# A Spectral Theorem approach to commutative algebras generated by Bergman-Toeplitz operators

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Part 3. Toeplitz operators on the ball.

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### The spectral measure of V.

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where  $\langle .,. \rangle$  denotes the scalar product in the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_{\lambda}(\mathbb{B}^k)$ .  $\mathbf{P}_{\ell}$  is an integral operator  $(\mathbf{P}_{\ell}f)(z) = \int_{\mathbb{B}^k} f(\zeta) \mathbf{P}_{\ell}(z,\zeta) dv_{\lambda}(\zeta)$  with the (degenerate) integral kernel  $\mathbf{P}_{\ell}(z,\zeta) = \frac{1}{\ell!} C_{\lambda,\alpha,k} \langle z, \overline{\zeta} \rangle^{\ell}$ . The spectral measure for V is given by

$$E_V(\Delta) = \sum_{\ell \in \Delta} \mathbf{P}_{\ell}, \tag{0.1}$$

with the corresponding resolution of identity  $\mathbf{E}_{V}(\eta) = \sum_{\ell \leq \eta} \mathbf{P}_{\ell}$ . Thus, for any  $f \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{B}^{k})$ , the measure  $\rho_{f}(\Delta) = \langle E_{V}(\Delta)f, f \rangle$  is supported at integer points.

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**Theorem** For a radial symbol *a*, the Toeplitz operator  $\mathbf{T}_a$  in  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}(\mathbb{B}^k)$  is a function of the operator *V*,

$$\mathbf{T}_{a}=\varphi_{a}(V).$$

The operator  $\mathbf{T}_a$  is bounded iff the function  $\varphi_a$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ ;  $\mathbf{T}_a$  is compact iff  $\varphi_a(\ell) \to 0$  as  $\ell \to \infty$ . Similarly to the disk case, the relation  $a \Leftrightarrow \varphi_a$  extends to a wide

class of unbounded and distributional symbols *a*. All other 'disk' results carry over.

### Toeplitz operators with separately radial symbols

Another extreme class of symbols, radial with respect to each of variables  $z_j$  separately, with all other variables fixed. A measurable function  $a(z), z \in \mathbb{B}^n$ , is called *separately radial* if it depends only on  $r_1, \ldots, r_n$ , where  $r_j = |z_j|$ . A basic function  $e_\alpha = e_{\alpha,n}$  is not separately radial, but the one-dimensional subspace spanned by  $e_\alpha$  is invariant with respect to the action of rotations with respect to each  $z_j$  variable, and this property pertains after the multiplication by a separately radial function a(z), as well as the orthogonality,

$$\langle e_{\alpha}, a(z)e_{\alpha'} \rangle = 0, \ \alpha \neq \alpha'.$$

Therefore, for a separately radial symbol *a*, the Toeplitz operator  $\mathbf{T}_a: f \mapsto \mathbb{P}af$  in  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}(\mathbb{B}^n)$  is diagonal in the basis  $e_{\alpha}$ ,

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# **The Functional Calculus:**

**Proposition** Given an *E*-measurable function  $\varphi(\eta)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the operator

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is well defined and normal on its domain

$$\mathcal{D}_{\varphi} = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A}_{\lambda}(\mathbb{B}^{\mathsf{n}}) : \int_{\mathbb{R}^{\mathsf{n}}} |\varphi(\eta_{1}, \ldots, \eta_{n})|^{2} d\langle E(\eta_{1}, \ldots, \eta_{\mathsf{n}}) f, f \rangle < \infty \right\}.$$

Moreover the operator  $\varphi(V_1, \ldots, V_n)$  is bounded, and thus defined on the whole  $\mathcal{H}$ , if and only if the function  $\varphi$  is *E*-essentially bounded. The set of all operators  $\{\varphi(\mathbf{V})\}$ , defined by (the classes of equivalency) of *E*-measurable essentially bounded functions  $\varphi$  with  $\varphi = \{\varphi(\mathbf{s})\}_{\mathbf{s}\in\mathbb{Z}^n_+} \in \ell_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}^n_+)$  constitutes the algebra  $\mathcal{R}$  of bounded mutually commuting operators in  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}(\mathbb{B}^n)$ , and the mapping

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$$\begin{split} z_{(1)} &= (z_{1,1},...,z_{1,k_1}) \in \mathbb{C}^{k_1}, \ z_{(2)} = (z_{2,1},...,z_{2,k_2}) \in \mathbb{C}^{k_2}, \ ..., \\ z_{(m)} &= (z_{m,1},...,z_{m,k_m}) \in \mathbb{C}^{k_m}, \end{split}$$

So,  $\mathbb{B}^n$  is:

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$$r_{(j)}^2 = |z_{(j)}| = \sqrt{|z_{j,1}|^2 + \ldots + |z_{j,k_j}|^2}, \qquad j = 1, \ldots, m.$$

With this definition, such symbols can vary from *separately radial*,  $a = a(|z_1|, ..., |z_n|)$ , if  $\mathbf{k} = (1, ..., 1)$ , to *radial*, a = a(|z|), if  $\mathbf{k} = (\mathbf{n})$ . These cases have been demonstrated above.

 $\mathbf{T}_a$  in  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}(\mathbb{B}^n)$ , with **k**-quasi-radial symbol  $a = a(r_1, \ldots, r_m)$ , acts diagonally upon the basis elements  $e_{\alpha}(z)$  as follows

$${\sf T}_{{\sf a}}\,{\sf e}_lpha=\gamma_{{\sf a},{\sf k},\lambda}(lpha)\,{\sf e}_lpha,~~lpha\in{\mathbb Z}_+^{\sf n},$$

where  $\gamma_{a,\mathbf{k},\lambda}(\alpha)$  is given by some terrible integral. Given a tuple  $\mathbf{s} = (s_1, \ldots, s_m) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^m$ , we define the finite dimensional subspace  $H_s$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  as

$$H_{\mathbf{s}} = \operatorname{span} \{ e_{\alpha} : |\alpha_{(j)}| = s_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, m \}.$$

This subspace consists of functions which are, for each j = 1, ..., m, homogeneous polynomials of order  $s_j$  in the group of variables  $z_{(j)}$ .

With  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , for any fixed *j*, we define also the *infinite* dimensional subspace  $H_{\ell}^{(j)}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  as

$$H_{\ell}^{(j)} = \overline{\operatorname{span}} \{ e_{\alpha} : |\alpha_{(j)}| = \ell \}.$$

The latter space is the closure in  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}(\mathbb{B}^{\mathbf{n}})$  of the space of polynomials which are homogeneous order  $\ell$  in the group of variables  $z_{(j)}$ . With this definition,  $H_{\mathbf{s}} = \bigcap_{j=1,...,m} H_{\mathbf{s}_j}^{(j)}$ . We introduce the corresponding orthogonal projections

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{s}}: \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{s}}$$
 and  $P_{\ell}^{(j)}: \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\ell}^{(j)}, \quad ; \quad \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{s}} = \prod_{j=1,\dots,m} P_{s_j}^{(j)}.$ 

With such notation, the Bergman space  $\mathcal{A}$  splits into the orthogonal sum in two ways:

$$\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{Z}_+^m} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{s}}$$
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understood in the sense of the strong convergence. We group them, correspondingly to the radial structure.

For each j = 1, ..., m, we introduce the rotation operator along the group of variables  $z_{(j)}$ :

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For each *j* the operator  $V_{(j)}$  acts only upon variables  $z_l$  entering in the partition  $z_{(j)}$ . Therefore, these operators commute. For each fixed *j*, the operator  $V_{(j)}$  has spectral structure similar to the one we described for radial operators for a ball of dimension  $k = k_j$ ; the spectrum of  $V_{(j)}$  consists of isolated points  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . Namely, each eigenfunction of  $V_{(j)}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\ell$  has the form

$$f_\ell^{(j)}(z) = z_{(j)}^{lpha_{(j)}} h(\widetilde{z_{(j)}})$$
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# Discussion

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