

ALGEBRAIC CHARACTERIZATION OF CONVOLUTION
AND MULTIPLICATION OPERATORS ON
HANKEL-TRANSFORMABLE FUNCTION
AND DISTRIBUTION SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we characterize the continuous linear mapping from \mathcal{B}_μ into \mathcal{H}'_μ that commutes with Hankel convolutions (equivalently, with Hankel translations) as the convolution operators with symbol in \mathcal{H}'_μ . As a consequence, we establish that \mathcal{H}'_μ and the space $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu, \#})$ of continuous linear mappings from \mathcal{H}_μ into $\mathcal{O}_{\mu, \#}$ commuting with Hankel translations are homeomorphic. Also, we prove that $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu, \#}$, respectively \mathcal{O} , is homeomorphic to $\text{Hom}_\#(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$, respectively $\text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$, where $\text{Hom}_\#(\mathbf{H}_\mu)$, respectively $\text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$, denotes the space of continuous linear mappings from \mathcal{H}_μ into itself that commute with Hankel convolutions, respectively with ordinary products.

1. Introduction and preliminaries. I.I. Hirschman [12], D.T. Haimo [11] and F.M. Cholewinski [10] investigated a convolution operation for the Hankel-type transformation

$$(h_\mu\psi)(t) = \int_0^\infty x^{2\mu+1}(xt)^{-\mu}J_\mu(xt)\psi(x) dx, \quad t \in I.$$

Here, as usual, J_μ denotes the Bessel function of the first kind and order μ . Throughout this paper, the real parameter μ will be greater than or equal to $-1/2$.

In [13], we introduced a Hankel convolution closely connected with that cited above. The Hankel translation $\tau_x\psi$, $x \in I = (0, \infty)$, of a suitable function $\psi = \psi(x)$, $x \in I$, was defined by

$$(\tau_x\psi)(y) = \int_0^\infty \psi(z)D_\mu(x, y, z) dz, \quad x, y \in I,$$

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where

$$D_\mu(x, y, z) = \int_0^\infty t^{-\mu-1/2} (xt)^{1/2} J_\mu(xt) (yt)^{1/2} J_\mu(yt) (zt)^{1/2} J_\mu(zt) dt,$$

$$x, y, z \in I.$$

Then the Hankel convolution $\psi \# \varphi$ of the functions $\psi = \psi(x)$ and $\varphi = \varphi(x)$ is given by

$$(\psi \# \varphi)(x) = \int_0^\infty \varphi(y) (\tau_x \psi)(y) dy, \quad x \in I,$$

provided that the integral exists. The Hankel translation and the Hankel convolution relate to the Hankel integral transformation

$$(h_\mu \psi)(t) = \int_0^\infty (xt)^{1/2} J_\mu(xt) \psi(x) dx$$

by means of the formulae

$$(1) \quad h_\mu(\tau_x \psi)(t) = t^{-\mu-1/2} (xt)^{1/2} J_\mu(xt) (h_\mu \psi)(t), \quad x, t \in I,$$

$$(2) \quad h_\mu(\psi \# \varphi)(t) = t^{-\mu-1/2} (h_\mu \psi)(t) (h_\mu \varphi)(t), \quad t \in I,$$

valid for suitable ψ and φ .

In a series of papers [5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13], the authors have investigated the $\#$ -convolution in certain spaces of generalized functions. We summarize below the main results in those papers that will be needed in the sequel.

A.H. Zemanian [15] introduced the function space \mathcal{H}_μ consisting of all those smooth, complex valued functions $\psi = \psi(x)$, $x \in I$, such that

$$\gamma_{m,k}^\mu(\psi) = \sup_{x \in I} \left| x^m \left(\frac{1}{x} D \right)^k (x^{-\mu-1/2} \psi(x)) \right| < \infty$$

for every $m, k \in \mathbf{N}$. When endowed with the topology generated by the family of seminorms $\{\gamma_{m,k}^\mu\}_{m,k \in \mathbf{N}}$, \mathcal{H}_μ becomes a Fréchet space. Further properties of the space were found by the authors in [3].

The h_μ -transformation is an automorphism of \mathcal{H}_μ , [15, Theorem 5.4-1]. As usual, \mathcal{H}'_μ will denote the dual space of \mathcal{H}_μ . Throughout this

paper \mathcal{H}'_μ will be equipped with its strong topology. The generalized Hankel transformation h'_μ is defined on \mathcal{H}'_μ as the adjoint of the h_μ -transformation.

In his study of the Hankel transformation, A.H. Zemanian [14] introduced the space $\mathcal{B}_\mu = \cup_{a>0} \mathcal{B}_{\mu,a}$, where, for each $a > 0$, $\mathcal{B}_{\mu,a}$ consists of all those smooth, complex valued functions $\psi = \psi(x)$, $x \in I$, such that $\psi(x) = 0$, for $x > a$, and

$$\gamma_k^\mu(\psi) = \sup_{x \in I} \left| \left(\frac{1}{x} D \right)^k (x^{-\mu-1/2} \psi(x)) \right| < \infty,$$

for every $k \in \mathbf{N}$. The space $\mathcal{B}_{\mu,a}$ is topologized by the family of seminorms $\{\gamma_k^\mu\}_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$, and \mathcal{B}_μ is endowed with the inductive topology associated to the collection $\{\mathcal{B}_{\mu,a}\}_{a>0}$.

The space \mathcal{O} of all those smooth, complex valued functions $\vartheta = \vartheta(x)$, $x \in I$, with the property that to every $k \in \mathbf{N}$ there corresponds $n = n(k) \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that $\sup_{x \in I} |(1+x^2)^n ((1/x)D)^k \vartheta(x)| < \infty$, was characterized by the authors as the space of multipliers of \mathcal{H}_μ and of \mathcal{H}'_μ [4, Theorem 2.3]. Hence, \mathcal{O} can be viewed as a subspace of the space $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ of all continuous linear mappings from \mathcal{H}_μ into itself. Denoting by $\mathcal{L}_b(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$, respectively $\mathcal{L}_s(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$, the space $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ endowed with the topology of uniform convergence on bounded subsets of \mathcal{H}_μ , respectively the topology of pointwise convergence on \mathcal{H}_μ , we find that both $\mathcal{L}_b(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ and $\mathcal{L}_s(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ induce on \mathcal{O} the same topology [8, Proposition 1], namely, the topology generated by the family of seminorms $\{\gamma_{m,k;\psi}^\mu\}_{m,k \in \mathbf{N}, \psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu}$, where $\gamma_{m,k;\psi}^\mu(\vartheta) = \gamma_{m,k}^\mu(\vartheta\psi)$ for every $m, k \in \mathbf{N}$ and $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$, with $\vartheta \in \mathcal{O}$. Then \mathcal{O} is complete [4, Proposition 3.2].

In our study on the generalized $\#$ -convolution we introduced [13] the space $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#} = \cup_{m \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathcal{O}_{\mu,m,\#}$, where $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,m,\#}$, $m \in \mathbf{Z}$, is defined as follows. Given $m \in \mathbf{Z}$, the function space $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,m,\#}$ is formed by all those smooth, complex valued functions $\phi = \phi(x)$, $x \in I$, such that the quantities

$$o_k^{\mu,m}(\phi) = \sup_{x \in I} |(1+x^2)^m x^{-\mu-1/2} S_\mu^k \phi(x)|$$

are finite, for every $k \in \mathbf{N}$. Here S_μ denotes the Bessel operator $x^{-\mu-1/2} D x^{2\mu+1} D x^{-\mu-1/2}$. We endow $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,m,\#}$ with the topology generated by $\{o_k^{\mu,m}\}_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$. It is clear that $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,m,\#}$ contains \mathcal{H}_μ . The

space $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,m,\#}$ is then defined as the closure of \mathcal{H}_μ in $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,m,\#}$. On $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}$ we consider the inductive limit topology associated to the family $\{\mathcal{O}_{\mu,m,\#}\}_{m \in \mathbf{Z}}$.

The dual $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ of $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}$ was characterized as the subspace of \mathcal{H}'_μ formed by all those functionals T in \mathcal{H}'_μ such that, for every $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$, the function $(T\#\psi)(x) = \langle T, \tau_x \psi \rangle$, $x \in I$, lies in \mathcal{H}_μ [6, Proposition 2.5]. It turns out that $h'_\mu(x^{-\mu-1/2}\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ [13, Proposition 4.2]. For every $T \in \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ the mapping $\psi \mapsto T\#\psi$ belongs to $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$. In this sense, $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ can be regarded as a subspace of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$. Both $\mathcal{L}_b(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ and $\mathcal{L}_s(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ induce in $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ its strong topology as a dual of $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}$ [8, Propositions 4 and 9, Proposition 5, Corollary 1].

The Hankel convolution $T\#S \in \mathcal{H}'_\mu$ of $T \in \mathcal{H}'_\mu$ and $S \in \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ is defined by the formula $\langle T\#S, \psi \rangle = \langle T, S\#\psi \rangle$, $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$. If $T \in \mathcal{H}'_\mu$ and $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$, then $T\#\psi \in \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}$ [9, Proposition 2]. This fact allows us to define $S\#T \in \mathcal{H}'_\mu$, when $S \in \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ and $T \in \mathcal{H}'_\mu$, by $\langle S\#T, \psi \rangle = \langle S, T\#\psi \rangle$, $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$. In [9, Proposition 3] we proved that $T\#S = S\#T$, for each $T \in \mathcal{H}'_\mu$ and $S \in \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$.

In this paper we characterize the continuous linear mappings from \mathcal{B}_μ into \mathcal{H}'_μ that commute with Hankel translations (equivalently, with Hankel convolutions) as the convolution operators with symbol in \mathcal{H}'_μ . Motivated by the work of S. Abdullah [1, 2], we prove that \mathcal{H}'_μ is homeomorphic to the space $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#})$ of all continuous linear mappings from \mathcal{H}_μ into $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}$ commuting with Hankel translations. Furthermore, we establish that the elements in $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ that commute with Hankel translations (equivalently, with Hankel convolutions) are precisely convolutions with elements of $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$. We also prove that $\text{Hom}_\#(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$, respectively $\text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$, is homeomorphic to $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$, respectively \mathcal{O} , where $\text{Hom}_\#(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$, respectively $\text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ is the subspace of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ consisting of all continuous linear mappings from \mathcal{H}_μ into itself that commute with Hankel convolutions, respectively with ordinary products. Finally, invertibility with respect to the Hankel convolution in $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$, respectively to the ordinary product in \mathcal{O} , and invertibility in $\text{Hom}_\#(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$, respectively in $\text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$, are shown to be equivalent.

Throughout this paper we will use Hankel approximate identities as considered in [5]. Also, we will refer to the space \mathcal{E}_μ and $\mathcal{W}_{\mu,a}^m$, $m \in \mathbf{N}$, $a > 0$, introduced in [5]. We recall that a smooth, complex

valued function $\psi = \psi(x)$, $x \in I$, lies in \mathcal{E}_μ if, and only if, the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0+} ((1/x)D)^k (x^{-\mu-1/2}\psi(x))$ exists for every $k \in \mathbf{N}$. The space \mathcal{E}_μ becomes a Fréchet space when equipped with the topology generated by the system of seminorms $\{\eta_{k,n}^\mu\}_{k,n \in \mathbf{N}}$, where

$$\eta_{k,n}^\mu(\psi) = \sup_{0 < x < n} \left| \left(\frac{1}{x} D \right)^k (x^{-\mu-1/2}\psi(x)) \right|, \quad \psi \in \mathcal{E}_\mu.$$

The space $\mathcal{W}_{\mu,a}^m$, $m \in \mathbf{N}$, $a > 0$, is constituted by all those complex valued functions $\psi \in C^{2m}(I)$ such that $\psi(x) = 0$ for $x \geq a$, and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0+} ((1/x)D)^k (x^{-\mu-1/2}\psi(x))$ exists for $k \in \mathbf{N}$, $0 \leq k \leq 2m$. This space is normed by

$$|\psi|_{\mu,\infty,m} = \max_{0 \leq k \leq m} \sup_{x \in I} |x^{-\mu-1/2} S_\mu^k \psi(x)|, \quad \psi \in \mathcal{W}_{\mu,a}^m.$$

2. Algebraic characterization of \mathcal{H}'_μ . Our first aim in this section is to prove that the mappings from \mathcal{B}_μ into \mathcal{H}'_μ commuting with Hankel translations are precisely those which commute with Hankel convolutions. Moreover, we establish that such mappings are always (and only) convolution operators with symbol in \mathcal{H}'_μ .

Two auxiliary results are previously needed.

Lemma 1. *Let $\{\phi_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ be a sequence in \mathcal{H}_μ . If $\{\phi_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ is bounded in \mathcal{H}_μ and there exists $\phi \in \mathcal{E}_\mu$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n = \phi$ in the sense of convergence in \mathcal{E}_μ , then $\phi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n = \phi$ in the sense of convergence in \mathcal{H}_μ .*

Proof. Since $\{\phi_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ is a bounded sequence in \mathcal{H}_μ , given $m, k \in \mathbf{N}$ there exists a positive constant $B_{m,k}$ such that $\gamma_{m,k}^\mu(\phi_n) \leq B_{m,k}$, for each $n \in \mathbf{N}$. Also, for every $x \in I$, $x^m ((1/x)D)^k x^{-\mu-1/2} \phi_n(x) \rightarrow x^m ((1/x)D)^k x^{-\mu-1/2} \phi(x)$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, because $\phi_n \rightarrow \phi$ in \mathcal{E}_μ , as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then $\gamma_{m,k}^\mu(\phi) \leq B_{m,k}$, so that $\phi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. It is easy to find $\rho > 0$ such that

$$(3) \quad \left| x^m \left(\frac{1}{x} D \right)^k x^{-\mu-1/2} (\phi_n(x) - \phi(x)) \right| < \varepsilon, \quad n \in \mathbf{N}, x \geq \rho.$$

On the other hand, since $\phi_n \rightarrow \phi$ in \mathcal{E}_μ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$ such that

$$(4) \quad \sup_{0 < x < \rho} \left| x^m \left(\frac{1}{x} D \right)^k x^{-\mu-1/2} (\phi_n(x) - \phi(x)) \right| < \varepsilon, \quad n \geq n_0.$$

By combining (3) and (4) we conclude that $\phi_n \rightarrow \phi$ in \mathcal{H}_μ , as $n \rightarrow \infty$. \square

Lemma 2. *Let $a, b > 0$. Then for every $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu,a}$ and $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu,b}$ the convergence*

$$(5) \quad (\psi \# \varphi)(x) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r \psi(y_{r,j}) (\tau_{y_{r,j}} \varphi)(x)$$

takes place both in the topology of \mathcal{H}_μ and in that of \mathcal{B}_μ , where $y_{r,j} = aj/r$, $r, j \in \mathbf{N}$, $1 \leq j \leq r$.

Proof. In the first place, we note that (5) holds in the sense of convergence in \mathcal{H}_μ if and only if

$$h_\mu \left((\psi \# \varphi)(x) - \frac{a}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r \psi(y_{r,j}) (\tau_{y_{r,j}} \varphi)(x) \right) (t) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{H}_\mu,$$

as $r \rightarrow \infty$.

By virtue of (1) and (2), establishing the latter convergence is equivalent to proving that $(h_\mu \varphi)(t) \vartheta_r(t) \rightarrow 0$ in \mathcal{H}_μ as $r \rightarrow \infty$ where, for every $r \in \mathbf{N}$, $r \geq 1$, and $t \in I$, $\vartheta_r(t)$ is defined by

$$\vartheta_r(t) = t^{-\mu-1/2} \left((h_\mu \psi)(t) - \frac{a}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r \psi(y_{r,j}) (ty_{r,j})^{1/2} J_\mu(ty_{r,j}) \right).$$

We shall proceed to show that $(h_\mu \varphi)(t) \vartheta_r(t) \rightarrow 0$ in \mathcal{E}_μ , as $r \rightarrow \infty$. In fact, fix $k \in \mathbf{N}$. Leibniz's rule leads to

$$(6) \quad \left(\frac{1}{t} D \right)^k (t^{-\mu-1/2} (h_\mu \varphi)(t) \vartheta_r(t))$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} \left(\frac{1}{t} D \right)^{k-i} (t^{-\mu-1/2} (h_\mu \varphi)(t)) \left(\frac{1}{t} D \right)^i \vartheta_r(t).$$

By using Equation 5.1 (6) in [15], for each fixed $i \in \mathbf{N}$, $0 \leq i \leq k$, one obtains

$$(7) \quad \left(-\frac{1}{t}D\right)^i \vartheta_r(t) = \int_0^a (xt)^{-\mu-i} J_{\mu+i}(xt) x^{2i+\mu+1/2} \psi(x) dx - \frac{a}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r \psi(y_{r,j}) (ty_{r,j})^{-\mu-i} J_{\mu+i}(ty_{r,j}) y_{r,j}^{2i+\mu+1/2},$$

$t \in I.$

Now let $n \in \mathbf{N}$. The (uniform) continuity of

$$h(x, t) = \begin{cases} (xt)^{-\mu-i} J_{\mu+i}(xt) x^{2i+\mu+1/2} \psi(x), & 0 \leq t \leq n \text{ and } 0 < x \leq a \\ 0 & 0 \leq t \leq n \text{ and } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

in $\{(x, t) : 0 \leq t \leq n, 0 \leq x \leq a\}$ guarantees that $((1/t)D)^i \vartheta_r(t) \rightarrow 0$ uniformly in $0 \leq t \leq n$, as $r \rightarrow \infty$. Moreover, the function $((1/t)D)^{k-i} (t^{-\mu-1/2} (h_\mu \varphi)(t))$ is bounded on I , because $h_\mu \varphi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$. Hence, $(h_\mu \varphi)(t) \vartheta_r(t) \rightarrow 0$ in \mathcal{E}_μ , as $r \rightarrow \infty$.

The proof that $(h_\mu \varphi)(t) \vartheta_r(t) \rightarrow 0$ in \mathcal{H}_μ , as $r \rightarrow \infty$, may now be accomplished by establishing the boundedness in \mathcal{H}_μ of the sequence $\{(h_\mu \varphi)(t) \vartheta_r(t)\}_{r \in \mathbf{N}}$ (Lemma 1). To this end, fix $m, k \in \mathbf{N}$. From (6) we infer that

$$\gamma_{m,k}^\mu((h_\mu \varphi) \vartheta_r) \leq \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} \gamma_{m,k-i}^\mu(h_\mu \varphi) \sup_{t \in I} \left| \left(\frac{1}{t}D\right)^i \vartheta_r(t) \right|.$$

The function $x^{-\mu} J_\mu(x)$ being bounded on I , (7) implies

$$\sup_{t \in I} \left| \left(\frac{1}{t}D\right)^i \vartheta_r(t) \right| \leq A \left(\int_0^a x^{2i+\mu+1/2} |\psi(x)| dx + \frac{a}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r |\psi(y_{r,j})| y_{r,j}^{2i+\mu+1/2} \right) \leq B$$

for certain $A, B > 0$. Thus (5) holds in the topology of \mathcal{H}_μ .

Finally we are going to prove that (5) holds also in \mathcal{B}_μ . According to [5, Proposition 3.4], $\psi \# \varphi$ belongs to $\mathcal{B}_{\mu,a+b}$ whenever $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu,a}$ and

$\varphi \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu,b}$. By [5, Corollary 3.3], $\tau_{y_{r,j}}\psi \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu,a+b}$ for every $r, j \in \mathbf{N}$, $1 \leq j \leq r$. Hence, $(\psi \# \varphi)(x) - (a/r) \sum_{j=1}^r \psi(y_{r,j})(\tau_{y_{r,j}}\varphi)(x) \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu,a+b}$ for every $r \in \mathbf{N}$, $r \geq 1$. Since (5) holds in \mathcal{H}_{μ} , it is true also in $\mathcal{B}_{\mu,a+b}$. \square

We are now ready to establish the main result in this section.

Proposition 1. *Let $\mathcal{U} : \mathcal{B}_{\mu} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}'_{\mu}$ be a continuous linear mapping. Then the following are equivalent.*

(i) \mathcal{U} commutes with Hankel translations, that is, $\tau_x \mathcal{U} \psi = \mathcal{U} \tau_x \psi$ for $x \in I$ and $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu}$.

(ii) \mathcal{U} commutes with Hankel convolutions, that is, $\mathcal{U}(\varphi \# \psi) = (\mathcal{U}\varphi) \# \psi$ for $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu}$.

(iii) There exists a unique $T \in \mathcal{H}'_{\mu}$ such that $\mathcal{U}\psi = T \# \psi$, $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu}$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let $a, b > 0$ and take $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu,a}$, $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu,b}$. According to Lemma 2, the identity

$$(\varphi \# \psi)(x) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r \psi(y_{r,j})(\tau_{y_{r,j}}\varphi)(x)$$

holds both in the sense of convergence in \mathcal{H}_{μ} and in that of \mathcal{B}_{μ} where, as in Lemma 2, $y_{r,j} = aj/r$, $r, j \in \mathbf{N}$, $1 \leq j \leq r$.

As \mathcal{U} is a continuous linear mapping commuting with Hankel translations, for every $\phi \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu}$ we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{U}(\varphi \# \psi), \phi \rangle &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r \psi(y_{r,j}) \langle \mathcal{U}(\tau_{y_{r,j}}\varphi), \phi \rangle \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r \psi(y_{r,j}) \langle \mathcal{U}\varphi, \tau_{y_{r,j}}\phi \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathcal{U}\varphi, \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r \psi(y_{r,j}) \tau_{y_{r,j}}\phi \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathcal{U}\varphi, \psi \# \phi \rangle \\ &= \langle (\mathcal{U}\varphi) \# \psi, \phi \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The density of \mathcal{B}_μ in \mathcal{H}_μ establishes (ii).

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Let $\{k_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ be a Hankel approximate identity. Since \mathcal{U} is continuous and commutes with convolutions, and since $k_n \# \psi \rightarrow \psi$ in \mathcal{B}_μ , as $n \rightarrow \infty$, whenever $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_\mu$ [5, Proposition 3.6], one has

$$(8) \quad \mathcal{U}\psi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{U}(k_n \# \psi) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{U}k_n) \# \psi, \quad \psi \in \mathcal{B}_\mu$$

in the topology of \mathcal{H}'_μ . Now, for each $n \in \mathbf{N}$, write $T_n = \mathcal{U}k_n$ and define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_n : \mathcal{B}_\mu &\longrightarrow \mathcal{H}'_\mu \\ \psi &\longmapsto T_n \# \psi. \end{aligned}$$

According to [13, Proposition 3.5], each \mathcal{U}_n is a continuous linear mapping. Moreover, (8) guarantees that the sequence $\{\mathcal{U}_n \psi\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ is bounded in \mathcal{H}'_μ for every $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_\mu$.

Fix $a > 0$. By [6, Lemma 2.3] there exists $s \in \mathbf{N}$ such that each \mathcal{U}_n can be continuously extended up to $\mathcal{W}_{\mu,a}^s$ (this extension will be denoted again by \mathcal{U}_n) to obtain an equicontinuous family of mappings from $\mathcal{W}_{\mu,a}^s$ into \mathcal{H}'_μ . Choose $0 < b < a$ and $m, r \in \mathbf{N}$ such that $m > \mu + s + 2$ and $r > \mu + 2m + 1$. The identity $\delta_\mu = (1 - S_\mu)^r \psi_0 - \varphi_0$ holds for suitable $\psi_0 \in \mathcal{W}_{\mu,b}^m$ and $\varphi_0 \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu,b}$ [6, Lemma 2.1]], where $\delta_\mu \in \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ is defined by

$$\langle \delta_\mu, \psi \rangle = c_\mu \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{-\mu-1/2} \psi(x), \quad \psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} T_n &= T_n \# \delta_\mu = (1 - S_\mu)^r T_n \# \psi_0 - T_n \# \varphi_0 \\ &= (1 - S_\mu)^r \mathcal{U}_n \psi_0 - \mathcal{U}_n \varphi_0, \quad n \in \mathbf{N}, \end{aligned}$$

because S_μ commutes with the $\#$ -convolution [13, Proposition 2.2]. Arguing as in the proof that (iii) \Rightarrow (i) in [6, Proposition 2.4], we infer that the sequence $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ is bounded in \mathcal{H}'_μ . The space \mathcal{H}'_μ being Montel [3, Corollary 4.3], there exists a subsequence of $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ (that we will denote again by $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$) which converges to a certain $T \in \mathcal{H}'_\mu$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$. According to [5, Propositions 3.6 and 4.1] we have that $T_n \# \psi \rightarrow T \# \psi$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, whenever $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_\mu$, in the sense of convergence in \mathcal{H}'_μ . From (8), we conclude that $\mathcal{U}\psi = T \# \psi$ for all $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_\mu$.

Uniqueness of T can be established as follows. If $T\#\psi = 0$ whenever $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_\mu$, then

$$\langle T, \psi \rangle = \langle T\#\delta_\mu, \psi \rangle = \langle \delta_\mu, T\#\psi \rangle = 0, \quad \psi \in \mathcal{B}_\mu.$$

Since \mathcal{B}_μ is dense in \mathcal{H}_μ , necessarily $T = 0$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i). This follows immediately from [7, Lemma 2.2]. \square

An interesting consequence of Proposition 1 is the next.

Corollary 1. *Let \mathcal{U} be a continuous linear mapping from \mathcal{H}_μ into $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}$. The following are equivalent.*

- (i) \mathcal{U} commutes with Hankel translations.
- (ii) \mathcal{U} commutes with Hankel convolutions.
- (iii) There exists a unique $T \in \mathcal{H}'_\mu$ such that $\mathcal{U}\psi = T\#\psi$ whenever $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$.

Proof. It is easily seen that \mathcal{H}'_μ contains $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}$. Moreover, if \mathcal{T}_s denotes the topology induced on $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}$ by the strong topology of \mathcal{H}'_μ , then $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,m,\#}$ is continuously embedded in $(\mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}, \mathcal{T}_s)$, for every $m \in \mathbf{Z}$. In fact, let $m \in \mathbf{Z}$. For $f \in \mathcal{O}_{\mu,m,\#}$ and $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle f, \psi \rangle| \leq & \int_0^\infty x^{2\mu+1} |(1+x^2)^m x^{-\mu-1/2} f(x)| \\ & \cdot |(1+x^2)^r x^{-\mu-1/2} \psi(x)| (1+x^2)^{-r-m} dx, \end{aligned}$$

where r is a nonnegative integer such that $m+r-2\mu > 2$. Hence, the inductive topology of $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}$ is stronger than \mathcal{T}_s . Corollary 1 may now be derived from Proposition 1 by taking into account the density of \mathcal{B}_μ in \mathcal{H}_μ . \square

The next Proposition 2 yields an algebraic characterization of \mathcal{H}'_μ . The space $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#})$ consists of all those continuous linear mappings from \mathcal{H}_μ into $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}$ commuting with Hankel translations. A 0-neighborhood base for the topology of $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#})$ is given by the sets

$$V(B, G) = \{F \in \text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}) : F(\psi) \in G, \psi \in B\},$$

where B runs over the family of all bounded subsets of \mathcal{H}_μ and G denotes any neighborhood of the origin in $\mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}$.

Proposition 2. *The spaces \mathcal{H}'_μ and $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#})$ are homeomorphic.*

Proof. It is clear that, given $T \in \mathcal{H}'_\mu$, the mapping $\mathbf{U}(T)$, defined by $\mathbf{U}(T)\psi = T\#\psi$, $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$, belongs to $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#})$. Moreover, by virtue of Corollary 1, to every $F \in \text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#})$ there corresponds a unique $T \in \mathcal{H}'_\mu$ such that $F(\psi) = T\#\psi$, $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$. Hence \mathbf{U} establishes an algebraic isomorphism from \mathcal{H}'_μ onto $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#})$. We claim this isomorphism is also topological.

To begin with, \mathbf{U} is continuous. Let V denote the neighborhood of the origin in $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#})$ defined by

$$V = V(B, W^\circ) = \{F \in \text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}) : F(\psi) \in W^\circ, \psi \in B\},$$

where B is a bounded set in \mathcal{H}_μ and W is a bounded set in $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$. We want to show that $\mathbf{U}^{-1}(V)$ is a neighborhood of the origin in \mathcal{H}'_μ . To this end, consider $U = \{S\#\psi : S \in W, \psi \in B\}$. Then U is bounded in \mathcal{H}_μ . For, given a 0-neighborhood D in \mathcal{H}_μ , the set

$$C = C(B, D) = \{S \in \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#} : S\#\psi \in D, \psi \in B\}$$

defines a 0-neighborhood in $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ so that $\lambda W \subseteq C$ for some $\lambda > 0$. Consequently $\lambda(S\#\psi) = (\lambda S)\#\psi \in D$, for each $S \in W$ and $\psi \in B$, and we conclude that $\lambda U \subseteq D$. Now $T \in \mathbf{U}^{-1}(V)$ if and only if

$$|\langle T\#\psi, S \rangle| = |\langle S\#T, \psi \rangle| = |\langle T\#S, \psi \rangle| = |\langle T, S\#\psi \rangle| < 1$$

for every $S \in W$ and $\psi \in B$. Therefore, $\mathbf{U}^{-1}(V) = U^\circ$, thus proving that $\mathbf{U}^{-1}(V)$ is a neighborhood of the origin in \mathcal{H}'_μ .

In order to establish the continuity of \mathbf{U}^{-1} , let B be a bounded set in \mathcal{H}_μ . We aim to show that $\mathbf{U}(B^\circ)$ is a neighborhood of the origin in $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#})$. This will be done by proving that

$$\mathbf{U}(B^\circ) = V(B, \{\delta_\mu\}^\circ) = \{F \in \text{Hom}(\mathcal{H}_\mu, \mathcal{O}_{\mu,\#}) : F(\psi) \in \{\delta_\mu\}^\circ, \psi \in B\}.$$

In fact, $F \in V(B, \{\delta_\mu\}^\circ)$ if and only if $F(\psi) \in \{\delta_\mu\}^\circ$ for every $\psi \in B$ or, equivalently,

$$|\langle \delta_\mu, T\#\psi \rangle| = |\langle T\#\delta_\mu, \psi \rangle| = |\langle T, \psi \rangle| < 1$$

for every $\psi \in B$, where $T = \mathbf{U}^{-1}(F)$. Thus $\mathbf{U}(B^\circ) = V(B, \{\delta_\mu\}^\circ)$, as asserted. \square

Proposition 2 suggests that we define in \mathcal{H}'_μ the topology \mathcal{T}_H which has as 0-neighborhood base the family of all sets of the form

$$V(B, W) = \{T \in \mathcal{H}'_\mu : T\#\psi \in W, \psi \in B\},$$

where B is any bounded set in \mathcal{H}_μ and W is any neighborhood of the origin in $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu, \#}$. As an immediate consequence of Proposition 2, we have the following.

Corollary 2. *The strong topology of \mathcal{H}'_μ coincides with \mathcal{T}_H .*

3. Algebraic characterization of \mathcal{H}_μ . In [7, Theorem 2.3] the authors established that any continuous linear mapping from \mathcal{H}_μ into itself commuting with Hankel translations can be represented as a convolution with an element of $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu, \#}$. This result can be improved as follows.

Proposition 3. *Let \mathcal{U} be a continuous linear mapping from \mathcal{H}_μ into itself. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i) \mathcal{U} commutes with Hankel translations.
- (ii) \mathcal{U} commutes with Hankel convolutions.
- (iii) *There exists a unique $S \in \mathcal{O}'_{\mu, \#}$ such that $\mathcal{U}\psi = S\#\psi$, for every $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$.*

Proof. The equivalence between (i) and (iii) is Theorem 2.3 in [7]. That (iii) implies (ii) follows immediately from [7, Lemma 2.2]. To finish the proof we shall establish that (ii) implies (i). Assume that \mathcal{U} satisfies (ii). Let $\{k_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ be a Hankel approximate identity, and let $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$. An argument similar to the one developed in the proof of

[5, Proposition 3.5] reveals that $k_n \# \psi \rightarrow \psi$ in \mathcal{H}_μ , as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since τ_x , $x \in I$, is a continuous linear mapping from \mathcal{H}_μ into itself which commutes with Hankel convolutions, for every $x \in I$ we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_x \mathcal{U} \psi &= \tau_x \mathcal{U} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n \# \psi \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau_x \mathcal{U} (k_n \# \psi) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau_x ((\mathcal{U} k_n) \# \psi) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{U} k_n) \# \tau_x \psi \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{U} (k_n \# \tau_x \psi) = \mathcal{U} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (k_n \# \tau_x \psi) \right) \\ &= \mathcal{U} (\tau_x \psi). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is thus complete. \square

We denote by $\text{Hom}_\#(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ the subspace of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ constituted by all continuous linear mappings from \mathcal{H}_μ into itself that commute with Hankel convolutions. The space $\text{Hom}_\#(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ is endowed with the topology it inherits from $\mathcal{L}_b(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$.

Proposition 3 yields the following algebraic characterization of $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$.

Corollary 3. *The spaces $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ and $\text{Hom}_\#(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ are homeomorphic.*

Proof. By virtue of Proposition 3, the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L} : \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#} &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}_\#(\mathcal{H}_\mu) \\ S &\longmapsto \mathbf{L}(S) : \mathcal{H}_\mu \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_\mu \\ &\psi \longmapsto S \# \psi \end{aligned}$$

is an algebraic isomorphism. This isomorphism is also topological because the topology of $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ is precisely that inherited from $\mathcal{L}_b(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ via \mathbf{L} . \square

The isomorphisms in $\text{Hom}_\#(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ may be identified with the invertible elements in $\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ with respect to the convolution product, as Proposition 4 shows.

Proposition 4. *Let $S \in \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$, and denote by F_s the member of $\text{Hom}_\#(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ defined by $F_s(\psi) = S \# \psi$, $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$. Then $S \# \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#} = \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ if and only if F_s is an isomorphism.*

Proof. First assume that $S\#\mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#} = \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$. Then some $u \in \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ satisfies $S\#u = \delta_\mu$, so that $S\#(u\#\psi) = (S\#u)\#\psi = \delta_\mu\#\psi = \psi$, for every $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$. As $u\#\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$ whenever $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$ [13, Proposition 4.3], we conclude that F_s is onto. On the other hand, if $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$ and $S\#\psi = 0$ then $\psi = \delta_\mu\#\psi = (S\#u)\#\psi = u\#(S\#\psi) = 0$. Therefore, F_s is one-to-one.

Now suppose that F_s is bijective. It is easily checked that the inverse F_s^{-1} of F_s also belongs to $\text{Hom}_\#(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$. Then the linear functional

$$\begin{aligned} u : \mathcal{H}_\mu &\longrightarrow \mathbf{C} \\ \psi &\longmapsto \langle \delta_\mu, F_s^{-1}(\psi) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

lies in \mathcal{H}'_μ . Moreover,

$$\langle u\#S, \psi \rangle = \langle u, S\#\psi \rangle = \langle \delta_\mu, F_s^{-1}(S\#\psi) \rangle = \langle \delta_\mu, \psi \rangle, \quad \psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu.$$

This means that $u\#S = \delta_\mu$, whence $u\#(S\#\psi) = (u\#S)\#\psi = \psi$ for every $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$. The surjectivity of F_s , along with [6, Proposition 2.5], yields that $u \in \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$. Now, if $T \in \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ then $u\#T \in \mathcal{O}'_{\mu,\#}$ and $S\#(u\#T) = (S\#u)\#T = \delta_\mu\#T = T$. This completes the proof. \square

At this point we introduce the space $\text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ consisting of all those continuous linear mappings F from \mathcal{H}_μ into itself, such that

$$F(x^{-\mu-1/2}\varphi(x)\psi(x)) = x^{-\mu-1/2}(F\varphi)(x)\psi(x), \quad \varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu.$$

We endow $\text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ with the relative topology inherited from $\mathcal{L}_b(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$. Our next objective is to prove that $\text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ is homeomorphic to the space \mathcal{O} of multipliers of \mathcal{H}_μ . Previously, the following must be established.

Lemma 3. *For every $\vartheta \in \mathcal{O}$ there exists a sequence $\{\psi_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ in \mathcal{H}_μ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^{-\mu-1/2}\psi_n = \vartheta$ in \mathcal{O} .*

Proof. Let $\{k_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ be a Hankel approximate identity. An argument similar to that developed in the proof of [5, Proposition 3.5] reveals that $k_n\#\psi \rightarrow \psi$ in \mathcal{H}_μ , as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$. Then h_μ being an automorphism of \mathcal{H}_μ , and taking into account (2), we infer that

$x^{-\mu-1/2}(h_\mu k_n)(x)\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi(x)$ in \mathcal{H}_μ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for $\phi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$, or, in other words, that $x^{-\mu-1/2}(h_\mu k_n)(x) \rightarrow 1$ in \mathcal{O} , as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, for each $\vartheta \in \mathcal{O}$ we have that $x^{-\mu-1/2}(h_\mu k_n)(x)\vartheta(x) \rightarrow \vartheta(x)$ in \mathcal{O} as $n \rightarrow \infty$, with $(h_\mu k_n)\vartheta \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$, for every $n \in \mathbf{N}$. The proof is thus complete. \square

Proposition 5. *The spaces \mathcal{O} and $\text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ are homeomorphic.*

Proof. Define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H} : \mathcal{O} &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu) \\ \vartheta &\longmapsto \mathbf{H}(\vartheta) : \mathcal{H}_\mu \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_\mu \\ &\psi \longmapsto \vartheta\psi. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, \mathbf{H} is one-to-one. Moreover, \mathbf{H} is onto. In fact, let $F \in \text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$. By virtue of Lemma 3, there exists a sequence $\{\psi_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ in \mathcal{H}_μ such that $x^{-\mu-1/2}\psi_n(x) \rightarrow 1$ in \mathcal{O} , as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then, for every $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$, $x^{-\mu-1/2}\psi_n(x)\varphi(x) \rightarrow \varphi(x)$ in \mathcal{H}_μ , as $n \rightarrow \infty$, whence $x^{-\mu-1/2}F(\psi_n)(x)\varphi(x) = F(x^{-\mu-1/2}\psi_n(x)\varphi(x)) \rightarrow F(\varphi)(x)$ in \mathcal{H}_μ , as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This means that the sequence $\{x^{-\mu-1/2}F(\psi_n)\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ is Cauchy in \mathcal{O} . Since \mathcal{O} is complete [4, Proposition 3.2], there exists $\vartheta \in \mathcal{O}$ such that $x^{-\mu-1/2}F(\psi_n)(x) \rightarrow \vartheta(x)$ in \mathcal{O} , as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence $F(\varphi) = \vartheta\varphi$, $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$. This proves that \mathbf{H} defines an algebraic isomorphism. That this isomorphism is also topological can be seen easily. \square

Concerning invertibility in the spaces $\text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ and \mathcal{O} , the following analogue of Proposition 4 holds.

Proposition 6. *Let $\vartheta \in \mathcal{O}$, and let F_ϑ denote the element of $\text{Hom}_p(\mathcal{H}_\mu)$ defined by $F_\vartheta(\psi) = \vartheta\psi$, $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\mu$. Then $\vartheta\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}$ if and only if F_ϑ is an isomorphism.*

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