# ESTIMATES FOR THE CORONA THEOREM ON $H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ 

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#### Abstract

Let $\mathbb{I}$ be a proper ideal of $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$. We prove the corona theorem for infinitely many generators in the algebra $H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$. This extends the finite corona results of Mortini, Sasane, and Wick [8]. We also provide the estimates for corona solutions. Moreover, we prove a generalized Wolff's Ideal Theorem for this sub-algebra.


## 1. Introduction

Let $\mathbb{D}:=\{z \in \mathbb{C}:|z|<1\}$ be an open unit disk in the complex plane $\mathbb{C}$ and $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ be the set of all bounded analytic functions with the norm $\|f\|_{\infty}=\sup _{z \in \mathbb{D}}|f(z)|<\infty$. In 1962, Carleson proved his famous corona theorem which states that the ideal, $\mathscr{I}$, generated by a finite set of functions $\left\{f_{i}\right\}_{i=1}^{n} \subset H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ is the entire space $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$, if for some $\varepsilon>0, \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left|f_{i}(z)\right|^{2} \geqslant \varepsilon$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. In 1979, Wolff gave a simplified proof of Carleson's corona theorem, which can be found in [5], that made use of $H^{2}$-Carleson's measures and Littlewood-Paley expressions. Both Carleson and Wolff provided the bounds for corona solutions depending on the number of functions $n$. Later, Rosenblum [14], Tolokonnokov [20], and Uchiyama [26], independently, extended the corona theorem for infinitely many functions, where as the best estimate for the corona solution was due to Uchiyama as follows:

Corona Theorem. Let $\left\{f_{i}\right\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subset H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$, with

$$
0<\varepsilon^{2} \leqslant \sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\left|f_{i}(z)\right|^{2} \leqslant 1 \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

Then there exist $\left\{g_{i}\right\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subset H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ such that

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f_{i}(z) g_{i}(z)=1 \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

and

$$
\sup _{z \in \mathbb{D}}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\left|g_{i}(z)\right|^{2}\right\} \leqslant \frac{9}{\varepsilon^{2}} \ln \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2}}, \text { for } \varepsilon^{2}<\frac{1}{e}
$$

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The main purpose of this paper is to extend the corona theorem for infinitely many functions in $H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$. Moreover, we provide the estimates for the corona solutions. This will completely settle the conjecture of Ryle [15].

The algebra, $H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$, of our interest is defined as follows:
Let $\mathbb{I}$ be any proper closed ideal in $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$, and define

$$
H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D}):=\{c+\phi \mid c \in \mathbb{C} \text { and } \phi \in \mathbb{I}\}
$$

Then $H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ is a sub-algebra of $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$. We regard $\left(H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}}$ as a sub-algebra of $H_{l^{2}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$, where $H_{l^{2}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ is a sequence of bounded analytic functions. Also, for $F=$ $\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots\right), f_{j} \in H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$, we use the norm

$$
\|F\|_{\infty}=\sup _{z \in \mathbb{D}}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\left|f_{i}(z)\right|^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}
$$

In [8], Mortini, Sasane, and Wick proved the corona theorem for finitely many generators in $H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$. In fact, [8] provided the estimates on the solutions $g_{j}$ in terms of the parameters $\varepsilon$ and n (the number of functions $f_{j}$ ). In this paper, we prove an analogous result of Uchiyama for the sub-algebra $H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ by removing the dependency of estimates on n .

Let $f \in H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$, say $f(z)=c+\phi(z)$, for $\phi \in \mathbb{I}$ and $c \in \mathbb{C}$. For simplicity, we use the notation: $f(z)=f_{c}+\phi_{f}(z)$, where $f_{c} \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\phi_{f} \in \mathbb{I}$. Similarly, let $F=$ $\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots\right), f_{j} \in H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$. Then for $z \in \mathbb{D}$, we write $F(z)=F_{c}+\phi_{F}(z)$.

We are now ready to state our Main Theorem, which extends to the corona theorem for infinitely many functions in $H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$.

THEOREM 1.1. Let $F(z)=\left(f_{1}(z), f_{2}(z), \ldots\right), f_{j} \in H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ and

$$
0<\varepsilon^{2} \leqslant F(z) F(z)^{*} \leqslant 1 \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

Then there exists $U=\left(u_{1}(z), u_{2}(z), \ldots\right), u_{j} \in H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ such that

$$
\text { (a) } F(z) U(z)^{T}=1 \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

and

$$
\text { (b) }\|U\|_{\infty} \leqslant\left(1+\frac{1}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|}\right) \frac{9}{\varepsilon^{2}} \ln \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2}}\right)
$$

In order to generalize the corona theorem, it is natural to ask if the corona theorem still holds true if we replace the lower bound, $\varepsilon$, in the corona condition by any $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ functions. Namely, let $h, f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n} \in H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
|h(z)| \leqslant \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left|f_{i}(z)\right| \leqslant 1 \quad \text { for all } \quad z \in \mathbb{D} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then the question is does (1) always implies $h \in \mathscr{I}\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}\right)$, ideal generated by $f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}$ ? Of course, (1) is a necessary condition, but the counter example provided by Rao [12] suggests that it is far from being sufficient.

RaO's Counter Example. If $B_{1}$ and $B_{2}$ are Blaschke products without common zeros for which $\inf _{z \in \mathbb{D}}\left(\left|B_{1}(z)\right|+\left|B_{2}(z)\right|\right)=0$, then $\left|B_{1} B_{2}\right| \leqslant\left(\left|B_{1}\right|^{2}+\left|B_{2}\right|^{2}\right)$, but $B_{1} B_{2} \notin \mathscr{I}\left(B_{1}^{2}, B_{2}^{2}\right)$.

However, T. Wolff's beautiful proof (see [5], Theorem 2.3 in page 319) showed that the condition (1) is sufficient for $h^{3} \in \mathscr{I}\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}\right)$. Wolff's Theorem can be rephrased as follows:

WOLFF's THEOREM. Let $F(z)=\left(f_{1}(z), f_{2}(z), \ldots, f_{n}(z)\right), f_{j} \in H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D}), h \in H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$. If

$$
|h(z)| \leqslant \sqrt{F(z) F(z)^{*}} \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

then

$$
h^{3} \in \mathscr{I}\left(\left\{f_{j}\right\}_{j=1}^{n}\right) .
$$

But, it was shown by Treil [21] that this is not sufficient for $p=2$.
Many authors, independently, have considered this question, including Cegrell [2], Pau [11], Trent [23], and Treil [22], for $p=1$. We refer this as a problem of "ideal membership". It is Treil who has given the best known sufficient condition for ideal membership. We state Treil's Theorem as follows:
$\operatorname{IdEAL}$ Theorem (TREIL). Let $F(z)=\left(f_{1}(z), f_{2}(z), \ldots\right), f_{j} \in H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D}), F(z) F(z)^{*}$ $\leqslant 1$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$, and $h \in H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ such that

$$
F(z) F(z)^{*} \psi\left(F(z) F(z)^{*}\right) \geqslant|h(z)| \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

where $\psi:[0,1] \rightarrow[0,1]$ is a non-decreasing function such that $\int_{0}^{1} \frac{\psi(t)}{t} d t<\infty$. Then there exists $G \in H_{l^{2}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ such that

$$
F(z) G(z)^{T}=h(z), \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

An example of a function $\psi$ that works in the case when $F(z)$ is an $n$-tuple, $n<\infty$, is

$$
\psi(t)=\frac{1}{\left(\ln t^{-2}\right)\left(\ln _{2} t^{-2}\right) \ldots\left(\ln _{n} t^{-2}\right)\left(\ln _{n+1} t^{-2}\right)^{1+\varepsilon}}
$$

where $\ln _{k}(t)=\underbrace{\ln \ln \ldots \ln }_{\mathrm{k}+1 \text { times }}(t)$ and $\varepsilon>0$.
Applying Treil's result, we extend the analogue of "ideal theorem" on $H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$. Recall that $H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ is a sub-algebra of $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$. Also, for $F=\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots\right), f_{j}=f_{c_{j}}+$ $\phi_{f_{j}} \in H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$, we denote $F=F_{c}+\phi_{F}$. In the case that $F_{c}=0$, several authors have given sufficient conditions for ideal membership, for example, see [6], [7], and [13]. For the case $F_{c} \neq 0$, we provide the following theorem:

THEOREM 1.2. Let $F(z)=\left(f_{1}(z), f_{2}(z), \ldots\right), f_{j} \in H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ such that $F_{c} \neq 0$, and suppose

$$
|h(z)| \leqslant F(z) F(z)^{*} \psi\left(F(z) F(z)^{*}\right) \leqslant 1 \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

where $\psi$ is the function given in Treil's theorem. Then there exists $V=\left(v_{1}(z), v_{2}(z), \ldots\right)$, $v_{j} \in H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ such that

$$
\text { (a) } F(z) V(z)^{T}=h(z) \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

and

$$
(b)\|V\|_{\infty} \leqslant C_{0}\left(1+\frac{1}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|}\right)
$$

where $C_{0}$ is the estimate for the $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ solution obtained in [22].
Corollary 1. Let $F(z)=\left(f_{1}(z), f_{2}(z), \ldots\right), f_{j} \in H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ such that $F_{c} \neq 0$, and suppose

$$
|h(z)| \leqslant \sqrt{F(z) F(z)^{*}} \leqslant 1 \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

Then there exists $V=\left(v_{1}(z), v_{2}(z), \ldots\right), v_{j} \in H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ such that

$$
\text { (a) } F(z) V(z)^{T}=h^{3}(z) \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

and

$$
(b)\|V\|_{\infty} \leqslant C_{1}\left(1+\frac{1}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|}\right)
$$

where $C_{1}$ is the estimate for the $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ solution obtained in [23].

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we discuss the method of our proofs and also provide some required lemmas. To prove Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2 in $H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$, we first find the corresponding solutions in the bigger algebra $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$. Then we add some correction terms on the $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ - solutions to get the required solutions in our smaller algebra $H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$. For example, provided the corona condition, using Uchiyama version of corona theorem, we can easily find a solution $G$ in $\left(H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}}$ such that $F(z) G(z)^{T}=1$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. But, our goal is finding a solution $U \in\left(H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}}$ such that $F(z) U(z)^{T}=1$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. For this, if we can find an operator $Q$ so that $M_{Q}\left(H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}} \subseteq\left(H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}}$ and for all $z \in \mathbb{D}, \operatorname{ran} Q(z)=\operatorname{ker} F(z)$, then we can construct the required solution $U$ as

$$
U^{T}:=G^{T}+Q X^{T},
$$

with a right choice of $X \in\left(H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}}$. This solves our problem as follows:

$$
F(z) U(z)^{T}=F(z) G(z)^{T}=1, \quad \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

and the proper choice of $X$ will make $U \in\left(H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}}$.
The next lemma is a linear algebra result which gives us the desired $Q$ operator and so enables us to write down the most general pointwise solution of $F(z) U(z)^{T}=1$. This lemma can be found in Ryle -Trent [16], but we provide a proof for convenience.

Lemma 2.1. Let $\left\{a_{j}\right\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \in l^{2}$ and $A=\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) \in \mathscr{B}\left(l^{2}, \mathbb{C}\right)$. Then there exists a matrix $Q_{A}$ of order $\infty \times \infty$ such that the entries of $Q_{A}$ are either $+a_{j}$ or 0 and $Q_{A}$ satisfies:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{ran} Q_{A}=\operatorname{ker} A \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\left(A A^{*}\right) I_{l^{2}}-A^{*} A=Q_{A} Q_{A}^{*} \quad \text { with } \quad\left\|Q_{A}\right\|_{\mathscr{B}\left(l^{2}\right)} \leqslant\|A\|_{l^{2}}
$$

Also, if $\left\{d_{j}\right\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \in l^{2}$ and $D=\left(d_{1}, d_{2}, \ldots\right)$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(A D^{T}\right) I_{l^{2}}-D^{T} A=Q_{A} Q_{D}^{T} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Following few examples should be helpful to understand the Lemma 2.1 in a simple way.

Let $f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n} \in H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ and fix $z \in \mathbb{D}$. Take $F=\left[\begin{array}{ll}f_{1} & f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}\end{array}\right]$.
For $n=2, F=\left[\begin{array}{ll}f_{1} & f_{2}\end{array}\right], Q_{F}=\left[\begin{array}{c}f_{2} \\ -f_{1}\end{array}\right]$.
Thus,

$$
\left(F F^{*}\right) I_{2}-F^{*} F=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
\left|f_{2}\right|^{2} & -\overline{f_{1}} f_{2} \\
\overline{f_{2}} f_{1} & \left|f_{1}\right|^{2}
\end{array}\right]=Q_{F} Q_{F}^{*}
$$

Also, for any

$$
D=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
d_{1} d_{2}
\end{array}\right], \quad\left(F D^{T}\right) I_{2}-D^{T} F=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
f_{2} d_{2} & -d_{1} f_{2} \\
-d_{2} f_{1} & f_{1} d_{1}
\end{array}\right]=Q_{F} Q_{D}^{T}
$$

Similarly, for $n=3$, we take $F=\left[f_{1} f_{2} f_{3}\right]$.
So, $Q_{F}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}f_{2} & f_{3} & 0 \\ -f_{1} & 0 & f_{3} \\ 0 & -f_{1} & -f_{2}\end{array}\right]$.
And, for $n=4, F=\left[\begin{array}{llll}f_{1} & f_{2} & f_{3} & f_{4}\end{array}\right]$ and $Q_{F}=\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}f_{2} & f_{3} & f_{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -f_{1} & 0 & 0 & f_{3} & f_{4} & 0 \\ 0 & -f_{1} & 0 & -f_{2} & 0 & f_{4} \\ 0 & 0 & -f_{1} & 0 & -f_{2} & f_{3}\end{array}\right]$.
Form the above pattern, it is easy to see that the operators $Q_{F}$ 's can be constructed inductively. Also, it is clear from (3), applied to $A=F(z)$ and $Q_{D}=Q_{F(z)}$, that $\operatorname{ran} Q_{F}(z)=\operatorname{ker} F(z)$.

We are now ready to prove Lemma 2.1.
Proof of Lemma 2.1. For $k \in \mathbb{N}$, define

$$
A_{k}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\
c_{k+1} & c_{k+2} & c_{k+3} & \cdots \\
-c_{k} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
0 & -c_{k} & 0 & \cdots \\
0 & 0 & -c_{k} & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right]
$$

Multiplying $A_{k}$ by $A_{k}^{*}$, we get

$$
A_{k} A_{k}^{*}=\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty}\left|c_{j}\right|^{2} & -\bar{c}_{k} c_{k+2} & -\bar{c}_{k} c_{k+3}
\end{array}\right] .
$$

Hence,

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_{k} A_{k}^{*}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\sum_{k \neq 1}^{\infty}\left|c_{k}\right|^{2} & -\bar{c}_{1} c_{2} & -\bar{c}_{1} c_{3} & \ldots \\
-\bar{c}_{2} c_{1} & \sum_{k \neq 2}^{\infty}\left|c_{k}\right|^{2} & -\bar{c}_{2} c_{3} & \ldots \\
-\bar{c}_{3} c_{1} & -\bar{c}_{3} c_{2} & \sum_{k \neq 3}^{\infty}\left|c_{k}\right|^{2} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right]=C C^{*} I_{l^{2}}-C^{*} C
$$

Thus the required operator $Q_{A}$ can be defined as

$$
Q_{A}=\left[A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots\right] \in \mathscr{B}\left(\oplus_{1}^{\infty} l^{2}, l^{2}\right)
$$

We note that (3) follows in a similar manner.
We also need the following key lemma.
Lemma 2.2. Assume that $\left\{f_{j}\right\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \subset H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ and

$$
0<\varepsilon^{2} \leqslant \sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|f_{j}(z)\right|^{2} \leqslant 1 \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

Then

$$
\text { (a) } \varepsilon^{2} \leqslant F_{c} F_{c}^{\star}=\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|f_{c_{j}}\right|^{2} \leqslant 1
$$

and

$$
\text { (b) }\left\|\phi_{F}\right\|_{\infty}=\sup _{z \in \mathbb{D}}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|\phi_{f_{j}}(z)\right|^{2}\right)^{1 / 2} \leqslant 2
$$

Proof. Since for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$,

$$
\varepsilon^{2} \leqslant \sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|f_{c_{j}}+\phi_{f_{j}}(z)\right|^{2} \leqslant 1
$$

we have that for each $N \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left|f_{c_{j}}+\phi_{f_{j}}(z)\right|^{2} \leqslant 1
$$

But, $\left\{\phi_{f_{j}}\right\}_{j=1}^{N} \subset \mathbb{I}$ and $\mathbb{I}$ is a proper ideal, so by the corona theorem

$$
\inf _{z \in \mathbb{D}} \sum_{j=1}^{N}\left|\phi_{f_{j}}(z)\right|^{2}=0
$$

This means that for each $N$

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left|f_{c_{j}}\right|^{2} \leqslant 1, \quad \text { and hence } \sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|f_{c_{j}}\right|^{2} \leqslant 1
$$

Thus, (b) holds, since for $z \in \mathbb{D}$

$$
\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|\phi_{f_{j}}(z)\right|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leqslant\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|f_{c_{j}}+\phi_{f_{j}}(z)\right|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}+\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|f_{c_{j}}\right|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leqslant 2
$$

Now by the Rosenblum- Tolokonnikov-Uchiyama version of the corona theorem, since $\left\{\phi_{f_{j}}\right\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{I}$ and $\mathbb{I}$ is a proper closed ideal and $\sup _{z \in \mathbb{D}} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|\phi_{f_{j}}(z)\right|^{2} \leqslant 2<\infty$, we have

$$
\inf _{z \in \mathbb{D}} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|\phi_{f_{j}}(z)\right|^{2}=0
$$

Thus there exist $\left\{z_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{D}$ so that $\lim _{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|\phi_{f_{j}}\left(z_{k}\right)\right|^{2}=0$.
Therefore, from

$$
\varepsilon \leqslant\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|f_{c_{j}}+\phi_{f_{j}}\left(z_{k}\right)\right|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leqslant\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|f_{c_{j}}\right|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}+\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|\phi_{f_{j}}\left(z_{k}\right)\right|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}
$$

we deduce that

$$
\varepsilon^{2} \leqslant \sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|f_{c_{j}}\right|^{2}
$$

So (a) follows.
Now we are ready to prove our theorems.

## 3. The proofs

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Let $F \in\left(H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}}$, and suppose

$$
0<\varepsilon^{2} \leqslant F(z) F(z)^{*} \leqslant 1 \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

Then we know that there is a corona solution for $F$, say $G$, which lies in $\left(H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}}$ such that

$$
\begin{aligned}
F(z) G(z)^{T} & =1, \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D} \text { and } \\
\|G\|_{\infty} & \leqslant \frac{9}{\varepsilon^{2}} \ln \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2}}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Our aim is finding $U \in\left(H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}}$ such that $F(z) U(z)^{T}=1$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. For this, we construct a new solution by adding a correction term to $G(z)^{T}$.

Write $F(z)=F_{c}+\phi_{F}(z)$, where $F_{c}=\left\{f_{c_{1}}, f_{c_{2}}, \ldots\right\} \in l^{2}$ and $\phi_{F}=\left\{\phi_{f_{1}}, \phi_{f_{2}}, \ldots\right\} \in$ $\mathbb{I}_{l^{2}}$.

Using (3), we have that

$$
I_{l^{2}}=\left(F(z) G(z)^{T}\right) I=G(z)^{T} F(z)+Q_{F(z)} Q_{G(z)}^{T}
$$

This implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
I_{l^{2}}=G(z)^{T} F_{c}+Q_{F(z)} Q_{G(z)}^{T}+G(z)^{T} \phi_{F}(z) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Applying $F_{c}^{\star}$ to (4), we get

$$
F_{c}^{\star}=G(z)^{T} F_{c} F_{c}^{\star}+Q_{F(z)} Q_{G(z)}^{T} F_{c}^{\star}+G(z)^{T} \phi_{F}(z) F_{c}^{\star}
$$

Also, from Lemma 2.2, we know that $\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}>0$, so

$$
\frac{F_{c}^{\star}}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}}=G(z)^{T}+Q_{F(z)} Q_{G(z)}^{T} \frac{F_{c}^{\star}}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}}+G(z)^{T} \phi_{F}(z) \frac{F_{c}^{\star}}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}}
$$

Thus,

$$
\begin{equation*}
G(z)^{T}+Q_{F(z)} Q_{G(z)}^{T} \frac{F_{c}^{\star}}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}}=\frac{F_{c}^{\star}}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}}-G(z)^{T} \phi_{F}(z) \frac{F_{c}^{\star}}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Define

$$
U(z)^{T}:=G(z)^{T}+Q_{F(z)} Q_{G(z)}^{T} \frac{F_{c}^{\star}}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}}
$$

Using (2), we can clearly see that

$$
F(z) U(z)^{T}=F(z) G(z)^{T}+F(z) Q_{F(z)} Q_{G(z)}^{T} \frac{F_{c}^{\star}}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}}=F(z) G(z)^{T}=1, \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

Also, the right side of (5) shows that the solution $U$ is in $\left(H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}}$.
For the norm estimate, we have that $\|U\|_{\infty} \leqslant\left(1+\frac{1}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|}\right)\|G\|_{\infty}$.
Hence,

$$
\|U\|_{\infty} \leqslant\left(1+\frac{1}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|}\right) \frac{9}{\varepsilon^{2}} \ln \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2}}\right)
$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.
Proof of Theorem 1.2. Let $F \in H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})_{l^{2}}$, and suppose

$$
|h(z)| \leqslant F(z) F(z)^{*} \psi\left(F(z) F(z)^{*}\right) \leqslant 1 \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

By Treil's theorem, there exists $G \in H_{l^{2}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ such that

$$
F(z) G(z)^{T}=h(z) \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

and $\|G\|_{\infty} \leqslant C_{0}$, where $C_{0}$ is the estimate for the $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$-solution obtained in [22].
Writing $F(z)=F_{c}+\phi_{F}(z), h(z)=h_{c}+\phi_{h}(z)$ and using the relation (3) as in the proof of Theorem 1.1, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{c} \frac{F_{c}^{*}}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}}+\left(\phi_{h}-G(z)^{T} \phi_{F}(z)\right) \frac{F_{c}^{*}}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}}=G(z)^{T}+Q_{F(z)} Q_{G(z)}^{T} \frac{F_{c}^{*}}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}} . \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Define

$$
V(z)^{T}:=G(z)^{T}+Q_{F(z)} Q_{G(z)}^{T} \frac{F_{c}^{*}}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|^{2}}
$$

It's clear that

$$
F(z) V(z)^{T}=h(z), \text { for all } z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

Since $G \in\left(H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}}$ and the elements of $\phi_{F}$ are in $\mathbb{I}$, the left side of the equation (6) shows that the solution $V$ is in $\left(H_{\mathbb{I}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})\right)_{l^{2}}$.

As in the corona theorem, for the norm estimate, we have that

$$
\|V\|_{\infty} \leqslant\left(1+\frac{1}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|}\right)\|G\|_{\infty} \leqslant C_{0}\left(1+\frac{1}{\left\|F_{c}\right\|}\right)
$$

where $C_{0}$ is the norm of the $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ solution, $G$, obtained in [22].

Proof of Corollary 1. The proof of this corollary follows similarly as the proof of Theorem 1.2 by using Wolff's Theorem instead of Treil's Theorem.

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