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For any given bounded linear operator A on a complex Hilbert Space H , we give conditions to ensure the existence of a bounded operator B on H such that (1) $AB + BA$ is of rank one, and (2) $I + [e^{(xP(A)+tQ(A))}]B$ is invertible for all reals x, t where $P(A)$ and $Q(A)$ are polynomials in A . Our main result will provide a justification in general terms to a crucial step of the so-called operator method used by Aden, Carl, and Schiebold to solve non-linear partial differential equations like Kdv, modified Kdv, and Kadomstev-Petaviashvili equations. (Received September 27, 2000)