

## REPRESENTATION THEOREM FOR HARMONIC BERGMAN AND BLOCH FUNCTIONS

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### Abstract

In this paper, we give the representation theorem for harmonic Bergman functions and harmonic Bloch functions on smooth bounded domains. As an application, we discuss Toeplitz operators.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\Omega$  be a smooth bounded domain in the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , i.e., for every boundary point  $\eta \in \partial\Omega$ , there exist a neighborhood  $V$  of  $\eta$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and a  $C^\infty$ -diffeomorphism  $f: V \rightarrow f(V) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $f(\eta) = 0$  and  $f(\Omega \cap V) = \{(y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n; y_n > 0\} \cap f(V)$ . For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , we denote by  $b^p = b^p(\Omega)$  the harmonic Bergman space on  $\Omega$ , i.e., the set of all real-valued harmonic functions  $f$  on  $\Omega$  such that  $\|f\|_p := \left(\int_\Omega |f|^p dx\right)^{1/p} < \infty$ , where  $dx$  denotes the usual  $n$ -dimensional Lebesgue measure on  $\Omega$ . As is well-known,  $b^p$  is a closed subspace of  $L^p = L^p(\Omega)$  and hence,  $b^p$  is a Banach space (for example see [1]). Especially, when  $p = 2$ ,  $b^2$  is a Hilbert space, which has the reproducing kernel, i.e., there exists a unique symmetric function  $R(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $\Omega \times \Omega$  such that for any  $f \in b^2$  and any  $x \in \Omega$ ,

$$(1) \quad f(x) = \int_\Omega R(x, y)f(y) dy.$$

The function  $R(\cdot, \cdot)$  is called the harmonic Bergman kernel of  $\Omega$ . When  $\Omega$  is the open unit ball  $B$ , an explicit form is known:

$$R(x, y) = R_B(x, y) = \frac{(n-4)|x|^4|y|^4 + (8x \cdot y - 2n - 4)|x|^2|y|^2 + n}{n|B|(1 - 2x \cdot y + |x|^2|y|^2)^{1+n/2}},$$

where  $x \cdot y$  denotes the Euclidean inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $|B|$  is the Lebesgue measure

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of  $B$ . We denote by  $P$  the corresponding integral operator

$$(2) \quad P\psi(x) := \int_{\Omega} R(x, y)\psi(y) dy$$

for  $x \in \Omega$ . It is known that  $P: L^p \rightarrow b^p$  is bounded for  $1 < p < \infty$ ; see Theorem 4.2 in [6].

The following result is shown in [8].

**Theorem A.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and let  $\Omega$  be a smooth bounded domain. Then we can choose a sequence  $\{\lambda_i\}$  in  $\Omega$  satisfying the following property: For any  $f \in b^p(\Omega)$ , there exists a sequence  $\{a_i\} \in l^p$  such that*

$$(3) \quad f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i R(x, \lambda_i) r(\lambda_i)^{(1-1/p)n},$$

where  $r(x)$  denotes the distance between  $x$  and  $\partial\Omega$ .

The equation (3) is called an atomic decomposition of  $f$ . The above theorem shows the existence of a sequence  $\{\lambda_i\} \subset \Omega$  permitting an atomic decomposition for every  $f \in b^p$ .

Theorem A does not refer to the case  $p = 1$ . This deeply comes from the fact that  $P: L^1 \rightarrow b^1$  is not bounded. In the present paper, we give an atomic decomposition for  $p = 1$  by using a modified reproducing kernel  $R_1(\cdot, \cdot)$ , introduced in [3].

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and let  $\Omega$  be a smooth bounded domain. Then we can choose a sequence  $\{\lambda_i\}$  in  $\Omega$  satisfying the following property: For any  $f \in b^p(\Omega)$ , there exists a sequence  $\{a_i\} \in l^p$  such that*

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i R_1(x, \lambda_i) r(\lambda_i)^{(1-1/p)n}.$$

Also, we consider the harmonic Bloch space. We define the harmonic Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}$  by

$$\mathcal{B} := \{f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ is harmonic and } \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} := \sup\{r(x)|\nabla f(x)| : x \in \Omega\}$$

and  $\nabla$  denotes the gradient operator  $(\partial/\partial x_1, \dots, \partial/\partial x_n)$ . Note that  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}}$  is a seminorm on  $\mathcal{B}$ . We fix a reference point  $x_0 \in \Omega$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  can be made into a Banach space by introducing the norm

$$\|f\| := |f(x_0)| + \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

Also,  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  denotes the space of all Bloch functions  $f$  such that  $f(x_0) = 0$ . Then,  $(\tilde{\mathcal{B}}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}})$  is a Banach space. Using a kernel

$$\tilde{R}_1(x, y) = R_1(x, y) - R_1(x_0, y),$$

we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a smooth bounded domain. Then we can choose a sequence  $\{\lambda_i\}$  in  $\Omega$  satisfying the following property: For any  $f \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$ , there exists a sequence  $\{a_i\} \in l^\infty$  such that*

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j \tilde{R}_1(x, \lambda_j) r(\lambda_j)^n.$$

In case that a domain  $\Omega$  is the unit ball or the upper half space, preceding results are obtained in [5] and [4].

We often abbreviate inessential constants involved in inequalities by writing  $X \lesssim Y$ , if there exists an absolute constant  $C > 0$  such that  $X \leq CY$ .

### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we will introduce some results in [6] and [3]. Those results play important roles in this paper.

First, we introduce some estimates for the harmonic Bergman kernel. These estimates are obtained by H. Kang and H. Koo [6]. We use the following notations. We put  $d(x, y) := r(x) + r(y) + |x - y|$  for  $x, y \in \Omega$ , where  $r(x)$  denotes the distance between  $x$  and  $\partial\Omega$ . For an  $n$ -tuple  $\alpha := (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  of nonnegative integers, called a multi-index, we denote  $|\alpha| := \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$  and  $D_x^\alpha := (\partial/\partial x_1)^{\alpha_1} \dots (\partial/\partial x_n)^{\alpha_n}$ . We also use  $D_i := \partial/\partial x_i$  and  $D_{ij} := \partial^2/\partial x_i \partial x_j$ .

**Theorem B** (H. Kang and H. Koo [6]). *Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be multi-indices.*

(1) *There exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$|D_x^\alpha D_y^\beta R(x, y)| \leq \frac{C}{d(x, y)^{n+|\alpha|+|\beta|}}$$

for every  $x, y \in \Omega$ .

(2) *There exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$R(x, x) \geq \frac{C}{r(x)^n}$$

for every  $x \in \Omega$ .

Second, we explain the modified reproducing kernel  $R_1(x, y)$  introduced by B.R. Choe, H. Koo and H. Yi [3]. We call  $\eta \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$  a defining function if  $\eta$  satisfies the conditions that

$$\Omega = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \eta(x) > 0\}, \quad \partial\Omega = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \eta(x) = 0\}$$

and  $\nabla\eta$  does not vanish on  $\partial\Omega$ . Here, we choose a defining function  $\eta$  with condition that

$$(4) \quad |\nabla\eta|^2 = 1 + \eta\omega$$

for some  $\omega \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$ . We can easily construct the above defining function, because  $\partial\Omega$  is smooth. Remark that  $r(x)$  is comparable to  $\eta(x)$ .

We define a differential operator  $K_1$  by

$$(5) \quad K_1f := f - \frac{1}{2}\Delta(\eta^2 f)$$

for  $f \in C^\infty$ . We also define a kernel  $R_1(x, y)$  by

$$R_1(x, y) := K_1(R_x)(y)$$

for  $x, y \in \Omega$ , where  $R_x(y) := R(x, y)$ , and denote by  $P_1$  the corresponding integral operator

$$P_1f(x) := \int_{\Omega} R_1(x, y)f(y) dy.$$

We call  $R_1(x, y)$  the modified reproducing kernel. This kernel satisfies the reproducing property and has the following estimates.

**Theorem C** (B.R. Choe, H. Koo and H. Yi [3]). *Let  $\Omega$  be a smooth bounded domain. Then*

- (1)  $R_1$  has the reproducing property, i.e.,  $P_1f = f$  for  $f \in b^1$ .
- (2) Let  $\alpha$  be multi-index. Then there exists  $C > 0$  such that for  $x, y \in \Omega$

$$(6) \quad |D_x^\alpha R_1(x, y)| \leq C \frac{r(y)}{d(x, y)^{n+1+|\alpha|}}$$

and

$$(7) \quad |\nabla_y R_1(x, y)| \leq \frac{C}{d(x, y)^{n+1}}.$$

- (3)  $P_1: L^p \rightarrow b^p$  is bounded for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

Finally, we prepare some lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** (Lemma 4.1 in [6]). *Let  $s$  be a nonnegative real number and  $t < 1$ . If  $s + t > 0$ , then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{dy}{d(x, y)^{n+s} r(y)^t} \leq \frac{C}{r(x)^{s+t}}$$

for every  $x \in \Omega$ .

We define the associated integral operator  $I_s$  by

$$I_s f(x) := \int_{\Omega} \frac{r(y)^s}{d(x, y)^{n+s}} f(y) dy.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $s = 0$ , then  $I_s: L^p \rightarrow L^p$  is bounded for  $1 < p < \infty$  and if  $s > 0$ , then  $I_s: L^p \rightarrow L^p$  is bounded for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .*

*Proof.* When  $s \geq 0$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ , the  $L^p$ -boundedness of  $I_s$  is shown by Schur’s test; see Lemma 2.6 in [8]. We have only to show that  $I_s: L^1 \rightarrow L^1$  is bounded for  $s > 0$ . By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_s f\|_{L^1} &\leq \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{r(y)^s}{d(x, y)^{n+s}} |f(y)| dy dx \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} |f(y)| r(y)^s \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{d(x, y)^{n+s}} dx dy \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L^1}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

### 3. Representation theorem for harmonic Bergman functions

In this section, we give a proof of Theorem 1. We need to take sequences  $\{\lambda_i\}_i \subset \Omega$  with the following property in the same similar way in [8].

**Lemma 3.1.** *There exists a number  $c > 0$  such that for each  $0 < \delta < 1/4$ , we can choose a sequence  $\{\lambda_i\}_i \subset \Omega$  and a disjoint covering  $\{E_i\}_i$  of  $\Omega$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- (a)  $E_i$  is measurable for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\{E_i\}_i$  are mutually disjoint;
- (b)  $B(\lambda_i, c\delta r(\lambda_i)) \subset E_i \subset B(\lambda_i, \delta r(\lambda_i))$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In what follow,  $\{\lambda_i\}_i, \{E_i\}_i$  are taken in Lemma 3.1. We define operators  $A, U$  and  $S$  as follows:

$$(8) \quad A\{a_i\}(x) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i R_1(x, \lambda_i) r(\lambda_i)^{(1-1/p)n},$$

$$(9) \quad Uf := \{|E_i|f(\lambda_i)r(\lambda_i)^{-(1-1/p)n}\}_i,$$

and

$$(10) \quad Sf(x) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} R_1(x, \lambda_i) f(\lambda_i) |E_i|.$$

Theorem 1 means that  $A: l^p \rightarrow b^p$  is onto for  $1 \leq \infty$ . First, we show the boundedness of the operators  $A, U$  and  $S$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then  $U: b^p \rightarrow l^p, A: l^p \rightarrow b^p$  and  $S: b^p \rightarrow b^p$  are bounded.*

Proof. First, we show that  $U$  is bounded. For any  $f \in b^p$ , by using the condition (b) in Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Uf\|_{l^p}^p &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left| |E_i|f(\lambda_i)r(\lambda_i)^{-(1-1/p)n} \right|^p \\ &\lesssim \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |f(\lambda_i)|^p r(\lambda_i)^n \\ &\lesssim \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_i} |f(\lambda_i)|^p dy \\ &\lesssim \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_i} |f(y)|^p dy = \|f\|_p^p. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we show that  $A$  is bounded. For any  $\{a_i\} \in l^p$  and any  $x \in \Omega$ , by Theorem C, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |A\{a_i\}(x)| &\lesssim \sum_i |a_i| r(\lambda_i)^{(1-1/p)n} \frac{r(\lambda_i)}{d(x, \lambda_i)^{n+1}} \\ &= \sum_i |a_i| r(\lambda_i)^{(1-1/p)n} |E_i|^{-1} \int_{E_i} \frac{r(\lambda_i)}{d(x, \lambda_i)^{n+1}} dy \\ &\lesssim \sum_i |a_i| r(\lambda_i)^{(1-1/p)n} |E_i|^{-1} \int_{E_i} \frac{r(y)}{d(x, y)^{n+1}} dy \\ &= I_1 g(x), \end{aligned}$$

where  $g(x) := \sum_i |a_i| r(\lambda_i)^{(1-1/p)n} |E_i|^{-1} \chi_{E_i}(x)$  and  $\chi_{E_i}$  denotes the characteristic function of  $E_i$ . Since  $B(\lambda_i, c\delta r(\lambda_i)) \subset E_i$ , we have

$$(11) \quad r(\lambda_i)^{(1-1/p)n} |E_i|^{-1} \leq \frac{1}{(c\delta)^n} |E_i|^{-1/p}.$$

Hence, we have

$$\|g\|_{L^p}^p \lesssim \int_{\Omega} \sum_i |a_i|^p |E_i|^{-1} \chi_{E_i}(x) dx \leq \|\{a_i\}\|_{l^p}^p.$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\|A\{a_i\}\|_{b^p} \lesssim \|I_1 g\|_{L^p} \lesssim \|\{a_i\}\|_{l^p}.$$

$S$  is bounded, because  $S = A \circ U$ . This completes the proof. □

The next lemma is essential for the proof of main theorem.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then there exist  $\{\lambda_i\}_i \subset \Omega$  and  $\{E_i\}_i$  such that  $S: b^p \rightarrow b^p$  is bijective.*

*Proof.* For  $0 < \delta < 1/4$ , we take  $\{\lambda_i\}_i$  and  $\{E_i\}$  in Lemma 3.1. We have only to show that  $\|I - S\| < 1$  for a sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$ . By the condition of  $\{E_i\}$ , for  $f \in b^p$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (I - S)f(x) &= \int_{\Omega} f(y) R_1(x, y) dy - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} R_1(x, \lambda_i) f(\lambda_i) |E_i| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_i} f(y) (R_1(x, y) - R_1(x, \lambda_i)) dy \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_i} (f(y) - f(\lambda_i)) R_1(x, \lambda_i) dy \\ &=: F_1(x) + F_2(x) \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

First, we estimate  $F_1(x)$ . By (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F_1(x)| &\lesssim \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_i} |f(y)| |y - \lambda_i| |\nabla_y R_1(x, \bar{y})| dy \\ &\lesssim \delta \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_i} |f(y)| r(\lambda_i) \frac{1}{d(x, \bar{y})^{n+1}} dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\lesssim \delta \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_i} \frac{r(y)}{d(x, y)^{n+1}} |f(y)| dy \\ &= \delta I_1 |f|(x). \end{aligned}$$

Next, we estimate  $F_2(x)$ . For any  $y \in E_i$ , by the mean-value property, we have

$$(12) \quad |R_1(y, z) - R_1(\lambda_i, z)| \leq \delta r(\lambda_i) |\nabla_x R_1(\bar{y}, z)|$$

for some  $\bar{y}$  on the line segment between  $y$  and  $\lambda_i$ . Therefore, by (12) and (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(y) - f(\lambda_i)| &\leq \int_{\Omega} |R_1(y, z) - R_1(\lambda_i, z)| |f(z)| dz \\ &\lesssim \delta \int_{\Omega} \frac{r(\lambda_i)r(z)}{d(\bar{y}, z)^{n+2}} |f(z)| dz \\ &\lesssim \delta I_1 |f|(y). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Theorem C, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F_2(x)| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_i} |f(y) - f(\lambda_i)| |R_1(x, \lambda_i)| dy \\ &\lesssim \delta \int_{E_i} \frac{r(y)}{d(x, y)^{n+1}} I_1 |f|(y) dy \\ &= \delta \int_{\Omega} \frac{r(y)}{d(x, y)^{n+1}} I_1 |f|(y) dy \\ &= \delta I_1 \circ I_1 |f|(x). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.2, we have  $\|(I - S)f\|_{b^p} \leq \delta C \|f\|_{b^p}$ . Remark that this constant  $C$  is independent of  $\delta$ . Hence, if we choose  $\delta < C^{-1}$ , then we obtain  $\|(I - S)\| < 1$ . This completes the proof. □

Proof of Theorem 1. By Lemma 3.3, we choose a sequence  $\{\lambda_j\}$  such that  $S: b^p \rightarrow b^p$  is bijective. Hence,  $A: l^p \rightarrow b^p$  is onto, which implies Theorem 1. □

#### 4. Representation theorem for harmonic Bloch functions

In this section, we give a proof of Theorem 2. We need to recall a pointwise estimate for  $\mathcal{B}$  (see [3]):

$$(13) \quad |f(x)| \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} (1 + \log^+ r(x)^{-1})$$

for any  $x \in \Omega$  and any  $f \in \mathcal{B}$ . We need some operators discussed in [3]. Let  $\mathcal{F}_1$  denote the class of all differential operators  $F$  of form

$$(14) \quad F = \omega_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i \eta D_i$$

for some real functions  $\omega_i \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$ . We put

$$F(x, y) := F(R_x)(y)$$

for  $F \in \mathcal{F}_1$ . The following theorem is shown [3].

**Theorem D.** For  $c_1 > 0$  and  $F_1 \in \mathcal{F}_1$ , we put  $H_1 := c_1(K_1 - G_1)$ , where  $K_1$  is the differential operator defined in (5) and  $G_1 \psi(x) := (1/4) \int_\Omega \psi(y) F_1(x, y) \eta(y) dy$ . We can choose a constant  $c_1 > 0$  and  $F_1 \in \mathcal{F}_1$  with the following properties:

- (a)  $H_1 : b^p \rightarrow L^p$  is bounded for each  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ;
- (b)  $H_1 : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow L^\infty$  is bounded and  $H_1(\mathcal{B}_0) \subset C_0 + \mathcal{B}_0 \cap b^\infty$ ;
- (c)  $P_1 H_1 f = f$  for  $f \in b^1$ .

REMARK. Recall  $R_1(x, y) = R_1(x, y) - R_1(x_0, y)$  where  $x_0$  is a fixed reference point. Denote by  $\tilde{P}_1$  the corresponding operator  $\tilde{P}_1 f(x) := \int_\Omega \tilde{R}_1(x, y) f(y) dy$ . From Theorem D, we easily have

$$(15) \quad \tilde{P}_1 H_1 f = f$$

for any  $f \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$ .

We give the estimates for  $H_1$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $0 < \delta < 1$  and  $x \in \Omega$ . Then

$$(16) \quad |H_1 f(y) - H_1 f(x)| \lesssim \delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}$$

for any  $f \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $y \in B(x, \delta r(x))$ .

Proof. To obtain the estimate for  $H_1$ , we show the properties on  $\mathcal{F}_1$  and  $G_1$ . First, we give the estimate for  $\mathcal{F}_1$ .

STEP 1. Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}_1$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $x \in \Omega$ . Then

$$(17) \quad |Ff(x) - Ff(y)| \lesssim \delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}$$

for  $0 < \delta < 1$  and  $y \in B(x, \delta r(x))$ .

Proof of Step 1. Let  $f \in \mathcal{B}$ . By the mean-value property, for  $y \in B(x, \delta r(x))$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Ff(y) - Ff(x)| &\leq |\omega_0| |f(y) - f(x)| + \sum_{i=1}^n |\omega_i| \eta |D_i(f(y) - f(x))| \\ &\lesssim |\omega_0| \delta r(\bar{y}) |\nabla f(\bar{y})| + \sum_{i=1}^n |\omega_i| \delta r(\bar{y})^2 |\nabla D_i f(\bar{y})| \\ &\lesssim \delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of Step 1 finished.

We put  $\tilde{K}_1 f = -2(\Delta\eta + \omega)\eta f - 4\eta \nabla\eta \cdot \nabla f$ . Then,  $\tilde{K}_1 \in \mathcal{F}_1$  and  $K_1 f = \tilde{K}_1 f$  for any harmonic function  $f$ . In particular, we have

$$(18) \quad |K_1 f(y) - K_1 f(x)| \lesssim \delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}$$

for any  $f \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $x \in \Omega$  and  $y \in B(x, \delta r(x))$ .

STEP 2. Let  $F_1$  and  $G_1$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem D. Then

$$(19) \quad |G_1 f(y) - G_1 f(x)| \lesssim \delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}$$

for any  $f \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $x \in \Omega$  and  $y \in B(x, \delta r(x))$ .

Proof of Step 2. For  $f \in \mathcal{B}$ , by the mean-value property, for  $y \in B(x, \delta r(x))$  we have

$$|G_1 f(y) - G_1 f(x)| \lesssim \int_{\Omega} |f(z)| r(z) |y - x| |\nabla F_1 R_{\bar{y}}(z)| dz$$

for some  $\bar{y}$  on the line segment between  $x$  and  $y$ . Because  $r(x)$  comparable to  $r(\bar{y})$ , by (6) and (13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |G_1 f(y) - G_1 f(x)| &\lesssim \int_{\Omega} |f(z)| r(z) |y - x| |\nabla F_1 R_{\bar{y}}(z)| dz \\ &\lesssim \delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \int_{\Omega} r(\bar{y}) \frac{1}{d(\bar{y}, z)^{n+1}} dz \\ &\lesssim \delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of Step 2 finished. By (18) and Step 2, we obtain Lemma 4.1. □

Again, for  $0 < \delta < 1/4$  we choose a sequence  $\{\lambda_j\}$  in  $\Omega$  and a disjoint covering  $\{E_j\}$  of  $\Omega$  obtained by Lemma 3.1. We define the operators  $\tilde{A}: l^\infty \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$ ,  $\tilde{S}: \tilde{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$

and  $\tilde{U} : \tilde{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow l^\infty$  by

$$(20) \quad \tilde{A}\{a_i\}(x) := \sum_{j=1}^\infty a_j \tilde{R}_1(x, \lambda_j) |E_j|,$$

$$(21) \quad \tilde{S}f(x) := \sum_{j=1}^\infty H_1 f(\lambda_j) \tilde{R}_1(x, \lambda_j) |E_j|,$$

and

$$(22) \quad \tilde{U}f := \{H_1 f(\lambda_j)\}_j.$$

In the similar manner as in the proof of Theorem 1. We begin with showing that  $\tilde{A}$ ,  $\tilde{U}$  and  $\tilde{S}$  are bounded.

**Lemma 4.2.**  $\tilde{A} : l^\infty \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$ ,  $\tilde{U} : \tilde{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow l^\infty$  and  $\tilde{S} : \tilde{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  are bounded.

Proof. It is obvious that  $\tilde{U} : \tilde{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow l^\infty$  is bounded by Theorem D. Since  $\tilde{S} = \tilde{A}\tilde{U}$ , we have only to show that  $\tilde{A} : l^\infty \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  is bounded. Taking  $\{a_i\} \in l^\infty$ , by (6) and Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |r(x)\nabla(\tilde{A}\{a_i\})(x)| &= r(x) \left| \sum_{j=1}^\infty a_j \nabla_x \tilde{R}_1(x, \lambda_j) |E_j| \right| \\ &\lesssim \|\{a_i\}\|_{l^\infty} \sum_{j=1}^\infty r(x) \frac{r(\lambda_j)}{d(x, \lambda_j)^{n+1}} |E_j| \\ &= \|\{a_i\}\|_{l^\infty} \int_\Omega \frac{r(x)r(y)}{d(x, y)^{n+2}} dy \\ &\lesssim \|\{a_i\}\|_{l^\infty}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $\tilde{A} : l^\infty \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  is bounded. □

Finally, we state an important lemma for the representation theorem.

**Lemma 4.3.** *There exists  $\{\lambda_i\}_i \subset \Omega$  and  $\{E_i\}_i$  such that  $\tilde{S} : \tilde{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  is bijective.*

Proof. For  $0 < \delta < 1/4$ , we take  $\{\lambda_i\}_i$  and  $\{E_i\}$  in Lemma 3.1. We show that  $\|I - \tilde{S}\| < 1$  for a sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$ . By Theorem D, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (I - \tilde{S})f(x) &= \sum_{j=1}^\infty \int_{E_j} H_1 f(y) \tilde{R}_1(x, y) dy - \sum_{j=1}^\infty \int_{E_j} H_1 f(\lambda_j) \tilde{R}_1(x, \lambda_j) dy \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^\infty \int_{E_j} \tilde{R}_1(x, y) (H_1 f(y) - H_1 f(\lambda_j)) dy \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^\infty \int_{E_j} H_1 f(\lambda_j) (\tilde{R}_1(x, y) - \tilde{R}_1(x, \lambda_j)) dy. \end{aligned}$$

We calculate  $r(x)|\nabla(I - \tilde{S})f(x)|$  to estimate the Bloch norm.

$$r(x)|\nabla(I - \tilde{S})f(x)| \leq r(x) \left| \nabla_x \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_j} \tilde{R}_1(x, y)(H_1 f(y) - H_1 f(\lambda_j)) dy \right| + r(x) \left| \nabla_x \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_j} H_1 f(\lambda_j)(\tilde{R}_1(x, y) - \tilde{R}_1(x, \lambda_j)) dy \right|.$$

Because  $\nabla_x \tilde{R}_1(x, y) = \nabla_x R_1(x, y)$ , Lemma 4.1 shows that the first term is bounded by

$$\delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} r(x) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_j} |\nabla_x \tilde{R}_1(x, y)| dy \lesssim \delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} r(x) \int_{\Omega} \frac{r(y)}{d(x, y)^{n+2}} dy \lesssim \delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

The second term can be estimated by

$$r(x) \|H_1 f\|_{L^\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_j} |\nabla_x R_1(x, y) - \nabla_x R_1(x, \lambda_j)| dy \lesssim \delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} r(x) \int_{\Omega} \frac{r(y)}{d(x, y)^{n+2}} dy \lesssim \delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

Thus, there exist a constant  $C > 0$  such that  $\|(I - \tilde{S})f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq C\delta \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}$ . Hence, if we take  $\delta < C^{-1}$ , then  $\tilde{S}: \tilde{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  is bijective. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Finally, we give a proof of Theorem 2.

Proof of Theorem 2. We put  $f \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$ . By Lemma 4.3, we can choose a constant  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\tilde{S}: \tilde{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  is bijective. This implies  $\tilde{A}: l^\infty \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  is surjective. Hence, for any  $f \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$ , we can find a sequence  $\{a'_i\} \in l^\infty$  such that  $\tilde{A}\{a'_i\} = f$ . Therefore, if we put  $a_j := a'_j E_j / r(\lambda_j)^n$ , then  $\{a_i\}$  is in  $l^\infty$  and satisfies  $f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j R(x, \lambda_j) r(\lambda_j)^n$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

### 5. Application

In this section, we analyze positive Toeplitz operators on  $b^2$  by using Theorem 1. We define several operators and functions.  $M(\Omega)$  denotes the space of all complex Berel measures on  $\Omega$ . For  $\mu \in M(\Omega)$ , the corresponding Toeplitz operator  $T_\mu$  with symbol  $\mu$  is defined by

$$(23) \quad T_\mu f(x) := \int_{\Omega} R(x, y) f(y) d\mu(y) \quad (x \in \Omega).$$

Let  $\mu$  be a finite positive Borel measure. For  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ , the averaging function  $\hat{\mu}_\delta$  is defined by

$$(24) \quad \hat{\mu}_\delta(x) := \frac{\mu(B(x, \delta r(x)))}{V(B(x, \delta r(x)))} \quad (x \in \Omega).$$

We recall Schatten  $\sigma$ -class operators. A compact operator  $T$  on a separable Hilbert space is called Schatten  $\sigma$ -class operator, if the following norm is finite;

$$(25) \quad \|T\|_{S_\sigma(X)} := \left( \sum_{m=1}^\infty |s_m(T)|^\sigma \right)^{1/\sigma}$$

where  $\{s_m(T)\}_m$  is the sequence of all singular value of  $T$ . Let  $S_\sigma$  be the space of all Schatten  $\sigma$ -class operators on  $b^2$ . In [2], B.R. Choe, Y.J. Lee and K. Na studied conditions that positive Toeplitz operators are bounded, compact and in Schatten  $\sigma$ -class on  $b^2$  for  $1 \leq \sigma < \infty$ . We would like to discuss a condition that positive Toeplitz operators are in Schatten  $\sigma$ -class on  $b^2$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $2(n - 1)/(n + 2) < \sigma$  and  $\mu$  be a finite positive Borel measure. Choose a sequence  $\{\lambda_j\}$  in Theorem 1. Then, if  $\sum_{j=1}^\infty \hat{\mu}_\delta(\lambda_j)^\sigma < \infty$ , then  $T_\mu \in S_\sigma$ .*

We recall a general property; see for example [7].

**Lemma 5.1** ([7]). *If  $T$  is a compact operator on a Hilbert space  $H$  and  $0 < \sigma \leq 2$ , then for any orthonormal basis  $\{e_n\}$ , we have*

$$(26) \quad \|T\|_{S_\sigma(H)}^\sigma \leq \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{k=1}^\infty |\langle Te_n, e_k \rangle|^\sigma.$$

Proof of Theorem 3. When  $1 \leq \sigma < \infty$ , the statement of Theorem 3 is shown in [2]. Hence, we assume  $\sigma < 1$ . We put a sequence  $\{\lambda_j\}$  satisfying the assumption of Theorem 3. We show the following inequality

$$(27) \quad \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{j=1}^\infty |\langle A^* T_\mu A e_i, e_j \rangle|^\sigma \lesssim \sum_{j=1}^\infty \hat{\mu}_\delta(\lambda_j)^\sigma,$$

where  $\{e_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $l^2$  and  $A$  is the operator of the atomic decomposition obtained by Theorem 1. First, we calculate  $\langle A^* T_\mu A e_i, e_j \rangle$ .

$$A e_i(x) = R_1(x, \lambda_i) r(\lambda_i)^{n/2}$$

and

$$T_\mu A e_i(x) = r(\lambda_i)^{n/2} \int_\Omega R(x, y) R_1(y, \lambda_i) d\mu(y).$$

Therefore, we have

$$\langle A^* T_\mu A e_i, e_j \rangle = r(\lambda_i)^{n/2} r(\lambda_j)^{n/2} \int_\Omega R_1(y, \lambda_i) R_1(y, \lambda_j) d\mu(y).$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{j=1}^\infty |\langle A^* T_\mu A e_i, e_j \rangle|^\sigma \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{j=1}^\infty \left| r(\lambda_i)^{n/2} r(\lambda_j)^{n/2} \int_\Omega R_1(x, \lambda_i) R_1(x, \lambda_j) d\mu(x) \right|^\sigma \\ &\lesssim \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{j=1}^\infty r(\lambda_i)^{n\sigma/2} r(\lambda_j)^{n\sigma/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^\infty \int_{B(\lambda_k, \delta r(\lambda_k))} \frac{r(\lambda_i)}{d(x, \lambda_i)^{n+1}} \frac{r(\lambda_j)}{d(x, \lambda_j)^{n+1}} d|\mu|(x) \right)^\sigma \\ &\lesssim \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{j=1}^\infty r(\lambda_i)^{n\sigma/2} r(\lambda_j)^{n\sigma/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^\infty |\mu|(B(\lambda_k, \delta r(\lambda_k))) \frac{r(\lambda_i)}{d(\lambda_k, \lambda_i)^{n+1}} \frac{r(\lambda_j)}{d(\lambda_k, \lambda_j)^{n+1}} \right)^\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

By  $\sigma < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{j=1}^\infty r(\lambda_i)^{n\sigma/2} r(\lambda_j)^{n\sigma/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^\infty |\mu|(B(\lambda_k, \delta r(\lambda_k))) \frac{r(\lambda_i)}{d(\lambda_k, \lambda_i)^{n+1}} \frac{r(\lambda_j)}{d(\lambda_k, \lambda_j)^{n+1}} \right)^\sigma \\ &\lesssim \sum_{k=1}^\infty \hat{\mu}_\delta(\lambda_k)^\sigma r(\lambda_k)^{n\sigma} \left( \sum_{i=1}^\infty \frac{r(\lambda_i)^{n\sigma/2+\sigma}}{d(\lambda_k, \lambda_i)^{(n+1)\sigma}} \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^\infty \hat{\mu}_\delta(\lambda_k)^\sigma \left( \sum_{i=1}^\infty \frac{r(\lambda_k)^{n\sigma/2} r(\lambda_i)^{n\sigma/2+\sigma}}{d(\lambda_k, \lambda_i)^{(n+1)\sigma}} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.1 and the condition of  $\sigma$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^\infty \frac{r(\lambda_k)^{n\sigma/2} r(\lambda_i)^{n\sigma/2+\sigma}}{d(\lambda_k, \lambda_i)^{(n+1)\sigma}} &\lesssim \sum_{i=1}^\infty \int_{B(\lambda_i, \delta \lambda_i)} \frac{r(\lambda_k)^{n\sigma/2} r(\lambda_i)^{n\sigma/2+\sigma-n}}{d(\lambda_k, \lambda_i)^{n+(n+1)\sigma-n}} dy \\ &\lesssim \int_\Omega \frac{r(\lambda_k)^{n\sigma/2} r(y)^{n\sigma/2+\sigma-n}}{d(\lambda_k, y)^{n+(n+1)\sigma-n}} dy \lesssim 1. \end{aligned}$$

By an estimate (26) and Lemma 5.1, we obtained  $A^* T_\mu A \in S_\sigma$ . By Lemma 3.3, there exists  $S^{-1}: b^2 \rightarrow b^2$  and  $S^{-1}$  is bounded. Because  $T_\mu = (US^{-1})^* A^* T_\mu A (US^{-1})$ , we obtain  $T_\mu \in S_\sigma$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

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