $X$ . Given  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  and  $x \in X$ , denote by  $\sigma_T(x)$  the local spectrum of  $T$  at  $x$ .

We prove that if  $\Phi : \mathcal{L}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X)$  is an additive map such that

$$\sigma_{\Phi(T)}(x) = \sigma_T(x) \quad (T \in \mathcal{L}(X), x \in X),$$

then  $\Phi(T) = T$  for all  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ . We also investigate several extensions of this result to the case of  $\Phi : \mathcal{L}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(Y)$ , where  $X \neq Y$ .

The proof is based on elementary considerations in local spectral theory, together with the following local identity principle: given  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  and  $x \in X$ , if  $\sigma_{S+R}(x) = \sigma_{T+R}(x)$  for all rank one operators  $R \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ , then  $Sx = Tx$ .