## PROPERTY $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ 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  $p=\infty$ .

### 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

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

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

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

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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, 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

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

Since g has bounded derivate we have the inequality

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

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

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

by Hörmander's  $L^2$ -estimate of the  $\bar{\partial}$  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

$$(1) 0 \to H^p(D) \xrightarrow{i} B_0 \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} B_1 \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} B_m \to 0,$$

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) were exact the proof of Theorem 1.1 would be finished. As we can solve the  $\bar{\partial}$ -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) is exact at  $B_k$ ,  $k \geq 3$ . If  $f \in B_2$  and  $\bar{\partial} f = 0$  then

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

The construction of the complex (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); 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  $\bar{\partial}_b v = u_2$  (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  $\bar{\partial}_b u'_1 = 0$  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.

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### 2. Preliminaries

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

$$\Omega = ri\partial\bar{\partial}\log\left(1/r\right),\,$$

and we have

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

where  $\beta = i\partial \partial r$ , 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

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

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

$$\int_{\partial D} uh = 0$$

for all  $h \in C_{n,n-1}^{\infty}(\bar{D})$  such that  $\bar{\partial}h = 0$ .

Let  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$  be the Koranyi 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

$$\hat{B} = \{ z \in D_{\varepsilon} : d(z', \zeta) < t - r(z) \} \cup (D \setminus D_{\varepsilon}) .$$

A function f is in the tent space  $T_q^p$ , where  $p < \infty$  and  $q < \infty$ , if

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

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

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

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

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

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) 
$$\int_{D} |fg| r^{-1} \lesssim ||f||_{T_{q}^{p}} ||g||_{T_{q'}^{p'}}$$

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

$$\langle f, g \rangle \to \int_D f g r^{-1}.$$

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

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

by (2) and Hölder's inequality. Thus by the duality for  $T_{q'}^{p'}$  we get the inequality

(3) 
$$||fg||_{T_q^p} \lesssim ||f||_{T_{q_0}^p} ||g||_{T_{q_1}^\infty}$$

for 1 < p and  $1 < q < \infty$ . Since the inequality (3) is equivalent to

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

for  $0 < t < \infty$ , (3) holds if  $0 < p, q_0, q_1$ .

We will use the inequality (see [12])

(4) 
$$||f||_{T_{\infty}^p} \lesssim ||f||_{H^p}, \quad p > 0$$

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

(5) 
$$||r^{1/2}\partial f||_{T_2^p} \lesssim ||f||_{H^p}, \quad p > 0.$$

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

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

(6) 
$$||r^{\tau}Ku||_{T_1^p} \lesssim ||r^{\tau+1/2}u||_{T_1^p} \text{ and } ||Ku||_{L^p(\partial D)} \lesssim ||r^{1/2}u||_{T_1^p}$$

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

(7) 
$$||Ku||_{L^p(\partial D)} \lesssim ||r^{1/2}u||_{T_2^p} + ||r\partial u||_{T_1^p}.$$

To see that the inequality (6) follows from [5], note that by the definition of  $W^{1-1/p}$  in [1],  $||ru||_{T_1^p} = ||u||_{W^{1-1/p}}$ . 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

(8) 
$$||P\psi||_{T_{\infty}^{p}} \lesssim ||\psi||_{L^{p}(\partial D)}, \quad p > 1,$$

and

(9) 
$$||r\mathcal{L}P\psi||_{T_2^p} \lesssim ||\psi||_{L^p(\partial D)}, \quad p > 1.$$

The inequality (7) follows from (8) and (9).

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  $E \otimes_{\pi} F$ , the space  $E \otimes F$  with the topology  $\pi$  and we denote the completion of  $E \otimes_{\pi} F$  with  $E \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} F$ . There is another topology on  $E \otimes F$ , the topology  $\epsilon$ ; 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  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, E) \cong \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n) \hat{\otimes} E$ .

## 3. Property $(\beta)_{\mathcal{E}}$ for Toeplitz operators with $H^{\infty}$ -symbol on $H^p$

First we need to define the sequence (1) and prove that there is a continuous  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ -functional calculus on each of the spaces  $B_k$ .

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

on  $C^{\infty}(\bar{D})$ ,

(11) 
$$\|u\|_{B_1} = \|r^{1/2}u\|_{T_2^p} + \|rdu\|_{T_1^p}$$

on  $C_{0.1}^{\infty}(\bar{D})$  and

(12) 
$$\|u\|_{B_k} = \|r^{k/2}u\|_{T_1^p} + \|r^{k/2+1/2}\bar{\partial}u\|_{T_1^p}$$

on  $C_{0,k}^{\infty}(\bar{D})$  for  $k \geq 2$ . Let  $B_k$  be the completion of  $C_{0,k}^{\infty}(\bar{D})$  with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{B_k}$ . We also define  $B_1'$  as the completion of  $C_{0,1}^{\infty}(\bar{D})$  with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{B_1'}$ , defined by

$$||u||_{B'_1} = ||r^{1/2}u||_{T^p_i} + ||r\bar{\partial}u||_{T^p_i}.$$

The injection  $i: H^p \to B_0$  is well defined and continuous by (4) and (5). That  $\bar{\partial}: B_k \to B_{k+1}, \ k \geq 0$  is continuous follows immediately from the definitions. Thus we have defined a complex

(13) 
$$0 \to H^p(D) \xrightarrow{i} B_0 \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} B_1 \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} B_m \to 0.$$

**Lemma 3.1.** Suppose that  $g \in H^{\infty}(D)^n$ . Then one can define  $T_{g_i}$ :  $B_k \to B_k$  by  $T_{g_i}u = g_iu$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ , for all  $k \ge 0$ . The tuple  $T_g$  on  $B_k$ ,  $k \ge 0$ , 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  $u \in C^{\infty}(\bar{D})$ . From (3) we have

$$\left\|r^{1/2}u\partial g\right\|_{T_2^p} \lesssim \left\|u\right\|_{T_\infty^p} \left\|r^{1/2}\partial g\right\|_{T_2^\infty},$$

$$\left\|r\left|du\right|\left|\partial g\right|\right\|_{T_{1}^{p}}\lesssim \left\|r^{1/2}du\right\|_{T_{2}^{p}}\left\|r^{1/2}\partial g\right\|_{T_{2}^{\infty}}$$

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 (5) we thus get

$$\|(\varphi \circ g)u\|_{B_0} \le \sup_{z \in g(D)} |\varphi(z)| \|u\|_{B_0} + \|r^{1/2}d(\varphi \circ g)u\|_{T_2^p} +$$

$$\left\|r\bar{\partial}(\varphi\circ g)\wedge\partial u\right\|_{T_1^p}+\left\|r\partial(\varphi\circ g)\wedge\bar{\partial} u\right\|_{T_1^p}+\left\|r\partial\bar{\partial}(\varphi\circ g)u\right\|_{T_1^p}\lesssim$$

$$\sup_{z \in g(D)} \left( \left| \varphi(z) \right| + \left| D\varphi(z) \right| + \left| D^2 \varphi(z) \right| \right) \left\| u \right\|_{B_0},$$

where  $D\varphi$  and  $D^2\varphi$  denotes all derivates of  $\varphi$  of order 1 and 2 respectively. Note that  $(\varphi \circ g)u \notin C^{\infty}(\bar{D})$  in general. Let  $g_l \in C^{\infty}(\bar{D})^n \cap \mathcal{O}(D)^n$  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

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

and

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

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

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

and

$$\left| \partial \bar{\partial} \left( \varphi \circ g_l - \varphi \circ g \right) \right| \le \left| D^2 \varphi \circ g_l \right| \left| \partial g_l - \partial g \right| \left( \left| \partial g_l \right| + \left| \partial g \right| \right) + \left| D^2 \varphi \circ g_l - D^2 \varphi \circ g \right| \left| \partial g \right|^2.$$

By (4) we have

$$\|(\varphi \circ g_l - \varphi \circ g) u\|_{T^p_{\infty}} + \|r^{1/2} (\varphi \circ g_l - \varphi \circ g) du\|_{T^p_{2}}$$

$$\|r (\varphi \circ g_l - \varphi \circ g) \partial \bar{\partial} u\|_{T^p_{1}} \lesssim \|\varphi \circ g_l - \varphi \circ g\|_{T^p_{\infty}} \lesssim \|g_l - g\|_{T^p_{\infty}} \lesssim$$

$$\|g_l - g\|_{H^p}.$$

We also have that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| r^{1/2} d \left( \varphi \circ g_l - \varphi \circ g \right) u \right\|_{T_2^p} + \left\| r \left| d \left( \varphi \circ g_l - \varphi \circ g \right) \right| \left| du \right| \right\|_{T_1^p} &\lesssim \\ \left\| r^{1/2} d \left( \varphi \circ g_l - \varphi \circ g \right) \right\|_{T_2^p} &\lesssim \left\| r^{1/2} \left| D\varphi \circ g_l \right| \left| \partial g_l - \partial g \right| \right\|_{T_2^p} + \\ \left\| r^{1/2} \left| D\varphi \circ g_l - D\varphi \circ g \right| \left| \partial g \right| \right\|_{T_2^p} &\lesssim \left\| g_l - g \right\|_{H^p} \end{aligned}$$

by (3),(4) and (5). Furthermore,

$$\left\|r\partial\bar{\partial}\left(\varphi\circ g_{l}-\varphi\circ g\right)u\right\|_{T_{l}^{p}}\lesssim\left\|r\left|D^{2}\varphi\circ g_{l}\right|\left|\partial g_{l}-\partial g\right|\left(\left|\partial g_{l}\right|+\left|\partial g\right|\right)\right\|_{T_{l}^{p}}+$$

$$\left\| r \left| D^2 \varphi \circ g_l - D^2 \varphi \circ g \right| \left| \partial g \right|^2 \right\|_{T_l^p} \lesssim \|g_l - g\|_{H^p}$$

by (3),(4) and (5). 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  $C^{\infty}(\bar{D})$  with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{B_0}$ . We extend the map

$$u \mapsto (\varphi \circ g)u : C^{\infty}(\bar{D}) \to B_0$$

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  $C^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{C}^n\right)$ -functional calculus.

Next we consider the case k=1. Suppose that  $\varphi \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  and  $u \in C^{\infty}_{0,1}(\bar{D})$ . From (3) and (5) we have the inequality

$$\left\|r\left|\partial g\right|\left|u\right|\right\|_{T^p_1}\lesssim \left\|r^{1/2}\partial g\right\|_{T^\infty_2}\left\|r^{1/2}u\right\|_{T^p_2}\lesssim \left\|r^{1/2}u\right\|_{T^p_2}.$$

Hence we get

$$\|(\varphi\circ g)u\|_{B_1}\leq \sup_{z\in g(D)}|\varphi(z)|\,\|u\|_{B_1}+\|rd(\varphi\circ g)\wedge u\|_{T_1^p}\lesssim$$

$$\sup_{z \in g(D)} (|\varphi(z)| + |D\varphi(z)|) \|u\|_{B_1}.$$

As in the case k=0 we prove that  $(\varphi \circ g)u$  is in the completion of  $C_{0,1}^{\infty}(\bar{D})$ . When we extend the map

$$u \mapsto (\varphi \circ g)u : C^{\infty}(\bar{D}) \to B_1$$

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

$$\|(\varphi\circ g)u\|_{B_k}\leq \sup_{z\in g(D)}|\varphi(z)|\,\|u\|_{B_k}+\big\|r^{k/2+1/2}\bar{\partial}(\varphi\circ g)\wedge u\big\|_{T^p_1}\lesssim$$

$$\sup_{z \in g(D)} \left( \left| \varphi(z) \right| + \left| D\varphi(z) \right| \right) \left\| u \right\|_{B_k}.$$

As in the case k = 0 it follows that  $T_g$  on  $B_k$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , 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  $K: C^{\infty}_{0,k+1}(\bar{D}) \to C_{0,k}(\bar{D}), k \geq 1$ , to a continuous operator  $K: B_{k+1} \to B_k, k \geq 2$ , and a continuous operator  $K: B_2 \to B'_1$ . This because

(14) 
$$||r^{k/2}Ku||_{T_1^p} \lesssim ||r^{k/2+1/2}u||_{T_1^p} \leq ||u||_{B_{k+1}}$$

and

$$\left\| r^{k/2+1/2} \bar{\partial} K u \right\|_{T^p_1} = \left\| r^{k/2+1/2} (u - K \bar{\partial} u) \right\|_{T^p_1} \lesssim \left\| u \right\|_{B_{k+1}}$$

for all  $u \in C^{\infty}_{0,k+1}(\bar{D})$  by (6), (12) and (14). Also observe that Ku is in the completion of  $C^{\infty}_{0,k}(\bar{D})$  under the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{B_k}$  (or  $\|\cdot\|_{B'_1}$ ) by dominated convergence and the fact that one can find  $f_l \in C^{\infty}_{0,k}(\bar{D})$  such that  $f_l \to Ku, \bar{\partial} f_l \to \bar{\partial} Ku$  pointwise and  $|f_l|, |\bar{\partial} f_l| \lesssim 1$  (as  $Ku, \bar{\partial} Ku \in C(\bar{D})$ ). Approximation in  $B_{k+1}$  yields that  $\bar{\partial} Ku + K\bar{\partial} u = u$  for all  $u \in B_{k+1}, k \geq 1$ . Thus the complex (13) is exact in higher degrees.

Extend  $K: C_{0,1}^{\infty}(\bar{D}) \to C(\partial D)$  to continuous maps  $K: B_1 \to L^p(\partial D)$  and  $K: B'_1 \to L^p(\partial D)$ , which is possible by (6) and (7). Define the (1,0)-vector field  $\mathcal{L}$  by the equation

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

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

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

and

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

for all  $h \in C^{\infty}_{m,m-1}(\bar{D})$  such that  $\bar{\partial}h = 0$ . We extend V to elements f in  $B'_1$  and W to elements in  $B_1$ . We say that the equation  $\bar{\partial}_b u = f + f'$ ,

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

**Lemma 3.2.** If  $f \in B_1$ ,  $f' \in B'_1$  and  $\bar{\partial} f + \bar{\partial} f' = 0$  then u = Kf + Kf' solves the equation  $\bar{\partial}_b u = f + f'$ . Moreover, if  $\varphi \in H^{\infty}(D)$  then  $\bar{\partial}_b(\varphi u) = T_{\varphi}f + T_{\varphi}f'$ .

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

(15) 
$$\int_{\partial D} (Kf + Kf')h = W(f, h) + V(f', h) - \int_{D} K(\bar{\partial}f + \bar{\partial}f') \wedge h$$

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

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

for all  $h \in C^{\infty}_{m,m-1}(\bar{D})$  such that  $\bar{\partial}h = 0$ . Hence the equation  $\bar{\partial}_b u = f + f'$  holds since we also have that  $\bar{\partial}f + \bar{\partial}f' = 0$ . Suppose that  $\varphi_k \in C^{\infty}(\bar{D}) \cap \mathcal{O}(D)$  are chosen such that  $\varphi_k \to \varphi$  in  $H^1(D)$ . Replace h in (15) by  $\varphi_k h$  and approximate to get

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

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

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

$$\|\bar{\partial}f + \bar{\partial}f'\|_{B_2} \|\varphi\|_{H^{p'}} \lesssim (\|f\|_{B_1} + \|f'\|_{B_1'}) \|\varphi\|_{H^{p'}}$$

for fixed h by (2), (4) and (5). 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  $\bar{\partial} f + \bar{\partial} f' = 0$  and  $h \in C^{\infty}_{m,m-1}(\bar{D})$  such that  $\bar{\partial} h = 0$ .

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  $u \in C^{\infty}(\bar{D})$  and  $(T_f u)^* = f^* u^*$  if  $f \in H^{\infty}(D)$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $u \in C^{\infty}(\bar{D})$ . 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  $u_l \in C^{\infty}(\bar{D})$  and  $f_k \in C^{\infty}(\bar{D}) \cap \mathcal{O}(D)$  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

$$||f^*u^* - (T_fu)^*||_{L^p(\partial D)} \lesssim ||f^*u^* - f^*u_l^*||_{L^p(\partial D)} + ||f^*u_l^* - f_k^*u_l^*||_{L^p(\partial D)} +$$

$$\|(f_k u_l)^* - (f u_l)^*\|_{L^p(\partial D)} + \|(f u_l)^* - (T_f u)^*\|_{L^p(\partial D)} \to 0$$

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

Note that if  $u \in B_0$  then

(16) 
$$\int_{\partial D} u^* h = W(\bar{\partial} u, h)$$

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

Proof of Theorem 1.1

We want to 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  $\mathcal{E}\left(\mathbb{C}^{n},H^{p}\right)$ .

Suppose that  $u^k \in K_1(z - T_g, \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^p))$  and that  $\delta_{z-g}u^k \to u_0$  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  $\delta_{z-T_g}u_{i+1} = \bar{\partial}u_i$  for  $i \geq 1$ . Then we have that  $\bar{\partial}u_{m+1} = 0$ . 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  $v_i, i \geq 2$ , 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  $i \geq 4$ ,  $v_3 \in \Lambda^3 \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, B_1')$  and the equation  $\bar{\partial}v_i = u_i - \delta_{z-T_g}v_{i+1}$  holds for  $i \geq 3$ . Furthermore

 $v_2 \in \Lambda^2 \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, L^p(\partial D))$  satisfies the equation  $\bar{\partial}_b v_2 = u_2 - \delta_{z-T_g} v_3$  by Lemma 3.2.

Let  $u_1' = u_1^* - \delta_{z-g^*}v_2$ . By Lemma 3.2 we have that  $\bar{\partial}_b \delta_{z-g^*}v_2 = \delta_{z-T_g}u_2$  and thus

$$\int_{\partial D} \delta_{z-g^*} v_2 h = W(\delta_{z-T_g} u_2, h)$$

for all  $h \in C^{\infty}_{m,m-1}(\bar{D})$  such that  $\bar{\partial}h = 0$ . Since by equation (16)

$$\int_{\partial D} u_1^* h = W(\bar{\partial} u_1, h)$$

we have proved that

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

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

$$\sum_{i} (z_i - T_{g_i}) \mathcal{E} (\mathbb{C}^n, H^p)$$

is closed in  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, H^p)$ .

Suppose that  $u_k \in K_k(z-T_g, \mathcal{E}\left(\mathbb{C}^n, H^p\right))$  is  $\delta_{z-T_g}$ -closed. Then there is a  $u_{k+1} \in K_{k+1}(z-T_g, \mathcal{E}\left(\mathbb{C}^n, B_0\right))$  such that  $u_k = \delta_{z-T_g}u_{k+1}$ . Let  $u_{i+1} \in K_{i+1}\left(z-T_g, \mathcal{E}\left(\mathbb{C}^n, B_{i-k}\right)\right)$  solve the equation  $\delta_{z-T_g}u_{i+1} = \bar{\partial}u_i$ . Then we have that  $\bar{\partial}u_{m+k+1} = 0$ . Let  $v_{m+k+1} = Ku_{m+k+1}$  and  $v_i = Ku_i - K\delta_{z-T_g}v_{i+1}$ . Thus  $\bar{\partial}v_i = u_i - \delta_{z-T_g}v_{i+1}$  and  $\bar{\partial}_b v_{k+2} = u_{k+2} - \delta_{z-T_g}v_{k+3}$  since  $\bar{\partial}\left(u_i - \delta_{z-T_g}v_{i+1}\right) = 0$ . 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  $\tilde{D} = \{(v, w) \in \mathbb{C}^{m+1} : \rho(v) + |w|^2 < 0\}$ . Define the operators  $P: H^p(\tilde{D}) \to \mathcal{O}L^p(D)$  and  $I: \mathcal{O}L^p(D) \to H^p(\tilde{D})$  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  $\tilde{D} \cap \{w=0\}$  is a Carleson measure. The operator I is continuous since

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

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{D} \left( -\rho(v) \right)^{\varepsilon} |f(v)|^{p} = \int_{D} |f(v)|^{p},$$

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 $H^{\infty}$ -symbol on the 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

$$||u||_{B_0} = ||u||_{L^{\infty}(D)} + ||rdu||_{L^{\infty}(D)} + ||rdu||_{T_2^{\infty}} + ||r^2\partial \bar{\partial} u||_{T_1^{\infty}} < \infty.$$

Since  $||rdu||_{L^{\infty}(D)} < \infty$ ,  $B_0$  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  $u \in C^{\infty}(\bar{D})$  and  $h \in C^{\infty}(\partial D)$ . Then the Wolff trick (see the proof of Theorem 1.1) yields

$$\int_{\partial D} uhdw = \int_{D} \bar{\partial}(uPhdw) =$$

$$\int_{D} O(r)\bar{\partial}(uPhdw) + \int_{D} r\mathcal{L}\bar{\partial}(uPhdw) := S(u,h),$$

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

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

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

*Proof.* We have the estimate

$$|S(u,h)| \lesssim ||u||_{B_0} ||h||_{L^2(\partial D)}.$$

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

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

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  $||u^*||_{L^{\infty}(\partial D)} \le ||u||_{B_0}$  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

$$\int_{\partial D} f_s^* u_t^* h dw = \int_{\partial D} (f_s^* - f^*) u_t^* h dw + \int_{\partial D} f^* u_t^* h dw \rightarrow \int_{\partial D} f^* u^* h dw$$

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

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

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  $\bar{\partial}_b u = f$ , that is

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

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

$$|W(f,h)| \lesssim ||u||_{B_1} ||h||_{H^1},$$

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  $B_1 \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} H^1$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ . Since

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

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

 $\mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{C}^n)\hat{\otimes}H^1$ . The injection  $\mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{C}^n)\hat{\otimes}H^1\to \mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{C}^n)\hat{\otimes}L^1(\partial D)$  is a topological monomorphism, and hence we can extend with Hahn-Banach Theorem to a continuous functional on  $\mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{C}^n)\hat{\otimes}L^1(\partial D)$ . Since the dual of  $\mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{C}^n)\hat{\otimes}L^1(\partial D)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n,L^\infty(\partial D))$  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

$$\int u(z)hdw = W(f(z),h)$$

and thus u is a solution to the equation  $\bar{\partial}_b u = f$  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

$$(17) 0 \to H^{\infty} \to B_0 \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} B_1 \to 0.$$

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  $\delta_{z - T_g} u_2 = \bar{\partial} u_1$ . By Lemma 4.2 there is a  $v \in \Lambda^2 \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{C}^n, L^{\infty}(\partial D))$  such that

$$\int_{\partial D} vhdw = W(u_2, h)$$

for all  $h \in H^1(D)$ . Therefore we have that

$$\int_{\partial D} \delta_{z-g^*} v h dw = W(\delta_{z-T_g} u_2, h)$$

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

$$\int_{\partial D} u_1^*hdw = S(u_1,h) = W(\bar{\partial}u_1,h)$$

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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