

# Disk-cyclic and codisk-cyclic weighted pseudo-shifts

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## Abstract

In this paper, we characterize disk-cyclic and codisk-cyclic weighted pseudo-shifts on Banach sequence spaces, and consider the bilateral operator weighted shifts on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  as a special case. Moreover, we present a counter-example to show that a result in [Y. X. Liang and Z. H. Zhou], Disk-cyclicity and Codisk-cyclicity of certain shift operators, *Operators and Matrices*, **9**(2015), 831–846] is not correct.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the set of non-negative integers,  $\mathbb{Z}$  denote the set of all integers. Let  $L(X)$  be the space of all linear and continuous operators on a separable, infinite dimensional complex Banach space  $X$ . An operator  $T \in L(X)$  is said to be *hypercyclic* if there is a vector  $x \in X$  such that the orbit  $\text{Orb}(T, x) = \{T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is dense in  $X$ . In such a case,  $x$  is called a *hypercyclic vector* for  $T$ .

The first example of a hypercyclic operator on a Banach space was offered in 1969 by Rolewicz [15], who showed that if  $B$  is the unilateral backward shift on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ , then the scaled shift  $\lambda B$  is hypercyclic if and only if  $|\lambda| > 1$ . Salas [16] completely characterized the hypercyclic unilateral weighted backward shifts on  $\ell^p(\mathbb{N})$  with  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and the bilateral weighted shifts on  $\ell^p(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $1 \leq p < \infty$  in terms of their weight sequences. León-Saavedra and Montes-Rodríguez [12]

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later used Salas' weight characterization to show that each type of weighted shifts is hypercyclic precisely when it satisfies the so-called Hypercyclicity Criterion. This criterion was obtained independently by Kitai [11] and by Gethner and Shapiro [4], and it provides a sufficient condition for a general operator to be hypercyclic. Using the Hypercyclicity Criterion, Grosse-Erdmann [5] extended Salas' results by obtaining a characterization for hypercyclic weighted shifts on an arbitrary F-sequence space. We refer the readers to the books by Bayart and Matheron [2], and by Grosse-Erdmann and A. Peris Manguillot [6] for more background and many examples about hypercyclic operators.

By Rolewicz's example above,  $\lambda B$  is not hypercyclic whenever  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ , this led to study the disk orbit or codisk orbit notion. Disk-cyclic and codisk-cyclic operators were introduced by Zeana in her PhD thesis [8], and defined as follows:

**Definition 1.1.** A bounded linear operator  $T$  on  $X$  is called *disk-cyclic* if there is a vector  $x$  in  $X$  such that the set

$$\{\alpha T^n x : \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, 0 < |\alpha| \leq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ is dense in } X.$$

In this case  $x$  is said to be a *disk-cyclic vector* for  $T$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A bounded linear operator  $T$  on  $X$  is called *codisk-cyclic* if there is a vector  $x$  in  $X$  such that the set

$$\{\alpha T^n x : \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, |\alpha| \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ is dense in } X.$$

In this case  $x$  is said to be a *codisk-cyclic vector* for  $T$ .

*Remarks 1.3.* (1) Every hypercyclic operator is (co)disk-cyclic;

(2) In [8], Zeana proved that the set of all disk-cyclic (respectively codisk-cyclic) vectors for a disk-cyclic (respectively codisk-cyclic) operator on Hilbert space is a dense  $G_\delta$  set. With the same arguments, this conclusion is also valid in Banach spaces.

In [8] the author also proposed the disk-cyclicity criterion and codisk-cyclicity criterion in Hilbert spaces. These two criteria play a key role in this paper, now we extend them to Banach spaces and the proofs are the same as those in Hilbert spaces.

**Proposition 1.4.** (*Disk-Cyclicity Criterion*) Let  $X$  be a separable Banach space,  $T \in L(X)$  such that

(1) There are dense sets  $X_0, Y_0$  in  $X$  and a right inverse  $S$  of  $T$  (not necessarily bounded) such that  $S(Y_0) \subset Y_0$  and  $TS = I_{Y_0}$ .

(2) There is a sequence  $(n_k) \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that

(a)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|S^{n_k} y\| = 0$  for all  $y \in Y_0$ ;

(b)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{n_k} x\| \|S^{n_k} y\| = 0$  for all  $x \in X_0, y \in Y_0$ .

Then  $T$  is disk-cyclic.

**Proposition 1.5.** (Codisk-Cyclicity Criterion) Let  $X$  be a separable Banach space,  $T \in L(X)$  such that

(1) There are dense sets  $X_0, Y_0$  in  $X$  and a right inverse  $S$  of  $T$  (not necessarily bounded) such that  $S(Y_0) \subset Y_0$  and  $TS = I_{Y_0}$ .

(2) There is a sequence  $(n_k) \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that

(a)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{n_k}x\| = 0$  for all  $x \in X_0$ ;

(b)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{n_k}x\| \|S^{n_k}y\| = 0$  for all  $x \in X_0, y \in Y_0$ .

Then  $T$  is codisk-cyclic.

For examples of disk-cyclic operators, Zeana [10] characterized the disk-cyclic bilateral weighted shifts on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$ . Liang and Zhou studied the disk-cyclic and codisk-cyclic tuples of the adjoint weighted composition operators on Hilbert spaces in [14]. For more results about (co)disk-cyclic operators, we recommend papers [17], [1] and [9]. In this paper, motivated by Grosse-Erdmann’s work [5], we investigate the (co)disk-cyclicity of weighted pseudo-shifts on arbitrary Banach sequence spaces.

To proceed further we recall some definitions of the sequence spaces and weighted pseudo-shifts. For a comprehensive survey we recommend Grosse-Erdmann’s paper [5].

**Definition 1.6. (Sequence Space)** If we allow an arbitrary countably infinite set  $I$  as an index set, then a *sequence space over  $I$*  is a subspace of the space  $\omega(I) = \mathbb{C}^I$  of all scalar families  $(x_i)_{i \in I}$ . The space  $\omega(I)$  is endowed with its natural product topology.

A *topological sequence space  $X$  over  $I$*  is a sequence space over  $I$  that is endowed with a linear topology in such a way that the inclusion mapping  $X \hookrightarrow \omega(I)$  is continuous or, equivalently, that every *coordinate functional*  $f_i : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, (x_k)_{k \in I} \mapsto x_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) is continuous. A *Banach (Hilbert) sequence space over  $I$*  is a topological sequence space over  $I$  that is a Banach (Hilbert) space.

**Definition 1.7. (OP-basis)** By  $(e_i)_{i \in I}$  we denote the canonical unit vectors  $e_i = (\delta_{ik})_{k \in I}$  in a topological sequence space  $X$  over  $I$ . We say  $(e_i)_{i \in I}$  is an *OP – basis* or (*Ovsepian Pelczyński basis*) if  $\text{span}\{e_i : i \in I\}$  is a dense subspace of  $X$  and the family of *coordinate projections*  $x \mapsto x_i e_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) on  $X$  is equicontinuous. Note that in a Banach sequence space over  $I$  the family of coordinate projections is equicontinuous if and only if  $\sup_{i \in I} \|e_i\| \|f_i\| < \infty$ .

**Definition 1.8. (Pseudo-shift Operators)** Let  $X$  be a Banach sequence space over  $I$ . Then a continuous linear operator  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is called a *weighted pseudo-shift* if there is a sequence  $(b_i)_{i \in I}$  of non-zero scalars and an injective mapping  $\varphi : I \rightarrow I$  such that

$$T(x_i)_{i \in I} = (b_i x_{\varphi(i)})_{i \in I}$$

for  $(x_i) \in X$ . We then write  $T = T_{b, \varphi}$ , and  $(b_i)_{i \in I}$  is called the *weight sequence*.

*Remarks 1.9.* (1) If  $T = T_{b,\varphi} : X \rightarrow X$  is a weighted pseudo-shift, then each  $T^n (n \geq 1)$  is also a weighted pseudo-shift as follows

$$T^n(x_i)_{i \in I} = (b_{n,i}x_{\varphi^n(i)})_{i \in I}$$

where

$$\varphi^n(i) = (\varphi \circ \varphi \circ \cdots \circ \varphi)(i) \quad (n\text{-fold})$$

$$b_{n,i} = b_i b_{\varphi(i)} \cdots b_{\varphi^{n-1}(i)} = \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} b_{\varphi^v(i)}.$$

(2) We consider the inverse  $\psi = \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(I) \rightarrow I$  of the mapping  $\varphi$ . We also set

$$b_{\psi(i)} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad e_{\psi(i)} = 0 \quad \text{if } i \in I \setminus \varphi(I),$$

i.e. when  $\psi(i)$  is “undefined”. Then for all  $i \in I$ ,

$$T_{b,\varphi}e_i = b_{\psi(i)}e_{\psi(i)}.$$

(3) We denote  $\psi^n = \psi \circ \psi \circ \cdots \circ \psi$  ( $n$ -fold), and we set  $b_{\psi^n(i)} = 0$  and  $e_{\psi^n(i)} = 0$  when  $\psi^n(i)$  is “undefined”.

**Definition 1.10.** A sequence  $(\varphi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of mappings  $\varphi_n : I \rightarrow I$  is called a *run-away sequence* if for each pair of finite subsets  $I_0 \subset I$  and  $J_0 \subset I$  there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for every  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $\varphi_n(J_0) \cap I_0 = \emptyset$ .

We usually apply this definition to the sequence of iterates of the mapping  $\varphi : I \rightarrow I$ . Specifically, if we denote  $\varphi^n := \varphi \circ \varphi \circ \cdots \circ \varphi$  ( $n$ -fold), we call  $(\varphi^n)_n$  a *run-away sequence* if for each pair of finite subsets  $I_0 \subset I$  and  $J_0 \subset I$ , there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\varphi^n(J_0) \cap I_0 = \emptyset$  for every  $n \geq n_0$ .

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: Equivalent conditions for disk-cyclic and codisk-cyclic pseudo-shifts on arbitrary Banach sequence spaces are given in Section 2. In Section 3, we illustrate the result about disk-cyclic pseudo-shifts in Section 2 with operator weighted shifts on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$ . As a consequence, we point out a mistake in [13] by a simple counter-example. Motivated by Feldman’s work in [3], we derive that the characterizations are far simplified when the operator weighted shifts are invertible in Section 4.

## 2 Disk-cyclic and Codisk-cyclic weighted pseudo-shifts

In this section let  $X$  be a Banach sequence space over  $I$  in which  $(e_i)_{i \in I}$  is an OP-basis. We are concerned with the (co)disk-cyclicity of weighted pseudo-shifts on  $X$ . For the characterization of hypercyclic weighted pseudo-shifts on  $X$  Grosse-Erdmann established the following result in [5].

**Theorem 2.1.** [5, Theorem 5] Let  $T = T_{b,\varphi} : X \rightarrow X$  be a weighted pseudo-shift. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $T$  is hypercyclic;
- (ii) (α) The mapping  $\varphi : I \rightarrow I$  has no periodic point;  
 (β) There exists an increasing sequence  $(n_k)$  of positive integers such that, for every  $i \in I$ ,

$$(H1) \quad \left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n_k-1} b_{\varphi^v(i)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^{n_k}(i)} \right\| \rightarrow 0,$$

$$(H2) \quad \left\| \left( \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} b_{\psi^v(i)} \right) e_{\psi^{n_k}(i)} \right\| \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Remark 2.2.* In paper [5], Theorem 2.1 holds for weighted pseudo-shifts on  $F$ -sequence space.

The following theorem is our main result in this section.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $T = T_{b,\varphi}$  be a weighted pseudo-shift on  $X$ . If  $(\varphi^n)_n$  is a run-away sequence, then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (1)  $T$  is disk-cyclic;
- (2) There exists an increasing sequence  $(n_k)$  of positive integers such that, for every  $i, j \in I$ ,

$$(a) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n_k-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^{n_k}(j)} \right\| = 0;$$

$$(b) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n_k-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^{n_k}(j)} \right\| \left\| \left( \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} b_{\psi^v(i)} \right) e_{\psi^{n_k}(i)} \right\| = 0.$$

- (3)  $T$  satisfies the Disk-Cyclicity Criterion.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Assume  $T$  is disk-cyclic. To prove (2), we need the following fact.

**Fact** For every finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$ , any  $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists an integer  $n > N$  such that

$$\left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^n(j)} \right\| < \varepsilon, \text{ for all } j \in I_0, \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$\left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^n(j)} \right\| \left\| \left( \prod_{v=1}^n b_{\psi^v(i)} \right) e_{\psi^n(i)} \right\| < \varepsilon, \text{ for all } i, j \in I_0. \tag{2.2}$$

Proof of the fact. Let  $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ , finite subset  $I_0 \subset I$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  be given. Since  $(\varphi^n)$  is a run-away sequence, there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for every  $m \geq n_0$ ,

$$\varphi^m(I_0) \cap I_0 = \emptyset. \quad (2.3)$$

By the equicontinuity of the coordinate projections in  $X$ , there is some  $\delta > 0$  so that for  $x = (x_i)_{i \in I} \in X$

$$\|x_i e_i\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ for all } i \in I, \text{ if } \|x\| < \delta. \quad (2.4)$$

Since the set of disk-cyclic vectors for  $T$  is dense in  $X$ , there exist a disk-cyclic vector  $x \in X$ , a complex number  $\alpha$  with  $0 < |\alpha| \leq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n > \max\{N, n_0\}$  such that

$$\left\| x - \sum_{i \in I_0} e_i \right\| < \delta \text{ and } \left\| \alpha T^n x - \sum_{j \in I_0} e_j \right\| < \delta. \quad (2.5)$$

(Here we prove that the selection of  $n$  in the second inequality of (2.5) can be arbitrarily large. Let  $A = \{\alpha T^n x : \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, 0 < |\alpha| \leq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $B = \{y : \|y - \sum_{j \in I_0} e_j\| < \delta\}$ . For every  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $B_p = \{\alpha T^n x : \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, 0 \leq |\alpha| \leq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \leq p\}$ . It is enough to show that  $B \cap (A \setminus B_p) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $X$  is an infinite dimensional Banach space, for every  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $B \setminus B_p$  is a non-empty open subset of  $X$ . It follows that  $B \cap (A \setminus B_p) = (B \setminus B_p) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , because  $A$  is dense in  $X$ .)

By the continuous inclusion of  $X$  into  $\omega(I)$ , we can in addition obtain that

$$\sup_{i \in I_0} |x_i - 1| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \sup_{j \in I_0} |\alpha y_j - 1| \leq \frac{1}{2}, \quad (2.6)$$

where  $T^n x = (y_j)_{j \in I} = \left( \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right) x_{\varphi^n(j)} \right)_{j \in I}$ .

(2.4) and the first inequality in (2.5) imply that

$$\|x_i e_i\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ if } i \in I \setminus I_0,$$

hence by (2.3) we have that

$$\left\| x_{\varphi^n(j)} e_{\varphi^n(j)} \right\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ for } j \in I_0. \quad (2.7)$$

By the second inequality in (2.6),

$$\left| \alpha \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right) x_{\varphi^n(j)} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ for } j \in I_0,$$

which implies  $x_{\varphi^n(j)} \neq 0$  and

$$\left| \frac{1}{\alpha \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right) x_{\varphi^n(j)}} \right| \leq 2 \quad (2.8)$$

for every  $j \in I_0$ .

Now, by (2.7), (2.8) and  $|\alpha| \neq 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left( \alpha \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^n(j)} \right\| &= \left| \frac{1}{\alpha \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right) x_{\varphi^n(j)}} \right| \left\| x_{\varphi^n(j)} e_{\varphi^n(j)} \right\| \\ &\leq 2 \left\| x_{\varphi^n(j)} e_{\varphi^n(j)} \right\| < \varepsilon \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

for all  $j \in I_0$ . This implies condition (2.1) because  $0 < |\alpha| \leq 1$ .

As for (2.2), we deduce from (2.3) and the definition of  $\psi^n$  that

$$\psi^n(I_0 \cap \varphi^n(I)) \cap I_0 = \emptyset. \quad (2.10)$$

By (2.4), the second inequality in (2.5) implies that

$$\left\| \alpha \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right) x_{\varphi^n(j)} e_j \right\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{if } j \in I \setminus I_0.$$

So by (2.10) and the fact that  $e_{\psi^n(i)} = 0$  for all  $i \in I \setminus \varphi^n(I)$ ,

$$\left\| \alpha \left( \prod_{v=1}^n b_{\psi^v(i)} \right) x_i e_{\psi^n(i)} \right\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{if } i \in I_0. \quad (2.11)$$

By the first inequality in (2.6) we have

$$0 < \frac{1}{|x_i|} \leq 2 \quad \text{for } i \in I_0. \quad (2.12)$$

Now, (2.11) and (2.12) imply that for each  $i \in I_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \alpha \left( \prod_{v=1}^n b_{\psi^v(i)} \right) e_{\psi^n(i)} \right\| &= \frac{1}{|x_i|} \left\| \alpha \left( \prod_{v=1}^n b_{\psi^v(i)} \right) x_i e_{\psi^n(i)} \right\| \\ &< \varepsilon. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Thus from (2.9) and (2.13) we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^n(j)} \right\| \left\| \left( \prod_{v=1}^n b_{\psi^v(i)} \right) e_{\psi^n(i)} \right\| \\ &= \left\| \left( \alpha \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^n(j)} \right\| \left\| \alpha \left( \prod_{v=1}^n b_{\psi^v(i)} \right) e_{\psi^n(i)} \right\| \\ &< \varepsilon^2 \leq \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

for any  $i, j \in I_0$ . Therefore (2.2) holds.

Coming back to the proof of (2). Since  $I$  is a countably infinite set, we fix  $I := \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n, \dots\}$  and set  $I_k := \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\}$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq 1$ . Using the above fact, we define inductively an increasing sequence  $(n_k)_{k \geq 1}$  of positive integers by letting  $n_k$  be a positive integer satisfying (2.1) and (2.2) for  $I_0 = I_k$ ,  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{k}$  and  $N = n_{k-1}$ , where we set  $N = 0$  when  $k = 1$ . To prove (2) we only need to verify that the sequence  $(n_k)_{k \geq 1}$  satisfies both (a) and (b). This is clear, since for any fixed  $i, j \in I$  there exists  $n'_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $i, j \in I_k$  for each  $k \geq n'_0$ , which means

$$\left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n_k-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^{n_k}(j)} \right\| < \frac{1}{k} \quad \text{if } k \geq n'_0,$$

and

$$\left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n_k-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^{n_k}(j)} \right\| \left\| \left( \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} b_{\psi^v(i)} \right) e_{\psi^{n_k}(i)} \right\| < \frac{1}{k} \quad \text{if } k \geq n'_0.$$

So (a) and (b) hold.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Suppose (2) holds. Set  $X_0 = Y_0 = \text{span}\{e_i, i \in I\}$  which are dense in  $X$  and define a linear mapping:  $S : Y_0 \rightarrow X$  by

$$S(e_j) = b_j^{-1} e_{\varphi(j)} \quad \text{for each } j \in I,$$

thus

$$S^n(e_j) = \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^n(j)} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}, j \in I).$$

Since

$$T^n e_i = \left( \prod_{v=1}^n b_{\psi^v(i)} \right) e_{\psi^n(i)} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}, i \in I),$$

we have  $T^n S^n(e_j) = e_j$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}, j \in I$ . Let  $(n_k)$  be the sequence given in condition (2). By (a) and (b), it follows that for any  $i, j \in I$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|S^{n_k} e_j\| = 0,$$

and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{n_k} e_i\| \|S^{n_k} e_j\| = 0.$$

By Proposition 1.4,  $T$  satisfies the Disk-Cyclicity Criterion.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). This implication follows from Proposition 1.4. ■

Using a similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 2.3, we obtain equivalent conditions for  $T$  to be codisk-cyclic.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $T = T_{b,\varphi} : X \rightarrow X$  be a weighted pseudo-shift. If  $(\varphi^n)$  is a run-away sequence, then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $T$  is codisk-cyclic;
- (2) There exists an increasing sequence  $(n_k)$  of positive integers such that, for every  $i, j \in I$ ,

- (a)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left( \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} b_{\psi^v(i)} \right) e_{\psi^{n_k}(i)} \right\| = 0$ ;
- (b)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n_k-1} b_{\varphi^v(j)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^{n_k}(j)} \right\| \left\| \left( \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} b_{\psi^v(i)} \right) e_{\psi^{n_k}(i)} \right\| = 0$ .

(3)  $T$  satisfies the Codisk-Cyclicity Criterion.

### 3 Disk-cyclic operator weighted shifts on Hilbert space $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$

Bilateral operator weighted shifts on space  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  were studied by Hazarika and Arora in [7]. Here we prove that the bilateral operator weighted shifts are special weighted pseudo-shifts. Before stating the main results of this section, we settle some terminologies.

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a separable complex Hilbert space with an orthonormal basis  $\{f_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ . Define a separable Hilbert space

$$\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K}) := \{x = (\dots, x_{-1}, [x_0], x_1, \dots) : x_i \in \mathcal{K} \text{ and } \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \|x_i\|^2 < \infty\}$$

under the inner product  $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle x_i, y_i \rangle_{\mathcal{K}}$ .

Let  $\{A_n\}_{n=-\infty}^\infty$  be a uniformly bounded sequence of invertible positive diagonal operators on  $\mathcal{K}$ . The bilateral forward and backward operator weighted shifts on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  are defined as follows:

- (i) The bilateral forward operator weighted shift  $T$  on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  is defined by

$$T(\dots, x_{-1}, [x_0], x_1, \dots) = (\dots, A_{-2}x_{-2}, [A_{-1}x_{-1}], A_0x_0, \dots).$$

Since  $\{A_n\}_{n=-\infty}^\infty$  is uniformly bounded,  $T$  is bounded and  $\|T\| = \sup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \|A_i\| < \infty$ .

For  $n > 0$ ,

$$T^n(\dots, x_{-1}, [x_0], x_1, \dots) = (\dots, y_{-1}, [y_0], y_1, \dots),$$

where  $y_j = \prod_{s=0}^{n-1} A_{j+s-n} x_{j-n}$ .

(ii) The bilateral backward operator weighted shift  $T$  on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  is defined by

$$T(\dots, x_{-1}, [x_0], x_1, \dots) = (\dots, A_0 x_0, [A_1 x_1], A_2 x_2, \dots).$$

Then

$$T^n(\dots, x_{-1}, [x_0], x_1, \dots) = (\dots, y_{-1}, [y_0], y_1, \dots),$$

where  $y_j = \prod_{s=1}^n A_{j+s} x_{j+n}$ .

Since each  $A_n$  is an invertible diagonal operator on  $\mathcal{K}$ , we conclude that

$$\|A_n\| = \sup_k \|A_n f_k\| \text{ and } \|A_n^{-1}\| = \sup_k \|A_n^{-1} f_k\|.$$

Our main goal in this section is to prove the theorem stated below, which is a special case of Theorem 2.3.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $T$  be a bilateral forward operator weighted shift on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  with weight sequence  $\{A_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ , where  $\{A_n\}$  is a uniformly bounded sequence of positive invertible diagonal operators on  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $T$  is disk-cyclic;
- (2) There exists an increasing sequence  $(n_k)$  of positive integers such that, for every  $i_1, i_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $j_1, j_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$(a) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \prod_{v=j_1-n_k}^{j_1-1} A_v^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| = 0;$$

$$(b) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \prod_{v=j_1-n_k}^{j_1-1} A_v^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| \left\| \prod_{s=j_2}^{j_2+n_k-1} A_s f_{i_2} \right\| = 0.$$

- (3)  $T$  satisfies the Disk-Cyclicity Criterion.

*Proof.* We start by proving that  $T$  is a weighted pseudo-shift on the Hilbert sequence space  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$ . For any  $x = (x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \in \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$ , since each  $x_j$  is in  $\mathcal{K}$ , there exist scalars  $\{x_{i,j}\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $x_j = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_{i,j} f_i$ . If we identify the tuple

$$(\dots, x_{-1}, [x_0], x_1, \dots) = (\dots, (x_{i,(-1)})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}, [(x_{i,0})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}], (x_{i,1})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}, \dots)$$

with  $(x_{i,j})_{i \in \mathbb{N}, j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , the space  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  can be regarded as a Hilbert sequence space over  $I := \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

For each  $(i_0, j_0) \in I$ , we define  $e_{i_0, j_0} := (\dots, z_{-1}, [z_0], z_1, \dots) \in \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$ , by letting  $z_{j_0} = f_{i_0}$  and  $z_j = 0$  for  $j \neq j_0$ . It is easy to see that  $(e_{i,j})_{(i,j) \in I}$  is an OP-basis of  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$ .

As by the hypothesis that  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a uniformly bounded sequence of positive invertible diagonal operators on  $\mathcal{K}$ , there exist uniformly bounded positive sequences  $\{(a_{i,n})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$A_n f_i = a_{i,n} f_i \text{ and } A_n^{-1} f_i = a_{i,n}^{-1} f_i \text{ for every } i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

In this interpretation,  $T$  is the operator given by

$$T(x_{i,j})_{(i,j) \in I} = (y_{i,j})_{(i,j) \in I} \text{ where } y_{i,j} = a_{i,(j-1)} x_{i,(j-1)}.$$

Hence  $T$  is a weighted pseudo-shift  $T_{b,\varphi}$  with

$$b_{i,j} = a_{i,j-1} \text{ and } \varphi(i,j) = (i,j-1) \text{ for } (i,j) \in I.$$

It follows from Theorem 2.3 that (1) and (3) are equivalent to the statement: There exists an increasing sequence  $(n_k)$  of positive integers such that, for every  $(i_1, j_1), (i_2, j_2) \in I$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n_k-1} b_{\varphi^v(i_1, j_1)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^{n_k}(i_1, j_1)} \right\| &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n_k-1} b_{(i_1, j_1-v)} \right)^{-1} e_{(i_1, j_1-n_k)} \right\| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n_k-1} a_{(i_1, j_1-v-1)} \right)^{-1} e_{(i_1, j_1-n_k)} \right\| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left( \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} a_{(i_1, j_1-v)} \right)^{-1} e_{(i_1, j_1-n_k)} \right\| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \prod_{v=j_1-n_k}^{j_1-1} A_v^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n_k-1} b_{\varphi^v(i_1, j_1)} \right)^{-1} e_{\varphi^{n_k}(i_1, j_1)} \right\| \left\| \left( \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} b_{\psi^v(i_2, j_2)} \right) e_{\psi^{n_k}(i_2, j_2)} \right\| \\ = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left( \prod_{v=0}^{n_k-1} a_{(i_1, j_1-v-1)} \right)^{-1} e_{(i_1, j_1-n_k)} \right\| \left\| \left( \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} a_{(i_2, j_2+v-1)} \right) e_{(i_2, j_2+n_k)} \right\| \\ = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \prod_{v=j_1-n_k}^{j_1-1} A_v^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| \left\| \prod_{s=j_2}^{j_2+n_k-1} A_s f_{i_2} \right\| = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which concludes the proof. ■

By Theorem 2.1 and the same proof as for Theorem 3.1 we get the following result.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $T$  be a bilateral forward operator weighted shift on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  with weight sequence  $\{A_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ , where  $\{A_n\}$  is a uniformly bounded sequence of positive invertible diagonal operators on  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $T$  is hypercyclic;
- (2) There exists an increasing sequence  $(n_k)$  of positive integers such that, for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \prod_{v=j-n_k}^{j-1} A_v^{-1} f_i \right\| = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \prod_{v=j}^{j+n_k-1} A_v f_i \right\| = 0.$$

In [13], Liang and Zhou also provided a sufficient and necessary condition for disk-cyclic forward bilateral operator weighted shifts on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$ .

**Claim 1.** [13, Theorem 2.2] Let  $T$  be a forward bilateral operator weighted shift on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  with weight sequence  $\{A_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ , where  $\{A_n\}$  is a uniformly bounded sequence of positive invertible diagonal operators on  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $T$  is disk-cyclic;
- (2) For all  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
  - (a)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ \left\| \prod_{k=j-n}^{j-1} A_k^{-1} \right\|, |j| \leq q \right\} = 0$ ,
  - (b)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ \left\| \prod_{k=j}^{j+n-1} A_k \right\| \left\| \prod_{s=h-n}^{h-1} A_s^{-1} \right\|, |h|, |j| \leq q \right\} = 0$ ;
- (3)  $T$  satisfies the Disk-Cyclicity Criterion.

However, we discover that there is a gap in the proof of “(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)” in the above claim: in paper [13], line 21 of page 836 does not imply line 23 of page 836, since the selection of the integer  $n$  in line 21 depends on  $f_i$ .

The following counter-example demonstrates that condition (2) of Claim 1 is not necessary for disk-cyclicity.

*Example 3.3.* Let  $\{A_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$  be the uniformly bounded sequence of positive invertible diagonal operators on  $\mathcal{K}$ , defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } n \geq 0 : A_n(f_k) &= \begin{cases} 2f_k, & 0 \leq k \leq n, \\ 3f_k, & k > n. \end{cases} \\ \text{if } n < 0 : A_n(f_k) &= 3f_k, \quad \text{for all } k \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $T$  be the bilateral forward operator weighted shift on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  with weight sequence  $\{A_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ . Then

- (1)  $T$  is disk-cyclic;
- (2)  $T$  is not hypercyclic;
- (3)  $T$  does not satisfy condition (2) of Claim 1.

*Proof.* To prove (1), we apply Theorem 3.1 with  $(n_k) = (1, 2, 3, \dots)$ . For any fixed integers  $i_1, i_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $j_1, j_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , by the definition of  $\{A_n\}_n$  we have

$$\left\| \prod_{v=j_1-n}^{j_1-1} A_v^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2^{|j_1|} \cdot 3^{n-|j_1|}}, \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$\left\| \prod_{v=j_1-n}^{j_1-1} A_v^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| \left\| \prod_{s=j_2}^{j_2+n-1} A_s f_{i_2} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2^{|j_1|} \cdot 3^{n-|j_1|}} \cdot 3^{|j_2|+i_2} \cdot 2^{n-|j_2|-i_2}, \quad (3.2)$$

when  $n > |j_1| + |j_2| + i_2 + 1$ .

It is obvious that condition (2) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied, so  $T$  is disk-cyclic.

But for each integer  $n \geq 1$  and any integers  $i \in \mathbb{N}, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have

$$\left\| \prod_{v=j}^{j+n-1} A_v f_i \right\| \geq 2,$$

By Theorem 3.2,  $T$  is not hypercyclic.

For the proof of (3), letting  $q = 0$  in (2) of Claim 1 we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ \left\| \prod_{k=j}^{j+n-1} A_k \right\| \left\| \prod_{s=h-n}^{h-1} A_s^{-1} \right\|, |h|, |j| \leq 0 \right\} \\ &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left\| \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} A_k \right\| \left\| \prod_{s=-n}^{-1} A_s^{-1} \right\| \right\} \\ &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^n \frac{1}{3^n} = 1 \neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $T$  does not satisfy condition (2) of Claim 1. ■

*Remark 3.4.* We note that Theorem 2.2 in paper [13] was motivated by Theorem 3.1 in [7] by Hazarika and Arora. In paper [7] Theorem 3.1 and its proof contain the same mistake as [13]. Theorem 3.2 is the correct version of it. Indeed, we have the following counter-example: Let  $T$  be the bilateral forward operator weighted shift on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  with weight sequence defined by

$$A_n(f_k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}f_k & \text{if } n \geq k, \\ f_k & \text{if } -k < n < k, \\ 2f_k & \text{if } n \leq -k, \end{cases}$$

Then  $T$  is hypercyclic by Theorem 3.2, but it does not satisfy condition (3.1) of Theorem 3.1 in [7].

### 4 Invertible shifts

In [3], Feldman showed that for bilateral weighted shifts on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$  that are invertible, the characterizing conditions for hypercyclicity simplify. It is clear that if  $T$  is a bilateral operator weighted shift on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  with weight sequence  $\{A_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ , then  $T$  is invertible if and only if there exists  $m > 0$  such that  $\|A_n^{-1}\| \leq m$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For such shifts, the characterizing conditions of Theorem 3.1 simplify. Following Feldman [3] we notice that for this simplification it suffices to demand that there is some  $m > 0$  such that  $\|A_n^{-1}\| \leq m$  for all  $n < 0$  (or for all  $n > 0$ ). Thus we have the following.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $T$  be a bilateral forward operator weighted shift on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{K})$  with weight sequence  $\{A_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ , where  $\{A_n\}$  is a uniformly bounded sequence of positive invertible operators on  $\mathcal{K}$  and there exists  $m > 0$  such that  $\|A_n^{-1}\| \leq m$  for all  $n < 0$*

(or for all  $n > 0$ ). Then  $T$  is disk-cyclic if and only if there exists an increasing sequence  $(n_k)$  of positive integers such that, for every  $i_1, i_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} A_{-v}^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| = 0; \\ (b) \quad & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} A_{-v}^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| \left\| \prod_{s=1}^{n_k} A_s f_{i_2} \right\| = 0. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* If  $T$  is disk-cyclic the result follows from Theorem 3.1. For the converse, it is sufficient to show that for any  $\varepsilon > 0, K \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $K > 1$  and every  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists an integer  $n > N$  such that for any  $|j_1|, |j_2| \leq K$  and  $i_1, i_2 \leq K$

$$\left\| \prod_{v=j_1-n}^{j_1-1} A_v^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| < \varepsilon, \tag{4.1}$$

and

$$\left\| \prod_{v=j_1-n}^{j_1-1} A_v^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| \left\| \prod_{s=j_2}^{j_2+n-1} A_s f_{i_2} \right\| < \varepsilon. \tag{4.2}$$

To see this, we fix  $m_1 = 1$  and for  $k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$  let  $m_k$  be a number  $n$  satisfying (4.1) and (4.2) for  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{k}, K = k$  and  $N = m_{k-1}$ . It is clear that the increasing sequence  $(m_k)_{k \geq 1}$  satisfies condition (2) of Theorem 3.1, so that  $T$  is disk-cyclic.

We have to prove (4.1) and (4.2) under the assumption of (a) and (b). Firstly, we assume  $\|A_n^{-1}\| \leq m$  for all  $n < 0$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0, K \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $K > 1$ ) and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  be given. Let  $(n_k)$  be a sequence satisfying (a) and (b). Then we define a sequence  $(\tilde{n}_k)$  by letting  $\tilde{n}_k := n_k + K + 2$  (this choice of  $\tilde{n}_k$  guarantees that  $\tilde{n}_k + j - 1 \geq n_k + 1$  and  $\tilde{n}_k - j \geq n_k + 1$  for all  $j$  with  $|j| \leq K$ ). Then for any  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $|j| \leq K$  and for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  we can deduce

$$\left\| \prod_{s=j}^{j+\tilde{n}_k-1} A_s f_i \right\| \leq C_j \left\| \prod_{s=1}^{n_k} A_s f_i \right\| \left\| \prod_{s=n_k+1}^{\tilde{n}_k+j-1} A_s \right\|$$

where  $C_j = \left\| \prod_{s=1}^{j-1} A_s^{-1} \right\|$  if  $1 < j \leq K, C_j = 1$  if  $j = 1, C_j = \left\| \prod_{s=j}^0 A_s \right\|$  if  $-K \leq j < 1$ .

And

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \prod_{v=j-\tilde{n}_k}^{j-1} A_v^{-1} f_i \right\| &= \left\| \prod_{v=1-j}^{\tilde{n}_k-j} A_{-v}^{-1} f_i \right\| \\ &\leq C'_j \left\| \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} A_{-v}^{-1} f_i \right\| \left\| \prod_{v=n_k+1}^{\tilde{n}_k-j} A_{-v}^{-1} \right\| \end{aligned}$$

where  $C'_j = \left\| \prod_{v=1-j}^0 A_{-v}^{-1} \right\|$  if  $0 < j \leq K, C'_j = 1$  if  $j = 0, C'_j = \left\| \prod_{v=1}^{-j} A_{-v} \right\|$  if  $-K \leq j < 0$ .

Since  $\{A_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$  is uniformly bounded, there exists  $M_1 > 1$  such that

$\|A_n\| < M_1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

By setting  $C_1 := \max\{C_j : |j| \leq K\}$ ,  $C_2 := \max\{C'_j : |j| \leq K\}$ ,  $C := \max\{M_1, m\}$  we can easily obtain that for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\left\| \prod_{s=j}^{j+\tilde{n}_k-1} A_s f_i \right\| \leq C_1 C^{2K+1} \left\| \prod_{s=1}^{n_k} A_s f_i \right\| \quad \text{for all } |j| \leq K, \tag{4.3}$$

and

$$\left\| \prod_{v=j-\tilde{n}_k}^{j-1} A_v^{-1} f_i \right\| \leq C_2 C^{2K+2} \left\| \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} A_{-v}^{-1} f_i \right\| \quad \text{for all } |j| \leq K. \tag{4.4}$$

Combining (4.3) and (4.4) we can get that for any  $|j_1|, |j_2| \leq K$  and  $i_1, i_2 \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\left\| \prod_{v=j_1-\tilde{n}_k}^{j_1-1} A_v^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| \leq C_2 C^{2K+2} \left\| \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} A_{-v}^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| \tag{4.5}$$

and

$$\left\| \prod_{v=j_1-\tilde{n}_k}^{j_1-1} A_v^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| \left\| \prod_{s=j_2}^{j_2+\tilde{n}_k-1} A_s f_{i_2} \right\| \leq C_1 C_2 C^{4K+3} \left\| \prod_{v=1}^{n_k} A_{-v}^{-1} f_{i_1} \right\| \left\| \prod_{s=1}^{n_k} A_s f_{i_2} \right\|. \tag{4.6}$$

By (a) and (b) we can find an integer  $n \in \{\tilde{n}_k\}_k, n > N$ , such that (4.1) and (4.2) hold for  $|j_1|, |j_2| \leq K$  and  $i_1, i_2 \leq K$ .

The proof is similar when  $\|A_n^{-1}\| \leq m$  for all  $n > 0$ , in which case we just need to let  $\tilde{n}_k = n_k - K - 1$ . ■

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