

Invertibility of some singular integral operators and a lifting theorem

Dedicated to Professor Tsuyoshi Ando on his sixtieth birthday

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Abstract. Let P_+ be an analytic projection and let P_- be a co-analytic projection. Let $L^2(W)$ be the usual weighted Lebesgue space on the unit circle. For some weight W , P_+ is not continuous in the norm of $L^2(W)$. We shall define the Hilbert space $L^2((W))$ such that for any weight W , P_+ is continuous from $L^2((W))$ to $L^2(W)$. For an essentially bounded function ϕ , we shall consider a singular integral operator $\phi P_+ + P_-$ as a densely defined continuous operator from $L^2((W))$ to $L^2(W)$. Then $S_{\phi, (W)}$ denotes the bounded extension of $\phi P_+ + P_-$. Necessary and sufficient conditions for the (left) invertibility of $S_{\phi, (W)}$ are given as applications of the Cotlar-Sadosky's lifting theorem. Our results involve the Helson-Szegő theorem and the Widom-Devinatz-Rochberg theorem.

§ 1. Introduction.

Let $C(\mathbb{T})$ be an algebra of all continuous functions f on the unit circle \mathbb{T} , and let A be a disc algebra of all functions f in $C(\mathbb{T})$ whose negative Fourier coefficients vanish. For $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, let $L^p = L^p(\mathbb{T})$ denote the L^p space of \mathbb{T} with respect to the normalized Lebesgue measure m on \mathbb{T} . Put $A_0 = \{f; f \text{ is in } A, \text{ and } \int_{\mathbb{T}} f \, dm = 0\}$, and put $\bar{A}_0 = \{\bar{f}; f \text{ is in } A_0\}$. By \bar{f} we denote the complex conjugate function of f . Let H^p be the subspace of L^p consisting of functions whose negative Fourier coefficients vanish. Put $H_0^p = \{f; f \text{ is in } H^p, \text{ and } \int_{\mathbb{T}} f \, dm = 0\}$, and put $\bar{H}_0^p = \{\bar{f}; f \text{ is in } H_0^p\}$. For an f in L^1 , its harmonic conjugate function \tilde{f} is defined by

$$\tilde{f}(e^{i\theta}) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} \cot \left[\frac{\theta - t}{2} \right] f(e^{it}) \, dm(e^{it}),$$

the integral being a Cauchy principal value. A function Q in H^∞ is an inner function if $|Q|=1$. A function h is an outer function if there exists a real function V in L^1 and a real constant c such that $h = e^{V+i\tilde{V}+ic}$. Let

$H^{1/2}$ denote the subspace of functions of the form Qh^2 where Q is an inner function and h is an outer function in H^1 . The singular integral operator S is defined by

$$Sf(\zeta) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{f(\eta)}{\eta - \zeta} d\eta, \quad (\zeta \in \mathbb{T})$$

(cf. [2, p. 38]). The analytic projection P_+ and the coanalytic projection P_- is defined by $P_+ = (I + S)/2$ and $P_- = (I - S)/2$. Then,

$$Sf(\zeta) = (P_+ - P_-)f(\zeta) = i\tilde{f}(\zeta) + \int_{\mathbb{T}} f dm.$$

For a ϕ in L^∞ , the singular integral operator $\phi P_+ + P_-$ is denoted by S_ϕ for short. In this paper, a positive function W in L^1 is said to be a weight. For a weight W , $L^p(W)$ ($1 < p < \infty$) is a space of m -measurable functions equipped with the norm

$$\|f\|_{p, w} = \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f|^p W dm \right\}^{1/p} < \infty.$$

The weighted Hardy space $H^p(W)$ (resp. $\bar{H}_0^p(W)$) is the norm closure of A (resp. \bar{A}_0) in $L^p(W)$. When we consider S_ϕ as an densely defined operator in $L^p(W)$, we write $S_\phi = S_{\phi, p, w}$. $S_{\phi, p, w}$ may not be continuous. In this paper, we shall consider the case $p=2$, and remain entirely in Hilbert spaces. $L^2(W)$ is a Hilbert space equipped with the inner product

$$(f, g)_w = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f \bar{g} W dm.$$

We shall write $S_{\phi, 2, w}$ as $S_{\phi, w}$, and $\|\cdot\|_{2, w}$ as $\|\cdot\|_w$ for short. For an f in the algebraic sum $A + \bar{A}_0$, we shall define the inner product

$$(f, g)_{(w)} = (P_+f, P_+g)_w + (P_-f, P_-g)_w.$$

Then $A + \bar{A}_0$ becomes a pre-Hilbert space. $L^2((W))$ denotes the completion of $A + \bar{A}_0$ with norm $\|\cdot\|_{(w)}$ defined by

$$\|f\|_{(w)} = (f, f)_{(w)}^{1/2}.$$

Then $L^2((W))$ is a Hilbert space, and P_+ is a contraction operator from $L^2((W))$ to $L^2(W)$, since for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$,

$$\|P_+f\|_w \leq \|f\|_{(w)}.$$

We shall define the Helson-Szegö class (HS) as follows (cf. [12]).

$$(HS) = \{e^{u+\bar{v}}; u \text{ and } v \text{ in } L^\infty, \|v\|_\infty < \pi/2\}.$$

If W is in (HS) , then W^{-1} is also in (HS) , and hence W^{-1} is in L^1 . If W is in (HS) , then $\|\cdot\|_W$ and $\|\cdot\|_{(W)}$ are equivalent norms. If W is not in (HS) , then $S_{\phi, W}$ may not be continuous. For a general weight W , S_{ϕ} is a continuous operator from $L^2((W))$ to $L^2(W)$, that is, there exists a constant c such that for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$,

$$\|S_{\phi}f\|_W \leq c\|f\|_{(W)}.$$

In fact, we can take $c = 2^{1/2} \max\{\|\phi\|_{\infty}, 1\}$. Let $S_{\phi, (W)}$ denote the bounded extension of S_{ϕ} . Hence $S_{\phi, (W)}$ is a bounded operator from $L^2((W))$ to $L^2(W)$ satisfying $S_{\phi, (W)} f = S_{\phi}f$ for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$. We shall study the (left) invertibility of $S_{\phi, (W)}$ using Hilbert space methods and the following Cotlar-Sadosky's lifting theorem (cf. [1], [5], [15], [22]).

THEOREM(Cotlar-Sadosky). *Suppose W_1, W_2, W_3 are in L^1 , and W_1, W_2 are real functions. Then the following conditions (1) and (2) are equivalent.*

(1) *For all f_1 in A and f_2 in \bar{A}_0 ,*

$$\int_T \{|f_1|^2 W_1 + |f_2|^2 W_2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(f_1 \bar{f}_2 W_3)\} dm \geq 0.$$

(2) *$W_1 \geq 0, W_2 \geq 0$ and there exists a k in H^1 such that*

$$|W_3 - k|^2 \leq W_1 W_2.$$

When $W=1$, Dominguez [7] studied the invertibility of systems of Toeplitz operators using the Cotlar-Sadosky's type lifting theorem. When W is in (HS) , Rochberg [18] defined the Toeplitz operator $T_{\phi, p, W}$ on $H^p(W)$ by $T_{\phi, p, W} f = P_+(\phi f)$ for all f in $H^p(W)$, and got the necessary and sufficient condition for the invertibility of $T_{\phi, p, W}$ (cf. [2, p. 216], [3]). If P_+ is continuous in the norm of $L^p(W)$, then $T_{\phi, p, W}$ is (left) invertible if and only if $S_{\phi, p, W}$ is (left) invertible (cf. [9, p. 124], [17, p. 393]). When $W=1$, Widom [21] and Devinatz [6] considered the left invertibility and the invertibility of T_{ϕ} and S_{ϕ} (cf. [8, p. 187], [17, p. 371]). Shinbrot [20] considered the invertibility of S_{ϕ} on L^2 and derived the method for finding the inverse operator of S_{ϕ} . Many generalizations of these results have been considered (cf. [2], [3], [4], [10], [11], [14]). For functions α and β in L^{∞} , the continuity of $\alpha P_+ + \beta P_-$ in the norm of $L^2(W)$ was considered in our preceding paper [15]. For a general weight W , $\alpha P_+ + \beta P_-$ has a bounded extension which is (left) invertible as an operator from $L^2((W))$ to $L^2(W)$ if and only if α^{-1}, β^{-1} are in L^{∞} and $S_{\alpha/\beta, (W)}$ is (left) invertible. When W is in (HS) , we can give a simple necessary and sufficient condition for the (left) invertibility of $S_{\phi, W}$. But when W is not in (HS) , we can not give a

simple condition.

In Section 2, by the Hilbert space methods and the Cotlar-Sadosky's lifting theorem, we shall give necessary and sufficient conditions for the left invertibility of $S_{\phi,(W)}$. Theorems 1 and 2 are main theorems. In Section 3, Theorem 3 is the main theorem. We shall give necessary and sufficient conditions for the invertibility of $S_{\phi,(W)}$ using the results of Section 2.

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§ 2. Left invertibility.

In Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, we shall give necessary and sufficient conditions for the left invertibility of the singular integral operator $S_{\phi,(W)}$. When $S_{\phi,(W)}$ is bounded and has a bounded left inverse operator, we shall say $S_{\phi,(W)}$ is left invertible. Since $S_{\phi,(W)}$ is always bounded, $S_{\phi,(W)}$ is left invertible if and only if $S_{\phi,(W)}$ is bounded below. When W is not in (HS) , we have been unable to give a simple necessary and sufficient condition for the left invertibility of $S_{\phi,(W)}$. For the left invertibility of $S_{\phi,(W)}$, Prof. T. Nakazi suggested the simple condition (2) in Theorem 2, and the equivalence of (2) and (5). We use the Cotlar-Sadosky's lifting theorem to prove Theorem 1. We use Theorem 1 to prove Theorem 2. Each Theorem involves the Helson-Szegö theorem (cf. [12]). We shall consider weighted norm inequalities.

THEOREM 1. *Suppose $|\phi|=1$, W is a weight, δ is a constant satisfying $0 < \delta \leq 1$, and put*

$$r = \delta(2 - \delta^2)^{1/2}.$$

Then the following conditions (1) and (2) are equivalent.

(1) *For all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$,*

$$\delta \|f\|_{(W)} \leq \|S_{\phi}f\|_W.$$

(2) *There exists an inner function Q , a real function V in L^1 , u and v in L^∞ such that*

$$\phi = Qe^{-i\bar{V}}, \quad We^V = e^{u+\bar{v}},$$

$$\|v\|_\infty \leq \cos^{-1} r < \pi/2, \quad |u| \leq \cosh^{-1}\{(\cos v)/r\}.$$

PROOF. We shall use the idea of Rochberg (cf. [18]) and the idea of Arocena, Cotlar and Sadosky (cf. [1], [5]). We shall show that (1) implies (2). By (1),

$$\delta^2 \int_T (|f_1|^2 + |f_2|^2) W \, dm \leq \int_T |\phi f_1 + f_2|^2 W \, dm,$$

for all f_1 in A and f_2 in \bar{A}_0 . Hence

$$\int_T \{(1 - \delta^2)(|f_1|^2 + |f_2|^2) + 2\operatorname{Re}(\phi f_1 \bar{f}_2)\} W \, dm \geq 0.$$

By the Cotlar-Sadosky's lifting theorem, $\delta \leq 1$ and there exists a k in H^1 such that

$$|\phi w - k| \leq (1 - \delta^2) W.$$

Since $|\phi|=1$,

$$|W - |k|| \leq |\phi W - k| \leq (1 - \delta^2) W \leq W.$$

Hence

$$\delta^2 W \leq |k| \leq 2W.$$

Since W is a non-zero function, k is a non-zero function in H^1 . Hence $\log W$ is in L^1 . Put $g = ke^{-\log W - i(\log W)^-}$. Since $|\phi|=1$,

$$|1 - \bar{\phi} g e^{i(\log W)^-}| \leq 1 - \delta^2.$$

Since $0 < \delta \leq 1$ and $r = \delta(2 - \delta^2)^{1/2}$, $0 < r \leq 1$. Then there exists a real function v in L^∞ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\phi} g e^{i(\log W)^-} &= |g| e^{-iv}, \\ \|v\|_\infty &\leq \cos^{-1} r < \pi/2 \end{aligned}$$

(cf. [15, Lemma 2]). Hence $(\cos v)/r \geq 1$. Since $\delta^2 \leq |g| \leq 2$, g is in H^∞ , and there exists an inner function Q_0 and a real function u in L^∞ such that $g = rQ_0 e^{-u - i\tilde{u}}$. Since $\bar{\phi} g e^{i(\log W)^-} = r e^{-u - iv}$, we have

$$|1 - r e^{-u - iv}| \leq 1 - \delta^2.$$

Since r is a positive constant and

$$|1 - r e^{-u - iv}|^2 - (1 - \delta^2)^2 = r^2 \{e^{-2u} - 2\{\cos v\}/r\} e^{-u} + 1,$$

we have

$$e^{-2u} - 2\{(\cos v)/r\} e^{-u} + 1 \leq 0.$$

Since $(\cos v)/r \geq 1$, we have

$$|u| \leq \cosh^{-1}\{(\cos v)/r\}.$$

Put $V = u + \tilde{v} - \log W$, then V is in L^1 , and there exists a real constant c

such that $\tilde{V} = \tilde{u} - v - (\log W)^{\sim} + c$. Put $Q = Q_0 e^{ic}$, then

$$\phi = g e^{i(v + (\log W)^{\sim})} / |g| = Q_0 e^{i(v - \tilde{u} + (\log W)^{\sim})} = Q e^{-i\tilde{V}}.$$

We shall show that (2) implies (1). By (2),

$$e^{-2u} - 2\{(\cos v)/r\}e^{-u} + 1 \leq 0.$$

By the calculation,

$$|1 - r e^{-u-iv}| \leq 1 - \delta^2.$$

Put $k = \phi W r e^{-u-iv}$, then k is in H^1 , since

$$k = r Q e^{-i\tilde{V} + (u + \tilde{v} - V) - u - iv} = r Q e^{-V - i\tilde{V}} e^{\tilde{v} - iv}.$$

Hence

$$|\phi W - k| = |\phi W (1 - r e^{-u-iv})| \leq (1 - \delta^2) W.$$

By the Cotlar-Sadosky's lifting theorem, for all f_1 in A and f_2 in \bar{A}_0 ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} \{(1 - \delta^2)(|f_1|^2 + |f_2|^2) + 2\operatorname{Re}(\phi f_1 \bar{f}_2)\} W dm \geq 0.$$

Since $|\phi| = 1$,

$$\delta^2 \int_{\mathbb{T}} (|f_1|^2 + |f_2|^2) W dm \leq \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\phi f_1 + f_2|^2 W dm.$$

This implies (1). This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 1. *Suppose ϕ is in L^∞ and W is a weight. Then the following conditions are mutually equivalent.*

(1) $S_{\phi, (W)}$ is an isometry, that is, for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$,

$$\|S_{\phi} f\|_W = \|f\|_{(W)}.$$

(2) $|\phi| = 1$, and for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$,

$$\|f\|_{(W)} \leq \|S_{\phi} f\|_W.$$

(3) There exists an inner function Q and a real function V in L^1 such that $\phi = Q e^{-i\tilde{V}}$ and $W e^V = 1$.

PROOF. By (1), for all f_1 in A ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} (|\phi|^2 - 1) |f_1|^2 W dm = 0.$$

This implies $|\phi| = 1$. Hence (1) implies (2). By Theorem 1, (2) and (3) are equivalent. By (3), $\phi W = Q e^{-V - i\tilde{V}}$ and ϕW is in L^1 . This implies

ϕW is in H^1 , and hence for all f_1 in A and f_2 in \bar{A}_0 ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\phi f_1 + f_2|^2 W dm - \int_{\mathbb{T}} (|f_1|^2 + |f_2|^2) W dm \\ = 2\operatorname{Re} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \phi f_1 \bar{f}_2 W dm = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This implies (1). This completes the proof.

Let $H^2(W) \oplus \bar{H}_0^2(W)$ denote the algebraic direct sum of $H^2(W)$ and $\bar{H}_0^2(W)$ (cf. [8, p. 78]). Then $H^2(W) \oplus \bar{H}_0^2(W)$ is the Hilbert space equipped with the inner product

$$\langle \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle, \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle \rangle_{\langle W \rangle} = \langle f_1, g_1 \rangle_W + \langle f_2, g_2 \rangle_W,$$

and the norm

$$\| \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle \|_{\langle W \rangle} = \langle \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle, \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle \rangle_{\langle W \rangle}.$$

For any f in $L^2(\langle W \rangle)$, there exists a sequence f_{1n} in A and a sequence f_{2n} in \bar{A}_0 such that $f_{1n} + f_{2n}$ converges to f in the norm of $L^2(\langle W \rangle)$. Then there exists an f_1 in $H^2(W)$ and an f_2 in $\bar{H}_0^2(W)$ such that $\langle f_{1n}, f_{2n} \rangle$ converges to $\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle$ in the norm of $H^2(W) \oplus \bar{H}_0^2(W)$. Let J denote the isometry from $L^2(\langle W \rangle)$ onto $H^2(W) \oplus \bar{H}_0^2(W)$ defined by

$$Jf = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle.$$

This definition is correct in the sense that it does not depend on the particular choice of the Cauchy sequence which defines f_1 and f_2 . Let $R_{\phi, w}$ denote the operator from $H^2(W) \oplus \bar{H}_0^2(W)$ to $L^2(W)$ defined by

$$R_{\phi, w} \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \phi f_1 + f_2.$$

LEMMA 1. *Suppose ϕ is in L^∞ , and W is a weight. Then $R_{\phi, w}$ is a bounded operator from $H^2(W) \oplus \bar{H}_0^2(W)$ to $L^2(W)$. $R_{\phi, w}$ is (left) invertible if and only if $S_{\phi, (w)}$ is (left) invertible.*

PROOF. $R_{\phi, w}$ is bounded, since for all $\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle$ in $H^2(W) \oplus \bar{H}_0^2(W)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_{\phi, w} \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle\|_w &\leq \max\{\|\phi\|_\infty, 1\} (\|f_1\|_w + \|f_2\|_w) \\ &\leq 2^{1/2} \max\{\|\phi\|_\infty, 1\} \|\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle\|_{\langle W \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $S_{\phi, (w)} = R_{\phi, w} J$, $R_{\phi, w}$ is (left) invertible if and only if $S_{\phi, (w)}$ is (left) invertible.

LEMMA 2. *Suppose ϕ, ϕ^{-1} are in L^∞ and W is a weight. If there exists an inner function Q , outer functions α, β such that $|\alpha|^2 W, |\beta|^2 W$ are in (HS), and $\phi = Q\bar{\beta}/\alpha$, then $R_{\phi, w}$ and $S_{\phi, (w)}$ are left invertible. If*

T is defined by

$$Tf = \langle \alpha P_+(\bar{Q}f/\bar{\beta}), Q\bar{\beta}P_-(\bar{Q}f/\bar{\beta}) \rangle,$$

for all f in $L^2(W)$, then T is the left inverse to $R_{\phi, w}$, and $J^{-1}T$ is the left inverse to $S_{\phi, (w)}$. Then

$$J^{-1}Tg = (\alpha P_+ + Q\bar{\beta}P_-)(\bar{Q}g/\bar{\beta}),$$

for all g in $\phi A + \bar{A}_0$.

PROOF. Since $|\alpha|^2 W$, $|\beta|^2 W$ are in (HS) , $(|\alpha|^2 W)^{-1}$, $(|\beta|^2 W)^{-1}$ are also in (HS) . Hence $(|\alpha|^2 W)^{-1}$, $(|\beta|^2 W)^{-1}$ are in L^1 . For all f in $L^2(W)$, by the Schwarz inequality, $f/\bar{\beta}$ is in L^1 . By the Helson-Szegö theorem (cf. [12]), there exist constants γ, γ' such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tf\|_{\langle W \rangle} &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\alpha P_+(\bar{Q}f/\bar{\beta})|^2 W \, dm + \int_{\mathbb{T}} |Q\bar{\beta}P_-(\bar{Q}f/\bar{\beta})|^2 W \, dm \\ &\leq \gamma \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\bar{Q}f/\bar{\beta}|^2 |\alpha|^2 W \, dm + \gamma' \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\bar{Q}f/\bar{\beta}|^2 |\beta|^2 W \, dm \\ &\leq (\gamma \|\phi^{-1}\|_{\infty}^2 + \gamma') \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f|^2 W \, dm. \end{aligned}$$

For all f_1 in $H^2(W)$ and f_2 in $\bar{H}_0^2(W)$, by the Schwarz inequality, f_1/α is in H_1 and $\bar{Q}f_2/\bar{\beta}$ is in \bar{H}_0^1 . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha P_+(\bar{Q}(\phi f_1 + f_2)/\bar{\beta}) &= \alpha P_+(f_1/\alpha + \bar{Q}f_2/\bar{\beta}) = \alpha P_+(f_1/\alpha) = f_1, \\ Q\bar{\beta}P_-(\bar{Q}(\phi f_1 + f_2)/\bar{\beta}) &= Q\bar{\beta}P_-(f_1/\alpha + \bar{Q}f_2/\bar{\beta}) = Q\bar{\beta}P_-(\bar{Q}f_2/\bar{\beta}) = f_2. \end{aligned}$$

This implies $\alpha P_+(\bar{Q}f/\bar{\beta})$ is in $H^2(W)$ and $Q\bar{\beta}P_-(\bar{Q}f/\bar{\beta})$ is in $\bar{H}_0^2(W)$. Hence

$$TR_{\phi, w}\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = T(\phi f_1 + f_2) = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle.$$

Hence T is the left inverse to $R_{\phi, w}$. By Lemma 1, $J^{-1}T$ is the left inverse to $S_{\phi, (w)}$. For any g in $\phi A + \bar{A}_0$, there exists a g_1 in A and a g_2 in \bar{A}_0 such that $g = \phi g_1 + g_2$. By the calculation, $\alpha P_+(\bar{Q}g/\bar{\beta}) = g_1$, and $Q\bar{\beta}P_-(\bar{Q}g/\bar{\beta}) = g_2$. Hence $\alpha P_+(\bar{Q}g/\bar{\beta})$ is in A , and $Q\bar{\beta}P_-(\bar{Q}g/\bar{\beta})$ is in \bar{A}_0 . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} J^{-1}Tg &= J^{-1}\langle \alpha P_+(\bar{Q}g/\bar{\beta}), Q\bar{\beta}P_-(\bar{Q}g/\bar{\beta}) \rangle \\ &= \alpha P_+(\bar{Q}g/\bar{\beta}) + Q\bar{\beta}P_-(\bar{Q}g/\bar{\beta}) = (\alpha P_+ + Q\bar{\beta}P_-)(\bar{Q}g/\bar{\beta}). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

THEOREM 2. Suppose ϕ is in L^∞ and W is a weight. Then the following conditions on ϕ and W are mutually equivalent.

(1) $S_{\phi, (w)}$ is left invertible.

(2) ϕ^{-1} is in L^∞ , and there exists an inner function Q and a real function V in L^1 such that We^V is in (HS), and

$$\phi/|\phi| = Qe^{-i\bar{V}}.$$

(3) ϕ^{-1} is in L^∞ , and there exists an inner function Q , outer functions α, β such that $|\alpha|^2 W, |\beta|^2 W$ are in (HS), and $\phi = Q\bar{\beta}/\alpha$,

(4) ϕ^{-1} is in L^∞ , and there exists a k in H^1 such that

$$\|1 - k/(\phi W)\|_\infty < 1.$$

(5) There exists a positive constant δ such that for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$.

$$\delta \|f\|_w \leq \min\{\|S_\phi f\|_w, \|S_{-\phi} f\|_w\}.$$

PROOF. We shall show that (1) implies (4) and (2). By (1), there exists a positive constant δ such that

$$\delta \|f\|_{(w)} \leq \|S_\phi f\|_w,$$

for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$. Hence

$$\int_T \{(|\phi|^2 - \delta^2)|f_1|^2 + (1 - \delta^2)|f_2|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(\phi f_1 \bar{f}_2)\} W dm \geq 0,$$

for all f_1 in A and f_2 in \bar{A}_0 . By the Cotlar-Sadosky's lifting theorem, $0 < \delta \leq 1$, $\delta \leq |\phi|$ and there exists a k in H^1 such that

$$|\phi W - k| \leq (1 - \delta^2)^{1/2} (|\phi|^2 - \delta^2)^{1/2} W \leq (1 - \delta^2)^{1/2} |\phi| W.$$

This implies 4). Put $\phi_0 = \phi e^{-\log|\phi| - i(\log|\phi)^-}$, $k_0 = k e^{-\log|\phi| - i(\log|\phi)^-}$, and $\delta_0 = \{1 - (1 - \delta^2)^{1/2}\}^{1/2}$. Then $|\phi_0| = 1$, $0 < \delta_0 \leq 1$, k_0 is in H^1 and

$$|\phi_0 W - k_0| \leq (1 - \delta_0^2) W.$$

By the Cotlar-Sadosky's lifting theorem,

$$\int_T \{(1 - \delta_0^2)(|f_1|^2 + |f_2|^2) + 2\operatorname{Re}(\phi_0 f_1 \bar{f}_2)\} W dm \geq 0.$$

Hence, for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$,

$$\delta_0 \|f\|_{(w)} \leq \|S_{\phi_0} f\|_w.$$

By Theorem 1, there exists an inner function Q , a real function V in L^1 , and u, v in L^∞ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_0 &= Qe^{-i\bar{V}}, \quad We^V = e^{u+\bar{v}}, \\ \|v\|_\infty &\leq \cos^{-1} \delta < \pi/2, \quad |v| \leq \cosh^{-1}\{(\cos v)/\delta\}, \end{aligned}$$

since $\delta_0(2 - \delta_0^2)^{1/2} = \delta$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \phi/|\phi| &= \phi_0 e^{i(\log|\phi|)^-} = Qe^{-i(V-\log|\phi|)^-}, \\ We^{V-\log|\phi|} &= e^{u-\log|\phi|+\bar{v}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\delta \leq |\phi|$, $\log|\phi|$ is in L^∞ . This implies $u - \log|\phi|$ is in L^∞ , and hence $We^{V-\log|\phi|}$ is in (HS) . We shall show that (2) implies (3). Put $U = \log|\phi|$, then U is in L^∞ . Put

$$\alpha = e^{\frac{1}{2}(V-U+i(V-U)^-)}, \quad \beta = e^{\frac{1}{2}(V+U+i(V+U)^-)},$$

then α, β are outer functions, and $\phi = Q\bar{\beta}/\alpha$. Since We^V is in (HS) , $|\alpha|^2 W$ and $|\beta|^2 W$ are in (HS) . This implies (3). By Lemma 2, (3) implies (1). We shall show that (4) implies (1). By (4), there exists a constant δ and a k in H^1 such that $0 < \delta \leq 1$, $\delta \leq |\phi|^2$, and $|\phi W - k| \leq (1 - \delta)|\phi| W$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \delta^2)(|\phi|^2 - \delta^2) - (1 - \delta)^2|\phi|^2 \\ = \delta(1 - \delta)\{2|\phi|^2 - \delta(1 + \delta)\} \\ \geq 2\delta(1 - \delta)(|\phi|^2 - \delta) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$|\phi W - k|^2 \leq (1 - \delta^2)(|\phi|^2 - \delta^2) W^2.$$

By the Cotlar-Sadosky's lifting theorem, for all f_1 in A and f_2 in \bar{A}_0 ,

$$\int_T \{(|\phi|^2 - \delta^2)|f_1|^2 + (1 - \delta^2)|f_2|^2 + 2\text{Re}(\phi f_1 \bar{f}_2)\} W dm \geq 0.$$

This implies (1). Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_w^2 + \|Sf\|_w^2 &= \|P_+f + P_-f\|_w^2 + \|P_+f - P_-f\|_w^2 \\ &= 2(\|P_+f\|_w^2 + \|P_-f\|_w^2) = 2\|f\|_{(w)}^2, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$2^{1/2}\|f\|_{(w)} \leq \|f\|_w + \|Sf\|_w \leq 2\|f\|_{(w)}.$$

Hence, $S_{\phi,(w)}$ is left invertible if and only if there exists a positive constant δ such that for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$,

$$\delta(\|f\|_w + \|Sf\|_w) \leq \|S_\phi f\|_w.$$

Since $S^2f = f$ and $S_\phi Sf = S_\phi(P_+ - P_-)f = \phi P_+f - P_-f = -S_{-\phi}f$, we have

$$S_\phi f = S_\phi S^2f = -S_{-\phi}Sf.$$

Hence

$$\delta\|f\|_w \leq \|S_\phi f\|_w, \quad \delta\|Sf\|_w \leq \|S_{-\phi}Sf\|_w.$$

Since f is in $A + \bar{A}_0$ if and only if Sf is in $A + \bar{A}_0$, (1) and (5) are equiva-

lent. This completes the proof.

REMARK. (a) If $S_{\phi,(W)}$ is left invertible, then $\log W$ is in L^1 , and there exists an inner function Q , real functions u, v in L^∞ such that $\|v\|_\infty < \pi/2$ and

$$\phi/|\phi| = Qe^{i\{v-(u-\log W)^-\}}.$$

(b) By condition (2), $S_{\phi,(W)}$ is left invertible if and only if ϕ^{-1} is in L^∞ and $S_{\phi/|\phi|,(W)}$ is left invertible.

The equivalence of conditions (3) and (4) in Corollary 2 is the Helson-Szegö theorem (cf. [12]). Since $\|f\|_w^2 + \|Sf\|_w^2 = 2\|f\|_{(W)}^2$, we have

$$\|f\|_w \leq 2^{1/2}\|f\|_{(W)}.$$

COROLLARY 2. For a weight W , the following conditions are mutually equivalent.

(1) $\|S_{1,(W)}\| < 2^{1/2}$. That is, there exists a positive constant ε such that for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$,

$$\|f\|_w \leq (2^{1/2} - \varepsilon)\|f\|_{(W)}.$$

(2) $S_{1,(W)}$ is left invertible. That is, there exists a positive constant δ such that for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$,

$$\delta\|f\|_{(W)} \leq \|f\|_w.$$

(3) There exists a positive constant γ such that for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$,

$$\|P_+f\|_w \leq \gamma\|f\|_w.$$

(4) W is in (HS).

(5) There exists a k in H^1 such that

$$\|1 - k/W\|_\infty < 1.$$

PROOF. We shall show that (1) implies (2). By (1), there exists a positive constant δ such that

$$\|f_1 - f_2\|_w^2 \leq (2 - \delta^2)(\|f_1\|_w^2 + \|f_2\|_w^2),$$

for all f_1 in A and f_2 in \bar{A}_0 . Hence

$$(1 - \delta^2)\|f_1\|_w^2 + (1 - \delta^2)\|f_2\|_w^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(f_1, f_2)_w \geq 0.$$

Hence

$$\delta(\|f_1\|_w^2 + \|f_2\|_w^2)^{1/2} \leq \|f_1 + f_2\|_w.$$

This implies (2). This proof is reversible. Since $\|P_+f\|_w \leq \|f\|_{(w)}$, (2) implies (3). We shall show that (3) implies (2). By (3),

$$\|P_-f\|_w \leq \|P_+f\|_w + \|f\|_w \leq \gamma' \|f\|_w,$$

for some constant γ' . Hence

$$\|f\|_{(w)}^2 = \|P_+f\|_w^2 + \|P_-f\|_w^2 \leq (\gamma^2 + \gamma'^2) \|f\|_w^2.$$

This implies (2). We shall show that (2) implies (4). By Theorem 2, there exists an inner function Q and a real function V in L^1 such that We^V is in (HS) and $Qe^{-i\bar{V}}=1$. Since $1/(We^V)$ is also in (HS) , $1/(We^V)$ is in L^1 . By the Schwarz inequality, $e^{-V/2}$ is in L^1 . Since $Qe^{-V-i\bar{V}}=e^{-V}$, a positive function e^{-V} is in $H^{1/2}$. By the Neuwirth-Newman theorem (cf. [16]), V is a constant. Hence W is in (HS) . Conversely when W is in (HS) , we can choose $Q=1$, $V=0$, and $\phi=1$ in the condition (2) of Theorem 2. Hence (4) implies (2). When $\phi=1$, by Theorem 2, $S_{1,(w)}$ is left invertible if and only if there exists a k in H^1 such that $\|1-k/W\|_\infty < 1$. Hence (2) and (5) are equivalent. This completes the proof.

Put $W(e^{i\theta})=|1-e^{i\theta}|^2$, $\phi(e^{i\theta})=e^{i\theta}$ and $k(e^{i\theta})=(1-e^{i\theta})^2$, then k is in H^1 and $\phi W+k=0$. By Theorem 2, this implies $S_{\phi,(w)}$ is left invertible. Since W^{-1} is not in L^1 , W is not in (HS) . Then by Theorem 2, there exists a positive constant δ such that for all f in $A+\bar{A}_0$,

$$\delta \|f\|_w \leq \|S_\phi f\|_w.$$

By Corollary 2, the converse is not true. If W is not in (HS) , then $S_{1,(w)}$ is not left invertible, and $S_{1,w}$ is an isometry. But we have the following result.

COROLLARY 3. *Suppose ϕ and $(\phi-1)^{-1}$ are in L^∞ , and W is a weight. If there exists a positive constant δ such that for all f in $A+\bar{A}_0$,*

$$\delta \|f\|_w \leq \|S_\phi f\|_w,$$

then $S_{\phi-\varepsilon,(w)}$ is left invertible for any constant ε satisfying $0 < \varepsilon \leq \delta^2$.

PROOF. Since $\varepsilon \leq \delta^2$, for all f in $A+\bar{A}_0$,

$$\int_T \{(|\phi|^2 - \varepsilon)|f_1|^2 + (1 - \varepsilon)|f_2|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}((\phi - \varepsilon)f_1 \bar{f}_2)\} W dm \geq 0.$$

By the Cotlar-Sadosky's lifting theorem, $\varepsilon \leq |\phi|^2$, $\varepsilon \leq 1$ and there exists a k in H^1 such that

$$\begin{aligned} |(\phi - \varepsilon)W - k|^2 &\leq (1 - \varepsilon)(|\phi|^2 - \varepsilon)W^2 \\ &= \{1 - \varepsilon(|\phi - 1|/|\phi - \varepsilon|)^2\} |(\phi - \varepsilon)W|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since ϕ and $(\phi - 1)^{-1}$ are in L^∞ , there exists a constant ρ , $0 \leq \rho < 1$ such that

$$\varepsilon(|\phi - 1|/|\phi - \varepsilon|)^2 \geq 1 - \rho^2.$$

Hence

$$|(\phi - \varepsilon)W - k| \leq \rho |\phi - \varepsilon|W.$$

Since

$$|\phi - \varepsilon| \geq |\phi| - \varepsilon \geq \varepsilon^{1/2}(1 - \varepsilon^{1/2}) > 0,$$

$(\phi - \varepsilon)^{-1}$ is in L^∞ , and

$$\|1 - k/(\phi - \varepsilon)W\|_\infty \leq \rho < 1.$$

By Theorem 2, this implies $S_{\phi - \varepsilon, (W)}$ is left invertible.

COROLLARY 4. *Suppose ϕ is in L^∞ and W is a weight. If there exists a real function s in L^1 such that $\phi = e^{is}|\phi|$, and $We^{\bar{s}}$ is in L^1 , then the following conditions (1) and (2) are equivalent.*

- (1) $S_{\phi, (W)}$ is left invertible.
- (2) ϕ^{-1} is in L^∞ , and $We^{\bar{s}}$ is in (HS).

PROOF. By Theorem 2, (1) implies ϕ^{-1} is in L^∞ and there exists a k in H^1 such that $\|1 - k/(\phi W)\|_\infty < 1$. Hence

$$\|1 - (ke^{\bar{s} - is})/(|\phi|We^{\bar{s}})\|_\infty < 1.$$

Since $|\phi|We^{\bar{s}}$ is in L^1 , $ke^{\bar{s} - is}$ is in H^1 . By Corollary 2, $|\phi|We^{\bar{s}}$ is in (HS) and hence $We^{\bar{s}}$ is in (HS). Conversely, (2) implies $|\phi|We^{\bar{s}}$ is in (HS). By Corollary 2, there exists a k in H^1 such that $\|1 - k/(|\phi|We^{\bar{s}})\|_\infty < 1$. Hence

$$\|1 - ke^{is - \bar{s}}/(\phi W)\|_\infty < 1.$$

By Theorem 2, this implies (1). This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 5. *Suppose ϕ is in L^∞ and W is a weight. Suppose the argument of ϕ is in L^1 and its harmonic conjugate function is in L^∞ . (This condition is satisfied if ϕ is invertible in H^∞ , or the argument of ϕ is Dini continuous.) Then the following conditions (1) and (2) are equivalent.*

- (1) $S_{\phi, (W)}$ is left invertible.
- (2) ϕ^{-1} is in L^∞ , and W is in (HS).

PROOF. There exists a real function s in L^1 such that $\phi = e^{is}|\phi|$ and \tilde{s} is in L^∞ . Hence $We^{\tilde{s}}$ is in L^1 . By Corollary 4, ϕ and W satisfy (1) if and only if ϕ^{-1} is in L^∞ , and $We^{\tilde{s}}$ is in (HS). Since $e^{\tilde{s}}$ is invertible in L^∞ , $We^{\tilde{s}}$ is in (HS) if and only if W is in (HS). This completes the proof.

§ 3. Invertibility.

When P_+ is continuous in the norm of $L^p(W)$, Rochberg [18] solved the invertibility problem of the Toeplitz operator on the weighted Hardy space $H^p(W)$. When $S_{\phi,(W)}$ has a bounded inverse operator, we shall say $S_{\phi,(W)}$ is invertible.

Prof. T. Nakazi privately communicated me the equivalence of simple conditions (1) and (2) in Theorem 3. We shall prove Theorem 3 using Theorem 2. In Theorem 3, we shall give the form of the inverse to $S_{\phi,(W)}$.

THEOREM 3. *Suppose ϕ is in L^∞ and W is a weight. Then the following conditions on ϕ and W are mutually equivalent.*

- (1) $S_{\phi,(W)}$ is invertible.
- (2) ϕ^{-1} is in L^∞ , and there exists a real constant c and a real function V in L^1 such that We^V is in (HS), and

$$\phi/|\phi| = e^{i(c-\tilde{V})}.$$

- (3) ϕ^{-1} is in L^∞ , and there exist outer functions α, β such that $|\alpha|^2 W, |\beta|^2 W$ are in (HS), and $\phi = \bar{\beta}/\alpha$.
- (4) ϕ^{-1} is in L^∞ , and there exists an outer function k in H^1 such that

$$\|1 - k/(\phi W)\|_\infty < 1.$$

Suppose $S_{\phi,(W)}$ is invertible. Let T be the operator defined in Lemma 2 with $Q=1$. Then $S_{\phi,(W)}^{-1} = J^{-1}T$. For all g in $\phi A + \bar{A}_0$,

$$S_{\phi,(W)}^{-1}g = (\alpha P_+ + \bar{\beta} P_-)(g/\bar{\beta}).$$

PROOF. We shall show that (1) implies (2). Since $S_{\phi,(W)}$ is invertible, by Theorem 2, there exists an inner function Q and a real function V in L^1 such that We^V is in (HS), and $\phi/|\phi| = Qe^{-i\tilde{V}}$. Since $S_{\phi,(W)}$ is invertible, there exists an f in $L^2((W))$ such that $S_{\phi,(W)}f = 1$. Hence there exists an f_1 in $H^2(W)$ and an f_2 in $\bar{H}_0^2(W)$ such that $\phi f_1 + f_2 = 1$. Then,

$$Qf_1(1 - \bar{f}_2)e^{-i\tilde{V}-V} = |1 - f_2|^2 W / (|\phi| We^V) \geq 0.$$

Since ϕ is invertible in L^∞ and We^V is in (HS), $(|\phi| We^V)^{-1}$ is in L^1 . Since f_2 in $\bar{H}_0^2(W)$, $|1 - f_2|^2 W$ is in L^1 . Hence the left hand side is a non-negative function in $H^{1/2}$. By the Neuwirth-Newman theorem, $Q = e^{ic}$ for

some real constant c . Hence $\phi/|\phi|=e^{i(c-\bar{v})}$. This implies (2). By Theorem 2 and its proof with $Q=e^{ic}$, (2) implies (3). We shall show that (3) implies (1). By Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, it is sufficient to show that $R_{\phi,w}$ is right invertible. Let T be the operator defined in Lemma 2 with $Q=1$. By (3), $\log W$ is in L^1 . Hence there exists an outer function h in H^2 such that $W=|h|^2$. Since $|\beta|^2 W$ is in (HS) , $(|\beta|^2 W)^p$ is also in (HS) for some $p, p > 1$. Hence $(|\beta|^2 W)^{-p}$ is in L^1 . For all f in $L^2(W)$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f/\bar{\beta}|^{2p/(p+1)} dm \\ & \leq \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f|^2 W dm \right\}^{p/(p+1)} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{T}} (|\beta|^2 W)^{-p} dm \right\}^{1/(p+1)} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Since $2p/(p+1) > 1$, by the Riesz theorem (cf. [13, p.132]), $P_+(f/\bar{\beta})$ is in $H^{2p/(p+1)}$. Since $|\alpha|^2 W$ is in (HS) , by the Helson-Szegö theorem, there exists a constant γ such that for all f in $L^2(W)$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\alpha h P_+(f/\bar{\beta})|^2 dm = \int_{\mathbb{T}} |P_+(f/\bar{\beta})|^2 |\alpha|^2 W dm \\ & \leq \gamma \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f/\bar{\beta}|^2 |\alpha|^2 W dm \leq \gamma \|\phi^{-1}\|_{\infty}^2 \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f|^2 W dm < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\alpha h P_+(f/\bar{\beta})$ is in H^2 . Similarly, $\bar{\beta} \bar{h} P_-(f/\bar{\beta})$ is in \bar{H}_0^2 . By the Beurling theorem (cf. [13, p.110]), there exists a sequence g_n in A such that $h g_n$ converges to $\alpha h P_+(f/\bar{\beta})$ in the norm of L^2 . Hence g_n converges to $\alpha P_+(f/\bar{\beta})$ in the norm of $L^2(W)$. This implies $\alpha P_+(f/\bar{\beta})$ is in $H^2(W)$. Similarly, $\bar{\beta} P_-(f/\bar{\beta})$ is in $\bar{H}_0^2(W)$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\phi,w} T f &= R_{\phi,w} \langle \alpha P_+(f/\bar{\beta}), \bar{\beta} P_-(f/\bar{\beta}) \rangle \\ &= \phi \alpha P_+(f/\bar{\beta}) + \bar{\beta} P_-(f/\bar{\beta}) = \bar{\beta} (P_+ + P_-)(f/\bar{\beta}) = f. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $T=R_{\phi,w}^{-1}$. We shall show that (2) implies (4). By (2), there exist u, v in L^∞ and a real constant c such that $\|v\|_\infty < \pi/2$, $W e^v = e^{u+\bar{v}}$ and $\phi/|\phi|=e^{i(c-\bar{v})}$. Hence there exists a real constant c' such that

$$\phi/|\phi|=e^{i\{c'+v-(u-\log W)\}}.$$

Put $k=e^{ic'-(u-\log W)-i(u-\log W)^-}$, then k is an outer function. Since $|k|=W e^{-u}$, k is in H^1 . Put $\varepsilon=(\cos\|v\|_\infty)/\|\phi e^u\|_\infty$, then $\varepsilon > 0$, since $\|v\|_\infty < \pi/2$. Put $\gamma=\|(\phi e^u)^{-1}\|_\infty$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon & \leq (\cos v)/(|\phi| e^u) = \text{Re}\{k/(\phi W)\} \\ & \leq |k|/|\phi W| = |\phi e^u|^{-1} \leq \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

This implies (let the reader make a diagram)

$$|\gamma^2/\varepsilon - k/(\phi W)| \leq (\gamma/\varepsilon)(\gamma^2 - \varepsilon^2)^{1/2}.$$

Put $k' = (\varepsilon/\gamma^2)k$, then k' is an outer function in H^1 such that

$$|1 - k'/(\phi W)| \leq \{1 - (\varepsilon/\gamma)^2\}^{1/2} < 1.$$

This implies (4). We shall show that (4) implies (2). By (4), $k/(\phi W)$ is invertible in L^∞ . Since $\log|k|$ is in L^1 , $\log W$ is in L^1 . Since ϕ^{-1} is in L^∞ , k/W is invertible in L^∞ . Put $g = (k/W)e^{-i(\log W)^-}$, then g is invertible in H^∞ . Hence there exists a real function u in L^∞ and a real constant c such that $g = e^{u+i(\bar{u}+c)}$. Since

$$\|1(g/\phi)e^{i(\log W)^-}\|_\infty = \|1 - k/(\phi W)\|_\infty < 1,$$

there exists a real function v in L^∞ such that $\|v\|_\infty < \pi/2$, and $(g/\phi)e^{i(\log W)^-} = |g/\phi|e^{-iv}$. Put $V = \bar{v} - u - \log W$, then $We^V = e^{\bar{v}-u}$. Hence We^V is in (HS), and there exists a real constant c' such that $\phi/|\phi| = e^{i(c'-\bar{v})}$. This completes the proof.

REMARK. (a) Rochberg [18] showed that if We^V and $We^{V'}$ are in (HS), and $e^{i(c-\bar{v})} = e^{i(c'-\bar{v}'')}$, then $V - V'$ is a constant.

(b) If $|\alpha|^2W$, $|\beta|^2W$, $|\alpha'|^2W$ and $|\beta'|^2W$ are in (HS) and $\bar{\beta}/\alpha = \bar{\beta}'/\alpha'$, then there exists a constant c such that $\alpha' = c\alpha$ and $\beta' = \bar{c}\beta$, since α'/α , β'/β and their complex conjugate functions are in H^1 , and hence they are constants.

(c) If W^{-1} is in L^1 and $S_{\phi,(w)}$ is invertible, then $S_{\phi,w}$ and $S_{-\phi,w}$ have a dense range, and there exists a positive constant δ such that for all f in $A + \bar{A}_0$,

$$\delta\|f\|_w \leq \min\{\|S_\phi f\|_w, \|S_{-\phi} f\|_w\}.$$

COROLLARY 6. Suppose ϕ is in L^∞ and W is a weight such that W^{-1} is in L^1 . Then, $S_{\phi,(w)}$ is invertible if and only if $S_{\phi,(w)}$ and $S_{\bar{\phi},(W^{-1})}$ are left invertible.

PROOF. Suppose $S_{\phi,(w)}$ and $S_{\bar{\phi},(W^{-1})}$ are left invertible. By Theorem 2, there exist inner functions Q, Q' and real functions V, V' in L^1 such that $We^V, W^{-1}e^{V'}$ are in (HS), and $\phi/|\phi| = Qe^{-i\bar{V}}, \bar{\phi}/|\phi| = Q'e^{-i\bar{V}'}$. Hence

$$QQ'e^{-(V+V')-i(V+V')^-} = e^{-(V+V')^-} \geq 0.$$

Since $W^{-1}e^{-V}, We^{-V'}$ are in L^1 , $e^{-(V+V')/2}$ is in L^1 . By the Neuwirth-Newman theorem, Q and Q' are constants. By Theorem 3, $S_{\phi,(w)}$ is invertible. Suppose $S_{\phi,(w)}$ is invertible. By Theorem 3, there exists a real constant c and a real function V in L^1 such that We^V is in (HS), and $\phi/|\phi| = e^{i(c-\bar{V})}$. Hence $W^{-1}e^{-V}$ is in (HS), and $\bar{\phi}/|\phi| = e^{i(-c-(\bar{V})^-)}$. By Theorem 2, this

implies $S_{\bar{\phi},(W^{-1})}$ is left invertible. This completes the proof.

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