# ON THE $p$-NORM OF THE BEREZIN TRANSFORM 

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Abstract. In this short note, the norm of Berezin transform, acting on $L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)$, is determined to be

$$
\left\|B_{\mathbb{B}_{n}}: L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\|=\frac{1}{p} \prod_{k=1}^{n}\left(1+\frac{1}{k p}\right) \frac{\pi}{\sin (\pi / p)}
$$

This extends a result of Dostanić (J. Anal. Math. 104 (2008) 13-23) to several complex variables.

## 1. Introduction

Let $\mathbb{D}$ be the open unit disc in the complex plane. By $L^{p}(\mathbb{D})$ we mean the Lebesgue space with respect to the normalized Lebesgue measure $d A=$ $(1 / \pi) d x d y$ on $\mathbb{D}$. The Bergman space $L_{a}^{p}(\mathbb{D})$ is the closed subspace of $L^{p}(\mathbb{D})$ consisting of holomorphic functions on $\mathbb{D}$. For $z \in \mathbb{D}$, the Bergman reproducing kernel is the function $K_{z} \in L_{a}^{2}(\mathbb{D})$ such that $f(z)=\left\langle f, K_{z}\right\rangle$ for every $f \in$ $L_{a}^{2}(\mathbb{D})$, where $\langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle$ denote the inner product in $L^{2}(\mathbb{D})$. Explicitly,

$$
\begin{equation*}
K_{z}(w)=\frac{1}{(1-\bar{z} w)^{2}}, \quad w \in \mathbb{D} \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The normalized reproducing kernel $k_{z}$ is defined by $k_{z}=K_{z} /\left\|K_{z}\right\|_{2}$.
For $f \in L^{1}(\mathbb{D})$ define

$$
\begin{equation*}
B f(z)=\left\langle f k_{z}, k_{z}\right\rangle=\left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{2} \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{f(w)}{|1-z \bar{w}|^{4}} d A(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D} \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The function $B f$ is called the Berezin transform of $f$. This transform was first introduced by F. A. Berezin [4] in the context of quantization of Kähler

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manifolds. It later turned out that the Berezin transform plays an important role in the theory of Toeplitz operators on the Bergman space. See [1], [2], [10], [13] for details.

It has long been a well-known fact that the Berezin transform $B$ is bounded on $L^{p}(\mathbb{D})$ if and only if $p>1$ ([10, Proposition 2.2$]$ ), but only recently has its $p$-norm been calculated. In [7], Dostanić showed that

Theorem A. For $1<p \leq \infty$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|B: L^{p}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow L^{p}(\mathbb{D})\right\|=\frac{1}{p}\left(1+\frac{1}{p}\right) \frac{\pi}{\sin (\pi / p)} \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

When $p=\infty$, the quantity on the right-hand side of (1.3) should be interpreted as 1 .

The purpose of this note is to extend the above result to the several complex variables setting.

Throughout we denote by $\mathbb{B}_{n}$ the open unit ball in $\mathbb{C}^{n}$. Let $\nu$ be the Lebesgue measure on $\mathbb{C}^{n}$, normalized so that $\nu\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)=1$. For $f \in L^{1}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}, \nu\right)$, the Berezin transform of $f$ is defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
B_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} f(z)=\left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{n+1} \int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \frac{f(w)}{|1-\langle z, w\rangle|^{2(n+1)}} d \nu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{B}_{n} \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

See [17, p. 76], [3, p. 383] and [16] for more information on this transform.
Our main result is the following theorem.
Theorem 1.1. For $1<p \leq \infty$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|B_{\mathbb{B}_{n}}: L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\|=\frac{1}{p} \prod_{k=1}^{n}\left(1+\frac{1}{k p}\right) \frac{\pi}{\sin (\pi / p)} \tag{1.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Again, when $p=\infty$, the quantity on the right-hand side of (1.5) should be interpreted as 1 .

It is obvious that when $n=1$, we recover Theorem A.
We will in fact deal with a family of integral operators as follows. For $\alpha>-1$, we define

$$
S_{\alpha} f(z):=\int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \frac{\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{\alpha}}{|1-\langle z, w\rangle|^{n+1+\alpha}} f(w) d \nu(w)
$$

for $z \in \mathbb{B}_{n}$ and $f \in L^{1}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}, \nu\right)$. Note that the Berezin transform $B_{\mathbb{B}_{n}}=S_{n+1}^{*}$, the adjoint of $S_{n+1}$. These operators first appeared in [9] in connection with projections of Bergman type defined by

$$
T_{\alpha} f(z)=\frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \frac{\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{\alpha}}{(1-\langle z, w\rangle)^{n+1+\alpha}} f(w) d \nu(w)
$$

It was shown in [9] that, if $\alpha>-1,1 \leq p<\infty$ and $p(\alpha+1)>1$, then $S_{\alpha}$ is a bounded linear operator on $L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)$. This in turn implies the $L^{p}$-boundedness
of $T_{\alpha}$. Moreover, in [9], Forelli and Rudin in fact proved (implicitly) that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|S_{\alpha}: L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\| \leq \frac{n!\Gamma(1 / p) \Gamma(\alpha+1-1 / p)}{\Gamma^{2}((n+1+\alpha) / 2)} \tag{1.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

In this note, we show that in fact equality holds in (1.6).
Theorem 1.2. Suppose that $\alpha>-1,1 \leq p<\infty$ and $p(\alpha+1)>1$. Then we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|S_{\alpha}: L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\|=\frac{n!\Gamma(1 / p) \Gamma(\alpha+1-1 / p)}{\Gamma^{2}((n+1+\alpha) / 2)} \tag{1.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

In particular, when $n=1$, we recover Theorem 1 in [7].
We mention other related works. In [6], Dostanić gave two-sided estimates of the norm of Cauchy transform on $L^{p}$ spaces on bounded simply-connected domains in the complex plane. There is also a nice paper of similar nature by K. Zhu [18], where an asymptotic formula for the norm of the Bergman projection on $L^{p}$ spaces of the unit ball is given. Also, although not directly related to our results, the determination of the exact $L^{p}$ norm of singular integral operators has been studied extensively. Results of this type include Pichorides' determination of the p-norm of the Hilbert transform ([14]) and Iwaniec and Martin's work on the Riesz transform ([12]). Also, an outstanding open problem of the past three decades, known as the Iwaniec conjecture, is the computation of the $p$-norm of the Beurling-Ahlfors transform ([11]). For the present best known estimates on the $L^{p}$-norm of the Beurling-Ahlfors transform, see [5] and references therein.

## 2. Preliminaries

A number of hypergeometric functions will appear throughout. We use the classical notation ${ }_{2} F_{1}(\alpha, \beta ; \gamma ; z)$ to denote

$$
\begin{equation*}
{ }_{2} F_{1}(\alpha, \beta ; \gamma ; z)=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha)_{k}(\beta)_{k}}{(\gamma)_{k}} \frac{z^{k}}{k!} \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $\gamma \neq 0,-1,-2, \ldots$, where

$$
(\alpha)_{0}=1, \quad(\alpha)_{k}=\alpha(\alpha+1) \cdots(\alpha+k-1) \quad \text { for } k \geq 1
$$

We list a few formulas for easy reference (see $[8$, Chapter II]):

$$
\begin{align*}
{ }_{2} F_{1}(\alpha, \beta ; \gamma ; 1) & =\frac{\Gamma(\gamma) \Gamma(\gamma-\alpha-\beta)}{\Gamma(\gamma-\alpha) \Gamma(\gamma-\beta)}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(\gamma-\alpha-\beta)>0  \tag{2.2}\\
{ }_{2} F_{1}(\alpha, \beta ; \gamma ; z) & =(1-z)^{\gamma-\alpha-\beta}{ }_{2} F_{1}(\gamma-\alpha, \gamma-\beta ; \gamma ; z)  \tag{2.3}\\
{ }_{2} F_{1}(\alpha, \beta ; \gamma ; z) & =\frac{\Gamma(\gamma)}{\Gamma(\lambda) \Gamma(\gamma-\lambda)} \int_{0}^{1} t^{\lambda-1}(1-t)^{\gamma-\lambda-1}{ }_{2} F_{1}(\alpha, \beta ; \lambda ; t z) d t  \tag{2.4}\\
\operatorname{Re} \gamma>\operatorname{Re} \lambda & >0 ;|\arg (1-z)|<\pi ; z \neq 1
\end{align*}
$$

Lemma 2.1. Suppose $\operatorname{Re} \delta>0$ and $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda+\delta-\alpha-\beta)>0$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{0}^{1} t^{\lambda-1}(1-t)^{\delta-1}{ }_{2} F_{1}(\alpha, \beta ; \lambda ; t) d t=\frac{\Gamma(\lambda) \Gamma(\delta) \Gamma(\lambda+\delta-\alpha-\beta)}{\Gamma(\lambda+\delta-\alpha) \Gamma(\lambda+\delta-\beta)} \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. Note that, under the assumption of the lemma, both sides of (2.4) are continuous at $z=1$. The lemma then follows by letting $z \rightarrow 1$ in (2.4) and applying (2.2).

The following lemma is contained implicitly in the proof of Theorem 1.4.10 in [15] (see the formula in page 19, line 5 of [15]):

Lemma 2.2. For $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\gamma>-1$, we have

$$
\int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \frac{\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{\gamma}}{|1-\langle z, w\rangle|^{2 \alpha}} d V(w)=\frac{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(1+\gamma)}{\Gamma(n+1+\gamma)}{ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\alpha, \alpha ; n+1+\gamma ;|z|^{2}\right) .
$$

The following result, usually called Schur's test, is a very effective tool in proving the $L^{p}$-boundedness of integral operators. See, for example, [19].

Lemma 2.3. Suppose that $(X, \mu)$ is a $\sigma$-finite measure space and $K(x, y)$ is a nonnegative measurable function on $X \times X$ and $T$ the associated integral operator

$$
T f(x)=\int_{X} K(x, y) f(y) d \mu(y)
$$

Let $1<p<\infty$ and $1 / p+1 / q=1$. If there exist a positive constant $C$ and $a$ positive measurable function $u$ on $X$ such that

$$
\int_{X} K(x, y) u(y)^{q} d \mu(y) \leq C u(x)^{q}
$$

for almost every $x$ in $X$ and

$$
\int_{X} K(x, y) u(x)^{p} d \mu(x) \leq C u(y)^{p}
$$

for almost every $y$ in $X$, then $T$ is bounded on $L^{p}(X, \mu)$ with $\|T\| \leq C$.

## 3. The proofs

Proof of Theorem 1.2. We first deal with the case $p=1$. Note that in this case the assumption $p(\alpha+1)>1$ implies $\alpha>0$.

It is clear that

$$
\left\|S_{\alpha}: L^{1}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{1}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\| \leq \sup _{w \in \mathbb{B}_{n}}\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \frac{d \nu(z)}{|1-\langle z, w\rangle|^{n+1+\alpha}}
$$

By Lemma 2.2 and (2.3), we find that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \frac{d \nu(z)}{|1-\langle z, w\rangle|^{n+1+\alpha}} & ={ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}, \frac{n+1+\alpha}{2} ; n+1 ;|w|^{2}\right) \\
& =\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{-\alpha}{ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\frac{n+1-\alpha}{2}, \frac{n+1-\alpha}{2} ; n+1 ;|w|^{2}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Note that the last hypergeometric function is increasing on the interval $[0,1)$, since its Taylor coefficients are all positive. Hence,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|S_{\alpha}: L^{1}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{1}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\| & \leq{ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\frac{n+1-\alpha}{2}, \frac{n+1-\alpha}{2} ; n+1 ; 1\right) \\
& =\frac{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma^{2}((n+1+\alpha) / 2)}
\end{aligned}
$$

where the last equality follows from (2.2).
To prove the reverse inequality, consider, for fixed $\varepsilon>0$, the function

$$
f_{\varepsilon}(z)=\frac{\Gamma(n+\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(\varepsilon)}\left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{\varepsilon-1}
$$

It is easy to check that $\left\|f_{\varepsilon}\right\|_{1}=1$. Again by Lemma 2.2,

$$
\begin{aligned}
S_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}(z) & =\frac{\Gamma(n+\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(\varepsilon)} \int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \frac{\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{\alpha+\varepsilon-1}}{|1-\langle z, w\rangle|^{n+1+\alpha}} d \nu(w) \\
& =C(\varepsilon)_{2} F_{1}\left(\frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}, \frac{n+1+\alpha}{2} ; n+\alpha+\varepsilon ;|z|^{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
C(\varepsilon):=\frac{\Gamma(n+\varepsilon) \Gamma(\alpha+\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(\varepsilon) \Gamma(n+\alpha+\varepsilon)}
$$

It follows that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|S_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}\right\|_{1} & =C(\varepsilon) \int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}}{ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}, \frac{n+1+\alpha}{2} ; n+\alpha+\varepsilon ;|z|^{2}\right) d \nu(z) \\
& =C(\varepsilon) \int_{0}^{1} n r^{n-1}{ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}, \frac{n+1+\alpha}{2} ; n+\alpha+\varepsilon ; r\right) d r \\
& \geq n C(\varepsilon) \int_{0}^{1} r^{n+\alpha+\varepsilon-1}{ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}, \frac{n+1+\alpha}{2} ; n+\alpha+\varepsilon ; r\right) d r
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence, an application of Lemma 2.1 yields

$$
\left\|S_{\alpha}: L^{1}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{1}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\| \geq\left\|S_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}\right\|_{1} \geq \frac{n \Gamma(n+\varepsilon) \Gamma(\alpha+\varepsilon)}{\Gamma^{2}((n+1+\alpha) / 2+\varepsilon)}
$$

Finally, by letting $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^{+}$, we obtain

$$
\left\|S_{\alpha}: L^{1}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{1}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\| \geq \frac{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma^{2}((n+1+\alpha) / 2)}
$$

Now, assume that $1<p<\infty$ and $p(\alpha+1)>1$. For the upper bound of $\left\|S_{\alpha}: L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\|$, we appeal to Schur's test (Lemma 2.3). Set

$$
u(z)=\left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{-1 /(p q)}
$$

where $q$ is the conjugate exponent of $p$. It then suffices to show

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \frac{\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{\alpha}}{|1-\langle z, w\rangle|^{n+1+\alpha}} u(w)^{q} d \nu(w) \leq \frac{n!\Gamma(1 / p) \Gamma(\alpha+1-1 / p)}{\Gamma^{2}((n+1+\alpha) / 2)} u(z)^{q} \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{B}_{n}$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \frac{\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{\alpha}}{|1-\langle z, w\rangle|^{n+1+\alpha}} u(z)^{p} d \nu(z) \leq \frac{n!\Gamma(1 / p) \Gamma(\alpha+1-1 / p)}{\Gamma^{2}((n+1+\alpha) / 2)} u(w)^{p} \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $w \in \mathbb{B}_{n}$. We only prove the first inequality, the other one follows the same lines. By Lemma 2.2 and (2.3), we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} & \frac{\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{\alpha}}{|1-\langle z, w\rangle|^{n+1+\alpha}} u(w)^{q} d \nu(w) \\
= & \frac{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(\alpha+1-1 / p)}{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1-1 / p)} \\
& \quad \times{ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}, \frac{n+1+\alpha}{2} ; n+1+\alpha-\frac{1}{p} ;|z|^{2}\right) \\
= & \frac{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(\alpha+1-1 / p)}{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1-1 / p)}\left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{-1 / p} \\
& \quad \times{ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}-\frac{1}{p}, \frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}-\frac{1}{p} ; n+1+\alpha-\frac{1}{p} ;|z|^{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Note that the last hypergeometric function is increasing on the interval $[0,1)$, since its Taylor coefficients are all positive. Thus, this hypergeometric function is bounded from above by

$$
\begin{aligned}
& { }_{2} F_{1}\left(\frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}-\frac{1}{p}, \frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}-\frac{1}{p} ; n+1+\alpha-\frac{1}{p} ; 1\right) \\
& \quad=\frac{\Gamma(n+1+\alpha-1 / p) \Gamma(1 / p)}{\Gamma^{2}((n+1+\alpha) / 2)}
\end{aligned}
$$

This proves (3.1), which in turn gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|S_{\alpha}: L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\| \leq \frac{n!\Gamma(1 / p) \Gamma(\alpha+1-1 / p)}{\Gamma^{2}((n+1+\alpha) / 2)} \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

We now proceed to show

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|S_{\alpha}: L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\| \geq \frac{n!\Gamma(1 / p) \Gamma(\alpha+1-1 / p)}{\Gamma^{2}((n+1+\alpha) / 2)} \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

For fixed $\varepsilon>0$, define

$$
\begin{aligned}
g_{\varepsilon}(w) & =C_{1}(\varepsilon)\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{(\varepsilon-1) / p} \\
h_{\varepsilon}(z) & =C_{2}(\varepsilon)\left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{(\varepsilon-1) / q}|z|^{2(\alpha+1)+2(\varepsilon-1) / p}
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& C_{1}(\varepsilon)=\left\{\frac{\Gamma(\varepsilon) \Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+\varepsilon)}\right\}^{-1 / p}  \tag{3.5}\\
& C_{2}(\varepsilon)=\left\{\frac{n \Gamma(\varepsilon) \Gamma(n+q(\alpha+1)+(\varepsilon-1) q / p)}{\Gamma(n+(\varepsilon-1) q / p+q(\alpha+1)+\varepsilon)}\right\}^{-1 / q}
\end{align*}
$$

Easy calculations show that $\left\|g_{\varepsilon}\right\|_{p}=\left\|h_{\varepsilon}\right\|_{q}=1$.
By applying Lemma 2.2 and integrating in polar coordinates, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} & \left\{\int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \frac{\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{\alpha}}{|1-\langle z, w\rangle|^{n+\alpha+1}} g_{\varepsilon}(w) d \nu(w)\right\} \overline{h_{\varepsilon}(z)} d \nu(z) \\
= & C_{1}(\varepsilon) C_{2}(\varepsilon) \frac{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(\alpha+1+(\varepsilon-1) / p)}{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1+(\varepsilon-1) / p)} \\
& \times \int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}}\left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{(\varepsilon-1) / q}|z|^{2(\alpha+1+(\varepsilon-1) / p)} \\
& \times{ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}, \frac{n+1+\alpha}{2} ; n+1+\alpha+\frac{\varepsilon-1}{p} ;|z|^{2}\right) d \nu(z) \\
= & n C_{1}(\varepsilon) C_{2}(\varepsilon) \frac{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(\alpha+1+(\varepsilon-1) / p)}{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1+(\varepsilon-1) / p)} \\
& \times \int_{0}^{1} r^{n+\alpha+(\varepsilon-1) / p}(1-r)^{(\varepsilon-1) / q} \\
& \times{ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}, \frac{n+1+\alpha}{2} ; n+1+\alpha+\frac{\varepsilon-1}{p} ; r\right) d r \\
= & n C_{1}(\varepsilon) C_{2}(\varepsilon) \frac{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(\alpha+1+(\varepsilon-1) / p) \Gamma(\varepsilon / q+1 / p) \Gamma(\varepsilon)}{\Gamma^{2}((n+\alpha+1) / 2+\varepsilon)},
\end{aligned}
$$

where the last equality follows from (2.5). Having in mind that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\| S_{\alpha} & : L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \| \\
& =\sup _{\substack{\|f\|_{p}=1 \\
\|g\|_{q}=1}}\left\{\left|\int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}}\left(\int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \frac{\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{\alpha}}{|1-\langle z, w\rangle|^{n+\alpha+1}} f(w) d \nu(w)\right) \overline{g(z)} d \nu(z)\right|\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

this implies

$$
\begin{aligned}
\| S_{\alpha}: & L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \| \\
\geq & \frac{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(\alpha+1+(\varepsilon-1) / p) \Gamma(\varepsilon / q+1 / p)}{\Gamma^{2}((n+\alpha+1) / 2+\varepsilon)} \\
& \times\left\{\frac{\Gamma(n+\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(n)}\right\}^{1 / p}\left\{\frac{\Gamma(n+(\varepsilon-1) q / p+q(\alpha+1)+\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(n+q(\alpha+1)+(\varepsilon-1) q / p)}\right\}^{1 / q} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Equation (3.4) now follows by letting $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^{+}$and the proof is complete.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Note that $B_{\mathbb{B}_{n}}=S_{n+1}^{*}$. It follows from Theorem 1.2 that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|B_{\mathbb{B}_{n}}: L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{p}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\| & =\left\|S_{n+1}: L^{q}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{q}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)\right\| \\
& =\frac{1}{n!} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{q}\right) \Gamma\left(n+2-\frac{1}{q}\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{n!} \Gamma\left(1-\frac{1}{p}\right) \Gamma\left(n+1+\frac{1}{p}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Then, repeated use of $\Gamma(x+1)=x \Gamma(x)$, together with the well-known formula

$$
\Gamma(x) \Gamma(1-x)=\frac{\pi}{\sin (x \pi)}
$$

completes the proof.

## 4. The polydisc case

There is yet another multidimensional extension of Theorem A, that is, to the polydisc case. Let $\mathbb{D}^{n}$ be the unit polydisc in $\mathbb{C}^{n}$, that is, the cartesian product of $n$ copies of $\mathbb{D}$. Denote by $d m$ the normalized Lebesque volume measure on the polydisk $\mathbb{D}^{n}$. For $f \in L^{1}\left(\mathbb{D}^{n}, m\right)$, the Berezin transform of $f$ is define by

$$
\begin{equation*}
B_{\mathbb{D}^{n}} f(z)=\int_{\mathbb{D}^{n}} \prod_{j=1}^{n} \frac{\left(1-\left|z_{j}\right|^{2}\right)^{2}}{\left|1-z_{j} \bar{w}_{j}\right|^{4}} f(w) d m(w) \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Theorem 4.1. For $1<p \leq \infty$, we have

$$
\left\|B_{\mathbb{D}^{n}}: L^{p}\left(\mathbb{D}^{n}\right) \rightarrow L^{p}\left(\mathbb{D}^{n}\right)\right\|=\left\{\frac{1}{p}\left(1+\frac{1}{p}\right) \frac{\pi}{\sin (\pi / p)}\right\}^{n}
$$

The proof is almost the same as (and slightly simpler than) that of Theorem 1.1, so we omit it.

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