

## CHARACTERIZATION OF TRUNCATED TOEPLITZ OPERATORS BY CONJUGATIONS

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*Abstract.* Truncated Toeplitz operators are  $C$ -symmetric with respect to the canonical conjugation given on an appropriate model space. However, by considering only one conjugation one cannot characterize truncated Toeplitz operators. It will be proved, for some classes of inner functions and the model spaces connected with them, that if an operator on a model space is  $C$ -symmetric for a certain family of conjugations in the model space, then it has to be truncated Toeplitz. A characterization of classical Toeplitz operators is also presented in terms of conjugations.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  denote a complex Hilbert space. Denote by  $L(\mathcal{H})$  the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . A *conjugation* is an antilinear involution  $C: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\langle Cf, Cg \rangle = \langle g, f \rangle$  for all  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}$ . An operator  $A \in L(\mathcal{H})$  is called  *$C$ -symmetric* if  $CAC = A^*$ .

Let  $\mathbb{D}$  denote the open unit disk, let  $\mathbb{T} = \partial\mathbb{D}$  denote the unit circle and let  $m$  be the normalized Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{T}$ . Denote by  $L^2$  the space  $L^2(\mathbb{T}, m)$  and by  $L^\infty = L^\infty(\mathbb{T}, m)$ . Recall that a classical *Toeplitz operator*  $T_\varphi$  with a symbol  $\varphi \in L^\infty$  on the Hardy space  $H^2$  is given by the formula

$$T_\varphi f = P(\varphi f) \text{ for } f \in H^2,$$

where  $P: L^2 \rightarrow H^2$  is the orthogonal projection. Denote by  $\mathcal{T}$  the set of all Toeplitz operators, i.e.,  $\mathcal{T} = \{T_\varphi : \varphi \in L^\infty\}$ .

Let  $\theta$  be a nonconstant inner function. Consider the so-called *model space*  $K_\theta^2 = H^2 \ominus \theta H^2$  and the orthogonal projection  $P_\theta: L^2 \rightarrow K_\theta^2$ . A *truncated Toeplitz operator*  $A_\varphi^\theta$  with a symbol  $\varphi \in L^2$  is defined as

$$A_\varphi^\theta: D(A_\varphi^\theta) \subset K_\theta^2 \rightarrow K_\theta^2; \quad A_\varphi^\theta f = P_\theta(\varphi f)$$

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for  $f \in D(A_\theta^\varphi) = \{f \in K_\theta^2 : \varphi f \in L^2\}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{T}(\theta)$  the set of all bounded truncated Toeplitz operators on  $K_\theta^2$ .

The conjugation  $C_\theta$  defined for  $f \in L^2$  by the formula

$$C_\theta f(z) = \theta(z) \overline{zf(z)}, \quad |z| = 1,$$

is a very useful tool in investigating Toeplitz operators. In fact, all truncated Toeplitz operators are  $C_\theta$ -symmetric [7].

Truncated Toeplitz operators have been recently strongly investigated (see for instance [10, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8]). However, usually only one (canonical) conjugation was involved in analysis on these operators. In this paper we suggest to consider a family of conjugations to study Toeplitz operators. In particular, we give a characterization of the classical Toeplitz operators as well as some special cases of truncated Toeplitz operators using conjugations.

It is easy to see that if  $\theta = z^N$ , then  $K_\theta^2 = \mathbb{C}^N$ . The natural conjugation  $C_N = C_{z^N}$  in  $\mathbb{C}^N$  can be expressed as  $C_N(z_1, \dots, z_N) = (\bar{z}_N, \dots, \bar{z}_1)$ . Note that a matrix  $(a_{i,j})_{i,j=1,\dots,N}$  is  $C_N$ -symmetric if and only if it is symmetric with respect to the second diagonal, i.e.,

$$a_{i,j} = a_{N-j+1,N-i+1} \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, \dots, N.$$

On the other hand, a finite matrix  $(a_{i,j})_{i,j=1,\dots,N}$  is a Toeplitz matrix if and only if it has constant diagonals, that is,

$$a_{i,j} = a_{k,l} \quad \text{if } i - j = k - l.$$

Hence, as D. Sarason in [10] observed, each  $N \times N$  Toeplitz matrix is  $C_N$ -symmetric but the reverse implication is true only if  $N \leq 2$ . However, one can notice that for a given matrix  $(a_{i,j})_{i,j=1,\dots,N}$ , if the matrix is  $C_n$ -symmetric for every  $n \leq N$ , i.e.,

$$a_{i,j} = a_{n-j+1,n-i+1} \quad \text{for } n \leq N \quad \text{and } i, j = 1, \dots, n,$$

then the matrix  $(a_{i,j})_{i,j=1,\dots,N}$  has to be Toeplitz. Corollary 2.3 gives a precise proof of this fact. One can ask if a similar property can be obtained for other inner functions than  $\theta = z^N$ . Using known matrix descriptions [5, 6, 8] we obtained the positive answer: for a Blaschke product with a single zero in Section 3, for a finite Blaschke product with distinct zeros in Section 4 (the most demanding case), for an infinite Blaschke product with uniformly separated zeros in Section 5. For a general case we put the conjecture in Section 6. However, even for the simplest singular inner function  $\theta(z) = \exp(\frac{z+1}{z-1})$  no similar description is known and to solve the conjecture probably a different approach is needed. In Section 2 we also give similar characterization of the classical Toeplitz operators on the Hardy space in terms of conjugations.

### 2. Characterization of Toeplitz operators by conjugations

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\theta$  be two nonconstant inner functions. We say that  $\alpha$  divides  $\theta$  ( $\alpha \leq \theta$ ) if  $\bar{\alpha}\theta$  is an inner function. It is easy to verify that  $K_\alpha^2 \subset K_\theta^2$  for every  $\alpha \leq \theta$ . It is known that truncated Toeplitz operators on  $K_\theta^2$  are  $C_\theta$ -symmetric but this property does not characterize them, i.e., there are  $C_\theta$ -symmetric operators on  $K_\theta^2$ , which are not truncated Toeplitz ([7], [10, Lemma 2.1, Corollary on p. 504]). Note however that  $A_\phi^\theta$  is  $C_\alpha$ -symmetric for every  $\alpha \leq \theta$ . Namely:

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $A_\phi^\theta: K_\theta^2 \rightarrow K_\theta^2$  be a truncated Toeplitz operator. For every  $\alpha \leq \theta$  the operator  $P_\alpha A_{\phi|K_\alpha^2}^\theta$  is  $C_\alpha$ -symmetric.*

*Proof.* Note that  $P_\alpha A_{\phi|K_\alpha^2}^\theta$  belongs to  $\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$ . Actually,  $P_\alpha A_{\phi|K_\alpha^2}^\theta = A_\phi^\alpha$ , hence it is  $C_\alpha$ -symmetric by [10, Lemma 2.1].  $\square$

A similar argument shows that if  $A \in \mathcal{T}$ , then  $P_\alpha A|_{K_\alpha^2}$  is  $C_\alpha$ -symmetric for all inner functions  $\alpha$ . The latter can be used to characterize all Toeplitz operators on  $H^2$ :

THEOREM 2.2. *Let  $A \in L(H^2)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $A \in \mathcal{T}$ ;
- (2)  $C_\alpha A_\alpha C_\alpha = A_\alpha^*$  for all nonconstant inner functions  $\alpha$ , where  $A_\alpha = P_\alpha A|_{K_\alpha^2}$ ;
- (3)  $C_\alpha A_\alpha C_\alpha = A_\alpha^*$  for all  $\alpha = z^n$ , where  $A_\alpha = P_\alpha A|_{K_\alpha^2}$ .

*Proof.* The proof of the implication (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is similar to the proof of Lemma 2.1. Since (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) is obvious, we will prove now that (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1).

The equivalent condition for a bounded operator on  $H^2$  to be Toeplitz is that it has to annihilate all rank-two operators of the form

$$t = z^m \otimes z^r - z^{m+1} \otimes z^{r+1} \quad \text{with } m, r \geq 0,$$

in the sense that  $\text{tr}(At) = 0$  (it follows from the well known Brown–Halmos characterization of Toeplitz operators given in [2]). Each such operator can be obtained from  $1 \otimes z^k - z^l \otimes z^{k+l}$  or  $z^k \otimes 1 - z^{k+l} \otimes z^l$ , with  $k, l \geq 0$ . Hence our reasoning will be held only for such operators.

Fix  $k, l \geq 0$  and let  $\alpha = z^n$ ,  $n = k + l + 1$ . Since

$$C_\alpha z^k = z^{n-k-1} = z^l \quad \text{and} \quad C_\alpha 1 = z^{n-1} = z^{k+l},$$

the  $C_\alpha$ -symmetry of  $A_\alpha$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(A(1 \otimes z^k)) &= \langle A1, z^k \rangle = \langle A_\alpha 1, z^k \rangle = \langle C_\alpha z^k, C_\alpha A_\alpha 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle C_\alpha z^k, A_\alpha^* C_\alpha 1 \rangle = \langle z^l, A_\alpha^* z^{k+l} \rangle = \langle A_\alpha z^l, z^{k+l} \rangle = \text{tr}(A(z^l \otimes z^{k+l})). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\text{tr}(A(z^k \otimes 1)) = \text{tr}(A(z^{k+l} \otimes z^l)).$$

Therefore all operators of the form  $1 \otimes z^k - z^l \otimes z^{k+l}$ ,  $z^k \otimes 1 - z^{k+l} \otimes z^l$  for  $k, l \geq 0$ , are annihilated by  $A$ . Hence  $A$  is Toeplitz.  $\square$

From the previous proof we can obtain

**COROLLARY 2.3.** *Let  $A \in L(K_{z^N}^2)$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $A \in \mathcal{T}(z^N)$  if and only if for every  $1 \leq n \leq N$  the operator  $A_n$  is  $C_{z^n}$ -symmetric, i.e.,  $C_{z^n} A_n C_{z^n} = A_n^*$ , where  $A_n = P_n A|_{K_{z^n}^2}$  and  $P_n: K_{z^N}^2 \rightarrow K_{z^n}^2$  is the orthogonal projection.*

### 3. The case of a Blaschke product with a single zero

Let  $\alpha, \theta$  be any nonconstant inner functions. We say that a unitary operator  $U: K_\theta^2 \rightarrow K_\alpha^2$  defines a spatial isomorphism between  $\mathcal{T}(\theta)$  and  $\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$  if  $U\mathcal{T}(\theta)U^* = \mathcal{T}(\alpha)$ , that is,  $A \in \mathcal{T}(\theta)$  if and only if  $UAU^* \in \mathcal{T}(\alpha)$ . If such  $U$  exists,  $\mathcal{T}(\theta)$  and  $\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$  are said to be spatially isomorphic. The spatial isomorphism between spaces of truncated Toeplitz operators is discussed in [6, Chapter 13.7.4].

**PROPOSITION 3.1.** *Let  $\alpha, \theta$  be any nonconstant inner functions. Let  $U: K_\theta^2 \rightarrow K_\alpha^2$  be such that  $U$  defines a spatial isomorphism between  $\mathcal{T}(\theta)$  and  $\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$ . Then  $UC_\theta = C_\alpha U$ .*

*Proof.* It is known [6, Chapter 13.7.4] that there are three basic types of unitary operators that define a spatial isomorphism between  $\mathcal{T}(\theta)$  and  $\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$ . The requested intertwining property for one of those basic types is proved in [10, Lemma 13.1]. The proof for two other types is similar. Since every  $U: K_\theta^2 \rightarrow K_\alpha^2$  such that  $U$  defines a spatial isomorphism between  $\mathcal{T}(\theta)$  and  $\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$ , is a composition of at most three of those basic types of operators, it follows that  $U$  also has this intertwining property.  $\square$

Let  $a \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Denote  $b_a(z) = \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** *Let  $A \in L(K_{b_a^N}^2)$ . Then  $A \in \mathcal{T}(b_a^N)$  if and only if for every  $1 \leq n \leq N$  the operator  $A_n$  is  $C_{b_a^n}$ -symmetric, i.e.,  $C_{b_a^n} A_n C_{b_a^n} = A_n^*$ , where  $A_n = P_n A|_{K_{b_a^n}^2}$  and  $P_n: K_{b_a^N}^2 \rightarrow K_{b_a^n}^2$  is the orthogonal projection.*

*Proof.* The operator  $U_{b_a}$  given by

$$U_{b_a} f(z) = \frac{\sqrt{1-|a|^2}}{1-\bar{a}z} f \circ b_a(z)$$

defines a spatial isomorphism between  $\mathbb{C}^n = K_{z^n}^2$  and  $K_{b_a^n}^2$  for each  $n = 1, \dots, N$  (see [6, chapter 13.7.4(i)]). By Proposition 3.1,  $U_{b_a}$  intertwines the conjugations  $C_{z^n}$  and  $C_{b_a^n}$ . Application of Corollary 2.3 finishes the proof.  $\square$

**4. The case of a finite Blaschke product with distinct zeros**

Let  $B$  be a finite Blaschke product of degree  $N$  with distinct zeros  $a_1, \dots, a_N$ ,

$$B(z) = e^{i\gamma} \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{z - a_j}{1 - \bar{a}_j z}, \tag{4.1}$$

where  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ . As usual, for  $w \in \mathbb{D}$  by

$$k_w^B(z) = \frac{1 - \overline{B(w)}B(z)}{1 - \bar{w}z}$$

we denote the reproducing kernel for  $K_B^2$ , that is,

$$f(w) = \langle f, k_w^B \rangle$$

for  $f \in K_B^2$ . Note that for  $j = 1, \dots, N$  we have

$$k_j(z) := k_{a_j}^B(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{a}_j z}. \tag{4.2}$$

As it was observed in [5], the model space  $K_B^2$  is  $N$ -dimensional and the functions  $k_1, \dots, k_N$  form a (non-orthonormal) basis for  $K_B^2$ .

A simple computation gives the following.

LEMMA 4.1. ([5], p. 5)

(1)  $(C_B k_j)(z) = \frac{B(z)}{z - a_j}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, N$ .

(2)  $\langle C_B k_j, k_i \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i \neq j, \\ B'(a_j) & \text{for } i = j. \end{cases}$

(3)  $\langle k_j, k_i \rangle = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{a}_j a_i}$ .

LEMMA 4.2. Let  $B$  be a finite Blaschke product of degree  $N$  with distinct zeros  $a_1, \dots, a_N$ . Let  $C_B$  be the conjugation in  $K_B^2$  given by  $C_B f(z) = B(z)\overline{zf(z)}$  for  $f \in K_B^2$ . Assume that an operator  $A \in L(K_B^2)$  has a matrix representation  $(b_{i,j})_{i,j=1,\dots,N}$  with respect to the basis  $\{k_1, \dots, k_N\}$ . Then the following are equivalent:

(1)  $A$  is  $C_B$ -symmetric;

(2)  $\langle Ak_i, C_B k_j \rangle = \langle Ak_j, C_B k_i \rangle$  for all  $i, j = 1, \dots, N$ ;

(3)  $\overline{B'(a_j)} b_{j,i} = \overline{B'(a_i)} b_{i,j}$  for all  $i, j = 1, \dots, N$ .

*Proof.* The implication (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) follows from

$$\langle Ak_i, C_B k_j \rangle = \langle C_B^2 k_j, C_B A k_i \rangle = \langle k_j, A^* C_B k_i \rangle = \langle A k_j, C_B k_i \rangle.$$

The reverse implication can be proved similarly.

To prove that (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) note that  $A k_i = \sum_{m=1}^N b_{m,i} k_m$ . Hence, by Lemma 4.1(2),

$$\langle A k_i, C_B k_j \rangle = \sum_{m=1}^N b_{m,i} \langle k_m, C_B k_j \rangle = \overline{B'(a_j)} b_{j,i}.$$

Analogously,

$$\langle A k_j, C_B k_i \rangle = \overline{B'(a_i)} b_{i,j}. \quad \square$$

Let  $1 \leq n \leq N$ . Denote by  $B_n$  the finite Blaschke product with  $n$  distinct zeros  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ ,

$$B_n(z) = \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{z - a_j}{1 - \bar{a}_j z}, \tag{4.3}$$

and by  $C_n = C_{B_n}$  the conjugation in  $K_{B_n}^2$  given by

$$(C_n f)(z) = B_n(z) \overline{z f(z)}, \quad |z| = 1.$$

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $B$  be a finite Blaschke product of degree  $N$  with distinct zeros  $a_1, \dots, a_N$ . Denote by  $B_n$  the Blaschke product of degree  $n$  with zeros  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and by  $P_n$  the orthogonal projection from  $K_B^2$  onto  $K_{B_n}^2$  for  $n = 1, \dots, N$ . Let  $A \in L(K_B^2)$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $A \in \mathcal{T}(B)$ ;
- (2) for every Blaschke product  $B_\sigma$  dividing  $B$  the operator  $A_\sigma = P_{B_\sigma} A|_{K_{B_\sigma}^2}$  is  $C_{B_\sigma}$ -symmetric;
- (3) for every  $n = 1, \dots, N$  the operator  $A_n = P_n A|_{K_{B_n}^2}$  is  $C_n$ -symmetric.

To give the proof of Theorem 4.3 we need two technical lemmas. Firstly, let us observe by (4.2) that  $k_{a_j}^{B_n} = k_{a_j}^B = k_j$  for  $1 \leq n \leq N$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Hence  $\{k_1, \dots, k_n\}$  is a basis for  $K_{B_n}^2 \subset K_B^2$ .

**LEMMA 4.4.** *For  $1 \leq m, n \leq N$  the following holds:*

- (1)  $\langle C_n k_j, k_m \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } m \leq n, m \neq j, \\ B'_n(a_j) & \text{for } m \leq n, m = j, \\ \frac{B_n(a_m)}{a_m - a_j} & \text{for } m > n, \end{cases} \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n;$
- (2)  $P_n k_m = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\overline{B_n(a_m)}}{B'_n(a_j)(\bar{a}_m - \bar{a}_j)} k_j$  for  $n < m$ ;

$$(3) \frac{B_{n-1}(a_n)}{B'_n(a_n)} = 1 - |a_n|^2 \text{ for } n > 1;$$

$$(4) \frac{B'_{n-1}(a_j)}{B'_n(a_j)} = \frac{1 - \bar{a}_n a_j}{a_j - a_n} \text{ for } n > 1, j = 1, \dots, n - 1.$$

*Proof.* To show (1) note that  $C_n k_j \in K_{B_n}^2 \subset K_B^2$  for  $1 \leq n \leq N, j = 1, \dots, n$ , and that

$$(C_n k_j)(z) = \frac{B_n(z)}{z - a_j}$$

by Lemma 4.1(1). If  $m > n$ , then the reproducing property of  $k_m$  yields

$$\langle C_n k_j, k_m \rangle = (C_n k_j)(a_m) = \frac{B_n(a_m)}{a_m - a_j}.$$

On the other hand, if  $m \leq n$ , then it follows from Lemma 4.1(2) that

$$\langle C_n k_j, k_m \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } m \neq j, \\ B'_n(a_j) & \text{for } m = j. \end{cases}$$

To show (2) assume that  $m > n$  and  $P_n k_m = \sum_{l=1}^n d_l k_l$ . Then, by part (1), for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$\frac{B_n(a_m)}{a_m - a_j} = \langle C_n k_j, k_m \rangle = \langle C_n k_j, P_n k_m \rangle = \sum_{l=1}^n \bar{d}_l \langle C_n k_j, k_l \rangle = B'_n(a_j) \bar{d}_j.$$

Hence

$$d_j = \frac{\overline{B_n(a_m)}}{B'_n(a_j)(\bar{a}_m - \bar{a}_j)},$$

which proves (2). The statements (3) and (4) follow directly from

$$B'_n(z) = B'_{n-1}(z) \frac{z - a_n}{1 - \bar{a}_n z} + B_{n-1}(z) \frac{1 - |a_n|^2}{(1 - \bar{a}_n z)^2}. \quad \square$$

LEMMA 4.5. Let  $A \in L(K_{B_n}^2)$  have a matrix representation  $(b_{i,j}^{(n)})_{i,j=1,\dots,n}$  with respect to the basis  $\{k_1, \dots, k_n\}$ . Then  $A_{n-1} = P_{n-1} A|_{K_{B_{n-1}}^2}$  has a matrix representation  $(b_{i,j}^{(n-1)})_{i,j=1,\dots,n-1}$ ,

$$b_{i,j}^{(n-1)} = b_{i,j}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)} b_{n,j}^{(n)}}{B'_{n-1}(a_i)(\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_i)},$$

with respect to the basis  $\{k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}\}$ .

*Proof.* Note that by Lemma 4.4(2),

$$P_{n-1} k_n = \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{B'_{n-1}(a_m)(\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_m)} k_m.$$

Hence, for  $j = 1, \dots, n - 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_{n-1}(Ak_j) &= P_{n-1} \left( \sum_{m=1}^n b_{m,j}^{(n)} k_m \right) = P_{n-1} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} b_{m,j}^{(n)} k_m \right) + P_{n-1} b_{n,j}^{(n)} k_n \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left( b_{m,j}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)} b_{n,j}^{(n)}}{B'_{n-1}(a_m)(\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_m)} \right) k_m. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$b_{i,j}^{(n-1)} = \frac{1}{B'_{n-1}(a_i)} \langle P_{n-1}(Ak_j), C_{n-1}k_i \rangle, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n - 1,$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} b_{i,j}^{(n-1)} &= \frac{1}{B'_{n-1}(a_i)} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left( b_{m,j}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)} b_{n,j}^{(n)}}{B'_{n-1}(a_i)(\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_m)} \right) \langle k_m, C_{n-1}k_i \rangle \\ &= b_{i,j}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)} b_{n,j}^{(n)}}{B'_{n-1}(a_i)(\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_i)} \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 4.4(1).  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 4.3.* Since multiplying  $B$  by a constant of modulus 1 does not change  $K_B^2$ , we can assume without any loss of generality that  $B$  is given by (4.1) with  $\gamma = 0$ , that is,  $B = B_N$ .

The implication (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) follows from Lemma 2.1 and the implication (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) is obvious. We only need to prove the implication (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). This will be proved by induction. Note firstly that it is true for  $N = 2$  by [10, p. 505].

Assume now that the assertion is true for  $n - 1 < N$ , which means that  $A_{n-1} = P_{n-1}A|_{K_{B_{n-1}}^2}$  is Toeplitz and has a matrix representation  $(b_{i,j}^{(n-1)})_{i,j=1,\dots,n-1}$  with respect to the basis  $\{k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}\}$  satisfying

$$b_{i,j}^{(n-1)} = \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_1)}}{B'_{n-1}(a_i)} \left( \frac{b_{1,i}^{(n-1)}(\bar{a}_1 - \bar{a}_i) + b_{1,j}^{(n-1)}(\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_1)}{\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_i} \right), \tag{4.4}$$

for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n - 1, i \neq j$ , by [5, Theorem 1.4]. Assume also that  $A \in L(K_{B_n}^2)$  is  $C_n$ -symmetric and has a matrix representation  $(b_{i,j}^{(n)})_{i,j=1,\dots,n}$  with respect to the basis  $\{k_1, \dots, k_n\}$ . We will show that  $A$  is Toeplitz, i.e.,  $b_{i,j}^{(n)}$  satisfies [5, Theorem 1.4]:

$$b_{i,j}^{(n)} = \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{B'_n(a_i)} \left( \frac{b_{1,i}^{(n)}(\bar{a}_1 - \bar{a}_i) + b_{1,j}^{(n)}(\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_1)}{\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_i} \right),$$

for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n, i \neq j$ .

Since  $A_{n-1}$  is  $C_{n-1}$ -symmetric, for  $i, j = 1, \dots, n-1$  we have, by Lemma 4.2 and Lemma 4.5,

$$b_{j,i}^{(n-1)} = \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}}{B'_{n-1}(a_j)} b_{i,j}^{(n-1)} = \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}}{B'_{n-1}(a_j)} \left( b_{i,j}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)} b_{n,j}^{(n)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}(\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_i)} \right). \tag{4.5}$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 4.5 and using the  $C_n$ -symmetry of  $A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} b_{j,i}^{(n-1)} &= b_{j,i}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{B'_{n-1}(a_j)} \frac{b_{n,i}^{(n)}}{\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_j} \\ &= \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_i)}}{B'_n(a_j)} b_{i,j}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_i)} \overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{B'_n(a_n) B'_{n-1}(a_j)} \frac{b_{i,n}^{(n)}}{\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_j}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

Comparing (4.5) with (4.6) and putting  $i = 1$  we obtain

$$\frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{B'_{n-1}(a_j)} \frac{b_{n,j}^{(n)}}{\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_1} = \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)} \overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{B'_n(a_n) B'_{n-1}(a_j)} \frac{b_{1,n}^{(n)}}{\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_j} + \left( \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{B'_n(a_j)} - \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_1)}}{B'_{n-1}(a_j)} \right) b_{1,j}^{(n)}.$$

Hence

$$b_{n,j}^{(n)} = \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{B'_n(a_n)} \frac{b_{1,n}^{(n)}(\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_1)}{\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_j} + \left( \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{B_{n-1}(a_n)} \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_j)}}{B'_n(a_j)} - \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_1)}}{B_{n-1}(a_n)} \right) b_{1,j}^{(n)}(\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_1). \tag{4.7}$$

Using Lemma 4.4 we can simplify

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{B_{n-1}(a_n)} \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_j)}}{B'_n(a_j)} - \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_1)}}{B_{n-1}(a_n)} \\ &= \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{B'_n(a_n)} \frac{1}{1 - |a_n|^2} \left( \frac{1 - a_n \bar{a}_j}{\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_n} + \frac{1 - a_n \bar{a}_1}{\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_1} \right) \\ &= \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{B'_n(a_n)} \frac{(\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_1)}{(\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_n)(\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_1)}, \end{aligned}$$

which together with (4.7) gives

$$b_{n,j}^{(n)} = \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{B'_n(a_n)} \left( \frac{b_{1,n}^{(n)}(\bar{a}_1 - \bar{a}_n) + b_{1,j}^{(n)}(\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_1)}{\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_n} \right) \tag{4.8}$$

for  $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ . From (4.8), the  $C_n$ -symmetry of  $A_n$  and Lemma 4.2 we also get

$$b_{i,n}^{(n)} = \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_n)}}{B'_n(a_i)} b_{n,i}^{(n)} = \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{B'_n(a_i)} \left( \frac{b_{1,i}^{(n)}(\bar{a}_1 - \bar{a}_i) + b_{1,n}^{(n)}(\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_1)}{\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_i} \right) \tag{4.9}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . By Lemma 4.2 and Lemma 4.5, we have for  $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$ ,

$$b_{1,i}^{(n-1)} = \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_1)}} b_{i,1}^{(n-1)} = \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_1)}} \left( b_{i,1}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}} \frac{b_{n,1}^{(n)}}{\overline{a_n - a_i}} \right).$$

Using Lemma 4.2 again we obtain

$$b_{1,i}^{(n-1)} = \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{\overline{B'_n(a_i)}} \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_1)}} b_{1,i}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{\overline{B'_n(a_n)}} \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_1)}} \frac{b_{1,n}^{(n)}}{\overline{a_n - a_i}}. \tag{4.10}$$

Now applying Lemma 4.5 to the left-hand side of (4.4), and formula (4.10) to the right-hand side of (4.4) we can calculate for all  $i, j = 1, \dots, n - 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} b_{i,j}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}} \frac{b_{n,j}^{(n)}}{\overline{a_n - a_i}} &= \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{\overline{B'_n(a_i)}} \frac{\overline{a_1 - a_i}}{\overline{a_j - a_i}} b_{1,i}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{\overline{B'_n(a_n)}} \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}} \frac{(\overline{a_1 - a_i}) b_{1,n}^{(n)}}{(\overline{a_n - a_i})(\overline{a_j - a_i})} \\ &+ \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{\overline{B'_n(a_j)}} \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_j)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}} \frac{\overline{a_j - a_1}}{\overline{a_j - a_i}} b_{1,j}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{\overline{B'_n(a_n)}} \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}} \frac{\overline{a_j - a_1}}{(\overline{a_n - a_j})(\overline{a_j - a_i})} b_{1,n}^{(n)}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.11}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{\overline{B'_n(a_j)}} \frac{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_j)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}} \frac{\overline{a_j - a_1}}{\overline{a_j - a_i}} b_{1,j}^{(n)} &= \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{\overline{B'_n(a_i)}} \frac{\overline{a_j - a_1}}{\overline{a_j - a_i}} b_{1,j}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}} \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{\overline{B'_n(a_n)}} \frac{\overline{a_j - a_1}}{(\overline{a_n - a_i})(\overline{a_j - a_n})} b_{1,j}^{(n)} \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 4.4. Moreover,

$$\frac{1}{\overline{a_j - a_i}} \left( \frac{\overline{a_1 - a_i}}{\overline{a_n - a_i}} + \frac{\overline{a_j - a_1}}{\overline{a_n - a_j}} \right) = \frac{\overline{a_n - a_1}}{(\overline{a_n - a_i})(\overline{a_n - a_j})}. \tag{4.12}$$

Hence, (4.11) and (4.12) give

$$\begin{aligned} b_{i,j}^{(n)} + \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}} \frac{b_{n,j}^{(n)}}{\overline{a_n - a_i}} &= \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{\overline{B'_n(a_i)}} \frac{b_{1,i}^{(n)}(\overline{a_1 - a_i}) + b_{1,j}^{(n)}(\overline{a_j - a_1})}{\overline{a_j - a_i}} \\ &+ \frac{\overline{B_{n-1}(a_n)}}{\overline{B'_{n-1}(a_i)}} \frac{1}{\overline{a_n - a_i}} \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{\overline{B'_n(a_n)}} \frac{b_{1,n}^{(n)}(\overline{a_1 - a_n}) + b_{1,j}^{(n)}(\overline{a_j - a_1})}{\overline{a_j - a_n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account (4.8) and (4.9), the above equation implies that

$$b_{i,j}^{(n)} = \frac{\overline{B'_n(a_1)}}{\overline{B'_n(a_i)}} \left( \frac{b_{1,i}^{(n)}(\overline{a_1 - a_i}) + b_{1,j}^{(n)}(\overline{a_j - a_1})}{\overline{a_j - a_i}} \right)$$

for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n, i \neq j$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

**5. An infinite Blaschke product with uniformly separated zeros**

Let  $B$  be an infinite Blaschke product,

$$B(z) = e^{i\gamma} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{a}_j}{|a_j|} \frac{a_j - z}{1 - \bar{a}_j z}, \quad \gamma \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{5.1}$$

(if  $a_j = 0$ , then  $\bar{a}_j/|a_j|$  is interpreted as  $-1$ ) with uniformly separated zeros  $a_1, a_2, \dots$ , i.e.,

$$\inf_n \prod_{j \neq n} \left| \frac{a_j - a_n}{1 - \bar{a}_j a_n} \right| \geq \delta \tag{5.2}$$

for some  $\delta > 0$ . In particular, the zeros  $\{a_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  are distinct. As before,  $B_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , denotes the finite Blaschke product with zeros  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , given by (4.3).

**THEOREM 5.1.** *Let  $B$  be an infinite Blaschke product with uniformly separated zeros  $\{a_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ . Denote by  $B_n$  the Blaschke product of degree  $n$  with distinct zeros  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  and by  $P_n$  the orthogonal projection from  $K_B^2$  onto  $K_{B_n}^2$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $A \in L(K_B^2)$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $A \in \mathcal{T}(B)$ ;
- (2) for every Blaschke product  $B_{\sigma}$  dividing  $B$  the operator  $A_{\sigma} = P_{B_{\sigma}} A|_{K_{B_{\sigma}}^2}$  is  $C_{B_{\sigma}}$ -symmetric;
- (3) for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the operator  $A_n = P_n A|_{K_{B_n}^2}$  is  $C_n$ -symmetric.

Again, before we give the proof some preparations are necessary. Clearly,  $K_{B_n}^2 \subset K_B^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k_{a_j}^B = k_j$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Condition (5.2) implies that the reproducing kernels  $k_j, j \in \mathbb{N}$ , form a basis for  $K_B^2$  (for more details see [6, Chapter 12], [7] or [9]). In particular, every  $f \in K_B^2$  can be written as

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle f, C_B k_j \rangle}{B'(a_j)} k_j,$$

where the series converges in the norm.

**LEMMA 5.2.** *Let  $A \in L(K_B^2)$  have a matrix representation  $(b_{i,j})_{i,j=1}^{\infty}$  with respect to the basis  $\{k_i: i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Then  $A_n = P_n A|_{K_{B_n}^2}$  has a matrix representation  $(b_{i,j}^{(n)})_{i,j=1, \dots, n}$ ,*

$$b_{i,j}^{(n)} = b_{i,j} + \sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{\overline{B_n(a_m)} b_{m,j}}{B_n'(a_i) (\bar{a}_m - \bar{a}_i)},$$

with respect to the basis  $\{k_1, \dots, k_n\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . Since

$$A_n k_j = \sum_{m=1}^n b_{m,j}^{(n)} k_m,$$

Lemma 4.4(1) gives

$$b_{i,j}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{B'_n(a_i)} \langle A_n k_j, C_n k_i \rangle.$$

Since

$$A k_j = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{m,j} k_m,$$

and the series converges in norm, we get

$$\begin{aligned} b_{i,j}^{(n)} &= \frac{1}{B'_n(a_i)} \langle A k_j, C_n k_i \rangle = \frac{1}{B'_n(a_i)} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{m,j} \langle k_m, C_n k_i \rangle \\ &= b_{i,j} + \frac{1}{B'_n(a_i)} \sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{B_n(\bar{a}_m)}{\bar{a}_m - \bar{a}_i} b_{m,j} \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 4.4(1).  $\square$

COROLLARY 5.3. For all  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$b_{i,j} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_{i,j}^{(n)}.$$

*Proof.* It is known that the infinite Blaschke product  $B$  converges uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ . It follows that if

$$\lambda_n = (-1)^n \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{\bar{a}_j}{|a_j|}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

then  $\lambda_n B_n \rightarrow B$  and  $\lambda_n B'_n \rightarrow B'$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ ). In particular,

$$\lambda_n B'_n(a_i) \rightarrow B'(a_i) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Fix  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $n \geq \max\{i, j\}$  and write

$$A k_j = \sum_{m=1}^n b_{m,j} k_m + r_n, \quad \text{where } r_n = \sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} b_{m,j} k_m.$$

As in the proof of Lemma 5.2,

$$b_{i,j}^{(n)} = b_{i,j} + \frac{1}{B'_n(a_i)} \langle r_n, C_n k_i \rangle = b_{i,j} + \frac{1}{\lambda_n B'_n(a_i)} \langle r_n, \lambda_n C_n k_i \rangle,$$

where the last equality follows from the fact that  $\lambda_n \in \mathbb{T}$ . Since  $r_n$  tends to zero in the norm, the sequence  $(\lambda_n C_n k_i)_{n \geq i}$  is bounded and  $\lambda_n B'_n(a_i) \rightarrow B'(a_i)$ , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_{i,j}^{(n)} = b_{i,j} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n B'_n(a_i)} \langle r_n, \lambda_n C_n k_i \rangle \right) = b_{i,j}. \quad \square$$

*Proof of Theorem 5.1.* As in the proof of Theorem 4.3, without loss of generality, assume that  $B$  is given by (5.1) with  $\gamma = 0$ . The implication (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) follows from Lemma 2.1 and the implication (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) is obvious. We only need to prove (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1).

Let  $A \in L(K_B^2)$  and assume that  $A_n = P_n A|_{K_{B_n}^2}$  is  $C_n$ -symmetric for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By [8, Remark 2.4], to prove that  $A \in \mathcal{T}(B)$  it is enough to show that

$$b_{i,j} = \frac{\overline{B'(a_1)}}{B'(a_i)} \left( \frac{b_{1,i}(\bar{a}_1 - \bar{a}_i) + b_{1,j}(\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_1)}{\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_i} \right) \tag{5.3}$$

for all  $i \neq j$ , where  $(b_{i,j})_{i,j=1}^\infty$  is the matrix representation of  $A$  with respect to the basis  $\{k_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Fix  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $i \neq j$ , and take an arbitrary  $N \geq \max\{i, j\}$ . By (3),  $P_n A_N|_{K_{B_n}^2} = A_n$  is  $C_n$ -symmetric for all  $n = 1, \dots, N$ . Hence Theorem 4.3 implies that  $A_N \in \mathcal{T}(B_N)$ . By [5, Theorem 4.1],

$$b_{i,j}^{(N)} = \frac{\overline{B'_N(a_1)}}{B'_N(a_i)} \left( \frac{b_{1,i}^{(N)}(\bar{a}_1 - \bar{a}_i) + b_{1,j}^{(N)}(\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_1)}{\bar{a}_j - \bar{a}_i} \right), \tag{5.4}$$

where  $(b_{i,j}^{(N)})_{i,j=1,\dots,N}$  is the matrix representation of the operator  $A_N$  with respect to the basis  $\{k_1, \dots, k_N\}$ . Taking the limit in (5.4) as  $N$  tends to infinity we get (5.3) because  $b_{i,j}^{(N)} \rightarrow b_{i,j}$  and  $B'_N(a_i) \rightarrow B'(a_i)$  by Corollary 5.3 and its proof.  $\square$

### 6. Conjecture

Theorems 2.2, 4.3, 5.1 and Proposition 3.2 suggest that the following conjecture can be true:

**CONJECTURE 6.1.** *Let  $\theta$  be a nonconstant inner function, and let  $A \in L(K_\theta^2)$ . Then  $A \in \mathcal{T}(\theta)$  if and only if for every nonconstant inner function  $\alpha$  dividing  $\theta$  the operator  $A_\alpha = P_\alpha A|_{K_\alpha^2}$  is  $C_\alpha$ -symmetric.*

The following example supports the conjecture.

**EXAMPLE 6.2.** Consider

$$B(z) = z^2 \frac{w-z}{1-\bar{w}z}, \quad \text{where } w \neq 0.$$

Then the space  $K_B^2$  has dimension 3 and the set  $\{1, z, \frac{z^2}{\|k_w\|} k_w\}$ ,  $k_w(z) = (1 - \bar{w}z)^{-1}$ , is an orthonormal basis for  $K_B^2$ .

We first describe the operators form  $\mathcal{T}(B)$  in terms of their matrix representations with respect to the basis  $\{1, z, \frac{z^2}{\|k_w\|}k_w\}$ . Let  $A_\varphi^B$ ,  $\varphi \in L^2$ , be an operator from  $\mathcal{T}(B)$ , and let  $M_{A_\varphi^B} = (b_{i,j})$  be its matrix representation. By [10, Theorem 3.1] we can assume that  $\varphi \in \overline{BH^2} + BH^2$ , namely, that

$$\varphi = c_{-2} \frac{z^2}{\|k_w\|} \bar{k}_w + c_{-1} \bar{z} + c_0 + c_1 z + c_2 \frac{z^2}{\|k_w\|} k_w.$$

It is now a matter of a simple computation to see that the matrix  $M_{A_\varphi^B} = (b_{i,j})$  is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_{-1} & & & c_{-2} \\ c_1 & c_0 & & & c_{-2}\bar{w} + \frac{c_{-1}}{\|k_w\|} \\ c_2 & \frac{c_1}{\|k_w\|} + c_2 w & c_{-2}\bar{w}^2\|k_w\| + c_{-1}\bar{w} + c_0 + c_1 w + c_2 w^2\|k_w\| & & \end{pmatrix}.$$

From this, the elements  $b_{i,j}$  are described by the following system of equations

$$b_{2,2} = b_{1,1} \tag{6.1}$$

$$b_{2,3} = \bar{w}b_{1,3} + \|k_w\|^{-1}b_{1,2} \tag{6.2}$$

$$b_{3,2} = \|k_w\|^{-1}b_{2,1} + wb_{3,1} \tag{6.3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{3,3} &= b_{1,1} + \bar{w}\|k_w\|b_{2,3} + w\|k_w\|b_{3,2} \\ &= b_{1,1} + \bar{w}^2\|k_w\|b_{1,3} + \bar{w}b_{1,2} + wb_{2,1} + w^2\|k_w\|b_{3,1}. \end{aligned} \tag{6.4}$$

Clearly, each  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $(b_{i,j})$  satisfying (6.1)–(6.4) is determined by five elements (the first row and the first column) and the space  $\mathcal{M}_B$  of all such matrices has dimension 5. As matrices representing operators from  $\mathcal{T}(B)$  have to belong to  $\mathcal{M}_B$  and the dimension of  $\mathcal{T}(B)$  in this case is also 5, we conclude that a linear operator  $A$  from  $K_B^2$  into  $K_B^2$  belongs to  $\mathcal{T}(B)$  if and only if its matrix representation with respect to  $\{1, z, \frac{z^2}{\|k_w\|}k_w\}$  satisfies (6.1)–(6.4).

Now let  $A$  be an operator from  $K_B^2$  into  $K_B^2$  such that for every  $B_\sigma \leq B$  the compression  $A_\sigma = P_{B_\sigma}A|_{B_\sigma}$  is  $C_{B_\sigma}$ -symmetric. Using the above characterization we show that  $A$  must belong to  $\mathcal{T}(B)$ . Let  $M_A = (b_{i,j})$  be the matrix representation of  $A$  with respect to the basis  $\{1, z, \frac{z^2}{\|k_w\|}k_w\}$ . Our goal is to show that  $(b_{i,j})$  satisfies (6.1)–(6.4).

Let  $B_1(z) = z^2$  and  $A_1 = P_{B_1}A|_{B_1}$ . Then the space  $K_{B_1}^2$  is spanned by  $\{1, z\}$ ,

$$C_{B_1}1 = z, \quad C_{B_1}z = 1,$$

and the  $C_{B_1}$ -symmetry of  $A_1$  gives (6.1).

Let  $B_2(z) = z\frac{w-z}{1-\bar{w}z}$  and  $A_2 = P_{B_2}A|_{B_2}$ . Then the space  $K_{B_2}^2$  is spanned by  $\{1, k_w\}$ ,

$$C_{B_2}1 = \frac{w-z}{1-\bar{w}z}, \quad \text{and} \quad C_{B_2}k_w = -zk_w.$$

Moreover, we have

$$C_{B_2}z = \frac{w-z}{1-\bar{w}z} = C_{B_2}1, \quad C_{B_2}(z^2k_w) = -k_w,$$

and

$$\overline{w}b_{1,3} + \|k_w\|^{-1}b_{1,2} = \|k_w\|^{-1}\langle A(\overline{w}z^2k_w + z), 1 \rangle.$$

Since

$$\overline{w}z^2k_w + z = zk_w$$

and  $A, A_2$  are symmetric with respect to  $C_B$  and  $C_{B_2}$ , respectively, we obtain (6.2). Namely,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{w}b_{1,3} + \|k_w\|^{-1}b_{1,2} &= \|k_w\|^{-1}\langle A(zk_w), 1 \rangle = -\|k_w\|^{-1}\langle A_2C_{B_2}k_w, 1 \rangle \\ &= -\|k_w\|^{-1}\langle C_{B_2}A_2^*k_w, 1 \rangle = -\|k_w\|^{-1}\langle A_2C_{B_2}1, k_w \rangle \\ &= \|k_w\|^{-1}\langle AC_Bz, C_B(z^2k_w) \rangle = \|k_w\|^{-1}\langle C_BA^*z, C_B(z^2k_w) \rangle \\ &= \|k_w\|^{-1}\langle A(z^2k_w), z \rangle = b_{2,3}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can obtain (6.3).

To get (6.4) firstly, by using  $C_B$ -symmetry of  $A$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} b_{3,3} &= \|k_w\|^{-2}\langle A(z^2k_w), z^2k_w \rangle \\ &= \|k_w\|^{-2}\langle AC_Bk_w, C_Bk_w \rangle \\ &= \|k_w\|^{-2}\langle Ak_w, k_w \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

From this

$$\begin{aligned} b_{3,3} - b_{1,1} &= (1 - |w|^2)\langle Ak_w, k_w \rangle - \langle A1, 1 \rangle = \langle A(1 - \overline{w}\frac{w-z}{1-\overline{w}z}), k_w \rangle - \langle A1, 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle A1, k_w - 1 \rangle - \overline{w}\langle A(\frac{w-z}{1-\overline{w}z}), k_w \rangle = w\langle A1, zk_w \rangle + \overline{w}\langle AC_Bz, C_B(z^2k_w) \rangle \\ &= -w\langle A_21, C_{B_2}k_w \rangle + \overline{w}\langle A(z^2k_w), z \rangle = -w\langle A_2k_w, C_{B_2}1 \rangle + \overline{w}\|k_w\|b_{2,3} \\ &= w\langle AC_B(z^2k_w), C_Bz \rangle + \overline{w}\|k_w\|b_{2,3} = w\langle Az, z^2k_w \rangle + \overline{w}\|k_w\|b_{2,3} \\ &= w\|k_w\|b_{3,2} + \overline{w}\|k_w\|b_{2,3}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.

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