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# The Toeplitz Operators on the Weighted Banach Space of the Unit Ball

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**Abstract:** In the case of positive symbols , the continuity and compactness of a Toeplitz operator are characterized. The Toeplitz operator under investigation acts upon the weighted Banach space  $H^{\infty}_\alpha$  which consists of analytic functions on the unit ball of  $C^n$ . Our characterizations are in terms of the Berezin transform.

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## 0 Introduction and Results

For any integer  $n \geq 1$  , let  $C^n$  denote the Cartesian product of  $n$  copies of  $C$ . For  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$  and  $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_n)$  in  $C^n$  , the inner product is defined by  $\langle z, \zeta \rangle = z_1 \bar{\zeta}_1 + z_2 \bar{\zeta}_2 + \dots + z_n \bar{\zeta}_n$  and throughout this paper , we denote  $|z| = (z_1 \bar{z}_1 + \dots + z_n \bar{z}_n)^{1/2}$ . Moreover ,  $B^n$  stands for the open unit ball which consists of all  $z$  in  $C^n$  with  $|z| < 1$ .

Let  $dv$  denote the normalized volume measure on  $B^n$  ( i. e.  $\nu(B^n) = 1$  ). It is well known that for a real parameter  $\alpha$  ,

$$\int_{B^n} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dv(z) < \infty$$

holds if and only if  $\alpha > -1$ . We denote

$$dv_\alpha(z) = a_\alpha (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dv(z)$$

where  $a_\alpha$  is some positive constant satisfying  $\nu_\alpha(B^n) = 1$  with some fixed  $\alpha > -1$ .

By  $L^p$  we denote the space of  $p$  integrable functions on  $B^n$  with respect to the measure  $dv_\alpha$ . Here  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . The Bergman space  $L^p_a$  is the closed subspace of  $L^p$  which consists of all analytic functions. The normalized reproducing kernels for  $L^2_a$  are of the form

$$k_z(\zeta) = \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{(n+1+\alpha)/2}}{(1 - \langle z, \zeta \rangle)^{(n+1+\alpha)/2}}, |z| < 1, |\zeta| < 1.$$

For all  $f \in L^2_a$  , we have  $\|k_z\| = 1$  and  $\langle f, k_z \rangle = (1 - |z|^2)^{(n+1+\alpha)/2} f(z)$ .

The orthogonal projection  $P: L^2 \rightarrow L^2_a$  is defined by the following integral operator

$$Pf(z) = \int_{B^n} \frac{f(\zeta)}{(1 - \langle z, \zeta \rangle)^{n+1+\alpha}} dv_\alpha(\zeta) \quad f \in L^2_a.$$

The Toeplitz operator on  $L^2_a$  with symbol  $\varphi \in L^1$  is defined by

$$T_\varphi f(z) = \int_{B^n} \frac{\varphi(\zeta) f(\zeta)}{(1 - \langle z, \zeta \rangle)^{n+1+\alpha}} dv_\alpha(\zeta).$$

The Berezin transform of a function  $\varphi \in L^1$  is defined by

$$\tilde{\varphi}(z) = \int_{B^n} \frac{\varphi(\zeta) (1 - |z|^2)^{(n+1+\alpha)}}{|1 - \langle z, \zeta \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} dv_\alpha(\zeta). \quad (1)$$

Since the Bergman projection can be extended to  $L^1$  , the operator  $T_\varphi$  is well defined on  $H^\infty(B^n)$  , the space of bounded analytic functions on  $B^n$  , which is dense in  $L^2_a$ . Hence  $T_\varphi$  is always densely defined on  $L^2_a$ .

For the case of bounded symmetric domains , the boundedness and compactness of Toeplitz operators on Bergman spaces were characterized in terms of Berezin transform in [1]. The Berezin transform was employed to make a study of Toeplitz operators on

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Bergman spaces of the unit ball in [2].

Recently there arose an interest in studying operators on weighted Banach spaces of analytic functions. Motivated by [1-2 3-8] in this paper in terms of Berezin transform we will characterize the continuity and compactness of the Toeplitz operators on the weighted Banach space  $H_U^\infty$  of analytic functions on the unit ball. Denote

$$w(z) := 1 + |\log(1 - |z|)| \quad |z| \in B^n. \quad (2)$$

Then the space  $H_U^\infty$  (respectively  $L_U^\infty$ ) consists of analytic (respectively measurable) functions  $f: B^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that for some nonnegative  $m$  and constant  $n$

$$|f(z)| \leq A_m (w(z))^{-m} \text{ for (almost) all } z \in B^n. \quad (3)$$

From [9-11] we know that the space  $H_U^\infty$  is not only a  $(LB)$ -space i. e. countable inductive limit of Banach spaces but also a complete space. More precisely the topology could be defined by means of the family of weighted sup-seminorms

$$\|f\|_u = \sup_{z \in B^n} |f(z)| u(z) \quad u \in U,$$

where  $U$  is the set of all continuous positive radial functions  $u: B^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $m$

$$|u(z)| \leq A_m (w(z))^{-m}.$$

The continuity and compactness of Toeplitz operators in  $H_U^\infty$  are characterized in terms of the growth properties of the Berezin transform as follows.

**Theorem 1** Let  $\varphi$  be a nonnegative function defined on  $B^n$ . Then the Toeplitz operator  $T_\varphi: H_U^\infty \rightarrow H_U^\infty$  is continuous if and only if there some  $k_0$  and  $A > 0$  such that the Berezin transform  $\tilde{\varphi}$  in (1) satisfies

$$\tilde{\varphi}(z) \leq A (w(z))^{k_0} \quad z \in B^n, \quad (4)$$

where  $w(z)$  is defined in (2).

**Theorem 2** Let  $\varphi$  be a nonnegative function defined on  $B^n$ . Then the Toeplitz operator  $T_\varphi: H_U^\infty \rightarrow H_U^\infty$  is compact if there exist some  $k_0$  such that for every positive  $m$  there exists  $A_k > 0$  with

$$\int_{B^n} \frac{\varphi(\xi) (1 - |z|^2)^{(n+1+\alpha)} (u(\langle z, \xi \rangle))^m}{|1 - \langle z, \xi \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} dv_\alpha(\xi) \leq A_k (w(z))^{k_0} \quad z \in B^n,$$

where  $w(z)$  is defined in (2).

## 1 Preliminaries

For  $z \in B^n$  let  $\psi_z$  be the analytic map of  $B^n$  onto

$B^n$  such that  $\psi_z(0) = z$  and  $\psi_z \circ \psi_z(w) = w$ . These maps  $\psi_z$  are called involutions of  $B^n$ . For example in the case of the unit disk,

$$\psi_z(w) = (z - w) / (1 - \bar{z}w)$$

is such a map.

The Bergman metric on the unit ball is given by

$$\beta(z, w) = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1 + |\psi_z(w)|}{1 - |\psi_z(w)|}.$$

For any  $z \in B^n$  and  $r > 0$  denote the Bergman metric ball by

$$D(z, r) = \{w \in B^n : \beta(z, w) < r\}.$$

And it is well-known that once  $r$  is fixed then the volume  $v_\alpha(D(z, r))$  is comparable to  $(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1+\alpha}$ . See [11] for example.

An  $r$ -lattice in the Bergman metric is a sequence  $\{a_k\}$  in  $B^n$  satisfying the following conditions (see [2] for example)

(i) The unit ball is covered by the Bergman metric balls  $\{D(a_k, r)\}$ ;

(ii)  $\beta(a_i, a_j) \geq r/2$  for all  $i$  and  $j$  with  $i \neq j$ .

Throughout this paper we will denote positive constants by  $A$  and it may be different at each occurrence.

We shall use the following lemma (see [11] and [2] for example).

**Lemma 1** Suppose that  $b$  is an arbitrary real number and  $r > 0$ . Then there is a positive constant  $A$  such that

$$\left| \frac{(1 - \langle z, \xi \rangle)^b}{(1 - \langle z, \eta \rangle)^b} \right| \leq A \beta(\xi, \eta)$$

for all  $z, \xi$  and  $\eta$  in  $B^n$  with  $\beta(\xi, \eta) \leq r$ .

As a consequence if  $r > 0$  and  $A$  is some positive constant then the following inequality

$$A^{-1} \leq \left| \frac{1 - \langle z, \xi \rangle}{1 - \langle z, \eta \rangle} \right| \leq A \quad (5)$$

holds for all  $z, \xi$  and  $\eta$  in  $B^n$  with  $\beta(\xi, \eta) \leq r$ .

**Remark 1** Let  $F$  and  $G$  be positive real valued functions. The symbol  $F \cong G$  will be used if there exist two absolute positive constants  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  such that  $A_1 F \leq G \leq A_2 F$  holds on the whole domain of definition. From (5) it is clear that

$$|1 - \langle z, \xi \rangle| \cong |1 - \langle z, \eta \rangle|$$

wherever  $z, \xi$  and  $\eta$  in  $B^n$  with  $\beta(\xi, \eta) \leq r$ .

We shall present some results on the space  $H_U^\infty$  for later use. Let  $w(z)$  be defined in (2). And we

define

$$U_m = \{f: f \in H_U^\infty \text{ and satisfies (3)}\},$$

the subsets  $U_m^P$  of  $L_U^\infty$  are defined in the same way. We know  $U$  that the sets  $U_m$  are bounded and even precompact in  $H_U^\infty$ . Every bounded subsets of  $H_U^\infty$  is contained in a multiple of some  $U_m$ .

**Lemma 2** (i) If  $u \in U$  then the pointwise product  $w^k v$  also belongs to  $U$ ;

(ii) The mapping  $P$  is a continuous projection from  $L_U^\infty$  to  $L_U^\infty$ ;

(iii) For the projection  $P$   $U_m^P \subset A_m U_{m+1}$  hold for all  $m$ .

We also collect some results on linear operators from [8-9] in the following lemma for later use.

**Lemma 3** (i) A linear operator between two  $(LB)$ -spaces is continuous if and only if it maps bounded sets into bounded sets. In the case of this paper this means that  $T_\varphi: H_U^\infty \rightarrow H_U^\infty$  is continuous if and only if for every  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  one can find  $A_m > 0$  and some exist some  $k_0$  such that  $T_\varphi(U_m) \subset A_m U_{m+k_0}$ ;

(ii) The linear operator  $T_\varphi: H_U^\infty \rightarrow H_U^\infty$  is compact if and only if there exists some  $k_0$  such that for every  $m$  one can find  $A_m > 0$  and such that  $T_\varphi(U_m) \subset A_m U_{k_0}$ .

## 2 Proof of Theorem

**Proof of Theorem 1** Our proof follows from a combination of the methods and constructions in [8] and [2]. Let  $\{a_k\}$  be a  $r$ -lattice which satisfies  $|a_k| = 1 - 2^{-k}$  and  $1 - 2^{-(k-1)} < r \leq 1 - 2^{-k}$ . since  $\varphi(\zeta)$  is a positive symbol combination of the definition of Berezin transform in (1) and (4) yields.

By Lemma 1 we have

$$\frac{(1 - |a_k|^2)^{(n+1+\alpha)}}{|1 - \langle a_k, \zeta \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} \geq \frac{A}{v_\alpha(D(a_k, r))}.$$

Since  $v_\alpha(D(a_k, r))$  is comparable to  $(1 - |a_k|^2)^{n+1+\alpha}$ , we have

$$\int_{D(a_k, r)} \varphi(\zeta) dv_\alpha(\zeta) \leq \frac{A k_0^{k_0}}{2^{k(n+1+\alpha)}}. \quad (6)$$

From Lemma 3 it is clear that the continuity of  $T_\varphi$  follows if for an arbitrary  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  we can find a constant  $A_{m, k_0} > 0$  such that  $T_\varphi(U_m) \subset A_{m, k_0} U_{m+k_0+1}$ .

To prove these facts we fix the  $r$ -lattice  $\{a_k\}$  in the Bergman metric as the beginning of the proof and estimate  $T_\varphi$  as follows. Without loss of generality we may assume  $z_N = 1 - 2^{-N}$  then

$$|T_\varphi f(z_N)| \leq \int_{B^n} \frac{\varphi(\zeta) |f(\zeta)|}{|1 - \langle z_N, \zeta \rangle|^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_\alpha(\zeta). \quad (7)$$

According to lemma 1,  $|1 - \langle z_N, \zeta \rangle|^{n+\alpha+1} \geq A |1 - \langle z_N, \zeta \rangle|^{n+\alpha+1}$  for  $\beta(z_N) < r$  thus (7) can be written as

$$|T_\varphi f(z_N)| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A \int_{D(a_k, r)} \frac{\varphi(\zeta) |f(\zeta)|}{|1 - \langle z_N, \zeta \rangle|^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_\alpha(\zeta). \quad (8)$$

For  $\zeta \in D(a_k, r)$  we have  $|1 - \langle z_N, \zeta \rangle| \leq 1 - (1 - 2^{-N})(1 - 2^{-k}) \leq 2^{-N} + 2^{-k}$ . Since  $f \in U_m$  we have the following estimate

$$|f(\zeta)| \leq A_m k^m. \quad (9)$$

By (8) and (9) (7) can be bounded by a constant times

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^m}{(2^{-N} + 2^{-k})^{n+1+\alpha}} \int_{D(a_k, r)} \varphi(\zeta) dv_\alpha(\zeta).$$

Combination of these estimates and (6) yield

$$|T_\varphi f(z_N)| \leq A \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{(k_0+m)}}{2^{k(n+1+\alpha)} (2^{-N} + 2^{-k})^{n+1+\alpha}}. \quad (10)$$

Now we proceed with the estimate of the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{(k_0+m)}}{2^{k(n+1+\alpha)} (2^{-N} + 2^{-k})^{n+1+\alpha}} \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{(k_0+m)}}{1 + 2^{k-N}}. \quad (11)$$

We write the series on the right side of (11) as

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{(k_0+m)}}{1 + 2^{k-N}} = \sum_{k \leq N} \frac{k^{(k_0+m)}}{1 + 2^{k-N}} + \sum_{k > N} \frac{k^{(k_0+m)}}{1 + 2^{k-N}}. \quad (12)$$

It is easy to derive the following inequality

$$\sum_{k \leq N} \frac{k^{(k_0+m)}}{1 + 2^{k-N}} \leq \sum_{k \leq N} k^{(k_0+m)} \leq AN^{k_0+m+1}. \quad (13)$$

Integrating by parts the expression  $\int_N^\infty x^{k_0-m} e^{-x} dx$  yields

$$\sum_{k \geq N} \frac{k^{(k_0+m)}}{1 + 2^{k-N}} \leq A(k_0 + m + 1)! N^{k_0+m+1}. \quad (14)$$

By (10) ~ (14) we get the estimate

$$|T_\varphi f(z_N)| \leq AN^{k_0+m+1} \leq A' |\log(1 - |z_N|)|^{k_0+m+1},$$

which shows that  $T_\varphi$  maps  $U_m$  into  $U_{k_0+m+1}$ . Thus the continuity of  $T_\varphi$  is proved.

Conversely if  $T_\varphi$  is bounded, we can find  $k_0 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $T_\varphi$  maps  $U_1$  into  $AU_{k_0}$ . For every  $z \in B^n$  we have

$$\|(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1+\alpha} K_z(\omega)\|_\infty \leq 2^{n+1}.$$

Thus  $T_\varphi((1 - |z|^2)^{n+1+\alpha} K_z(\omega)) \in 2^{n+1+\alpha} AU_{k_0}$  for

every  $z$  and

$$|T_{\varphi}((1 - |z|^2)^{n+1+\alpha} K_z(\omega))| \leq 2^{n+1+\alpha} A w(\omega)^{k_0}$$

holds for all  $\zeta \in B^n$ . Taking  $\omega = z$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\tilde{\varphi}(z)| &= \left| \int_{B^n} \frac{\varphi(\zeta) (1 - |z|^2)^{n+1+\alpha}}{|1 - \langle z, \zeta \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} dv_{\alpha}(\zeta) \right| = \\ &= \left| \int_{B^n} \frac{\varphi(\zeta)}{(1 - \langle z, \zeta \rangle)^{(n+1+\alpha)}} \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1+\alpha}}{(1 - \langle z, \zeta \rangle)^{(n+1+\alpha)}} dv_{\alpha}(\zeta) \right| = \\ &= |T_{\varphi}((1 - |z|^2)^{n+1+\alpha} K_z)(\omega)| \leq A w(z)^{k_0}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof of Theorem 2** Since the proof is the same to the proof of Theorem 1, we just need to give a sketch of the proof here.

Let  $\{a_k\}$  be a  $r$ -lattice which satisfies  $|a_k| = 1 - 2^{-k}$  and  $1 - 2^{-k-1} < r \leq 1 - 2^{-k}$ . Applying the same reasoning of (6), with

$|\log(1 - |\langle z, \zeta \rangle|)| \cong -\log(1 - |\langle z, \zeta \rangle|) \cong k$  included, we have

$$\int_{D(a_k, r)} \varphi(\zeta) dv_{\alpha}(\zeta) \leq \frac{A k^{k_0-m}}{2^{2(n+1+\alpha)}}. \quad (15)$$

From Lemma 3, it is clear that the compactness of  $T_{\varphi}$  follows if we can show that there exists  $m_0 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that for every  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  one can find  $A_m > 0$  and such that  $T_{\varphi}(U_m) \subset A_m U_{m_0}$ .

To prove these facts, we fix the  $r$ -lattice  $\{a_k\}$  in the Bergman metric as the beginning of the proof and estimate  $T_{\varphi}$  as follows. Without loss of generalization, we may assume  $z_N = 1 - 2^{-N}$ , replacing (6) by (15), then applying the reasoning of (7) ~ (14), we have the estimate

$$|T_{\varphi}f(z_N)| \leq A N^{k_0+1} \leq A |\log(1 - |z_N|)|^{k_0+1},$$

which shows that  $T_{\varphi}$  maps  $U_m$  into  $U_{k_0+1}$ . Thus the compactness of  $T_{\varphi}$  is proved.

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## 单位球上加权 Banach 空间中的 Toeplitz 算子

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**摘要:** 应用 Berezin 变换的方法对单位球上加权 Banach 空间中的 Toeplitz 算子进行刻画, 对正函数的情形, 将现有的单位圆的相关结论推广至单位球, 得到 Toeplitz 算子连续的充分必要条件, 并给出 Toeplitz 算子为紧算子的充分条件.

**关键词:** Toeplitz 算子; 加权 Banach 空间; 连续性; 紧致性

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