



## SPECIAL OPERATOR CLASSES AND THEIR PROPERTIES

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ABSTRACT. We introduce some special operator classes and study in terms of Berezin symbols their properties. In particular, we give some characterizations of compact operators and Schatten-von Neumann class operators in terms of Berezin symbols. We also consider some classes of compact operators on a Hilbert space  $H$ , which are generalizations of the well known Schatten-von Neumann classes of compact operators. Namely, for any number  $p$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ , and the sequence  $w := (w_n)_{n \geq 0}$  of complex numbers  $w_n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , we define the following classes of compact operators on  $H$ :

$$S_p^w(H) = \left\{ K \in S_\infty(H) : \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (s_n(K))^p w_n^p \text{ is convergent series} \right\},$$

where  $s_n(K)$  denotes the  $n$ th singular number of the operator  $K$ . The characterizations of these classes are given in terms of Berezin symbols.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

In this paper we investigate in terms of Berezin symbols some special operator classes. Namely, we consider the following operators, which are called "the weighted model operators":

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_{\varphi, \theta, \Omega} &:= [T_{\bar{\varphi}\Omega}, T_\theta] \varphi(M_\theta), \\ \mathcal{L}_{\varphi, \theta, \Omega} &:= [T_{\bar{\theta}\Omega}, T_\varphi] \varphi(M_\theta), \end{aligned}$$

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where  $\Omega \in (\Sigma) \cup \{1\}$ ,  $\varphi \in H^\infty(\mathbb{D})$  and  $\theta \in (\Sigma)$ ; here  $(\Sigma)$  denotes the set of all inner functions. When  $\Omega = 1$ , we shall use the symbols  $\mathcal{K}_{\varphi,\theta}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\varphi,\theta}$  instead of  $\mathcal{K}_{\varphi,\theta,1}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\varphi,\theta,1}$ , respectively. Let us denote  $\mathcal{K}_{\varphi,\theta,(\Sigma)} := \{\mathcal{K}_{\varphi,\theta,\Omega} : \Omega \in (\Sigma) \cup \{1\}\}$ . Recall that the function of model operator is defined as usual by the formula

$$\varphi(M_\theta)f = P_\theta\varphi f$$

for every  $f \in K_\theta := H^2\Theta\theta H^2$ , where  $\theta$  is an inner function.

Here we also consider the classes  $S_p^w$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ , of compact operators and characterize these classes in terms of the boundary behavior of Berezin symbols of the weighted shift operators on the Hardy space  $H^2(\mathbb{D})$  associated with  $s$ -numbers of the compact operators in  $S_p^w$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Given  $0 < p < \infty$  and a sequence  $w := \{w_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  of the complex numbers  $w_n$ , we define the class  $S_p^w := S_p^w(H)$  to be space of all compact operators  $K$  on  $H$  with the singular numbers  $s_n(K)$  for which the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (s_n(K))^p w_n^p$$

is convergent.

It can be easily shown that the classes  $S_p^w$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ , are vector spaces. Also, it is obvious that for  $w_n = 1$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , our space  $S_p^w$  coincides with the usual Schatten-von Neumann space  $S_p$ . Generally, if  $\{w_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a sequence such that

$$C_1 \leq |w_n| \leq C_2 \quad (n \geq 0)$$

for some  $C_1, C_2 > 0$ , then it is easy to see that  $S_p^w = S_p$ .

Moreover, in this paper we give a compactness criterion for operators on a nonstandard functional Hilbert space contained in a standard functional Hilbert space (see Theorem 2.1).

Before giving our results, let us give the necessary notations and definitions.

By  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  we denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators on the infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space  $H$ .

Recall that a functional Hilbert space is the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}(\Omega)$  of complex-valued functions on some set  $\Omega$  such that:

- (a) the evaluation functional  $f \rightarrow f(\lambda)$  is continuous for each  $\lambda \in \Omega$ ;
- (b) for any  $\lambda \in \Omega$  there exists  $f_\lambda \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $f_\lambda(\lambda) \neq 0$ .

Then by the classical Riesz representation theorem for each  $\lambda \in \Omega$  there exists a unique function  $k_{\mathcal{H},\lambda} \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $f(\lambda) = \langle f, k_{\mathcal{H},\lambda} \rangle$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ . The function  $k_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}$  is called the reproducing kernel of the space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda} = \frac{k_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}}{\|k_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}\|}$  denotes the normalized reproducing kernel of the space  $\mathcal{H}$  (note that by (b), we surely have  $k_\lambda \neq 0$ ). For a bounded linear operator  $A$  on the functional Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , its Berezin symbol  $\widetilde{A}$  is defined by the formula

$$\widetilde{A}(\lambda) := \left\langle A\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}, \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda} \right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \quad (\lambda \in \Omega).$$

It is clear that  $|\tilde{A}(\lambda)| \leq \|A\|$  for all  $\lambda \in \Omega$ , that is  $\tilde{A}$  is a bounded function. More informations about reproducing kernels and Berezin symbols, can be found in Aronzajn [1], Berezin [2, 3] and Zhu [11].

A prototypical functional Hilbert space is, for example, the classical Hardy space  $H^2 = H^2(\mathbb{D})$ , which is the space of all functions analytic on the open unit disc  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  having Taylor coefficients that are square summable. It is well known that  $k_{\mathcal{H}^2, \lambda}(z) = (1 - \bar{\lambda}z)^{-1}$ ,  $\lambda, z \in \mathbb{D}$ .

Throughout in the paper, for any bounded sequence  $\Lambda = \{\lambda_n\}$  of complex numbers the symbol  $T_\Lambda$  will denote the weighted shift operator in the Hardy space  $H^2$  with respect to the standard orthonormal basis  $\{z^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  of  $H^2$ , i.e.,

$$T_\Lambda z^n = \lambda_n z^{n+1}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Recall that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  is Abel convergent if  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n$  is convergent for each  $t \in (0, 1)$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n$  exists and is finite. Finally, note that for any  $\varphi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{T})$  the corresponding Toeplitz operator on  $H^2 = H^2(\mathbb{D})$  is defined by  $T_\varphi f := P_+ \varphi f$ , where  $P_+ : L^2(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow H^2$  is the Riesz projection operator,  $\mathbb{T} = \partial\mathbb{D}$ . The Hankel operator is defined by  $H_\varphi f = (I - P_+) \varphi f$ ,  $f \in H^2$ , where  $P_- := I - P_+$  is the orthogonal projector of  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$  into  $H_-^2 := \left\{ f \in L^2(\mathbb{T}) : \widehat{f}(n) = 0, n > 0 \right\}$ .

## 2. CHARACTERIZATION OF SOME OPERATORS

In the present section we characterize some Schatten-von Neumann operator ideals in terms of Berezin symbols.

**2.1. Compactness criterion.** Following Nordgren and Rosenthal [9], we say that a functional Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}(Q)$  is standard if the underlying set  $Q$  is a subset of a topological space and the boundary  $\partial Q$  is non-empty and has the property that  $\left\{ \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda_n} \right\}$  converges weakly to 0 as  $\lambda \rightarrow \xi$ , for any point  $\xi \in \partial Q$ . The common functional Hilbert spaces of analytic functions, including  $H^2(\mathbb{D})$  (Hardy space) and  $L_a^2(\mathbb{D})$  (Bergman space),  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  is a unit disc, are standard in this sense.

For any reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS)  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $Q$  (not necessarily standard), denote  $\partial_{\mathcal{H}}Q$  the subset of the boundary of  $Q$  defined by (see [4])

$$\partial_{\mathcal{H}}Q := \left\{ \xi \in \partial Q : \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda_n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ (weakly) whenever } \lambda \rightarrow \xi \right\}.$$

It is clear from the definitions that  $\mathcal{H}$  is standard if and only if  $\partial_{\mathcal{H}}Q = \partial Q$ . In the case where  $\partial_{\mathcal{H}}Q \neq \emptyset$ , one can obtain an analogue of the main result of the paper by Nordgren and Rosenthal [9, Corollary 2.8], which characterizes compact operators on the standard RKHS in terms of boundary behavior of Berezin symbols of all unitary orbits of operator.

Namely, as is shown in [4] (which completely solves Nordgren and Rosenthal's questions in [9]), the hypothesis of standardness of the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}(Q)$  in the Corollary 2.8 of the paper [9] can be highly weakened.

**Theorem A.** (see [4, Theorem 2.2]). Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a RKHS on  $Q$  such that  $\partial_{\mathcal{H}}Q \neq \emptyset$ , and let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:

(i)  $T$  is compact;

(ii) for every point  $\xi \in \partial_{\mathcal{H}}Q$  and every unitary operator  $U$  on  $\mathcal{H}$ , we have

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \xi} \widetilde{U^{-1}TU}(\lambda) = 0;$$

(iii) there exists a sequence  $(\lambda_n)_{n \geq 1}$  of points in  $Q$ , converging to a point  $\xi \in \partial_{\mathcal{H}}Q$ , such that for every unitary operator  $U$  on  $\mathcal{H}$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \widetilde{U^{-1}TU}(\lambda_n) = 0.$$

In the following theorem compactness criterion for  $A$  is stated in terms of Berezin symbols of unitary orbits  $U^{-1}AU$  restricted to the subspaces  $U^{-1}\mathcal{H}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}(Q)$  be a RKHS on some set  $Q$  such that  $\partial_{\mathcal{K}}Q \neq \emptyset$ ,  $A : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  be a linear bounded operator and  $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{K}$  be a closed  $A$ -invariant subspace, i.e.,  $A\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{H}$ . Then the operator  $A|_{\mathcal{H}}$  is compact (i.e.,  $A \in S_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$ ) if and only if for every  $\xi \in \partial_{\mathcal{K}}Q$  and every unitary operator  $U \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$  we have*

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \xi} \widetilde{P_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}AU^{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}}(\lambda) = 0.$$

*Proof.* Put  $B = AP_{\mathcal{H}}$ . It is obvious for arbitrary unitary operator  $U \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$  that

$$U^{-1}BU = U^{-1}AP_{\mathcal{H}}U = U^{-1}AUU^{-1}P_{\mathcal{H}}U = U^{-1}AUP_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}.$$

Since  $P_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda} = k_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda}$  for every  $\lambda \in Q$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{U^{-1}BU}(\lambda) &= \left\langle U^{-1}BU\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}, \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{K},\lambda} \right\rangle = \left\langle U^{-1}AUP_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}, \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{K},\lambda} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\|k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}\|^2} \left\langle U^{-1}AUP_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}, k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\|k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}\|^2} \left\langle U^{-1}AUk_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda}, P_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda} + (I - P_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}})k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\|k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}\|^2} \left[ \left\langle U^{-1}AUk_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda}, k_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda} \right\rangle + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left\langle U^{-1}AUk_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda}, (I - P_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}})k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda} \right\rangle \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\|k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}\|^2} \left\langle U^{-1}AUk_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda}, k_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{\|k_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda}\|^2}{\|k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}\|^2} \left\langle U^{-1}AU\widehat{k}_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda}, \widehat{k}_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{\|k_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda}\|^2}{\|k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}\|^2} \widetilde{U^{-1}AU^{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}}(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\widetilde{U^{-1}BU}(\lambda) = \frac{\|k_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda}\|^2}{\|k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}\|^2} \widetilde{U^{-1}AU^{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}}(\lambda) \quad (\lambda \in Q).$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|k_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda}\|^2 &= \|P_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}\|^2 = \langle P_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}, k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda} \rangle \\ &= \|k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}\|^2 \left\langle P_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}, \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{K},\lambda} \right\rangle \\ &= \|k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}\|^2 \widetilde{P}_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\frac{\|k_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H},\lambda}\|^2}{\|k_{\mathcal{K},\lambda}\|^2} = \widetilde{P}_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}(\lambda) \quad (\lambda \in Q) \quad (2.1)$$

for all unitary operator  $U \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ . Therefore

$$\widetilde{U^{-1}BU}(\lambda) = \widetilde{P}_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}(\lambda) \widetilde{U^{-1}AU}^{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}(\lambda) \quad (\lambda \in Q). \quad (2.2)$$

for all unitary operator  $U \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ . It is obvious that  $B\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{H}$  and  $B|\mathcal{H} = A|\mathcal{H}$ . Therefore  $B \in S_\infty(\mathcal{K})$  if and only if  $A \in S_\infty(\mathcal{H})$ . Now using this fact, formula (2.2) and Theorem A, we conclude that  $A$  is compact in  $\mathcal{H}$  if and only if

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \xi \in \partial_{\mathcal{K}}Q} \left( \widetilde{P}_{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}(\lambda) \widetilde{U^{-1}AU}^{U^{-1}\mathcal{H}}(\lambda) \right) = 0$$

for every unitary operator  $U \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $\varphi \in H^\infty$  be a nonconstant function. Then  $\varphi(M_\theta) \in S_\infty(K_\theta)$  if and only if*

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{T}} \left( \widetilde{P}_{U^{-1}K_\theta}(\lambda) \widetilde{U^{-1}T_\varphi U}^{U^{-1}K_\theta}(\lambda) \right) = 0$$

for every unitary operator  $U \in \mathcal{B}(H^2)$ .

*Proof.* Indeed, putting  $\mathcal{K} = H^2$ ,  $\mathcal{H} = K_\theta$ ,  $A = T_\varphi$  in Theorem 2.1, and considering that  $\partial_{H^2}\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{T}$ , we conclude that  $T_\varphi|K_\theta$  is compact operator if and only if for every unitary operator  $U \in \mathcal{B}(H^2)$

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{T}} \left( \widetilde{P}_{U^{-1}K_\theta}(\lambda) \widetilde{U^{-1}T_\varphi U}^{U^{-1}K_\theta}(\lambda) \right) = 0.$$

It now remains only to observe that  $\varphi(M_\theta) = (T_\varphi|K_\theta)^* \in S_\infty(K_\theta) \Leftrightarrow T_\varphi|K_\theta \in S_\infty(K_\theta)$ , consequently,

$$\varphi(M_\theta) \in S_\infty(K_\theta) \Leftrightarrow \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{T}} \left( \widetilde{P}_{U^{-1}K_\theta}(\lambda) \widetilde{U^{-1}T_\varphi U}^{U^{-1}K_\theta}(\lambda) \right).$$

This proves the corollary.  $\square$

**2.2.  $S_p$ -criteria.** Before stating our next result, we introduce the following definition.

*Remark 2.3.* Formula (2.1), in particular, implies that if  $\mathcal{H}_1 = \mathcal{H}_1(Q)$  is a non-standard FHS and  $\mathcal{H}_2 = \mathcal{H}_2(Q)$  is a standard FHS such that  $\mathcal{H}_1 \subset \mathcal{H}_2$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \widetilde{P}_{\mathcal{H}_1}(\lambda_n) = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

for some sequence  $\{\lambda_n\} \in Q$  tending to a point in  $\partial Q$ . In fact, since for every  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\lambda \in Q$

$$\langle f, \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H}_1, \lambda} \rangle = \frac{\|k_{\mathcal{H}_2, \lambda}\|}{\|k_{\mathcal{H}_1, \lambda}\|} \langle f, \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H}_2, \lambda} \rangle,$$

we have by formula (2.1) that

$$\langle f, \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H}_1, \lambda} \rangle = \left( \widetilde{P}_{\mathcal{H}_1}(\lambda) \right)^{-1/2} \langle f, \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H}_2, \lambda} \rangle. \quad (2.4)$$

Since  $\mathcal{H}_1$  is nonstandard, there exists  $f_0 \in \mathcal{H}_1$  and a sequence  $\{\lambda_n\} \in Q$  tending to a boundary point such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_0, \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H}_1, \lambda_n} \rangle \neq 0,$$

and hence, using the condition that  $\mathcal{H}_2$  is standard, we assert from (2.4) that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \widetilde{P}_{\mathcal{H}_1}(\lambda_n) = 0$ . Thus, (2.3) is a necessary condition for the inclusion  $\mathcal{H}_1 \subset \mathcal{H}_2$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $\mathcal{H} = \widehat{\mathcal{H}}(Q)$  be a (separable) RKHS on some set  $Q$ . We say that  $\mathcal{H}$  posses the property (P), if for some orthonormal sequence  $\{e_n(z)\}_{n \geq 1}$  of the space  $\mathcal{H}$  with infinite codimension (that is  $\dim(\mathcal{H} \ominus \text{span}(e_n : n \geq 1)) = +\infty$ ) and for some scalar  $\lambda \in Q$  the multiplication operators  $\mathcal{M}_{\frac{e_n}{k_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda}}}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , are bounded in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Since  $\{z^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{\sqrt{n+1}z^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are orthonormal bases in  $H^2$  and  $L_a^2$ , respectively, and  $k_{H^2, \lambda}(z) = \frac{1}{1-\bar{\lambda}z}$  and  $k_{L_a^2, \lambda}(z) = \frac{1}{(1-\bar{\lambda}z)^2}$  are the reproducing kernels of  $H^2$  and  $L_a^2$ , respectively, it is clear that the Hardy and Bergman spaces have the property (P).

Our next result is a slight generalization of a result in [6, Theorem 4].

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{H} = \widehat{\mathcal{H}}(Q)$  be a FHS with the property (P) with respect to the orthonormal sequence  $\{e_n(z)\}_{n \geq 1}$  and the point  $\lambda \in Q$ . Let  $A \in S_\infty(\mathcal{H})$ . Then  $A \in S_p(\mathcal{H})$  ( $p \geq 1$ ) if and only if*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left[ \mathcal{M}_{\frac{e_n}{k_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda}}}^* (U^{-1}AU) \mathcal{M}_{\frac{e_n}{k_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda}}} \right] \sim (\lambda) \right|^p < +\infty$$

for every unitary operator  $U : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof.* It is well-known that (see Zhu [11, Theorem 1.27])  $A$  lies in  $S_p(\mathcal{H})$  ( $p \geq 1$ ) if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle Au_n, u_n \rangle|^p < +\infty$$

for all orthonormal sequence  $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ . It is not difficult to show that the latter is equivalent to the assertion that

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} |\langle Av_n, v_n \rangle|^p < +\infty$$

for all orthonormal sequences  $\{v_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  with infinite codimension. Since  $\mathcal{H}$  possesses property (P) with respect to the orthonormal sequence  $\{e_n(z)\}_{n \geq 1}$ , we have that

$$\dim(\mathcal{H} \ominus \text{span}(e_n(z) : n \geq 1)) = +\infty.$$

Then there exists a unitary operator  $U$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $Ue_n = v_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Hence we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle Av_n, v_n \rangle|^p &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle AUe_n, Ue_n \rangle|^p = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle U^{-1}AUe_n, e_n \rangle|^p \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left\langle U^{-1}AU \frac{e_n}{\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}}, \frac{e_n}{\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}} \right\rangle \right|^p \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left\langle U^{-1}AU \mathcal{M}_{\frac{e_n}{\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}}} \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}, \mathcal{M}_{\frac{e_n}{\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}}} \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda} \right\rangle \right|^p \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left\langle \mathcal{M}_{\frac{e_n}{\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}}}^* (U^{-1}AU) \mathcal{M}_{\frac{e_n}{\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}}} \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}, \widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda} \right\rangle \right|^p \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left[ \mathcal{M}_{\frac{e_n}{\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}}}^* (U^{-1}AU) \mathcal{M}_{\frac{e_n}{\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}}} \right]^{\sim} (\lambda) \right|^p. \end{aligned}$$

It now follows from the above assertion that

$$\begin{aligned} A \in S_p(\mathcal{H}) &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle Av_n, v_n \rangle|^p < +\infty \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left[ \mathcal{M}_{\frac{e_n}{\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}}}^* (U^{-1}AU) \mathcal{M}_{\frac{e_n}{\widehat{k}_{\mathcal{H},\lambda}}} \right]^{\sim} (\lambda) \right|^p < +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

which proves the theorem, because  $\{v_n\}$  is arbitrary, and therefore  $U$  is also arbitrary unitary operator.  $\square$

### 3. WEIGHTED MODEL OPERATORS $\mathcal{K}_{\varphi,\theta,\Omega}$ AND $\mathcal{L}_{\varphi,\theta,\Omega}$

In this section we give some results concerning to the weighted model operators  $\mathcal{K}_{\varphi,\theta,\Omega}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\varphi,\theta,\Omega}$ . Let us start with some simple remarks concerning to the operators  $\mathcal{K}_{\varphi,\theta,\Omega}$ , where  $\varphi \in H^\infty$ ,  $\theta \in (\Sigma)$  and  $\Omega \in (\Sigma) \cup \{1\}$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** (a) *Each operator  $\mathcal{K}_{\varphi,\theta,\Omega}$  is a projection of the operator  $T_{\overline{\varphi}}N_{\theta,\Omega}T_\varphi$  in  $H^2$  to the subspace  $K_\theta$ , i.e.,*

$$\mathcal{K}_{\varphi,\theta,\Omega} = P_\theta (T_{\overline{\varphi}}N_{\theta,\Omega}T_\varphi) |_{K_\theta}, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $N_{\theta,\Omega} := T_{\theta\Omega}P_\theta$  is a nilpotent operator,  $N_{\theta,\Omega}^2 = 0$ .

(b)

$$\text{dist}([T_{\overline{\theta}}, T_\varphi], \Gamma_{(\Sigma)}) \text{dist}(\varphi\overline{\theta}, H^\infty) \geq \text{dist}(\varphi(M_\theta), K_{\varphi,\theta,(\Sigma)}), \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\Gamma_{(\Sigma)} := \{T_w : w \in (\Sigma) \cup \{1\}\}$ .

(c) *If  $\varphi \in (\Sigma)$ , then the numerical range of the operator  $\mathcal{K}_{\varphi,\theta}$  lies in the closed disc  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}_{1/2}$ .*

*Proof.* (a) Indeed, for each  $f \in K_\theta$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} P_\theta (T_{\bar{\varphi}} N_{\theta, \Omega} T_\varphi) f &= P_\theta T_{\bar{\varphi}} T_{\theta \Omega} P_\theta \varphi f \\ &= (I - T_\theta T_{\bar{\theta}}) T_{\bar{\varphi}} T_{\theta \Omega} \varphi (M_\theta) f \\ &= (T_{\bar{\varphi} \Omega} T_\theta - T_\theta T_{\bar{\varphi} \Omega}) \varphi (M_\theta) f \\ &= [T_{\bar{\varphi} \Omega}, T_\theta] \varphi (M_\theta) f = \mathcal{K}_{\varphi, \theta, \Omega} f, \end{aligned}$$

which gives (3.1); obviously,  $N_{\theta, \Omega}^2 = 0$ .

(b) Since for every  $\Omega \in (\Sigma)$  the operator  $T_\Omega$  is an isometry, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi (M_\theta) - \mathcal{K}_{\varphi, \theta, \Omega}\| &= \|\varphi (M_\theta) - [T_{\bar{\varphi} \Omega}, T_\theta] \varphi (M_\theta)\| \\ &= \|(I - [T_{\bar{\varphi} \Omega}, T_\theta]) \varphi (M_\theta)\| \\ &= \|(I - (T_{\bar{\varphi}} T_\theta - T_\theta T_{\bar{\varphi}}) T_\Omega) \varphi (M_\theta)\| \\ &= \|(T_{\bar{\Omega}} T_\Omega - [T_{\bar{\varphi}}, T_\theta] T_\Omega) \varphi (M_\theta)\| \\ &= \|(T_{\bar{\Omega}} - [T_{\bar{\varphi}}, T_\theta]) T_\Omega \varphi (M_\theta)\| \\ &\leq \|T_{\bar{\Omega}} - [T_{\bar{\varphi}}, T_\theta]\| \|\varphi (M_\theta)\| \\ &= \|(T_{\bar{\Omega}} - [T_{\bar{\varphi}}, T_\theta])\| \|\varphi (M_\theta)\|. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from this that

$$\inf_{\Omega \in (\Sigma) \cup \{1\}} \|\varphi (M_\theta) - \mathcal{K}_{\varphi, \theta, \Omega}\| \leq \inf_{\Omega \in (\Sigma) \cup \{1\}} \|(T_{\bar{\Omega}} - [T_{\bar{\varphi}}, T_\theta])\| \|\varphi (M_\theta)\|,$$

or, by considering that  $\|T_{\bar{\Omega}} - [T_{\bar{\varphi}}, T_\theta]\| = \|T_\Omega - [T_{\bar{\theta}}, T_\varphi]\|$ , we have

$$\text{dist}(\varphi (M_\theta), \mathcal{K}_{\varphi, \theta, (\Sigma)}) \leq \text{dist}([T_{\bar{\theta}}, T_\varphi], \Gamma(\Sigma)) \|\varphi (M_\theta)\|.$$

Now the well-known formula

$$\|\varphi (M_\theta)\| = \text{dist}(\varphi \bar{\theta}, H^\infty)$$

implies the inequality (3.2).

(c) Using formula (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{K}_{\varphi, \theta, f}, f \rangle &= \langle P_\theta (T_{\bar{\varphi}} N_{\theta} T_\varphi) f, f \rangle = \langle T_{\bar{\varphi}} N_{\theta} T_\varphi f, f \rangle \\ &= \langle N_\theta \varphi f, \varphi f \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for every  $f \in K_\theta$ ,  $\|f\|_2 = 1$ ; here  $N_\theta := T_\theta P_\theta = T_\theta (I - T_\theta T_{\bar{\theta}})$ . Since  $\varphi$  is an inner function,  $\varphi f \in H^2$  and  $\|\varphi f\|_2 = \|f\|_2 = 1$ , we conclude that

$$\langle N_\theta \varphi f, \varphi f \rangle \in W(N_\theta) \text{ (numerical range of } N_\theta).$$

Now using the known result that  $W(N_\theta) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$  (because  $N_\theta^2 = 0$ , see [7]), we complete the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *We have*

$$\left| \tilde{\mathcal{K}}_{\varphi, \theta, \Omega}(\lambda) \right| = o\left(\frac{1}{1 - |\theta(\lambda)|^2}\right) \text{ as } |\lambda| \rightarrow 1^-$$

for every  $\Omega \in (\Sigma) \cup \{1\}$ .



*Proof.* By using (3.1) and the following well-known formulas

$$\begin{aligned} k_\lambda &:= k_{H^2, \lambda} = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z} \\ k_{\theta, \lambda} &:= k_{K_\theta, \lambda} = \frac{1 - \overline{\theta(\lambda)}\theta}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z} \\ \widehat{k_{\theta, \lambda}} &= \sqrt{\frac{1 - |\lambda|^2}{1 - |\theta(\lambda)|^2}} \frac{1 - \overline{\theta(\lambda)}\theta}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z} \\ T_{fg} - T_f T_g &= H_f^* H_g \end{aligned}$$

where  $f, g \in L^\infty$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\mathcal{K}}_{\varphi, \theta, \Omega}(\lambda) &= \left\langle P_\theta (T_{\bar{\varphi}} N_{\theta, \Omega} T_\varphi) \widehat{k_{\theta, \lambda}}, \widehat{k_{\theta, \lambda}} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1 - |\lambda|^2}{1 - |\theta(\lambda)|^2} \left\langle T_{\theta\Omega} P_\theta \varphi \frac{1 - \overline{\theta(\lambda)}\theta}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z}, \varphi \frac{1 - \overline{\theta(\lambda)}\theta}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1 - |\lambda|^2}{1 - |\theta(\lambda)|^2} \left\langle T_{\theta\Omega} P_\theta \frac{\varphi}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z}, \varphi \frac{1 - \overline{\theta(\lambda)}\theta}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1 - |\lambda|^2}{1 - |\theta(\lambda)|^2} \left( \left\langle T_{\theta\Omega} (I - T_\theta T_{\bar{\theta}}) \frac{\varphi}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z}, \frac{\varphi}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z} \right\rangle - \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \theta(\lambda) \left\langle T_{\theta\Omega} (I - T_\theta T_{\bar{\varphi}}) \frac{\varphi}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z}, \frac{\theta\varphi}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z} \right\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1 - |\lambda|^2}{1 - |\theta(\lambda)|^2} \left( \left\langle T_{|\varphi|^2\theta\Omega} \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z}, \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z} \right\rangle - \left\langle T_{\bar{\varphi}\theta^2\Omega} T_{\bar{\theta}\varphi} \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z}, \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z} \right\rangle - \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \theta(\lambda) \left\langle T_{|\varphi|^2\Omega} \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z}, \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z} \right\rangle + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \theta(\lambda) \left\langle T_{\bar{\varphi}\theta\Omega} T_{\varphi\bar{\theta}} \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z}, \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\lambda}z} \right\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - |\theta(\lambda)|^2} \left( \left\langle T_{|\varphi|^2\theta\Omega} \widehat{k_\lambda}, \widehat{k_\lambda} \right\rangle - \left\langle T_{\bar{\varphi}\theta^2\Omega} T_{\bar{\theta}\varphi} \widehat{k_\lambda}, \widehat{k_\lambda} \right\rangle + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \theta(\lambda) \left\langle T_{\bar{\varphi}\theta\Omega} T_{\varphi\bar{\theta}} \widehat{k_\lambda}, \widehat{k_\lambda} \right\rangle - \theta(\lambda) \left\langle T_{|\varphi|^2\Omega} \widehat{k_\lambda}, \widehat{k_\lambda} \right\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - |\theta(\lambda)|^2} \left( \left\langle (T_{|\varphi|^2\theta\Omega} - T_{\bar{\varphi}\theta^2\Omega} T_{\bar{\theta}\varphi}) \widehat{k_\lambda}, \widehat{k_\lambda} \right\rangle - \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \theta(\lambda) \left\langle (T_{|\varphi|^2\Omega} - T_{\bar{\varphi}\theta\Omega} T_{\varphi\bar{\theta}}) \widehat{k_\lambda}, \widehat{k_\lambda} \right\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - |\theta(\lambda)|^2} \left( \widetilde{H_{\varphi\theta^2\Omega}^* H_{\varphi\bar{\theta}}}(\lambda) - \theta(\lambda) \widetilde{H_{\varphi\theta\Omega}^* H_{\varphi\bar{\theta}}}(\lambda) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{K}}_{\varphi, \theta, \Omega}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{1 - |\theta(\lambda)|^2} \left( \widetilde{H_{\varphi\theta^2\Omega}^* H_{\varphi\bar{\theta}}}(\lambda) - \theta(\lambda) \widetilde{H_{\varphi\theta\Omega}^* H_{\varphi\bar{\theta}}}(\lambda) \right)$$

for every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}$ . Consequently, using the fact that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \widetilde{H_f^* H_g} (r e^{it}) = 0$$

for almost all  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$ , where  $f, g \in L^\infty(\mathbb{T})$ , we complete the proof of proposition.  $\square$

Our next result characterizes compact operators  $\mathcal{L}_{\varphi, \theta}$  ( $\varphi \in H^\infty$ ,  $\theta \in (\Sigma)$ ).

**Theorem 3.3.**  $\mathcal{L}_{\varphi, \theta} \in S_\infty(K_\theta)$  if and only if

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{T}} (U^{-1} (H_{\bar{\varphi}}^* H_{\varphi \bar{\theta}}) U)^\sim(\lambda) = 0$$

for every unitary operator  $U \in \mathcal{B}(H^2)$ .

*Proof.* By Nikolski's formula (see Nikolski [8])

$$\varphi(M_\theta) P_\theta = \theta H_{\varphi \bar{\theta}},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\varphi, \theta} P_\theta f &= [T_{\bar{\theta}}, T_\varphi] \varphi(M_\theta) P_\theta f = (T_{\bar{\theta} \varphi} - T_\varphi T_{\bar{\theta}}) \theta H_{\varphi \bar{\theta}} f \\ &= H_{\bar{\varphi}}^* H_{\bar{\theta}} \theta H_{\varphi \bar{\theta}} f = H_{\bar{\varphi}}^* P_- \bar{\theta} \theta P_- \varphi \bar{\theta} f \\ &= H_{\bar{\varphi}}^* P_- \varphi \bar{\theta} f = H_{\bar{\varphi}}^* H_{\varphi \bar{\theta}} f \end{aligned}$$

for each  $f \in H^2$ . Thus,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\varphi, \theta} P_\theta = H_{\bar{\varphi}}^* H_{\varphi \bar{\theta}}. \quad (3.3)$$

It follows from formula (3.3) that  $\mathcal{L}_{\varphi, \theta} \in S_\infty(K_\theta)$  if and only if  $H_{\bar{\varphi}}^* H_{\varphi \bar{\theta}} \in S_\infty(H^2)$ . Thus, since  $\partial_{\mathcal{H}^2} \mathbb{D} = \mathbb{T}$ , Theorem A and Theorem 2.5 together with the formula (3.3) yield the statement of the theorem, as desired.  $\square$

#### 4. CHARACTERIZATION OF THE CLASSES $S_p^w$ , $0 < p < \infty$

The main result of the present section is the following theorem, which gives necessary and sufficient conditions for belonging  $A$  to the classes  $S_p^w$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ . Its proof uses some arguments of the papers [6, 10].

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $H$  be an infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space,  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  be a compact operator with nonincreasing sequence of  $s$ -numbers  $s_n(A)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ ,  $w := \{w_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a bounded sequence of complex numbers, and let  $0 < p < \infty$ . Then the following assertions are hold:*

- (i) if  $A \in S_p^w(H)$ , then  $\frac{\widetilde{T}_\Lambda(\sqrt{t})}{\sqrt{t}} = O(1-t)$  as  $t \rightarrow 1$ , where  $\Lambda = ((s_n(A))^p w_n^p)_{n \geq 0}$ ;
- (ii) if  $\frac{\widetilde{T}_\Lambda(\sqrt{t})}{\sqrt{t}} = O(1-t)$  as  $t \rightarrow 1$  and  $s_n(A)w_n = O\left(n^{-\frac{1}{p}}\right)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $A \in S_p^w(H)$ .

*Proof.* First, let us calculate the Berezin symbol of the weighted shift operator  $T_\Lambda$  acting in  $H^2$  :

$$\begin{aligned}
\widetilde{T}_\Lambda(\lambda) &= \left\langle T_\Lambda \widehat{k}_{H^2, \lambda}, \widehat{k}_{H^2, \lambda} \right\rangle_{H^2} = \left\langle T_\Lambda \frac{(1 - \bar{\lambda}z)^{-1}}{\|(1 - \bar{\lambda}z)^{-1}\|_{H^2}}, \frac{(1 - \bar{\lambda}z)^{-1}}{\|(1 - \bar{\lambda}z)^{-1}\|_{H^2}} \right\rangle_{H^2} \\
&= \left\langle T_\Lambda \frac{(1 - \bar{\lambda}z)^{-1}}{(1 - |\lambda|^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}, \frac{(1 - \bar{\lambda}z)^{-1}}{(1 - |\lambda|^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \right\rangle_{H^2} \\
&= (1 - |\lambda|^2) \left\langle T_\Lambda \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{\lambda}^n z^n, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{\lambda}^n z^n \right\rangle_{H^2} \\
&= (1 - |\lambda|^2) \left\langle \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{\lambda}^n T_\Lambda z^n, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{\lambda}^n z^n \right\rangle_{H^2} \\
&= (1 - |\lambda|^2) \left\langle \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{\lambda}^n s_n(A)^p w_n^p z^{n+1}, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{\lambda}^n z^n \right\rangle_{H^2} \\
&= (1 - |\lambda|^2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(A)^p w_n^p \bar{\lambda}^n \lambda^{n+1} \\
&= \lambda(1 - |\lambda|^2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(A)^p w_n^p |\lambda|^{2n},
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\widetilde{T}_\Lambda(\lambda) = \lambda(1 - |\lambda|^2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(A)^p w_n^p |\lambda|^{2n}$$

for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}$ . In particular,

$$\widetilde{T}_\Lambda(\sqrt{t}) = \sqrt{t}(1 - t) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(A)^p w_n^p t^n,$$

or

$$\frac{\widetilde{T}_\Lambda(\sqrt{t})}{\sqrt{t}} = (1 - t) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(A)^p w_n^p t^n \quad (4.1)$$

for each  $t \in (0, 1)$ .

Formula (4.1), in particular, shows that Abel convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(A)^p w_n^p$  is equivalent to the assertion that  $\frac{\widetilde{T}_\Lambda(\sqrt{t})}{\sqrt{t}} = O(1 - t)$  as  $t \rightarrow 1$ .

(i) Now, if  $A \in S_p^w$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(A)^p w_n^p$  is convergent. Then by the classical Abel theorem (see, for example, Hardy [5]) it is Abel convergent, that is, a finite limit  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(A)^p w_n^p t^n$  exists. Therefore, it follows from (4.1) that

$$\frac{\widetilde{T}_\Lambda(\sqrt{t})}{\sqrt{t}} = O(1 - t) \text{ as } t \rightarrow 1.$$

(ii) Conversely, if the conditions in (ii) of the theorem are satisfied, then it follows again from the formula (4.1) that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(A)^p w_n^p$  is summable by the

Abel method. On the other hand, since  $s_n(A)w_n = O\left(n^{-\frac{1}{p}}\right)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , obviously,  $(s_n(A)w_n)^p = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, by applying the classical Tauberian theorem of Hardy and Littlewood [5] we deduce that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(A)^p w_n^p$  is convergent, which implies that  $A$  belongs to the class  $S_p^w$ . The proof of the theorem is completed.  $\square$

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