# PROPERTIY $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ FOR TOEPLITZ OPERATORS WITH $H^{\infty}$ -SYMBOL

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ABSTRACT. Suppose that g is a tuple of bounded holomorphic functions on a strictly pseudoconvex domain D in  $\mathbb{C}^m$  with smooth boundary. Viewed as a tuple of operators on the Hardy space  $H^p(D)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , g is shown to have property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  and therefore g possess Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ . In the case m = 1 it is proved that the same result also holds when  $p = \infty$ .

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Suppose that X is a Banach space and that  $a = (a_1, \ldots, a_n)$  is a commuting tuple of bounded linear operators on X. Let E be one of spaces  $X, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, X)$  or  $\mathcal{O}(U, X)$ , where  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ . Denote by  $K_{\bullet}(z - a, E)$  the Koszul complex

$$0 \longrightarrow \Lambda^{n} E \xrightarrow{\delta_{z-a}} \Lambda^{n-1} E \xrightarrow{\delta_{z-a}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\delta_{z-a}} \Lambda^{0} E \longrightarrow 0,$$

with boundary map

$$\delta_{z-a}(fs_I) = 2\pi i \sum_{k=1}^p (-1)^{k-1} (z_{i_k} - a_{i_k}) fs_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{s}_{i_k} \wedge \dots \wedge s_{i_p},$$

where  $I = (i_1, \ldots, i_p)$  and p is an integer. Let  $H_{\bullet}(z - a, E)$  be the corresponding homology groups.

The Taylor spectrum of a,  $\sigma(a)$ , is defined as the set of all  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $K_{\bullet}(z - a, X)$  is not exact. If for all Stein open sets U in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  the natural quotient topology of  $H_0(z - a, \mathcal{O}(U, X))$  is Hausdorff and  $H_p(z - a, \mathcal{O}(U, X)) = 0$  for all p > 0, then a is said to have Bishop's property ( $\beta$ ). It has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  if the natural quotient topology of  $H_0(z - a, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, X))$  is Hausdorff and if  $H_p(z - a, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, X)) = 0$  for all p > 0.

By Theorem 6.2.4 in [9], the tuple a has Bishop's property ( $\beta$ ) if and only if there exists a decomposable resolution, that is, if and only if there are Banach spaces  $X_i$  and decomposable tuples (see [9] for the definition) of operators  $a_i$  on  $X_i$  such that

$$0 \longrightarrow X \xrightarrow{d} X_0 \xrightarrow{d} \cdots \xrightarrow{d} X_r \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact,  $da = a_0 d$  and  $da_i = a_{i+1} d$ . Property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  is equivalent to the existence of a resolution of Fréchet spaces with Mittag-Leffler inverse limit of generalized scalar tuples (that is tuples which admit a continuous  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ -functional calculus), see Theorem 6.4.15 in [9]. Property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  implies Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ , see [9].

Suppose that D is a strictly pseudoconvex domain in  $\mathbb{C}^m$  with smooth boundary. We consider the tuple  $T_g = (T_{g_1}, \ldots, T_{g_n}), g_k \in H^{\infty}(D)$ , of operators on  $H^p(D)$  defined by  $T_{g_k}f = g_kf, f \in H^p(D)$ . The main theorem of this paper is the following.

THEOREM 1.1. Suppose that D is a bounded strictly pseudoconvex domain in  $\mathbb{C}^m$  with  $C^{\infty}$ -boundary and that  $g \in H^{\infty}(D)^n$ . Then the tuple  $T_g$  of Toeplitz operators on  $H^p(D)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ , and thus Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ .

In case g has bounded derivative this theorem has previously been proved in [14], [16] and [17]. In case D is the unit disc in  $\mathbb{C}$ , Theorem 1.1 also holds when  $p = \infty$ ; this is proved in Section 4. As a corollary to Theorem 1.1 we have that  $T_g$  on the Bergman space  $\mathcal{O}L^p(D)$  has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ , see Corollary 3.4.

Let us recall how one can prove that  $T_g$  on the Bergman space  $\mathcal{O}L^2(D)$  has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  under the extra assumption that g has bounded derivative. Define the Banach spaces  $B_k$  as the spaces of locally integrable (0, k)-forms u such that

$$||u||_{B_k} := ||u||_{L^2(D)} + ||\partial u||_{L^2(D)} < \infty.$$

Since g has bounded derivate we have the inequality

$$\|(\varphi \circ g)u\|_{B_k} \lesssim \sup_{z \in g(D)} (|\varphi(z)| + |\overline{\partial}\varphi(z)|) \|u\|_{B_k}$$

for all  $\varphi \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . Hence  $\varphi \mapsto T_{\varphi \circ g}$  is a continuous  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ -functional calculus, where  $T_{\varphi \circ g}$  denotes multiplication by  $\varphi \circ g$  on  $B_k$ . Since we have the resolution

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}L^2(D) \to B_0 \xrightarrow{\overline{\partial}} B_1 \xrightarrow{\overline{\partial}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\overline{\partial}} B_m \longrightarrow 0$$

by Hörmander's  $L^2$ -estimate of the  $\overline{\partial}$  equation, the tuple  $T_g$  on  $\mathcal{O}L^2(D)$  has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  by the above mentioned Theorem 6.4.15 in [9].

To prove Theorem 1.1 we will construct a complex

(1.1) 
$$0 \longrightarrow H^p(D) \xrightarrow{i} B_0 \xrightarrow{\overline{\partial}} B_1 \xrightarrow{\overline{\partial}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\overline{\partial}} B_m \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $B_k$  are Banach spaces of (0, k)-forms on D. The spaces  $B_k$  are defined in terms of tent norms. We prove that  $\varphi \mapsto T_{\varphi \circ g}$  is a continuous  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ -functional calculus, where  $T_{\varphi \circ g}$  denotes multiplication by  $\varphi \circ g$  on  $B_k$ . If the complex (1.1) were exact the proof of Theorem 1.1 would be finished. As we can solve the  $\overline{\partial}$ equation with appropriate estimates we will be able to prove that  $T_g$  on  $H^p$  has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  anyway. More precisely (1.1) is exact at  $B_k, k \geq 3$ . If  $f \in B_2$  and Property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  for Toeplitz operators with  $H^{\infty}$ -symbol

 $\overline{\partial} f = 0$  then there is a function u in another Banach space  $B'_1$  such that  $\partial u = f$ . Mutiplication by g is a bounded operator on  $B'_1$ . If  $f \in B_1$  and  $f' \in B'_1$  such that  $\overline{\partial} f + \overline{\partial} f' = 0$  then there is a solution  $u \in L^p(\partial D)$  to the equation  $\overline{\partial}_{\mathbf{b}} u = f + f'$ .

The construction of the complex (1.1) in the case  $p < \infty$  is inspired by the construction in [5] and in the case  $p = \infty$  and m = 1 it is inspired by Tom Wolff's proof of the corona theorem. Let us recall the proof of the  $H^p$ -corona theorem in the unit disc of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Suppose that  $g = (g_1, \ldots, g_n) \in H^{\infty}(D)^n$ , where D is the unit disc in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and that  $0 \notin \overline{g(D)}$ . Consider the complex (1.1); the definitions of the  $B_k$ -spaces can be found in the beginning of Section 3 and Section 4. Suppose that  $f \in H^p(D)$ . Then the equation  $\delta_g u_1 = f$  has a solution in  $K_1(g, B_0)$ , namely  $u_1 = \sum_k \overline{g}_k f s_k / |g|^2$ . Hence  $\delta_g \overline{\partial} u_1 = 0$  as  $\delta_g$  and  $\overline{\partial}$  anticommute, and we can solve

the equation  $\delta_g u_2 = \overline{\partial} u_1$  by defining  $u_2 \in K_2(g, B_1)$  as  $u_1 \wedge \overline{\partial} u_1$ . Since  $u_2$  satisfies the condition

$$\|(1-|z|)u_2\|_{T_2^p} + \|(1-|z|)^2 \partial u_2\|_{T_1^p} < \infty,$$

by a Wolff type estimate there is a solution v in  $K_2(g, L^p(\partial D))$  to the equation  $\overline{\partial}_b v = u_2$  (here  $T_2^p$  and  $T_1^p$  denote certain tent spaces). Let  $u'_1 = u_1^* - \delta_g v \in K_1(g, L^p(\partial D))$ , where  $u_1^*$  is the boundary values of  $u_1$ . Since  $\overline{\partial}_b u'_1 = 0$  there is a holomorphic extension  $U'_1$  of  $u'_1$  to D which satisfies the equation  $\delta_g U'_1 = f$ .

The above proof also yields that  $\sigma(T_g) = \overline{g(D)}$ ; the exactness of higher order in the Koszul complex follows by similar resoning. That  $\sigma(T_g) = \overline{g(D)}$  is proved in [5] for the case D strictly pseudoconvex and  $p < \infty$ . One main difference of the proof of that  $T_g$  has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  and the proof of that  $\sigma(T_g) = \overline{g(D)}$  is the following. As a substitution of the explicit choices of  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  one uses the fact that  $T_g$  considered as an operator on  $B_k$  has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ , which in turn follows from the fact that  $T_g$  on  $B_k$  has a  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ -functional calculus.

#### 2. PRELIMIARIES

Suppose that D is a bounded strictly pseudoconvex domain in  $\mathbb{C}^m$  with  $C^{\infty}$ boundary given by a strictly plurisubharmonic defining function  $\rho$ . Let  $r = -\rho$ . All norms below are with respect to the metric  $\Omega = ri\partial\overline{\partial}\log(1/r)$ , and we have

$$|f|^2 \sim r^2 |f|_{\beta}^2 + r |f \wedge \partial r|_{\beta}^2 + r |f \wedge \overline{\partial} r|_{\beta}^2 + |f \wedge \partial r \wedge \overline{\partial} r|_{\beta}^2,$$

where  $\beta = i\partial \overline{\partial} r$ , which is equivalent to the Euclidean metric.

The Hardy space  $H^p$  is the Banach space of all holomorphic functions f on D such that

$$\|f\|_{H^p} = \sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \int_{r(z)=\varepsilon} |f(z)|^p \,\mathrm{d}\sigma(z) < \infty,$$

where  $\sigma$  is the surface measure. It is wellknown that a function u in  $L^p(\partial D)$  is the boundary value of a function U in  $H^p$  if and only if  $\int_{\partial D} uh = 0$  for all  $h \in C^{\infty}_{n,n-1}(\overline{D})$ 

such that  $\overline{\partial}h = 0$ .

Let  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$  be the Korányi pseudometric on  $\partial D$  and let z' be the point on  $\partial D$  closest to  $z \in D_{\varepsilon}$ , where  $D_{\varepsilon}$  is a small enough neighbourhood of  $\partial D$  in D. For

a point  $\zeta$  on the boundary let  $A_{\zeta} = \{z \in D_{\varepsilon} : d(z',\zeta) < r(z)\} \cup (D \setminus D_{\varepsilon})$ . For a ball B defined by  $B = \{z \in \partial D : d(z,\zeta) < t\}$  let, for small t,  $\hat{B} = \{z \in D_{\varepsilon} : d(z',\zeta) < t - r(z)\}$ , and, for large t, let  $\hat{B} = \{z \in D_{\varepsilon} : d(z',\zeta) < t - r(z)\} \cup (D \setminus D_{\varepsilon})$ . A function f is in the tent space  $T_q^p$ , where  $p < \infty$  and  $q < \infty$ , if

$$||f||_{T^p_q} := \left( \int\limits_{\partial D} \left( \int\limits_{z \in A_{\zeta}} |f(z)|^q r(z)^{-m-1} \right)^{p/q} \mathrm{d}\sigma(\zeta) \right)^{1/p} < \infty.$$

The function f is in  $T^p_{\infty}$  if f is continuous with limits along  $A_{\zeta}$  at the boundary almost everywhere and such that

$$||f||_{T^p_{\infty}} := \left(\int_{\partial D} \sup_{z \in A_{\zeta}} |f(z)|^p \,\mathrm{d}\sigma(\zeta)\right)^{1/p} < \infty.$$

A function f is in  $T_q^{\infty}$  if

$$\|f\|_{T^{\infty}_{q}} := \left\| \sup_{\cdot \in B} \left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{z \in \widehat{B}} |f(z)|^{q} r(z)^{-1} \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^{\infty}(\partial D)} < \infty$$

Note that  $f \in T_p^p$  if and only if  $r^{-1/p} f \in L^p(D)$  by Fubini's theorem. From [8] we have the inequality

(2.1) 
$$\int_{D} |fg|r^{-1} \lesssim ||f||_{T^{p}_{q}} ||g||_{T^{p'}_{q'}}$$

for  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ , where p' and q' denote dual exponents. By [8]  $T_{q'}^{p'}$ , where  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $1 < q < \infty$ , is the dual of  $T_q^p$  with respect to the pairing  $\langle f, g \rangle \rightarrow \int_D fgr^{-1}$ . Suppose that  $f \in T_{q_0}^p$ ,  $g \in T_{q_1}^\infty$  and let  $q = (q_0^{-1} + q_1^{-1})^{-1}$ . Then for all  $h \in T_{q'}^{p'}$  we have

$$\int_{D} |fgh|r^{-1} \lesssim \|fh\|_{T^{1}_{q'_{1}}} \|g\|_{T^{\infty}_{q_{1}}} \leqslant \|f\|_{T^{p}_{q_{0}}} \|g\|_{T^{\infty}_{q_{1}}} \|h\|_{T^{p'}_{q'}}$$

by (2.1) and Hölder's inequality. Thus by the duality for  $T_{q'}^{p'}$  we get the inequality

(2.2) 
$$\|fg\|_{T^p_q} \lesssim \|f\|_{T^p_{q_0}} \|g\|_{T^\infty_{q_1}}$$

for 1 < p and  $1 < q < \infty$ . Since the inequality (2.2) is equivalent to

$$\|fg\|_{T^{tp}_{tq}} \lesssim \|f\|_{T^{tp}_{tq_0}} \|g\|_{T^{\infty}_{tq_1}}$$

for  $0 < t < \infty$ , (2.2) holds if  $0 < p, q_0, q_1$ . We will use the inequality (see [12])

(2.3) 
$$||f||_{T^p_{\infty}} \lesssim ||f||_{H^p}, \quad p > 0$$

and (see e.g. [7] for  $p < \infty$  and [3] for  $p = \infty$ )

(2.4)  $||r^{1/2}\partial f||_{T_2^p} \lesssim ||f||_{H^p}, \quad p > 0.$ 

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Moreover, we use that  $|\partial f| \leq r^{-1/2}$  if  $f \in H^{\infty}$ .

There is an integral operator  $K: C^{\infty}_{0,q+1}(\overline{D}) \to C_{0,q}(\overline{D}), q \ge 0$  (see [5]) such that  $\overline{\partial}Ku + K\overline{\partial}u = u, u \in C^{\infty}_{0,s}(\overline{D}), s \ge 1$ ,

(2.5) 
$$||r^{\tau}Ku||_{T_1^p} \lesssim ||r^{\tau+1/2}u||_{T_1^p} \text{ and } ||Ku||_{L^p(\partial D)} \lesssim ||r^{1/2}u||_{T_1^p}$$

if  $\tau > 0$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Furthermore,

(2.6) 
$$\|Ku\|_{L^p(\partial D)} \lesssim \|r^{1/2}u\|_{T_2^p} + \|r\partial u\|_{T_1^p}$$

To see that the inequality (2.5) follows from [5], note that by the definition of  $W^{1-1/p}$  in [1],  $||ru||_{T^p_r} = ||u||_{W^{1-1/p}}$ . By [4] the adjoint P of K satisfies

$$\|P\psi\|_{L^{\infty}(D)} \lesssim \|\psi\|_{L^{\infty}(\partial D)}$$
 and  $\|r^{1/2}\mathcal{L}P\psi\|_{L^{2}(D)} \lesssim \|\psi\|_{L^{2}(\partial D)}$ 

(where  $\mathcal{L}$  is an arbitrary smooth (1,0)-vectorfield). The  $L^2$ -result is proven by means of a T1-theorem of Christ and Journé. By [10] it now follows that

- (2.7)  $\|P\psi\|_{T^p_{\infty}} \lesssim \|\psi\|_{L^p(\partial D)}, \quad p > 1,$
- (2.8)  $\|r\mathcal{L}P\psi\|_{T^p_p} \lesssim \|\psi\|_{L^p(\partial D)}, \quad p>1.$

The inequality (2.6) follows from (2.7) and (2.8).

In Section 4 we use completed tensor products of locally convex Hausdorff spaces, see e.g. Appendix 1 in [9]. Suppose that E and F are locally convex Hausdorff spaces. We denote by L(E, F) the space of all continuous and linear maps from E to F. The topology  $\pi$  on  $E \otimes F$  is defined as the finest locally convex topology such that the canonical bilinear map  $E \times F \to E \otimes F$  is continuous. We denote by  $E \bigotimes_{\pi} F$ , the space  $E \otimes F$  with the topology  $\pi$  and we denote the completion of  $E \bigotimes_{\pi} F$  with  $E \bigotimes_{\pi} F$ . There is another topology on  $E \otimes F$ , the topology  $\varepsilon$ ; in case E is nuclear this topology coincides with the topology  $\pi$  and we therefore omit the index  $\pi$  in this case. The Fréchet space  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  is nuclear and we have the isomorphism  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, E) \cong \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n) \otimes E$ .

## 3. PROPERTY $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ FOR TOEPLITZ OPERATORS WITH $H^{\infty}$ -SYMBOL ON $H^p$

First we need to define the sequence (1.1) and prove that there is a continuous  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ -functional calculus on each of the spaces  $B_k$ . Define the norms  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{D}} = k \ge 0$  by

Define the norms  $\|\cdot\|_{B_k}$ ,  $k \ge 0$ , by

- (3.1)  $||u||_{B_0} = ||u||_{T^p_{\infty}} + ||r^{1/2} \, \mathrm{d}u||_{T^p_2} + ||r\partial\overline{\partial}u||_{T^p_1} \text{ on } C^{\infty}(\overline{D}),$
- (3.2)  $||u||_{B_1} = ||r^{1/2}u||_{T_2^p} + ||r \, \mathrm{d}u||_{T_1^p}$  on  $C_{0,1}^{\infty}(\overline{D})$
- and

and

(3.3)  $||u||_{B_k} = ||r^{k/2}u||_{T_1^p} + ||r^{k/2+1/2}\overline{\partial}u||_{T_1^p}$  on  $C_{0,k}^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  for  $k \ge 2$ .

Let  $B_k$  be the completion of  $C_{0,k}^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{B_k}$ . We also define  $B'_1$  as the completion of  $C_{0,1}^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{B'_1}$ , defined by

$$\|u\|_{B_1'} = \|r^{1/2}u\|_{T_1^p} + \|r\overline{\partial}u\|_{T_1^p}.$$

The injection  $i: H^p \to B_0$  is well defined and continuous by (2.3) and (2.4). That  $\overline{\partial}: B_k \to B_{k+1}, k \ge 0$  is continuous follows immediately from the definitions. Thus we have defined a complex

$$(3.4) 0 \longrightarrow H^p(D) \xrightarrow{i} B_0 \xrightarrow{\overline{\partial}} B_1 \xrightarrow{\overline{\partial}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\overline{\partial}} B_m \longrightarrow 0.$$

LEMMA 3.1. Suppose that  $g \in H^{\infty}(D)^n$ . Then one can define  $T_{g_i} : B_k \to B_k$ by  $T_{g_i}u = g_iu$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , for all  $k \geq 0$ . The tuple  $T_g$  on  $B_k$ ,  $k \geq 0$ , has a continuous  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ -functional calculus and property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ .

*Proof.* That  $T_{g_i}$  can be defined on  $B_k$  follows from the calculation below (let  $\varphi(z) = z_i$  below). We begin with the case k = 0. Suppose that  $\varphi \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  and  $u \in C^{\infty}(\overline{D})$ . From (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|r^{1/2}u\partial g\|_{T_{2}^{p}} &\lesssim \|u\|_{T_{\infty}^{p}} \|r^{1/2}\partial g\|_{T_{2}^{\infty}}, \\ \|r|\mathrm{d}u|\,|\partial g|\,\|_{T_{1}^{p}} &\lesssim \|r^{1/2}\,\mathrm{d}u\|_{T_{2}^{p}} \|r^{1/2}\partial g\|_{T_{2}^{\infty}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$||ru|\partial g|^2||_{T_1^p} \lesssim ||u||_{T_\infty^p} ||r|\partial g|^2||_{T_1^\infty}.$$

Since  $||r^{1/2}\partial g||_{T_2^{\infty}} < \infty$  by the inequality (2.4) we thus get

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\varphi \circ g)u\|_{B_0} &\leqslant \sup_{z \in g(D)} |\varphi(z)| \, \|u\|_{B_0} + \|r^{1/2} \, d(\varphi \circ g)u\|_{T_2^p} + \|r\overline{\partial}(\varphi \circ g) \wedge \partial u\|_{T_1^p} \\ &+ \|r\partial(\varphi \circ g) \wedge \overline{\partial}u\|_{T_1^p} + \|r\partial\overline{\partial}(\varphi \circ g)u\|_{T_1^p} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{z \in g(D)} (|\varphi(z)| + |D\varphi(z)| + |D^2\varphi(z)|) \|u\|_{B_0}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $D\varphi$  and  $D^2\varphi$  denotes all derivates of  $\varphi$  of order 1 and 2 respectively. Note that  $(\varphi \circ g)u \notin C^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  in general. Let  $g_l \in C^{\infty}(\overline{D})^n \cap \mathcal{O}(D)^n$  be such that  $g_l \to g$  in  $H^p(D)^n$  with  $g_l$  uniformly bounded as  $l \to \infty$  and suppose that u is fixed. We have the equalities

$$d(\varphi \circ g_l - \varphi \circ g) = \sum_i \varphi_i \circ g_l \partial g_l^i - \varphi_i \circ g \partial g^i + \varphi_{\overline{i}} \circ g_l \overline{\partial g_l^i} - \varphi_{\overline{i}} \circ g \overline{\partial g^i}$$

and

$$\partial\overline{\partial}(\varphi\circ g_l-\varphi\circ g)=\sum_{i,j}\varphi_{\bar{i}j}\circ g_l\partial g_l^j\wedge\overline{\partial g_l^i}-\varphi_{\bar{i}j}\circ g\partial g^j\wedge\overline{\partial g^i}$$

where the index in  $\varphi_i$  denotes partial derivate and the upper index in  $g_l^i$  and  $g^i$  denotes *i*th component. Hence we get

 $|d(\varphi \circ g_l - \varphi \circ g)| \leqslant |D\varphi \circ g_l| \, |\partial g_l - \partial g| + |D\varphi \circ g_l - D\varphi \circ g| \, |\partial g|,$  and

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 $\begin{aligned} \|r^{1/2}d(\varphi \circ g_{l} - \varphi \circ g)u\|_{T_{2}^{p}} + \|r|d(\varphi \circ g_{l} - \varphi \circ g)| |du| \|_{T_{1}^{p}} \\ &\lesssim \|r^{1/2}d(\varphi \circ g_{l} - \varphi \circ g)\|_{T_{2}^{p}} \\ &\lesssim \|r^{1/2}|D\varphi \circ g_{l}| |\partial g_{l} - \partial g| \|_{T_{2}^{p}} + \|r^{1/2}|D\varphi \circ g_{l} - D\varphi \circ g| |\partial g| \|_{T_{2}^{p}} \lesssim \|g_{l} - g\|_{H^{p}} \\ & \text{by (2.2),(2.3) and (2.4). Furthermore,} \end{aligned}$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \|r\partial\overline{\partial}(\varphi \circ g_{l} - \varphi \circ g)u\|_{T_{1}^{p}} \\ \lesssim \|r|D^{2}\varphi \circ g_{l}| |\partial g_{l} - \partial g|(|\partial g_{l}| + |\partial g|)\|_{T_{1}^{p}} + \|r|D^{2}\varphi \circ g_{l} - D^{2}\varphi \circ g| |\partial g|^{2}\|_{T_{1}^{p}} \\ \lesssim \|g_{l} - g\|_{H^{p}} \end{aligned}$$

by (2.2),(2.3) and (2.4). Thus  $\|(\varphi \circ g_l - \varphi \circ g)u\|_{B_0} \to 0$  as  $l \to \infty$  and therefore we have that  $(\varphi \circ g)u$  is in the completion of  $C^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{B_0}$ . We extend the map  $u \mapsto (\varphi \circ g)u : C^{\infty}(\overline{D}) \to B_0$  to a continuous map  $\varphi(T_g) : B_0 \to B_0$ , bounded by a constant times  $\sup_{z \in g(D)} (|\varphi(z)| + |D\varphi(z)| + |D^2\varphi(z)|)$ .

Hence  $T_g$  on  $B_0$  has a continuous  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ -functional calculus.

Next we consider the case k = 1. Suppose that  $\varphi \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  and  $u \in C^{\infty}_{0,1}(\overline{D})$ . From (2.2) and (2.4) we have the inequality

$$\|r|\partial g| |u| \|_{T_1^p} \lesssim \|r^{1/2} \partial g\|_{T_2^\infty} \|r^{1/2} u\|_{T_2^p} \lesssim \|r^{1/2} u\|_{T_2^p}.$$

Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\varphi \circ g)u\|_{B_1} &\leq \sup_{z \in g(D)} |\varphi(z)| \, \|u\|_{B_1} + \|r \operatorname{d}(\varphi \circ g) \wedge u\|_{T_1^p} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{z \in g(D)} (|\varphi(z)| + |D\varphi(z)|) \, \|u\|_{B_1}. \end{aligned}$$

As in the case k = 0 we prove that  $(\varphi \circ g)u$  is in the completion of  $C_{0,1}^{\infty}(\overline{D})$ . When we extend the map  $u \mapsto (\varphi \circ g)u : C^{\infty}(\overline{D}) \to B_1$  by continuity to a map  $\varphi(T_g) : B_1 \to B_1$  bounded by  $\sup_{z \in g(D)} (|\varphi(z)| + |D\varphi(z)|)$  and hence we have proved

that  $T_g$  on  $B_1$  has a  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ -functional calculus.

In case  $k \ge 2$  we suppose that  $\varphi \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  and  $u \in C^{\infty}_{0,k}(\overline{D})$ . Since  $|\partial g| \lesssim r^{-1/2}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\varphi \circ g)u\|_{B_k} &\leq \sup_{z \in g(D)} |\varphi(z)| \, \|u\|_{B_k} + \|r^{k/2+1/2}\overline{\partial}(\varphi \circ g) \wedge u\|_{T_1^F} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{z \in g(D)} (|\varphi(z)| + |D\varphi(z)|) \|u\|_{B_k}. \end{aligned}$$

As in the case k = 0 it follows that  $T_g$  on  $B_k$ ,  $k \ge 2$ , has a  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ -functional calculus.

That each of the tuples  $T_g$  has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  now follows from Proposition 6.4.13 in [9].

We can extend the integral operator  $K : C_{0,k+1}^{\infty}(\overline{D}) \to C_{0,k}(\overline{D}), k \ge 1$ , to a continuous operator  $K : B_{k+1} \to B_k, k \ge 2$ , and a continuous operator  $K : B_2 \to B'_1$ . This because

(3.5) 
$$||r^{k/2}Ku||_{T_1^p} \lesssim ||r^{k/2+1/2}u||_{T_1^p} \leqslant ||u||_{B_{k+1}}$$

and

$$\|r^{k/2+1/2}\overline{\partial}Ku\|_{T_1^p} = \|r^{k/2+1/2}(u-K\overline{\partial}u)\|_{T_1^p} \lesssim \|u\|_{B_{k+2}}$$

for all  $u \in C_{0,k+1}^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  by (2.5), (3.3) and (3.5). Also observe that Ku is in the completion of  $C_{0,k}^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  under the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{B_k}$  (or  $\|\cdot\|_{B'_1}$ ) by dominated convergence and the fact that one can find  $f_l \in C_{0,k}^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  such that  $f_l \to Ku$ ,  $\overline{\partial}f_l \to \overline{\partial}Ku$  pointwise and  $|f_l|, |\overline{\partial}f_l| \leq 1$  (as  $Ku, \overline{\partial}Ku \in C(\overline{D})$ ). Approximation in  $B_{k+1}$  yields that  $\overline{\partial}Ku + K\overline{\partial}u = u$  for all  $u \in B_{k+1}, k \geq 1$ . Thus the complex (3.4) is exact in higher degrees.

Extend  $K: C_{0,1}^{\infty}(\overline{D}) \to C(\partial D)$  to continuous maps  $K: B_1 \to L^p(\partial D)$  and  $K: B'_1 \to L^p(\partial D)$ , which is possible by (2.5) and (2.6). Define the (1,0)-vector field  $\mathcal{L}$  by the equation

$$\mathcal{L} = \chi \sum |\partial r|^{-2} \frac{\partial r}{\partial \overline{z}_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_k},$$

where  $\chi$  is equal to 1 in a neighbourhood of  $\partial D$  and 0 on the set where  $\partial r = 0$ . Suppose that  $u \in C^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  and let  $f = \overline{\partial}u$ . By integration by parts we have

$$\int_{DD} uh = \int_{D} f \wedge h =: V(f, h)$$

and

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$$\int_{\partial D} uh = \int_{D} f \wedge h = \int_{D} \mathcal{O}(r)f \wedge h + \int_{D} r\mathcal{L}(f \wedge h) =: W(f,h)$$

for all  $h \in C_{m,m-1}^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  such that  $\overline{\partial}h = 0$ . We extend V to elements f in  $B'_1$  and W to elements in  $B_1$ . We say that the equation  $\overline{\partial}_{\mathbf{b}}u = f + f'$ , where  $u \in L^p(\partial D), f \in B_1$  and  $f' \in B'_1$ , holds if and only if

$$\int_{\partial D} uh = W(f,h) + V(f',h)$$

for all  $h \in C^{\infty}_{m,m-1}(\overline{D})$  such that  $\overline{\partial}h = 0$ .

LEMMA 3.2. If  $f \in B_1$ ,  $f' \in B'_1$  and  $\overline{\partial}f + \overline{\partial}f' = 0$  then u = Kf + Kf' solves the equation  $\overline{\partial}_{\mathbf{b}}u = f + f'$ . Moreover, if  $\varphi \in H^{\infty}(D)$  then  $\overline{\partial}_{\mathbf{b}}(\varphi u) = T_{\varphi}f + T_{\varphi}f'$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f, f' \in C^{\infty}_{0,1}(\overline{D})$ . Since  $\overline{\partial}K(f+f') + K\overline{\partial}(f+f') = f+f'$  we have

(3.6) 
$$\int_{\partial D} (Kf + Kf')h = W(f,h) + V(f',h) - \int_{D} K(\overline{\partial}f + \overline{\partial}f') \wedge h$$

for all  $h \in C^{\infty}_{m,m-1}(\overline{D})$  such that  $\overline{\partial}h = 0$ . For fixed h, we can estimate each term of the above equality by a constant times  $||f||_{B_1} + ||f'||_{B'_1}$ . Thus approximation in  $B_1$  and  $B'_1$  yields that if  $f \in B_1$  and  $f' \in B'_1$  then

$$\int_{\partial D} uh = W(f,h) + V(f',h) - \int_{D} K(\overline{\partial}f + \overline{\partial}f') \wedge h$$

for all  $h \in C^{\infty}_{m,m-1}(\overline{D})$  such that  $\overline{\partial}h = 0$ . Hence the equation  $\overline{\partial}_{b}u = f + f'$  holds since we also have that  $\overline{\partial}f + \overline{\partial}f' = 0$ . Suppose that  $\varphi_k \in C^{\infty}(\overline{D}) \cap \mathcal{O}(D)$  are chosen such that  $\varphi_k \to \varphi$  in  $H^1(D)$ . Replace h in (3.6) by  $\varphi_k h$  and approximate to get

$$\int_{\partial D} \varphi(Kf + Kf')h = W(f, h\varphi) + V(f', h\varphi) - \int_{D} \varphi K(\overline{\partial}f + \overline{\partial}f') \wedge h$$

for all  $h \in C^{\infty}_{m,m-1}(\overline{D})$  such that  $\overline{\partial}h = 0$ , if  $f, f' \in C^{\infty}_{0,1}(\overline{D})$ . We estimate the terms to the right,

$$|W(f,h\varphi)| \lesssim \int_{D} r^{3/2} |f| |\varphi| r^{-1} + \int_{D} r |\partial f| |\varphi| r^{-1} + \int_{D} r |f| |\partial \varphi| r^{-1}$$
$$\lesssim ||f||_{B_1} ||\varphi||_{H^{p'}},$$
$$|V(f',h\varphi)| \lesssim \int_{D} r^{1/2} |f'| |\varphi| r^{-1} \lesssim ||f'||_{B_1'} ||\varphi||_{H^{p'}}$$

and

$$\left| \int_{D} \varphi K(\overline{\partial}f + \overline{\partial}f') \wedge h \right| \lesssim \|r^{1/2} K(\overline{\partial}f + \overline{\partial}f')\|_{T_{1}^{p}} \|\varphi\|_{T_{\infty}^{p'}}$$
$$\lesssim \|\overline{\partial}f + \overline{\partial}f'\|_{B_{2}} \|\varphi\|_{H^{p'}} \lesssim (\|f\|_{B_{1}} + \|f'\|_{B_{1}'}) \|\varphi\|_{H^{p}}$$

for fixed h by (2.1), (2.3) and (2.4). Hence approximation in  $B_1$  and  $B'_1$  yields that

$$\int_{\partial D} u\varphi h = W(T_{\varphi}f,h) + V(T_{\varphi}f',h)$$

for all  $f \in B_1, f' \in B'_1$  such that  $\overline{\partial}f + \overline{\partial}f' = 0$  and  $h \in C^{\infty}_{m,m-1}(\overline{D})$  such that  $\overline{\partial}h = 0$ .

Next we prove that functions in  $B_0$  has boundary values in  $L^p(\partial D)$ .

LEMMA 3.3. There is a continuous and linear operator  $u \mapsto u^*$  from  $B_0$  to  $L^p(\partial D)$  such that  $u^*$  is the restriction of u to  $\partial D$  if  $u \in C^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  and  $(T_f u)^* = f^* u^*$  if  $f \in H^{\infty}(D)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $u \in C^{\infty}(\overline{D})$ . Then  $||u||_{L^{p}(\partial D)} \leq ||u||_{B_{0}}$  and hence the restriction operator can be extended to a continuous operator from  $B_{0}$  to  $L^{p}(\partial D)$ . Suppose that  $u \in B_{0}$  and  $f \in H^{\infty}(D)$ . Let  $u_{l} \in C^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  and  $f_{k} \in C^{\infty}(\overline{D}) \cap \mathcal{O}(D)$ 

be such that  $u_l \to u$  in  $B_0$  and  $f_k \to f$  in  $H^p(D)$  with  $f_k$  uniformily bounded. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|f^*u^* - (T_f u)^*\|_{L^p(\partial D)} \\ \lesssim \|f^*u^* - f^*u_l^*\|_{L^p(\partial D)} + \|f^*u_l^* - f_k^*u_l^*\|_{L^p(\partial D)} + \|(f_k u_l)^* - (fu_l)^*\|_{L^p(\partial D)} \\ &+ \|(fu_l)^* - (T_f u)^*\|_{L^p(\partial D)} \to 0 \end{aligned}$$

if one first let  $k \to \infty$  and then  $l \to \infty$ .

Note that if  $u \in B_0$  then

(3.7) 
$$\int_{\partial D} u^* h = W(\overline{\partial}u, h)$$

for all  $h \in C^{\infty}_{m,m-1}(\overline{D})$  such that  $\overline{\partial}h = 0$  by approximation in  $B_0$  and Lemma 3.3.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. We will prove that the complex  $K_{\bullet}(z-T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^p))$  has vanishing homology groups of positive order and that  $\sum_i (z_i - T_{g_i}) \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^p)$  is closed in  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^p)$ .

Suppose that  $u^k \in K_1(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^p))$  and  $\delta_{z-g}u^k \to u_0$  in  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^p)$ . By Lemma 3.1 there is a  $u_1 \in K_1(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_0))$  such that  $iu_0 = \delta_{z-T_g}u_1$ . Again by Lemma 3.1 we can recursively find  $u_i \in K_i(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_{i-1}))$  such that  $\delta_{z-T_g}u_{i+1} = \overline{\partial}u_i$  for  $i \ge 1$ . Then we have that  $\overline{\partial}u_{m+1} = 0$ . Define  $v_{m+1} \in K_{m+1}(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_{m-2}))$  by  $v_{m+1} = Ku_{m+1}$ . Recursively define  $v_i, i \ge 2$ , by  $v_i = Ku_i - K\delta_{z-T_g}v_{i+1}$ . Thus  $v_i \in K_i(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_{i-2}))$  if  $i \ge 4, v_3 \in \Lambda^3 \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_1')$  and the equation  $\overline{\partial}v_i = u_i - \delta_{z-T_g}v_{i+1}$  holds for  $i \ge 3$ . Furthermore  $v_2 \in \Lambda^2 \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, L^p(\partial D))$  satisfies the equation  $\overline{\partial}_b v_2 = u_2 - \delta_{z-T_g}v_3$  by Lemma 3.2.

Let  $u'_1 = u_1^* - \delta_{z-g^*} v_2$ . By Lemma 3.2 we have that  $\overline{\partial}_{\mathbf{b}} \delta_{z-g^*} v_2 = \delta_{z-T_g} u_2$ and thus  $\int_{\partial D} \delta_{z-g^*} v_2 h = W(\delta_{z-T_g} u_2, h)$  for all  $h \in C^{\infty}_{m,m-1}(\overline{D})$  such that  $\overline{\partial} h = 0$ . Since by equation (3.7)  $\int_{\partial D} u_1^* h = W(\overline{\partial} u_1, h)$  we have proved that

$$\int_{\partial D} u_1' h = 0$$

for all  $h \in C^{\infty}_{m,m-1}(\overline{D})$  such that  $\overline{\partial}h = 0$ . Thus  $U'_1 \in K(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^p))$ , where  $U'_1$  is the unique holomorphic extension of  $u'_1$ . Since  $u_0 = \delta_{z-T_g}U'_1$  by Lemma 3.3 we have proved that  $\sum (z_i - T_{g_i})\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^p)$  is closed in  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^p)$ .

Suppose that  $u_k \in K_k(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^p))$  is  $\delta_{z-T_g}$ -closed. Then there is a  $u_{k+1} \in K_{k+1}(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_0))$  such that  $u_k = \delta_{z-T_g} u_{k+1}$ . Let  $u_{i+1}$  solve the equation  $\delta_{z-T_g} u_{i+1} = \overline{\partial} u_i$  with  $u_{i+1} \in K_{i+1}(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_{i-k}))$ . Then we have that  $\overline{\partial} u_{m+k+1} = 0$ . Let  $v_{m+k+1} = Ku_{m+k+1}$  and  $v_i = Ku_i - K\delta_{z-T_g} v_{i+1}$ . Thus  $\overline{\partial} v_i = u_i - \delta_{z-T_g} v_{i+1}$  and  $\overline{\partial}_b v_{k+2} = u_{k+2} - \delta_{z-T_g} v_{k+3}$  since  $\overline{\partial}(u_i - \delta_{z-T_g} v_{i+1}) = 0$ . Define  $u'_{k+1}$  by the equation  $u'_{k+1} = u^*_{k+1} - \delta_{z-T_g} v_{k+2}$ . As in the case above we see that  $U'_{k+1}$  is a solution of the equation  $u_k = \delta_{z-T_g} U'_{k+1}$ , and hence the theorem is proved.

We now prove the analogue of Theorem 1.1 with the Hardy space replaced by the Bergman space. In the case of when g has bounded derivate this is proved in Theorem 8.1.5 in [9].

COROLLARY 3.4. Suppose that D is a bounded strictly pseudoconvex domain in  $\mathbb{C}^m$  with  $C^\infty$ -boundary and that  $g \in H^\infty(D)^n$ . Then the tuple  $T_g$  of Toeplitz operators on the Bergman space  $\mathcal{O}L^p(D)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  and Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ .

Proof. Let  $\rho$  be a strictly plurisubharmonic defining function for D and let  $\widetilde{D} = \{(v,w) \in \mathbb{C}^{m+1} : \rho(v) + |w|^2 < 0\}$ . Define the operators  $P : H^p(\widetilde{D}) \to \mathcal{O}L^p(D)$  and  $I : \mathcal{O}L^p(D) \to H^p(\widetilde{D})$  by Pf(v) = f(v,0) and If(v,w) = f(v) respectively. The operator P is continuous by the Carleson-Hörmander inequality since the measure with mass uniformly distributed on  $\widetilde{D} \cap \{w = 0\}$  is a Carleson measure. The operator I is continuous since

$$\int_{\partial \widetilde{D}} |f(v)|^p \sigma(v, w) \sim \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \varepsilon \int_{\widetilde{D}} (-\rho(v) - |w|^2)^{\varepsilon - 1} |f(v)|^p$$
$$\sim \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{D} (-\rho(v))^{\varepsilon} |f(v)|^p$$
$$= \int_{D} |f(v)|^p,$$

where  $\sigma$  is the surface measure. Let  $\tilde{g}(v, w) = g(v)$ . Then  $T_{\tilde{g}}$  has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  and since PI = id,  $T_{\tilde{g}}I = IT_g$  and  $PT_{\tilde{g}} = T_gP$  it is easy to see that  $T_g$  has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ .

# 4. PROPERTY $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ FOR TOEPLITZ OPERATORS WITH $H^\infty\text{-}\mathrm{SYMBOL}$ ON UNIT DISC

In this section we will use the Euclidean norm. Let  $r(w) = 1 - |w|^2$  and let D be the unit disc in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $B_0$  be the Banach space of all functions  $u \in L^{\infty}(D)$  such that

$$||u||_{B_0} = ||u||_{L^{\infty}(D)} + ||r \, \mathrm{d}u||_{L^{\infty}(D)} + ||r \, \mathrm{d}u||_{T_2^{\infty}} + ||r^2 \partial \overline{\partial}u||_{T_1^{\infty}} < \infty.$$

Since  $||r du||_{L^{\infty}(D)} < \infty$ ,  $B_0$  consists of continuous functions on D. We define  $B_1$  as the Banach space of all locally integrable (0, 1)-forms u such that

$$|u||_{B_1} = ||ru||_{L^{\infty}(D)} + ||ru||_{T_2^{\infty}} + ||r^2 \partial u||_{T_1^{\infty}} < \infty$$

Suppose that  $u \in C^{\infty}(\overline{D})$  and  $h \in C^{\infty}(\partial D)$ . Then the Wolff trick (see the proof of Theorem 1.1) yields

$$\int_{\partial D} uh \, \mathrm{d}w = \int_{D} \overline{\partial} (uPh \, \mathrm{d}w) = \int_{D} \mathcal{O}(r)\overline{\partial} (uPh \, \mathrm{d}w) + \int_{D} r\mathcal{L}\overline{\partial} (uPh \, \mathrm{d}w) := S(u,h),$$

where Ph is the Poisson integral of h.

As in Section 3 we need to know that functions in  $B_0$  has well defined boundary values. LEMMA 4.1. If  $u \in B_0$  then there is a  $u^* \in L^{\infty}(\partial D)$  such that

$$\int_{\partial D} u^* h \, \mathrm{d}w = S(u, h)$$

for all  $h \in L^2(\partial D)$  and  $(fu)^* = f^*u^*$  if  $f \in H^{\infty}(D)$ .

*Proof.* We have the estimate  $|S(u,h)| \leq ||u||_{B_0} ||h||_{L^2(\partial D)}$ . Hence there is a function  $u^* \in L^2(\partial D)$  such that  $\int_{\partial D} u^*h \, dw = S(u,h)$  for all  $h \in L^2(\partial D)$ . Suppose that  $h \in C^{\infty}(\partial D)$ . Let  $u_t$  be the dilation  $u_t(w) = u(tw)$ . Since

$$|S(u_t - u, h)| \lesssim \int_D |u_t - u| + \int_D r |\mathbf{d}(u_t - u)|^2 + \int_D r |\partial\overline{\partial}(u_t - u)|$$

for fixed h we have that  $\int_{\partial D} u_t^* h \, dw \to \int_{\partial D} u^* h \, dw$  as  $t \nearrow 1$ . Therefore  $||u^*||_{L^{\infty}(\partial D)} \leq ||u||_{B_0}$  since  $u_t^*$  is uniformly bounded by  $||u||_{L^{\infty}(D)}$ . Let  $f_s(w) = f(sw)$  be the dilation of f. Then we have that

$$\int_{\partial D} f_s^* u_t^* h \, \mathrm{d}w = \int_{\partial D} (f_s^* - f^*) u_t^* h \, \mathrm{d}w + \int_{\partial D} f^* u_t^* h \, \mathrm{d}w \to \int_{\partial D} f^* u^* h \, \mathrm{d}w$$

as  $s, t \nearrow 1$ , by dominated convergence. Since we also have  $\int_{\partial D} (fu)_t^* h \, dw \to \int_{\partial D} (fu)^* h \, dw$  as  $t \nearrow 1$  we see that  $(fu)^* = f^* u^*$ .

Let

$$W(u,h) = \int_{D} \mathcal{O}(r)u \wedge h \, \mathrm{d}w + \int_{D} r\mathcal{L}(u \wedge h \, \mathrm{d}w)$$

for  $u \in B_1$  and  $h \in H^1$ , where O(r) is the same O(r) as in the definition of S(u, h).

LEMMA 4.2. If  $f \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_1)$  then there is a  $u \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, L^{\infty}(\partial D))$  such that  $\overline{\partial}_{\mathbf{b}} u = f$ , that is

$$\int_{\partial D} u(z)h \,\mathrm{d}w = W(f(z),h)$$

for all  $h \in H^1(D)$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

Proof. Consider the bilinear map  $W : B_1 \times H^1 \to \mathbb{C}$ . This map is continuous since we have the estimate  $|W(f,h)| \leq ||f||_{B_1} ||h||_{H^1}$ , which is used in Wolff's proof of the corona theorem. By the universal property for  $\pi$ -tensor products (see 41.3 (1) in [13]) there is a corresponding linear and continuous map  $W_1$  from  $B_1 \bigotimes H^1$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ . Since

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_1) \cong \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n) \widehat{\otimes} B_1 \cong L(\mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{C}^n), B_1)$$

by Appendix 1 in [9],  $f \otimes id$  is a continuous map  $\mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{C}^n) \widehat{\otimes} H^1 \to B_1 \widehat{\bigotimes} H^1$ . Compose with the map  $W_1$  to get a continuous functional on  $\mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{C}^n) \widehat{\otimes} H^1$ . The

injection  $\mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{C}^n) \otimes H^1 \to \mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{C}^n) \otimes L^1(\partial D)$  is a topological monomorphism, and hence we can extend with Hahn-Banach Theorem to a continuous functional on  $\mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{C}^n) \otimes L^1(\partial D)$ . Since the dual space of  $\mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{C}^n) \otimes L^1(\partial D)$  is isomorphic to the space  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, L^{\infty}(\partial D))$  by Theorem A1.12 in [9] we have a  $u \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, L^{\infty}(\partial D))$ . If  $h \in H^1$  then

$$\int u(z)h\,\mathrm{d}w = W(f(z),h)$$

and thus u is a solution to the equation  $\overline{\partial}_{\mathbf{b}} u = f$  in the sense of this lemma.

THEOREM 4.3. Let D be the unit disc in  $\mathbb{C}$  and suppose that  $g \in H^{\infty}(D)^n$ . Then the tuple  $T_g$  of Toeplitz operators on  $H^{\infty}(D)$  satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ , and thus Bishop's property  $(\beta)$ .

*Proof.* The tuple  $T_g$  considered as operators on  $B_0$  or  $B_1$  has a  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ -functional calculus (the proof of this is similar to Lemma 3.1). Hence they satisfies property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  by Proposition 6.4.13 in [9]. Consider the well-defined complex

$$(4.1) 0 \longrightarrow H^{\infty} \longrightarrow B_0 \xrightarrow{\overline{\partial}} B_1 \longrightarrow 0.$$

Suppose that  $u^k \in \sum_i (z_i - T_{g_i}) \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^\infty)$  and  $u^k \to u_0$  in  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^\infty)$ . As  $T_g$  on  $B_0$  has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$  there is a  $u_1 \in K_1(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_0))$  such that  $u_0 = \delta_{z - T_g} u_1$ . Since  $T_g$  on  $B_1$  has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ , there is a  $u_2 \in K_2(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_1))$  such that  $\delta_{z - T_g} u_2 = \overline{\partial} u_1$ . By Lemma 4.2 there is a  $v \in \Lambda^2 \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, L^\infty(\partial D))$  such that  $\int_{\partial D} vh \, dw = W(u_2, h)$  for all  $h \in H^1(D)$ . Therefore we have that

$$\int_{\partial D} \delta_{z-g^*} vh \, \mathrm{d}w = W(\delta_{z-T_g} u_2, h)$$

for all  $h \in H^1(D)$ . Define  $u'_1 \in K_1(z - g^*, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, L^{\infty}(\partial D)))$  by the equation  $u'_1 = u_1^* - \delta_{z-g^*} v$ . Then  $\int_{\partial D} u'_1 h \, dw = 0$  for all  $h \in H^1$  since

$$\int_{\partial D} u_1^* h \, \mathrm{d}w = S(u_1, h) = W(\overline{\partial} u_1, h)$$

by Lemma 4.1. Thus  $U'_1 \in K_1(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^\infty))$ , where  $U'_1$  is the holomorphic extension. Since  $u_0 = \delta_{z-T_g}U'_1$  by Lemma 4.1 we have proved that  $\delta_{z-T_g}K_1(z - g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^\infty))$  is closed.

Suppose that  $u_k \in K_k(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^\infty))$  is  $\delta_{z-T_g}$ -closed. Then there is a solution  $u_{k+1} \in K_{k+1}(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_0))$  to the equation  $\delta_{z-T_g}u_{k+1} = u_k$  since  $T_g$  on  $B_0$  has property  $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ . Continuing in exactly the same way as above we see that we can replace  $u_{k+1}$  with  $U'_{k+1} \in K_{k+1}(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^\infty))$  such that  $\delta_{z-T_g}U'_{k+1} = u_k$ . Thus the theorem is proved.

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