

## TOEPLITZ OPERATORS ON WEIGHTED ANALYTIC BERGMAN SPACES OF THE HALF-PLANE

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ABSTRACT. On the setting of the half-plane  $H = \{x + iy | y > 0\}$  of the complex plane, we study some properties of weighted Bergman spaces and their duality. We also obtain some characterizations of compact Toeplitz operators.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $H$  denote the half-plane in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $dA$  denote the usual two-dimensional area measure on  $H$ . For  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $r \geq 0$ , we define  $B^{p,r} = \{f | f \text{ is holomorphic on } H \text{ and } \|f\|_{p,r}^p = \int_H |f(z)|^p K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) < \infty\}$ , where  $K_H(z, w) = -\frac{1}{\pi(z-w)^2}$ . In fact, Toeplitz operators on holomorphic Bergman spaces of unit disk have been well studied (see [1], [2], [4], [5]) and we study Toeplitz operators of Bergman spaces defined on upper planes (see [3]). Since  $B^{2,r}$  is a closed subspace of  $L^{2,r}$ , there is a unique orthogonal projection  $P : L^{2,r} \rightarrow B^{2,r}$  defined by  $P(f)(w) = (2r + 1) \int_H f(z) \overline{K_H(z, w)^{1+r}} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z)$  for all  $f \in L^{2,r}$ . Then we can show that the dual space of  $B^{p,r}$  is  $B^{q,r}$ , where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . We also study the pseudo-hyperbolic metric on  $H$  and Toeplitz operators. For  $f \in L^{\infty,r}$ , we define  $T_f(g) = P(fg)$ . Then  $T_f$  is bounded. We show that  $T_f$  is compact if and only if  $f \in C_0(H)$  whenever  $f \in H^{\infty,r}$  and  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = 0$ .

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**2. Weighted Bergman spaces**

For  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $r \geq 0$ , we define  $B^{p,r} = \{f \mid f \text{ is holomorphic on } H \text{ and } \|f\|_{p,r} = \left( \int_H |f(z)|^p K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty\}$ , where  $K_H(z, w) = -\frac{1}{\pi(z-\bar{w})^2}$ . In fact,  $K_H(\cdot, w)$  is the reproducing kernel for  $B^{2,0}$  and  $K_{\mathbb{B}}(z, w) = \frac{1}{\pi(1-z\bar{w})^2}$  is the reproducing kernel for  $B^{2,0}(\mathbb{B}) = \{f \mid f \text{ is holomorphic on } \mathbb{B} \} \cap L^2(\mathbb{B})$ , where  $\mathbb{B}$  is the unit disk.

LEMMA 2.1. (1)  $(2r + 1)K_{\mathbb{B}}(\cdot, w)^{1+r}$  is the reproducing kernel for  $B^{2,r}(\mathbb{B})$ .

(2) For  $f \in B^{2,r}$  and  $g(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}i$  ( $z \in \mathbb{B}$ ), let  $h(z) = \frac{f(g(z))}{(1-z)^{2+2r}}$ . Then  $h \in B^{2,r}(\mathbb{B})$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $f \in B^{2,r}(\mathbb{B})$  and let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{B}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{B}} f(z)(2r + 1)\overline{K_{\mathbb{B}}(z, w)^{1+r}} K_{\mathbb{B}}(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ &= \frac{2r + 1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{-2 - 2r}{m} (\bar{z}w)^m (1 - |z|^2)^{2r} dA(z) \\ &= \frac{2r + 1}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{-2 - 2r}{m} a_n w^m \int_{\mathbb{B}} z^n \bar{z}^m (1 - |z|^2)^{2r} dA(z) \\ &= \frac{2r + 1}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{m + 2r + 1}{m} a_n w^m \\ & \quad \int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} s^{n+m+1} e^{i(n-m)\theta} (1 - s^2)^{2r} d\theta ds \\ &= \frac{2r + 1}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n + 2r + 1}{n} a_n w^m 2\pi \int_0^1 s^{2n+1} (1 - s^2)^{2r} ds \\ &= (2r + 1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n + 2r + 1)!}{n!(2r + 1)!} \frac{n! \Gamma(2r + 1)}{\Gamma(n + 2r + 2)} a_n w^n \\ &= f(w). \end{aligned}$$

(2) Clearly  $h$  is holomorphic in  $\mathbb{B}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{B}} |h(z)|^2 K_{\mathbb{B}}(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ &= \int_H |h(g^{-1}(z))|^2 K_{\mathbb{B}}(g^{-1}(z), g^{-1}(z))^{-r} |(g^{-1}(z))'|^2 dA(z) \\ &= \pi^r \int_H \frac{|f(z)|^2}{|1 - \frac{z-i}{z+i}|^{4+4r}} (1 - |\frac{z-i}{z+i}|^2)^{2r} |\frac{2i}{(z+i)^2}|^2 dA(z) \\ &= \pi^r \int_H \frac{|f(z)|^2}{4^{1+r}} (\text{Im}z)^{2r} dA(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{4^{1+r}} \int_H |f(z)|^2 K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $h \in B^{2,r}(\mathbb{B})$ . □

**PROPOSITION 2.2.** (1)  $(2r + 1)K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}$  is the reproducing kernel for  $B^{2,r}$ . Moreover, it is bounded.

(2) For  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $r \geq 0$ ,  $K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r} \in B^{p,r}$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $g(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}i$ . For  $f \in B^{2,r}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_H f(z)(2r + 1)\overline{K_H(z, w)}^{1+r} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ &= (2r + 1) \int_{\mathbb{B}} f(g(z))\overline{K_H(g(z), w)}^{1+r} K_H(g(z), g(z))^{-r} |g'(z)|^2 dA(z) \\ &= \frac{2r + 1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{B}} f(g(z)) \frac{(1 - \bar{z})^{2+2r} (1 - |z|^2)^{2r}}{(w + i)^{2+2r} (1 - g^{-1}(w)\bar{z})^{2+2r} |1 - z|^{4+4r}} dA(z) \\ &= \frac{2r + 1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{f(g(z))}{(1 - z)^{2+2r} (w + i)^{2+2r} (1 - g^{-1}(w)\bar{z})^{2+2r}} (1 - |z|^2)^{2r} dA(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{(w + i)^{2+2r} (1 - g^{-1}(w))^{2+2r}} \\ &= f(w). \end{aligned}$$

For  $w = x + iy \in H$ ,

$$\|(2r + 1)K_H(z, w)^{1+r}\|_{\infty} = \sup_{z \in H} |(2r + 1)K_H(z, w)^{1+r}| \leq \frac{2r+1}{\pi^{1+r}} y^{-2-2r}.$$

Thus the reproducing kernel is bounded.

(2) For  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $r \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_H |K_H(z, w)^{1+r}|^p K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\
 & \leq \frac{4^r}{\pi^{(1+r)(p-1)}} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(y+t)^{2p+2rp-1}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{y+t}{\pi\{(s-x)^2 + (y+t)^2\}} dx dy \\
 & = \frac{4^r}{\pi^{(1+r)(p-1)}} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(y+t)^{2p+2rp-1}} dy < \infty. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $w = x + iy \in H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_H |K_H(z, w)^{1+r}| K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\
 & = \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{4^r y^{2r}}{\{(s-x)^2 + (y+t)^2\}^{1+r}} dx dy \\
 & \geq \frac{4^r}{\pi} \int_t^\infty \int_{y-t}^\infty \frac{y^{2r}}{\{x^2 + (y+t)^2\}^{1+r}} dx dy \\
 & \geq \frac{4^r}{\pi} \int_t^\infty y^{2r} \int_{2y}^\infty \frac{1}{x^{2+2r}} dx dy \\
 & = \frac{4^r}{\pi} \int_t^\infty \frac{y^{2r}}{2y^{2r+1}} dy \\
 & = \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r} \notin B^{1,r}$ . Since  $B^{2,r}$  is a closed subspace of the Hilbert space  $L^{2,r}$ , there is a unique orthogonal projection  $P : L^{2,r} \rightarrow B^{2,r}$  such that  $P(f)(w) = \int_H f(z) (2r+1) \overline{K_H(z, w)^{1+r}} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z)$  for all  $f \in L^{2,r}$  and we can extend to  $P$  to  $L^{p,r}$ . Since  $(2r+1)K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}$  is the reproducing kernel for  $B^{2,r}$ ,  $P|_{B^{2,r}} = I$ . In fact,  $P|_{B^{p,r}} = I$ . To prove this fact, we need the following:

LEMMA 2.3. Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $r \geq 0$ . Then  $B^{2,r} \cap B^{p,r}$  is dense in  $B^{p,r}$ .

*Proof.* Take any  $f$  in  $B^{p,r}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For any  $\delta > 0$ , let  $f_\delta(z) = f(z + i\delta)$ . Then  $f_\delta$  is bounded in  $H$  and if  $g \in C_C(H)$  then  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} g_\delta = g$  in  $L^{p,r}$  and hence  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} f_\delta = f$  in  $L^{p,r}$ . Since  $C_C(H)$  is dense in  $L^{p,r}$ ,

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there is  $g \in C_C(H)$  such that  $\|f - g\|_{p,r} < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $g_n(z) = \frac{(ni)^{2+r}}{(ni+z)^{2+r}}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_H |g_n(z)|^2 K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{\pi^r n^{4+2r} 4^r y^{2r}}{\{x^2 + (y+n)^2\}^{2+r}} dx dy \\ &\leq n^{4+2r} (4\pi)^r \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_1^\infty \frac{y^{2r}}{(x^2 + y^2)^{2+r}} dx dy \\ &\leq n^{4+2r} (4\pi)^r \int_1^\infty \int_0^\pi \frac{s^{2r}}{(s^2)^{2+r}} s d\theta ds \\ &= \frac{n^{4+2r} (4\pi)^r \pi}{2 + 2r}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|g_n(z)| = \frac{n^{2+r}}{|ni+z|^{2+r}} \leq 1$ ,  $g_n$  is uniformly bounded on  $H$  and hence  $f_\delta g_n \in B^{2,r} \cap B^{p,r}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $|f_\delta g_n(z) - f_\delta(z)|^p \leq 2^p |f_\delta(z)|^p$ . By Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_H |f_\delta g_n(z) - f_\delta(z)|^p K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) = 0$ . Since  $\|f_\delta g_n - f\|_{p,r} \leq \|f_\delta g_n - f_\delta\|_{p,r} + \|f_\delta - f\|_{p,r}$ ,  $B^{2,r} \cap B^{p,r}$  is dense in  $B^{p,r}$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.4.** For  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $r \geq 0$ ,  $P$  is bounded on  $L^{p,r}$ .

*Proof.* For each  $z \in H$ , we define  $h(z) = (\text{Im}z)^{-\frac{r}{p}}$ , where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Then  $h$  is a positive measurable function and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_H h(z)^p |K_H(z, w)|^{1+r} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ &= \int_H (\text{Im}z)^{-\frac{r}{q} + 2r} \frac{4^r}{\pi |z - \bar{w}|^{2+2r}} dA(z) \\ &= \frac{4^r}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{y^{2r - \frac{r}{q}}}{\{(x-s)^2 + (y+t)^2\}^{1+r}} dx dy, \end{aligned}$$

where  $z = x+iy$  and  $w = s+it$ . Hence  $\int_H h(z)^p |K_H(z, w)|^{1+r} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \leq Ch(w)^p$  for some  $C$  and  $\int_H h(z)^q |K_H(z, w)|^{1+r} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z)$

$\leq Dh(w)^q$  for some  $D$ . Take any  $f$  in  $L^{p,r}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & |P(f)(w)| \\ & \leq \int_H (2r+1) |f(z)| |K_H(z, w)|^{1+r} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ & = (2r+1) \int_H h(z) |f(z)| |K_H(z, w)|^{1+r} h(z)^{-1} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ & \leq (2r+1) \left( \int_H h(z)^q |K_H(z, w)|^{1+r} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \quad \left( \int_H |f(z)|^p h(z)^{-p} |K_H(z, w)|^{1+r} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\int_H |P(f)(w)|^p K_H(w, w)^{-r} dA(w) \leq (2r+1)^p C_q^{\frac{p}{q}} \int_H h(w)^p \int_H |f(z)|^p h(z)^{-p} |K_H(z, w)|^{1+r} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) K_H(w, w)^{-r} dA(w) \leq (2r+1)^p C_q^{\frac{p}{q}} D \int_H |f(z)|^p K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) = (2r+1)^p C_q^{\frac{p}{q}} D \|f\|_{p,r}^p$  i.e.,  $P$  is bounded.  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** Suppose  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $r \geq 0$ . Then  $P|_{B^{p,r}}$  is the identity.

*Proof.* Take any  $f$  in  $B^{p,r}$ . By Lemma 2.3, there is a sequence  $(f_n)$  in  $B^{2,r} \cap B^{p,r}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_{p,r} = 0$ . Put  $w = x + iy \in H$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & |f_n(w) - f(w)|^p \\ & \leq \frac{1}{|B(w, \frac{y}{2})|} \int_{B(w, \frac{y}{2})} |f_n(z) - f(z)|^p dA(z) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\pi(\frac{y}{2})^2} \int_{B(w, \frac{y}{2})} |f_n(z) - f(z)|^p \frac{(\text{Im}z)^{2r}}{(\frac{y}{2})^{2r}} dA(z) \\ & = \frac{1}{4^{r-1} \pi^{1+r} y^{2+2r}} \int_{B(w, \frac{y}{2})} |f_n(z) - f(z)|^p K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4^{r-1} \pi^{1+r} y^{2+2r}} \int_H |f_n(z) - f(z)|^p K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \end{aligned}$$

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and hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(w) = f(w)$ . We note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f_n(w) - \int_H f(z)(2r+1)\overline{K_H(z,w)^{1+r}}K_H(z,z)^{-r} dA(z) \right| \\ & \leq \int_H |f_n(z) - f(z)|(2r+1)|K_H(z,w)^{1+r}K_H(z,z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ & \leq (2r+1)\|f_n - f\|_{p,r}\|K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}\|_{q,r}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_{p,r} = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(w) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(w) \\ &= \int_H f(z)\overline{K_H(z,w)^{1+r}}K_H(z,z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ &= P(f)(w). \end{aligned}$$

□

REMARK 2.6. Since  $2i \in H$ ,  $B(2i, 1) \subseteq H$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_H \chi_{B(2i,1)} K_H(z,z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ &= \int_{B(2i,1)} \pi^r (2\text{Im}z)^{2r} dA(z) \\ &\leq \pi^r \int_{B(2i,1)} 6^{2r} dA(z) \\ &= 6^{2r} \pi^{r+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\chi_{B(2i,1)} \in L^{1,r}(H)$ . We note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_H \left| P(\chi_{B(2i,1)})(w) \right| K_H(w,w)^{-r} dA(w) \\ &= \int_H \left| \int_{B(2i,1)} (2r+1)\overline{K_H(z,w)^{1+r}}K_H(z,z)^{-r} dA(z) \right| K_H(w,w)^{-r} dA(w) \\ &\geq \int_H \left| \int_{B(2i,1)} \pi^r \overline{K_H(z,w)^{1+r}} 2^{2r} dA(z) \right| K_H(w,w)^{-r} dA(w) \\ &= \pi^r 4^r \int_H \pi |K_H(2i,w)^{1+r}| K_H(w,w)^{-r} dA(w) \\ &= \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $P(\chi_{B(2i,1)}) \notin B^{1,r}$ .

**3. The dual of  $B^{p,r}$  for  $1 < p < \infty$**

Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and let  $r \geq 0$ . By Theorem 2.4,  $P : L^{p,r} \longrightarrow B^{p,r}$  is a bounded linear operator. If  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and  $f \in B^{q,r}$  then  $\Phi_f$  is a bounded linear functional, where  $\Phi_f(g) = \int_H g(z) \overline{f(z)} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z)$  for all  $g \in B^{p,r}$ . We define  $\Phi(f) = \Phi_f$ . Then  $\Phi : B^{q,r} \longrightarrow (B^{p,r})^*$  is a function. Clearly  $\Phi$  is linear. For  $f \in B^{q,r}$ ,  $\|\Phi_f\| = \sup_{\|g\|_{p,r}=1} |\Phi_f(g)| \leq \sup_{\|g\|_{p,r}=1} \int_H |g(z)| |f(z)| K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \leq \|f\|_{q,r}$  and hence  $\Phi$  is bounded and linear. Take any  $f$  in  $\ker \Phi$ . Since  $(2r+1)K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r} \in B^{p,r}$ ,  $0 = \Phi_f((2r+1)K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}) = \int_H (2r+1)K_H(z, w)^{1+r} \overline{f(z)} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) = \overline{f(z)}$  and hence  $f = 0$  i.e.,  $\Phi$  is 1-1. Take any  $\Lambda$  in  $(B^{p,r})^*$ . By Hahn-Banach extension theorem, there is a bounded linear functional  $\tilde{\Lambda} : L^{p,r} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\tilde{\Lambda}|_{B^{p,r}} = \Lambda$  and  $\|\tilde{\Lambda}\| = \|\Lambda\|$ . By Riesz Representation Theorem, there is  $h \in L^{q,r}$  such that  $\tilde{\Lambda}(g) = \int_H g(z) \overline{h(z)} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z)$  for all  $g \in L^{p,r}$ . Then  $\Lambda(g) = \int_H g(z) \overline{h(z)} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z)$  for all  $g \in B^{p,r}$  and  $P(h) \in B^{q,r}$  and hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_{P(h)}(g) \\ &= \int_H g(w) \overline{P(h)(w)} K_H(w, w)^{-r} dA(w) \\ &= \int_H g(w) \overline{\left( \int_H (2r+1)h(z) \overline{K_H(z, w)^{1+r}} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \right)} \\ & \quad K_H(w, w)^{-r} dA(w) \\ &= \int_H \overline{h(z)} g(z) K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ &= \Lambda(g) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $g \in B^{p,r}$ . Thus  $\Phi_{P(h)}(g) = \Lambda$ . By the Open Mapping theorem, this implies the following:

**THEOREM 3.1.** For  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $r \geq 0$ ,  $(B^{p,r})^* \cong B^{q,r}$ , where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .



#### 4. The pseudo-hyperbolic metric on $H$

For  $w = x + iy \in H$ , let  $\varphi_w : H \rightarrow H$  be defined by  $\varphi_w(z) = \varphi_w(s + it) = \frac{s-x}{y} + i\frac{t}{y}$ . Then  $\varphi_w$  is a bijective holomorphic function. For  $w, z \in H$ ,  $d(w, z) = \frac{|z-w|}{|z-\bar{w}|}$  is the pseudo-hyperbolic distance on  $H$ . In fact, we can show that  $d$  is a metric on  $H$ . Let  $B(z, t)$  denote a Euclidean disk and for  $w = x + iy \in H$  and  $0 < R < 1$ , let  $D(w, R) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid d(z, w) < R\}$  which is the pseudo-hyperbolic disk with center  $w$  and radius  $R$ . We note that  $z \in D(w, R)$  iff  $d(z, w) < R$  iff  $z \in B((x, \frac{1+R^2}{1-R^2}y), \frac{2Ry}{1-R^2})$ . Thus we have the following:

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** *Let  $w = x + iy \in H$  and let  $0 < R < 1$ . Then*

$$D(w, R) = B((x, \frac{1+R^2}{1-R^2}y), \frac{2Ry}{1-R^2})$$

and hence

$$|D(w, R)| = \frac{4\pi R^2 y^2}{(1-R^2)^2}.$$

**LEMMA 4.2.** *For  $w = x + iy \in H$ ,  $0 < R < 1$  and  $z \in D(w, R)$ ,*

$$\frac{1}{\pi^{1+r} y^{2+2r}} \left(\frac{1-R}{2}\right)^{2+2r} \leq |K_H(z, w)^{1+r}| \leq \frac{1}{\pi^{1+r} y^{2+2r}} \left(\frac{1+R}{2}\right)^{2+2r}.$$

*Proof.* This is immediate from the fact that  $\varphi_w^{-1}(D(i, R)) = D(w, R)$  and  $|K_H(z, w)^{1+r}| = \frac{1}{\pi^{1+r} |z-\bar{w}|^{2+2r}}$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 4.3.** *Let  $0 < R < t < 1$  and let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , for any holomorphic function  $f$  on  $H$ , there is a constant  $C$  such that  $|f(z)|^p \leq \frac{C}{|D(w, t)|^{1-r}} \int_{D(w, t)} |f(u)|^p K_H(u, u)^{-r} dA(u)$  for all  $w \in H$  and  $z \in D(w, R)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $w = x + iy \in H$ ,  $z \in D(w, R) = \varphi_w^{-1}(D(i, R))$  and  $f$  is holomorphic on  $H$ . Then  $z = \varphi_w^{-1}(\lambda)$  for some  $\lambda \in D(i, R)$ . Put  $l = d(\partial D(i, R), \partial D(i, t))$ . Then  $B(\varphi_w(z), l) \subset D(i, t)$  and hence

$$f(z) = f(\varphi_w^{-1}(\lambda)) = \frac{1}{|B(\varphi_w(z), l)|} \int_{B(\varphi_w(z), l)} f \circ \varphi_w^{-1} dA.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(z)|^p &\leq \frac{1}{\pi l^2} \int_{D(i,t)} |f \circ \varphi_w^{-1}|^p dA \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi l^2 y^2} \int_{D(w,t)} |f(u)|^p dA(u) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\pi l^2 y^2} \frac{1}{\pi^r \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t}\right)^{2r} y^{2r} 4^r} \int_{D(w,t)} |f(u)|^p K_H(u, u)^{-r} dA(u) \\
 &= \frac{4t^{2+2r}}{l^2(1-t)^{2+4r}(1+t)^2} \int_{D(w,t)} |f(u)|^p K_H(u, u)^{-r} dA(u).
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

LEMMA 4.4. For  $0 < R < 1$ , there is a sequence  $\{w_n\}$  in  $H$  such that  $\cup_{n=1}^\infty D(w_n, R) = H$  and there is a natural number  $M$  such that for each  $z \in H$ ,  $|\{k | z \in D(w_k, \frac{2R+1}{3})\}| \leq M$ .

*Proof.* See [3]. □

THEOREM 4.5. Suppose  $\mu$  is a positive finite Borel measure on  $H$ . Then for  $0 < R < 1$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $\sup_{f \in B^{p,r}} \frac{\int_H |f|^p d\mu}{\int_H |f(z)|^p K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z)}$
- (2)  $\sup_{w \in H} \frac{\mu(D(w, R))}{|D(w, R)|^{1+r}}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $w = x + iy \in H$ . For  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-w)^{\frac{4+4r}{p}}}$ ,

$$\int_H |f(z)|^p K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) = \frac{\pi^{1+r}}{4^{1+r}(2r+1)y^{2+2r}}$$

and hence  $f \in B^{p,r}$ . Since  $\int_H |f(z)|^p d\mu(z) \geq \int_{D(w,R)} |f(z)|^p d\mu(z) \geq \inf_{z \in D(w,R)} |\pi^{1+r} K_H(z, w)^{1+r}|^2 \mu(D(w, R)) = \left(\frac{1-R}{2y}\right)^{4+4r} \mu(D(w, R))$ ,

$$\frac{\int_H |f(z)|^p d\mu(z)}{\int_H |f(z)|^p K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z)} \geq (2r+1)R^{2+2r} \left(\frac{1-R}{1+R}\right)^{2+2r} \frac{\mu(D(w, R))}{|D(w, R)|^{1+r}}.$$

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Take any  $f \neq 0$  in  $B^{p,r}$ . Then

$$\int_H |f(z)|^p d\mu(z) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{D(w_n, R)} |f(z)|^p d\mu(z),$$

where  $\{D(w_n, R)\}$  is the sequence in Lemma 4.4

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{z \in D(w_n, R)} |f(z)|^p \mu(D(w_n, R)) \\ &\leq C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(D(w_n, R))}{|D(w_n, R)|^{1+r}} \int_{D(w_n, \frac{2R+1}{3})} |f(u)|^p K_H(u, u)^{-r} dA(u), \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is the constant in Lemma 4.3

$$\leq CM \sup_{w \in H} \frac{\mu(D(w, R))}{|D(w, R)|^{1+r}} \int_H |f(u)|^p K_H(u, u)^{-r} dA(u). \quad \square$$

**5. Toeplitz Operators on  $B^{2,r}$**

We note that  $P : L^{2,r} \rightarrow B^{2,r}$  is an orthogonal projection. For  $f \in L^{\infty,r}(H, dA)$ , we define  $T_f : B^{2,r} \rightarrow B^{2,r}$  by  $T_f(g) = P(fg)$  for all  $g \in B^{2,r}$ . In this case,  $T_f$  is called the Toeplitz operator with symbol  $f$ .

**LEMMA 5.1.** *For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $B^{p,r} \cap L^{\infty,r}$  is dense in  $B^{p,r}$ .*

*Proof.* Take any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and any  $f$  in  $B^{p,r}$ . For each  $\delta > 0$ , let  $f_\delta(z) = f(z + i\delta)$  for all  $z \in H$ . Then  $f_\delta$  is bounded and  $f_\delta \in B^{p,r}$ . Since  $C_C(H)$  is dense in  $L^{p,r}$ , there is  $g \in C_C(H)$  such that  $\|g - f\|_{p,r} < \varepsilon$ . Since  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \|g_\delta - g\|_{p,r} = 0$ ,  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \|f_\delta - f\|_{p,r} = 0$ . □

**PROPOSITION 5.2.** *Let  $f \in H^{\infty,r}$ . If there is a compact subset  $K$  of  $H$  such that  $f = 0$  on  $H \setminus K$  then  $T_f$  is compact.*

*Proof.* Take any a norm bounded sequence  $\{g_n\}$  in  $B^{2,r}$ . For any compact subset  $G$  of  $H$  and any  $w \in G$ ,  $|g_n(w)| = |\int_H g_n(z)(2r+1) \overline{K_H(z, w)}^{1+r} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z)| \leq (2r+1) \|g_n\|_{2,r} \|K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}\|_{2,r} \leq \frac{C \|g_n\|_{2,r}}{(d(\partial K, \partial H))^{1+r}}$ . Since  $\{g_n\}$  is a norm bounded sequence,  $\{g_n\}$  is uniformly

bounded on each compact subset of  $H$  and hence there is a holomorphic function  $g$  on  $H$  and a subsequence  $\{g_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{g_n\}$  which converges uniformly on  $K$  to  $g$ . We note that  $\int_H |g_{n_k}(z)f(z) - g(z)f(z)|^2 K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \leq \|f\|_{\infty, r}^2 \int_K |g_{n_k}(z) - g(z)|^2 K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z)$  and  $\int_H |T_f(g_{n_k})(z) - P(gf)(z)|^2 K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \leq \|f\|_{\infty, r}^2 \|g_{n_k} - g\|_{2, r}^2$ . This implies that  $T_f$  is compact.  $\square$

PROPOSITION 5.3. *If  $f \in C_0(H)$ , then  $T_f$  is compact.*

*Proof.* Since  $C_C(H)$  is dense in  $C_0(H)$ , there is a sequence  $\{f_n\}$  in  $C_C(H)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = f$ . Then  $\|T_{f_n} - T_f\| \leq \|f_n - f\|_{\infty, r}$  and hence  $T_f$  is compact.  $\square$

LEMMA 5.4.  $\frac{K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}}{\|K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}\|_{2, r}}$  converges weakly to 0 in  $B^{2, r}$  as  $\text{Im}w \rightarrow 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f \in B^{2, r} \cap L^{\infty, r}$  and let  $w = x + iy \in H$ . Then

$$\left\langle f, \frac{K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}}{\|K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}\|_{2, r}} \right\rangle_{2, r} = \frac{f(w)}{(2r + 1)\|K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}\|_{2, r}} = \frac{(4\pi)^{\frac{1+r}{2}}}{2r + 1} y^{1+r} f(w).$$

Since  $\lim_{\text{Im}w \rightarrow 0} \left\langle f, \frac{K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}}{\|K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}\|_{2, r}} \right\rangle_{2, r} = 0$  and  $B^{2, r} \cap L^{\infty, r}$  is dense in  $B^{2, r}$ ,  $\frac{K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}}{\|K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}\|_{2, r}}$  converges weakly to 0 in  $B^{2, r}$  as  $\text{Im}w \rightarrow 0$ .  $\square$

THEOREM 5.5. *Let  $f$  be a nonnegative function in  $L^{\infty, r}$ .*

*Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $T_f$  is compact
- (2) There is  $R \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\frac{1}{|D(w, R)|^{1+r}} \int_{D(w, R)} f(z) K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\text{Im}w \rightarrow 0$
- (3) For any  $R \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\frac{1}{|D(w, R)|^{1+r}} \int_{D(w, R)} f(z) K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\text{Im}w \rightarrow 0$ .

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*Proof.* Take any  $R$  in  $(0, 1)$  and let  $w = x + iy \in H$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{|D(w, R)|^{1+r}} \int_{D(w, R)} f(z) K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ &= \frac{(1 - R^2)^{2+2r}}{(4\pi)^{1+r} R^{2+2r} y^{2+2r}} \int_{D(w, R)} f(z) K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ &\leq C \int_{D(w, R)} f(z) \frac{|K_H(z, w)^{1+r}|^2}{\|K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}\|_{2,r}^2} K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ &\leq C \left\langle \frac{T_f(K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r})}{\|K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}\|_{2,r}}, \frac{K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}}{\|K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}\|_{2,r}} \right\rangle_{2,r} \\ &\leq C \frac{\|T_f(K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r})\|_{2,r}}{\|K_H(\cdot, w)^{1+r}\|_{2,r}} \end{aligned}$$

and hence we have (3). It remains to show that (2) implies (1). For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $K_n = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{C} \mid -n \leq x \leq n, \frac{1}{n} \leq y \leq n\}$ . For  $f_n = f \cdot \chi_{K_n}$ ,  $T_{f_n}$  is compact and

$$\begin{aligned} & \|T_f - T_{f_n}\|^2 \\ &= \sup_{\|g\|_{2,r}=1} \int_{H \setminus K_n} f(z)^2 |g(z)|^2 K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z) \\ &\leq C \sup_{w \in H} \frac{1}{|D(w, R)|^{1+r}} \int_{(H \setminus K_n) \cap D(w, R)} f(z)^2 K_H(z, z)^{-r} dA(z). \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T_f - T_{f_n}\| = 0$ . Hence  $T_f$  is compact.  $\square$

**LEMMA 5.6.** For  $f \in H^{\infty, r}$ ,  $|f(w) - f(z)| \leq 2\|f\|_{\infty, r} d(w, z)$  for all  $w, z \in H$ .

*Proof.* Take any  $w \in H$ . Let  $\Phi(z) = \frac{f(z) - f(w)}{\frac{z-w}{z-\bar{w}}}$ . Since  $\lim_{z \rightarrow w} \frac{f(z) - f(w)}{z - w} = f'(w)$ ,  $\Phi$  is bounded on  $H \setminus \{w\}$ . Hence we may assume that  $\Phi$  is holomorphic and bounded on  $H$ . For any sequence  $\{z_n\}$  in  $H$  such that  $z_n \rightarrow z_0 \in \partial H$ ,  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\Phi(z_n)| \leq 2\|f\|_{\infty, r}$ . By Generalized Maximum principle,  $|f(z) - f(w)| \leq 2\|f\|_{\infty, r} d(z, w)$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 5.7.** Suppose  $f \in H^{\infty, r}$  and  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = 0$ . Then  $T_f$  is compact if and only if  $f \in C_0(H)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that there is  $\delta > 0$  and a sequence  $\{w_n\}$  in  $H$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\text{Im}w_n) = 0$  and  $|f(w_n)| \geq \delta$  for all  $n$ . By Lemma 5.6, there is  $R > 0$  such that  $|f(z)| \geq \frac{\delta}{2}$  for all  $z \in D(w_n, R)$  for all  $n$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{D(w_n, R)} |f(w)|^2 |K_H(w, w_n)^{1+\tau}| \int_H |K_H(z, w)^{1+\tau}| |K_H(z, w_n)^{1+\tau}| |K_H(z, z)^{-r}| dA(z) |K_H(w, w)^{-r}| dA(w) \\ & \leq \|f\|_{\infty, r}^2 \|K_H(\cdot, w_n)^{1+\tau}\|_{2, r}^2 \frac{1}{\pi^{1+\tau} (\text{Im}w_n)^{2+2\tau}} \left(\frac{1+R}{2}\right)^{2+2\tau} \left(\frac{2R}{1-R^2} \text{Im}w_n\right)^2 \pi \frac{(2\pi \frac{(1+R)^2}{1-R^2} \text{Im}w_n)^r}{(2\pi \frac{(1-R)^2}{1-R^2} \text{Im}w_n)} < \infty, \\ & \left\langle T_{|f|^2} \frac{K_H(\cdot, w_n)^{1+\tau}}{\|K_H(\cdot, w_n)^{1+\tau}\|_{2, r}}, \frac{K_H(\cdot, w_n)^{1+\tau}}{\|K_H(\cdot, w_n)^{1+\tau}\|_{2, r}} \right\rangle \geq \left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)^2 (2\pi)^{2+4r} \left(\frac{1-R}{2}\right)^{2+2r} \frac{4R^2(1-R)^{4r}}{\pi^r(1-R^2)^{2+2r}}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $f \in H^{\infty, r}$ ,  $g \in L^{\infty, r}$  and  $h \in B^{2, r}$ ,  $T_g T_f(h) = T_g(P(fh)) = T_g(fh) = T_{gf}(h)$  and hence  $T_{|f|^2} = T_{\bar{f}f} = T_{\bar{f}} T_f$  is compact. Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle T_{|f|^2} \frac{K_H(\cdot, w_n)^{1+\tau}}{\|K_H(\cdot, w_n)^{1+\tau}\|_{2, r}}, \frac{K_H(\cdot, w_n)^{1+\tau}}{\|K_H(\cdot, w_n)^{1+\tau}\|_{2, r}} \right\rangle = 0$ ,  $f \in C_0(H)$ .  $\square$

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