

# Toeplitz and Hankel Products on Bergman Spaces of the Unit Ball\*\*

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**Abstract** The authors give some new necessary conditions for the boundedness of Toeplitz products  $T_f^\alpha T_g^\alpha$  on the weighted Bergman space  $A_\alpha^2$  of the unit ball, where  $f$  and  $g$  are analytic on the unit ball. Hankel products  $H_f H_g^*$  on the weighted Bergman space of the unit ball are studied, and the results analogous to those Stroethoff and Zheng obtained in the setting of unit disk are proved.

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## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper, let  $n \geq 2$  be a fixed integer. Denote the unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  by  $B_n$ , and let  $v$  be the normalized Lebesgue volume measure on  $B_n$ . For  $-1 < \alpha < \infty$ , we denote by  $v_\alpha$  the measure on  $B_n$  defined by  $dv_\alpha(z) = c_\alpha(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dv(z)$ , where  $c_\alpha = \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)}{n!\Gamma(\alpha+1)}$  is a normalizing constant such that  $v_\alpha(B_n) = 1$ . For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , we write  $\|\cdot\|_{\alpha,p}$  for the norm on  $L^p(B_n, dv_\alpha)$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\alpha$  for the inner product on  $L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ . The weighted Bergman space  $A_\alpha^2$  is the space of analytic functions on  $B_n$  that are also in  $L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ . Reproducing kernels  $K_w^{(\alpha)}$  and normalized reproducing kernels  $k_w^{(\alpha)}$  in  $A_\alpha^2$  are given by, respectively,

$$K_w^{(\alpha)}(z) = \frac{1}{(1 - \langle z, w \rangle)^{n+\alpha+1}} \quad \text{and} \quad k_w^{(\alpha)}(z) = \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\frac{n+\alpha+1}{2}}}{(1 - \langle z, w \rangle)^{n+\alpha+1}}$$

for  $z, w \in B_n$ . For every  $h \in A_\alpha^2$ , we have  $\langle h, K_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_\alpha = h(w)$  for all  $w \in B_n$ . The orthogonal projection  $P_\alpha$  of  $L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$  onto  $A_\alpha^2$  is given by

$$(P_\alpha g)(w) = \langle g, K_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_\alpha = \int_{B_n} g(z) \frac{1}{(1 - \langle w, z \rangle)^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_\alpha(z)$$

for  $g \in L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$  and  $w \in B_n$ .

Given  $f \in L^\infty(B_n)$ , the Toeplitz operator  $T_f^\alpha$  is defined on  $A_\alpha^2$  by  $T_f^\alpha h = P_\alpha(fh)$ . We have

$$(T_f^\alpha h)(w) = \langle T_f^\alpha h, K_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_\alpha = \langle fh, K_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_\alpha = \int_{B_n} \frac{f(z)h(z)}{(1 - \langle w, z \rangle)^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_\alpha(z)$$

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for  $h \in A_\alpha^2$  and  $w \in B_n$ . Note that the above integral formula makes sense, and defines a function analytic on  $B_n$ , if  $f \in L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ . So, if  $g \in A_\alpha^2$ , we define  $T_g^\alpha$  by the formula

$$(T_g^\alpha h)(w) = \int_{B_n} \frac{\overline{g(z)}h(z)}{(1 - \langle w, z \rangle)^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_\alpha(z)$$

for all  $h \in A_\alpha^2$  and  $w \in B_n$ . If also  $f \in A_\alpha^2$ , then  $T_f^\alpha T_g^\alpha h$  is the analytic function  $f T_g^\alpha h$  for  $h \in H^\infty(B_n)$ .

Given  $f \in L^\infty(B_n)$ , the Hankel operator  $H_f$  is defined on  $A_\alpha^2$  by  $H_f h = (I - P_\alpha)(fh)$ . Then

$$(H_f h)(w) = f(w)h(w) - P_\alpha(fh)(w) = \int_{B_n} \frac{(f(w) - f(z))h(z)}{(1 - \langle w, z \rangle)^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_\alpha(z)$$

for  $h \in A_\alpha^2$  and  $w \in B_n$ . The latter formula will be used to define  $H_f$  densely on  $A_\alpha^2$  if  $f \in L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ . If  $g \in L^\infty(B_n)$  and  $u \in (A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ , then

$$H_g^* u(w) = \langle H_g^* u, K_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_\alpha = \langle u, H_g K_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_\alpha = \langle u, g K_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_\alpha$$

for  $w \in B_n$ . Since  $K_w^{(\alpha)}$  is bounded, the latter formula makes sense for all  $g \in L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ , and we use it to define the operator  $H_g^*$  densely on  $(A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ . Note that the star need no longer be the adjoint (but would of course coincide with the adjoint in case the operator  $H_g$  is itself bounded).

By [1, Theorem 3.14],  $C_c(B_n)$ , the set of all continuous functions with compact support in  $B_n$ , is dense in  $L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ , so certainly  $C_c(B_n) \cap (A_\alpha^2)^\perp$  is dense in  $(A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ . If  $f, g \in L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$  and  $u \in C_c(B_n) \cap (A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ , then  $H_g^* u$  is bounded, and the meaning of  $H_f H_g^* u$  is clear: it is the function  $H_f(H_g^* u)$ . This defines the Hankel product  $H_f H_g^*$  on a dense subset of  $(A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ , namely,  $C_c(B_n) \cap (A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ .

It is well-known that Toeplitz operator, Hankel operator and dual Toeplitz operator are closely related to each other. Under the decomposition  $L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha) = A_\alpha^2 \oplus (A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ , for  $f \in L^\infty(B_n)$ , the multiplication operator  $M_f$  is represented as

$$M_f = \begin{pmatrix} T_f^\alpha & H_f^* \\ H_f & S_f \end{pmatrix}.$$

The operator  $S_f$  is an operator on  $(A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ , which is called the dual Toeplitz operator with symbol  $f$ . The identity  $M_{fg} = M_f M_g$  implies the following basic algebraic relation between these operators

$$H_{fg} = H_f T_g^\alpha + S_f H_g.$$

Suppose  $\varphi \in H^\infty(B_n)$  and  $\psi \in L^\infty(B_n)$ . Then we have

$$H_\psi T_\varphi^\alpha = S_\varphi H_\psi, \tag{1.1}$$

and, by taking adjoints, we have

$$T_\varphi^\alpha H_\psi^* = H_\psi^* S_\varphi. \tag{1.2}$$

It is easy to prove that identities (1.1) and (1.2) also hold if  $\varphi \in H^\infty(B_n)$  and  $\psi \in L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ .

In this paper, we shall consider questions of when, for analytic functions  $f$  and  $g$ , the product  $T_f^\alpha T_g^\alpha$  extends to a bounded linear operator on  $A_\alpha^2$ , and when, for square integrable functions  $f$  and  $g$ , the product  $H_f H_g^*$  extends to a bounded linear operator on  $(A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ .

On the Hardy space  $H^2(\mathbb{T})$ , bounded Toeplitz operators arise only from bounded symbols. In [2], Sarason posed the problem for which  $f$  and  $g$  in  $H^2(\mathbb{T})$  the densely defined operator  $T_f T_g^*$  is bounded on  $H^2(\mathbb{T})$ , and he conjectured that a necessary condition founded by S. Treil, namely,

$$\sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} \langle |f|^2 \tilde{k}_w, \tilde{k}_w \rangle \langle |g|^2 \tilde{k}_w, \tilde{k}_w \rangle < \infty,$$

where  $\tilde{k}_w = (1 - |w|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{1 - \bar{w}z}$  denotes the normalized reproducing kernels of  $H^2(\mathbb{T})$ , is also sufficient. This question turned out to have close links with the question of boundedness of the two-weight Hilbert transform on  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$  (see [3]). In [4], Cruz-Uribe characterized the outer functions  $f$  and  $g$  for which the Toeplitz product  $T_f T_g^*$  is bounded and invertible on  $H^2(\mathbb{T})$ , providing support for Sarason's conjecture. In [5], Zheng obtained a partial answer to Sarason's problem by showing that a condition slightly stronger than the one in Sarason's conjecture is sufficient for boundedness of these Toeplitz products on the Hardy space. Unfortunately, Sarason's conjecture on the Hardy space was answered in the negative by Nazarov [6].

On the Bergman space of the unit disk, there are unbounded symbols that induce bounded Toeplitz operators. A Toeplitz operator with analytic symbol is, however, bounded if and only if its symbol is bounded on the unit disk. In [2], Sarason also asked for which analytic functions  $f$  and  $g$  the densely defined product  $T_f^0 T_g^0$  is bounded on  $A_0^2(\mathbb{D})$ . In [7], Stroethoff and Zheng found necessary conditions on the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  and they also proved that the necessary condition is very close to being sufficient, as shown for Toeplitz products on the Hardy space of the unit circle in [5]:

- (1) If  $f, g \in A_0^2(\mathbb{D})$  and  $T_f^0 T_g^0$  is bounded, then

$$\sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} \langle |f|^2 k_w^{(0)}, k_w^{(0)} \rangle_0 \langle |g|^2 k_w^{(0)}, k_w^{(0)} \rangle_0 = \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} B_0(|f|^2) B_0(|g|^2) < \infty;$$

- (2) If  $f, g \in A_0^2(\mathbb{D})$  and there exists an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} B_0(|f|^{2+\varepsilon}) B_0(|g|^{2+\varepsilon}) < \infty,$$

then  $T_f^0 T_g^0$  is bounded.

Stroethoff and Zheng showed the analogous result on the Bergman space of the polydisk in [8] and on the weighted Bergman space of the unit disk in [9] and the unit ball in [10]. In [11], Park gave the analogous result for Toeplitz products on the Bergman space of the unit ball. In [12], Pott and Strouse also obtained a sufficient and a necessary condition for boundedness of the Toeplitz products on the weighted Bergman space of the unit disk. But Sarason's problem is still open on various settings.

On the Bergman space, little is known concerning the products  $H_f^* H_g$  or  $H_f H_g^*$  for  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{D}, dA)$ . Many interesting questions concerning Hankel products still remain open. In [7], Stroethoff and Zheng obtained a necessary condition on boundedness of Hankel products  $H_f H_g^*$

and proved that the necessary condition is very close to being sufficient, as shown for Toeplitz products on the Bergman space of the unit disk. In [15], Lu and Shang proved a similar result for Hankel products on the Bergman space of the polydisk.

In this paper, we continue to investigate conditions for boundedness of the Toeplitz products on the weighted Bergman space of the unit ball and obtain new necessary conditions to guarantee the boundedness of the Toeplitz products on the weighted Bergman space of the unit ball. Meanwhile, we study Hankel products  $H_f H_g^*$  on the weighted Bergman space of the unit ball and prove results analogous to those Stroethoff and Zheng [7] obtained in the setting of unit disk.

## 2 Some Lemmas and Basic Inequalities

For  $w \in B_n$ , let  $\varphi_w$  be the automorphism of  $B_n$ , which is described in [13, Section 2.2]. It has real Jacobian equal to

$$|\varphi'_w|^2 = \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{n+1}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2n+2}},$$

and it also has properties as follows:

$$1 - \langle \varphi_w(z), w \rangle = \frac{1 - |w|^2}{1 - \langle z, w \rangle} \quad \text{and} \quad k_w^{(\alpha)}(\varphi_w(z)) = \frac{1}{k_w^{(\alpha)}(z)}$$

for  $z, w \in B_n$ . Thus we have the following change-of-variable formula

$$\int_{B_n} h \circ \varphi_w(z) dv_\alpha(z) = \int_{B_n} h(z) |k_w^{(\alpha)}(z)|^2 dv_\alpha(z) \quad (2.1)$$

for every  $h \in L^1(B_n, dv_\alpha)$  (see [14] for the proof).

For  $w \in B_n$ , the operator  $U_w^{(\alpha)}$  on  $A_\alpha^2$  is defined by

$$U_w^{(\alpha)} h = (h \circ \varphi_w) k_w^{(\alpha)}.$$

It is easy to see that  $U_w^{(\alpha)}$  is a unitary operator and  $(U_w^{(\alpha)})^{-1} = U_w^{(\alpha)}$ . In particular,

$$T_{f \circ \varphi_w}^\alpha U_w^{(\alpha)} = U_w^{(\alpha)} T_f^\alpha \quad (2.2)$$

holds for  $f \in L^\infty(B_n)$  (see [10] for the proof).

For a function  $u \in L^1(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ , the Berezin transform  $B_\alpha[u]$  is the function on  $B_n$  defined by

$$B_\alpha[u](w) = \int_{B_n} u(z) \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{n+\alpha+1}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2n+2\alpha+2}} dv_\alpha(z).$$

Suppose  $f, g \in A_\alpha^2$ . Consider the operator  $f \otimes g$  on  $A_\alpha^2$  defined by

$$(f \otimes g)h = \langle h, g \rangle_\alpha f$$

for  $h \in A_\alpha^2$ . It is easily proved that  $f \otimes g$  is bounded on  $A_\alpha^2$  with norm equal to  $\|f \otimes g\| = \|f\|_{\alpha,2} \|g\|_{\alpha,2}$ .

We observe that the Taylor expansion of the function  $(1 - z)^{n+\alpha+1}$  around 0, i.e.,

$$(1 - z)^{n+\alpha+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} z^k,$$

where  $C_{n,\alpha,k} = (-1)^k \frac{(n+\alpha+1)(n+\alpha)\cdots(n+\alpha+2-k)}{k!}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $C_{n,\alpha,0} = 1$ , is absolutely convergent on the closed unit disk in  $\mathbb{C}$  for  $\alpha > -1$ .

The term multi-index refers to an ordered  $n$ -tuple

$$m = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$$

of nonnegative integer  $m_i$ . The following abbreviated notations will be used:

$$z^m = z_1^{m_1} \cdots z_n^{m_n}, \quad |m| = m_1 + \cdots + m_n, \quad m! = m_1! \cdots m_n!.$$

We have the multinomial formula

$$(z_1 + \cdots + z_n)^N = \sum_{|m|=N} \frac{N!}{m!} z^m.$$

In this paper, the letter  $C$  denotes a positive constant, possibly different on each occurrence.

**Lemma 2.1** *On  $A_\alpha^2$ , we have*

$$k_w^{(\alpha)} \otimes k_w^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} T_{\varphi_w^\gamma}^\alpha T_{\bar{\varphi}_w^\gamma}^\alpha \quad (2.3)$$

for  $w \in B_n$ .

**Proof** For  $f \in A_\alpha^2$ , by the mean value property, we have

$$f(0) = (1 \otimes 1)f = \int_{B_n} f(w) dv_\alpha(w) = \int_{B_n} (K_w^{(\alpha)}(z))^{-1} K_w^{(\alpha)}(z) f(w) dv_\alpha(w).$$

By the multinomial formula, we have

$$(K_w^{(\alpha)}(z))^{-1} = (1 - \langle z, w \rangle)^{n+\alpha+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} \bar{w}^\gamma z^\gamma.$$

Since the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |C_{n,\alpha,k}|$  is convergent and  $T_{\bar{w}^\gamma}^\alpha f(z) = \int_{B_n} \bar{w}^\gamma K_w^{(\alpha)}(z) f(w) dv_\alpha(w)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= (1 \otimes 1)f = \int_{B_n} f(w) dv_\alpha(w) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} z^\gamma \int_{B_n} \bar{w}^\gamma K_w^{(\alpha)}(z) f(w) dv_\alpha(w) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} T_{z^\gamma}^\alpha T_{\bar{z}^\gamma}^\alpha f. \end{aligned}$$

Then it follows that

$$1 \otimes 1 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} T_{z^\gamma}^\alpha T_{\bar{z}^\gamma}^\alpha.$$

For  $w \in B_n$ , we use the unitary operator  $U_w^{(\alpha)}$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} k_w^{(\alpha)} \otimes k_w^{(\alpha)} &= (U_w^{(\alpha)} 1) \otimes (U_w^{(\alpha)} 1) = U_w^{(\alpha)} (1 \otimes 1) U_w^{(\alpha)} \\ &= U_w^{(\alpha)} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} T_{z^\gamma}^\alpha T_{\bar{z}^\gamma}^\alpha \right) U_w^{(\alpha)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} U_w^{(\alpha)} T_{z^\gamma}^\alpha T_{\bar{z}^\gamma}^\alpha U_w^{(\alpha)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} T_{\varphi_w^\gamma}^\alpha T_{\bar{\varphi}_w^\gamma}^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

The following inner product formula in  $A_\alpha^2$  will play an important role in this paper, which was proved in [10].

**Lemma 2.2** (see [10]) *Let  $-1 < \alpha < \infty$ , and  $m$  be a positive integer. Then there exist constants  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2m-1}$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m$  such that, for any  $F, G \in A_\alpha^2$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle F, G \rangle_\alpha &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+2m+1)} \sum_{|\gamma|=m} \int_{B_n} D^\gamma F(z) \overline{D^\gamma G(z)} (1-|z|^2)^{2m} dv_\alpha(z) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{2m-1} a_j \sum_{|\gamma|=m} \int_{B_n} D^\gamma F(z) \overline{D^\gamma G(z)} (1-|z|^2)^{2m+j} dv_\alpha(z) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \int_{B_n} F(z) \overline{G(z)} (1-|z|^2)^{2m+j-1} dv_\alpha(z). \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

The following lemma will be frequently used in the following calculations (see [14]).

**Lemma 2.3** (see [14]) *Fix two real parameters  $a$  and  $b$ , and define two integral operators  $T_{a,b}$  and  $Q_{a,b}$  as follows:*

$$T_{a,b}f(z) = (1-|z|^2)^a \int_{B_n} \frac{(1-|w|^2)^b}{(1-\langle z, w \rangle)^{n+1+a+b}} f(w) dv(w)$$

and

$$Q_{a,b}f(z) = (1-|z|^2)^a \int_{B_n} \frac{(1-|w|^2)^b}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{n+1+a+b}} f(w) dv(w).$$

Then, for  $-1 < t < \infty$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $T_{a,b}$  is bounded on  $L^p(B_n, dv_t)$ ,
- (b)  $Q_{a,b}$  is bounded on  $L^p(B_n, dv_t)$ ,
- (c)  $-pa < t+1 < p(b+1)$ .

**Lemma 2.4** *Let  $-1 < \gamma < \alpha < \infty$ . For  $f \in L^2(B_n, dv_\gamma)$  and  $h \in H^\infty(B_n)$ , we have*

$$|(T_{\frac{\alpha}{f}}^\alpha h)(w)| \leq \frac{B_\alpha[|f|^2](w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^{\frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}}} \|h\|_{\gamma,2}$$

and

$$|(T_{\bar{f}}^{\alpha}h)(w)| \leq C \frac{B_{\gamma}[|f|^2](w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^{\frac{n+1+\alpha}{2}}} \|h\|_{\alpha,2}$$

for all  $w \in B_n$ .

**Proof** Suppose  $h \in H^{\infty}(B_n)$ . Using Hölder's inequality, we have

$$|(T_{\bar{f}}^{\alpha}h)(w)| = |\langle \bar{f}h, K_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_{\alpha}| = |\langle h, fK_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_{\alpha}| \leq \|h\|_{\alpha,2} \|fK_w^{(\alpha)}\|_{\alpha,2}.$$

Since

$$B_{\alpha}[|f|^2](w) = \left\| f \frac{K_w^{(\alpha)}}{\|K_w^{(\alpha)}\|_{\alpha,2}} \right\|_{\alpha,2}^2 = (1-|w|^2)^{n+\alpha+1} \|fK_w^{(\alpha)}\|_{\alpha,2}^2,$$

we see that

$$|(T_{\bar{f}}^{\alpha}h)(w)| \leq \frac{B_{\alpha}[|f|^2](w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^{\frac{n+\alpha+1}{2}}} \|h\|_{\alpha,2}.$$

Since  $\gamma \leq \alpha$  implies  $\|h\|_{\alpha,2} \leq \|h\|_{\gamma,2}$ , the first inequality follows. Since

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\alpha}[|f|^2](w) &= \int_{B_n} |f|^2(z) \frac{(1-|w|^2)^{n+\alpha+1}}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{2n+2\alpha+2}} dv_{\alpha}(z) \\ &= \int_{B_n} |f|^2(z) \frac{(1-|w|^2)^{n+\gamma+1} (1-|w|^2)^{\alpha-\gamma} (1-|z|^2)^{\alpha-\gamma}}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{2n+2\gamma+2} |1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{2\alpha-2\gamma}} dv_{\gamma}(z) \\ &\leq 4^{\alpha-\gamma} \int_{B_n} |f|^2(z) \frac{(1-|w|^2)^{n+\gamma+1}}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{2n+2\gamma+2}} dv_{\gamma}(z) \\ &= C^2 B_{\gamma}[|f|^2](w), \end{aligned}$$

the second inequality follows.

**Lemma 2.5** Let  $-1 < \gamma < \alpha < \infty$ . For  $f \in L^2(B_n, dv_{\gamma})$ ,  $h \in H^{\infty}(B_n)$  and multi-index  $s$  with  $|s| = m \geq \frac{n+\alpha+1}{2}$ , we have

$$|(D^s T_{\bar{f}}^{\alpha}h)(w)| \leq C \frac{B_{\gamma}[|f|^2](w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^m} (Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma}(|h|^2)(w))^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

**Proof** For  $f \in L^2(B_n, dv_{\gamma})$  and  $h \in H^{\infty}(B_n)$ , we have

$$(T_{\bar{f}}^{\alpha}h)(w) = \langle T_{\bar{f}}^{\alpha}h, K_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_{\alpha} = \int_{B_n} \frac{\overline{f(z)}h(z)}{(1-\langle w, z \rangle)^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_{\alpha}(z).$$

Thus

$$(D^s T_{\bar{f}}^{\alpha}h)(w) = \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+m+1)}{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)} \int_{B_n} \frac{\overline{z^s f(z)}h(z)}{(1-\langle w, z \rangle)^{n+\alpha+m+1}} dv_{\alpha}(z)$$

for every multi-index  $s$  with  $|s| = m$ . Applying Hölder's inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |(D^s T_{\bar{f}}^{\alpha}h)(w)| &\leq C \int_{B_n} \frac{|f(z)||h(z)|}{|1-\langle w, z \rangle|^{n+\alpha+m+1}} dv_{\alpha}(z) \\ &= C \int_{B_n} \frac{|f(z)|}{|1-\langle w, z \rangle|^{n+\gamma+1}} \frac{|h(z)|(1-|z|^2)^{\alpha-\gamma}}{|1-\langle w, z \rangle|^{m+\alpha-\gamma}} dv_{\gamma}(z) \\ &\leq C \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|f(z)|^2}{|1-\langle w, z \rangle|^{2n+2\gamma+2}} dv_{\gamma}(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|h(z)|^2 (1-|z|^2)^{2\alpha-2\gamma}}{|1-\langle w, z \rangle|^{2m+2\alpha-2\gamma}} dv_{\gamma}(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= C \frac{B_\gamma[|f|^2](w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^{\frac{n+\gamma+1}{2}}} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|h(z)|^2(1-|z|^2)^{2\alpha-2\gamma}}{|1-\langle w, z \rangle|^{2m+2\alpha-2\gamma}} dv_\gamma(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Since  $2m \geq n + \alpha + 1$  and  $|1 - \langle w, z \rangle| \geq 2^{-1}(1 - |w|^2)$ , we have

$$\left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|h(z)|^2(1-|z|^2)^{2\alpha-2\gamma}}{|1-\langle w, z \rangle|^{2m+2\alpha-2\gamma}} dv_\gamma(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \frac{2^{m-\frac{n+\gamma+1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^{m-\frac{n+\gamma+1}{2}}} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|h(z)|^2(1-|z|^2)^{2\alpha-\gamma}}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{n+2\alpha-\gamma+1}} dv(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |(D^s T_f^\alpha h)(w)| &\leq C \frac{B_\gamma[|f|^2](w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^{\frac{n+\gamma+1}{2}}} \frac{2^{m-\frac{n+\gamma+1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^{m-\frac{n+\gamma+1}{2}}} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|h(z)|^2(1-|z|^2)^{2\alpha-\gamma}}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{n+2\alpha-\gamma+1}} dv(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= C \frac{B_\gamma[|f|^2](w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^m} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|h(z)|^2(1-|z|^2)^{2\alpha-\gamma}}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{n+2\alpha-\gamma+1}} dv(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= C \frac{B_\gamma[|f|^2](w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^m} (Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma}(|h|^2)(w))^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

**Lemma 2.6** Suppose  $\beta > -1$ . For  $f \in L^2(B_n, dv_\beta)$ ,  $h \in H^\infty(B_n)$  and multi-index  $s$  with  $|s| = m \geq \frac{n+\beta+1}{2}$ , we have

$$|(D^s T_f^\beta h)(w)| \leq C \frac{B_\beta[|f|^2](w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^m} (Q_{0,\beta}(|h|^2)(w))^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

**Proof** Suppose  $h \in H^\infty(B_n)$ . We proceed as the proof of Lemma 2.5 to see that

$$|(D^s T_f^\beta h)(w)| \leq C \int_{B_n} \frac{|f(z)||h(z)|}{|1-\langle w, z \rangle|^{n+\beta+m+1}} dv_\beta(z)$$

for every multi-index  $s$  with  $|s| = m$ . Applying Hölder's inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |(D^s T_f^\beta h)(w)| &\leq C \frac{B_\beta[|f|^2](w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^{\frac{n+\beta+1}{2}}} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|h(z)|^2}{|1-\langle w, z \rangle|^{2m}} dv_\beta(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C \frac{B_\beta[|f|^2](w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^m} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|h(z)|^2}{|1-\langle w, z \rangle|^{n+\beta+1}} dv_\beta(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= C \frac{B_\beta[|f|^2](w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-|w|^2)^m} (Q_{0,\beta}(|h|^2)(w))^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

since  $2m \geq n + \beta + 1$  and  $|1 - \langle w, z \rangle| \geq 2^{-1}(1 - |w|^2)$ .

This proves the stated inequality.

**Lemma 2.7** Let  $-1 < \alpha < \infty$  and  $f \in L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ . Then

$$|(H_f^* u)(w)| \leq \frac{1}{(1-|w|^2)^{\frac{n+\alpha+1}{2}}} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|u\|_{\alpha,2}$$

for all  $u \in (A_\alpha^2)^\perp$  and  $w \in B_n$ .



**Proof** It is easy to see that  $H_f k_w^{(\alpha)} = (f - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w) \circ \varphi_w) k_w^{(\alpha)}$ . We have

$$H_f^* u(w) = \frac{1}{(1 - |w|^2)^{\frac{n+\alpha+1}{2}}} \langle u, H_f k_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_\alpha = \frac{1}{(1 - |w|^2)^{\frac{n+\alpha+1}{2}}} \langle u, (f - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w) \circ \varphi_w) k_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_\alpha.$$

By change-of-variable formula (2.1), we have

$$\|(f - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w) \circ \varphi_w) k_w^{(\alpha)}\|_{\alpha,2} = \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2}.$$

Therefore, applying Cauchy-Schwartz's inequality, we get

$$|\langle u, (f - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w) \circ \varphi_w) k_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_\alpha| \leq \|u\|_{\alpha,2} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2}.$$

**Lemma 2.8** Let  $-1 < \alpha < \infty$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For  $g \in L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ ,  $u \in (A_\alpha^2)^\perp$  and multi-index  $\gamma$  with  $|\gamma| = m \geq \frac{n+\alpha+1}{2}$ , we have

$$|(D^\gamma H_g^* u)(w)| \leq C \frac{1}{(1 - |w|^2)^m} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon} (Q_{0,\alpha}(|h|^\delta)(w))^{\frac{1}{\delta}}$$

for all  $w \in B_n$ , where  $\delta = \frac{2+\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon}$ .

**Proof** For  $u \in (A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ , we have

$$(H_g^* u)(w) = \langle H_g^* u, K_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_\alpha = \langle u, H_g K_w^{(\alpha)} \rangle_\alpha = \int_{B_n} \frac{u(z) \overline{g(z)}}{(1 - \langle w, z \rangle)^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_\alpha(z).$$

Thus

$$(D^\gamma H_g^* u)(w) = \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha + m + 1)}{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)} \int_{B_n} \frac{u(z) \overline{z^\gamma g(z)}}{(1 - \langle w, z \rangle)^{n+\alpha+m+1}} dv_\alpha(z)$$

for every multi-index  $\gamma$  with  $|\gamma| = m$ .

Let  $G_w$  denote  $P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w) \circ \varphi_w$ . The function  $z \rightarrow \frac{z^\gamma G_w(z)}{(1 - \langle z, w \rangle)^{n+\alpha+m+1}}$  is in  $A_\alpha^2$ , and since  $u \in (A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ , we get

$$\int_{B_n} \frac{u(z) \overline{z^\gamma G_w(z)}}{(1 - \langle w, z \rangle)^{n+\alpha+m+1}} dv_\alpha(z) = 0.$$

Thus

$$(D^\gamma H_g^* u)(w) = \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha + m + 1)}{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)} \int_{B_n} \frac{u(z) \overline{z^\gamma (g(z) - G_w(z))}}{(1 - \langle w, z \rangle)^{n+\alpha+m+1}} dv_\alpha(z).$$

Since

$$1 - \langle \varphi_w(z), w \rangle = \frac{1 - |w|^2}{1 - \langle z, w \rangle} \quad \text{and} \quad |k_w^{(\alpha)}(z)|^2 = \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{n+\alpha+1}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+\alpha+1)}},$$

applying change-of-variable formula (2.1) and Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(D^\gamma H_g^* u)(w)| &\leq C \int_{B_n} \frac{|u(z)| |g(z) - G_w(z)|}{|1 - \langle w, z \rangle|^{n+\alpha+m+1}} dv_\alpha(z) \\ &= C \int_{B_n} \frac{|u \circ \varphi_w(z)| |g \circ \varphi_w(z) - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)(z)|}{|1 - \langle w, \varphi_w(z) \rangle|^{n+\alpha+m+1}} |k_w^{(\alpha)}(z)|^2 dv_\alpha(z) \\ &= C \frac{1}{(1 - |w|^2)^m} \int_{B_n} \frac{|u \circ \varphi_w(z)| |g \circ \varphi_w(z) - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)(z)|}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{(n+\alpha+1)-m}} dv_\alpha(z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C \frac{\|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha, 2+\varepsilon}}{(1-|w|^2)^m} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|u \circ \varphi_w(z)|^\delta}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{[(n+\alpha+1)-m]\delta}} dv_\alpha(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \\
&= C \frac{\|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha, 2+\varepsilon}}{(1-|w|^2)^m} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|u(z)|^\delta |k_w^{(\alpha)}(z)|^2}{|1-\langle \varphi_w(z), w \rangle|^{[(n+\alpha+1)-m]\delta}} dv_\alpha(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \\
&= C \frac{\|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha, 2+\varepsilon}}{(1-|w|^2)^m} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|u(z)|^\delta (1-|w|^2)^\beta}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{(n+\alpha+1)+\beta}} dv_\alpha(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta = m\delta + (n + \alpha + 1)(1 - \delta)$ . Since  $m \geq \frac{n+\alpha+1}{2}$  and  $\delta = \frac{2+\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon}$ , we have  $\beta > 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{(n+\alpha+1)+\beta} &\geq |1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{n+\alpha+1} (1 - |w|)^\beta \\
&\geq 2^{-\beta} (1 - |w|^2)^\beta |1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{n+\alpha+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|u(z)|^\delta (1-|w|^2)^\beta}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{(n+\alpha+1)+\beta}} dv_\alpha(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \leq 2^{\frac{\beta}{\delta}} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|u(z)|^\delta}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_\alpha(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
|(D^\gamma H_g^* u)(w)| &\leq C \frac{\|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha, 2+\varepsilon}}{(1-|w|^2)^m} 2^{\frac{\beta}{\delta}} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|u(z)|^\delta}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_\alpha(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \\
&\leq C \frac{\|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha, 2+\varepsilon}}{(1-|w|^2)^m} \left( \int_{B_n} \frac{|u(z)|^\delta}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_\alpha(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \\
&= C \frac{\|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha, 2+\varepsilon}}{(1-|w|^2)^m} (Q_{0,\alpha}(|h|^\delta)(w))^{\frac{1}{\delta}}.
\end{aligned}$$

This proves the stated inequality.

### 3 Bounded Toeplitz Products and Hankel Products

We now prove our main results on boundedness of Toeplitz products.

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $-1 < \gamma < \infty$  and  $f, g \in A_\gamma^2$ . If*

$$\sup_{w \in B_n} B_\gamma[|f|^2](w) B_\gamma[|g|^2](w) < \infty,$$

*then for each  $\alpha > \gamma$ ,  $T_f^\alpha T_g^\alpha$  determines a bounded linear operator  $A_\alpha^2 \rightarrow A_\alpha^2$ .*

**Proof** Assume that  $M$  is a positive constant such that

$$B_\gamma[|f|^2](w) B_\gamma[|g|^2](w) \leq M^2$$

for all  $w \in B_n$ .

Let  $h$  and  $k$  be bounded analytic functions on  $B_n$ . It follows from Lemma 2.4 that

$$|(T_f^\alpha h)(w)(T_g^\alpha k)(w)| \leq \frac{C}{(1-|w|^2)^{n+\alpha+1}} \|h\|_{\alpha, 2} \|k\|_{\alpha, 2}.$$

Thus

$$\int_{B_n} |(T_f^\alpha h)(w)(T_g^\alpha k)(w)| (1-|w|^2)^q dv_\alpha(w) \leq C \|h\|_{\alpha, 2} \|k\|_{\alpha, 2}$$

for all  $q \geq n + \alpha + 1$ . So if we choose a large  $m$  such that  $2m \geq n + \alpha + 1$ , then we have

$$\int_{B_n} |(T_{\bar{f}}^\alpha h)(w)(T_{\bar{g}}^\alpha k)(w)|(1 - |w|^2)^{2m+j-1} dv_\alpha(w) \leq C \|h\|_{\alpha,2} \|k\|_{\alpha,2}$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ .

By Lemma 2.5 for a multi-index  $s$  with  $|s| = m \geq \frac{n+\alpha+1}{2}$ , we get

$$|(D^s T_{\bar{g}}^\alpha k)(w) \overline{(D^s T_{\bar{f}}^\alpha h)(w)}| \leq \frac{C}{(1 - |w|^2)^{2m}} (Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma} |h|^2(w))^{\frac{1}{2}} (Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma} |k|^2(w))^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for all  $w \in B_n$ . Since  $Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma}$  is bounded on  $L^1(B_n, dv_\alpha)$  by Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\int_{B_n} (Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma} |h|^2)(w) dv_\alpha(w) \leq \|Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma}\| \int_{B_n} |h|^2(w) dv_\alpha(w) = \|Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma}\| \|h\|_{\alpha,2}^2,$$

and, likewise,

$$\int_{B_n} (Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma} |k|^2)(w) dv_\alpha(w) \leq \|Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma}\| \|k\|_{\alpha,2}^2.$$

By Cauchy-Schwartz's inequality, we have

$$\int_{B_n} (Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma} |h|^2(w))^{\frac{1}{2}} (Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma} |k|^2(w))^{\frac{1}{2}} dv_\alpha(w) \leq \|Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma}\| \|h\|_{\alpha,2} \|k\|_{\alpha,2}.$$

We conclude that

$$\left| \int_{B_n} D^s T_{\bar{g}}^\alpha k(z) \overline{D^s T_{\bar{f}}^\alpha h(z)} (1 - |z|^2)^{2m+j} dv_\alpha(z) \right| \leq C \|Q_{0,2\alpha-\gamma}\| \|h\|_{\alpha,2} \|k\|_{\alpha,2}$$

for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 2m - 1$ . Using the inner product formula (2.4) in Lemma 2.2 with  $F = T_{\bar{g}}^\alpha k$  and  $G = T_{\bar{f}}^\alpha h$ , we see that there is a finite constant  $C$  such that

$$|\langle T_{\bar{f}}^\alpha T_{\bar{g}}^\alpha k, h \rangle_\alpha| \leq C \|h\|_{\alpha,2} \|k\|_{\alpha,2}$$

for all bounded analytic functions  $h$  and  $k$  on  $B_n$ . Hence, the operator  $T_{\bar{f}}^\alpha T_{\bar{g}}^\alpha$  is bounded on  $A_\alpha^2$ .

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $-1 < \gamma < \infty$  and  $f, g \in A_\gamma^2$ . If*

$$\sup_{w \in B_n} B_\gamma[|f|^2](w) B_\gamma[|g|^2](w) < \infty,$$

*then  $T_{\bar{f}}^\gamma T_{\bar{g}}^\gamma : A_\alpha^2 \rightarrow A_\alpha^2$  is a bounded operator for  $-1 < \alpha < \gamma$ .*

**Proof** Let

$$M = \sup_{w \in B_n} B_\gamma[|f|^2](w) B_\gamma[|g|^2](w) < \infty.$$

Precisely as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, it suffices to show that there exists a positive constant  $C$ , such that for any  $h, k \in H^\infty(B_n)$ , we have

$$|\langle T_{\bar{f}}^\gamma T_{\bar{g}}^\gamma h, k \rangle_\alpha| \leq C \|h\|_{\alpha,2} \|k\|_{\alpha,2}.$$

By Lemma 2.4, we see that if we choose a large  $m$ , such that  $2m \geq n + \gamma + 1$ , then

$$\int_{B_n} |(T_f^\gamma h)(w)(T_g^\gamma k)(w)|(1 - |w|^2)^{2m+j-1} dv_\alpha(w) \leq M^{\frac{1}{2}} \|h\|_{\alpha,2} \|k\|_{\alpha,2}$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ .

Applying Lemma 2.6 and Hölder's inequality, we obtain, for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 2m - 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{B_n} D^s T_g^\gamma k(w) \overline{D^s T_f^\gamma h(w)} (1 - |w|^2)^{2m+j} dv_\alpha(w) \right| \\ & \leq C \int_{B_n} (Q_{0,\gamma} |k|^2(w))^{\frac{1}{2}} (Q_{0,\gamma} |h|^2(w))^{\frac{1}{2}} dv_\alpha(w) \\ & \leq C \left( \int_{B_n} Q_{0,\gamma} |k|^2(w) dv_\alpha(w) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_{B_n} Q_{0,\gamma} |h|^2(w) dv_\alpha(w) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq C \left( \int_{B_n} |k|^2(w) dv_\alpha(w) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_{B_n} |h|^2(w) dv_\alpha(w) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & = C \|k\|_{\alpha,2} \|h\|_{\alpha,2}, \end{aligned}$$

since  $Q_{0,\gamma}$  is bounded on  $L^1(B_n, dv_\alpha)$  by Lemma 2.3. By the inner product formula (2.4) in Lemma 2.2, we see that there exists a constant  $C$ , such that

$$|\langle T_f^\gamma T_g^\gamma h, k \rangle_\alpha| \leq C \|h\|_{\alpha,2} \|k\|_{\alpha,2}$$

for all bounded analytic functions  $h$  and  $k$  on  $B_n$ . Hence  $T_f^\gamma T_g^\gamma$  is bounded on  $A_\alpha^2$ .

**Remark 3.1** Suppose that  $f, g \in A_\gamma^2$  satisfy the conditions in the above theorem. Since for any  $h \in A_\alpha^2$  and  $\beta \geq \alpha$ ,  $\|T_f^\gamma T_g^\gamma h\|_{\beta,2} \leq \|T_f^\gamma T_g^\gamma h\|_{\alpha,2}$ , it follows that  $T_f^\gamma T_g^\gamma : A_\alpha^2 \rightarrow A_\beta^2$  is also a bounded operator for  $-1 < \alpha < \gamma$ .

Using exactly the same argument as in the proof of Lemma 3.3 in [10], we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $-1 < \alpha < \infty$ . If  $S$  is a bounded linear operator on  $(A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ , then*

$$\left\| \sum_{|\gamma|=m} \frac{m!}{\gamma!} S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} S S_{\overline{\varphi_w}^\gamma} \right\| \leq \|S\|$$

for every positive integer  $m$  and  $w \in B_n$ .

The following Theorems 3.3 and 3.4 are analogous to those Stroethoff and Zheng [7] obtained in the setting of unit disk. While our method is partially adapted from [7], a substantial amount of extra work is necessary for the setting of the unit ball.

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $-1 < \alpha < \infty$  and  $f, g \in L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ . If  $H_f H_g^*$  is bounded, then*

$$\sup_{w \in B_n} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} < \infty.$$

**Proof** Using identities (1.1), (1.2) and (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_f(k_w^{(\alpha)} \otimes k_w^{(\alpha)})H_g^* &= H_f\left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} T_{\varphi_w}^{\alpha} T_{\overline{\varphi_w}}^{\alpha}\right)H_g^* \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} H_f T_{\varphi_w}^{\alpha} T_{\overline{\varphi_w}}^{\alpha} H_g^* \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} S_{\varphi_w}^{\gamma} H_f H_g^* S_{\overline{\varphi_w}}^{\gamma}, \end{aligned}$$

and since  $H_f(k_w^{(\alpha)} \otimes k_w^{(\alpha)})H_g^* = (H_f k_w^{(\alpha)}) \otimes (H_g k_w^{(\alpha)})$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(H_f k_w^{(\alpha)}) \otimes (H_g k_w^{(\alpha)})\| &= \|H_f k_w^{(\alpha)}\|_{\alpha,2} \|H_g k_w^{(\alpha)}\|_{\alpha,2} \\ &= \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_{\alpha}(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_{\alpha}(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f \circ \varphi_w - P_{\alpha}(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_{\alpha}(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \\ &= \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} S_{\varphi_w}^{\gamma} H_f H_g^* S_{\overline{\varphi_w}}^{\gamma} \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |C_{n,\alpha,k}| \left\| \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} S_{\varphi_w}^{\gamma} H_f H_g^* S_{\overline{\varphi_w}}^{\gamma} \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |C_{n,\alpha,k}| \|H_f H_g^*\| \\ &\leq C \|H_f H_g^*\| < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |C_{n,\alpha,k}|$  is convergent.

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $-1 < \alpha < \infty$  and  $f, g \in L^2(B_n, dv_{\alpha})$ . If there exists a positive constant  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{w \in B_n} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_{\alpha}(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_{\alpha}(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon} < \infty,$$

then the operator  $H_f H_g^*$  is bounded.

**Proof** Let  $u, v \in C_c(B_n) \cap (A_{\alpha}^2)^{\perp}$ . Using the definitions of  $H_g^* u$  and  $H_f^* v$  and Fubini's theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle H_g^* u, H_f^* v \rangle_{\alpha} &= \int_{B_n} \left\{ \int_{B_n} \frac{u(z) \overline{g(z)}}{(1 - \langle w, z \rangle)^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_{\alpha}(z) \right\} \left\{ \int_{B_n} \frac{f(\lambda) \overline{v(\lambda)}}{(1 - \langle \lambda, w \rangle)^{n+\alpha+1}} dv_{\alpha}(\lambda) \right\} dv_{\alpha}(w) \\ &= \int_{B_n} f(\lambda) H_g^* u(\lambda) \overline{v(\lambda)} dv_{\alpha}(\lambda) = \langle f H_g^* u, v \rangle_{\alpha} = \langle H_f H_g^* u, v \rangle_{\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\langle H_f H_g^* u, v \rangle_{\alpha} = \langle H_g^* u, H_f^* v \rangle_{\alpha} = \text{I} + \text{II} + \text{III}$$

for  $m \geq \frac{n+\alpha+1}{2}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I} &= \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \int_{B_n} (H_g^* u)(z) \overline{(H_f^* u)(z)} (1 - |z|^2)^{2m+j-1} dv_\alpha(z), \\ \text{II} &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+2m+1)} \sum_{|\gamma|=m} \int_{B_n} D^\gamma (H_g^* u)(z) \overline{D^\gamma (H_f^* u)(z)} (1 - |z|^2)^{2m} dv_\alpha(z), \\ \text{III} &= \sum_{j=1}^{2m-1} \sum_{|\gamma|=m} a_j \int_{B_n} D^\gamma (H_g^* u)(z) \overline{D^\gamma (H_f^* u)(z)} (1 - |z|^2)^{2m+j} dv_\alpha(z). \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Lemma 2.7 that

$$|\text{I}| \leq C_1 \sup_{w \in B_n} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|u\|_{\alpha,2} \|v\|_{\alpha,2}.$$

Note  $p = \frac{2}{\delta} > 1$ . Using Lemma 2.8 and since  $Q_{0,\alpha}$  is bounded on  $L^p(B_n, dv_\alpha)$  by Lemma 2.3, we have

$$|\text{II}| \leq C_2 \sup_{w \in B_n} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon} \|u\|_{\alpha,2} \|v\|_{\alpha,2}.$$

The estimate of III is similar to that of II, and combining the estimates, we get

$$|\langle H_f H_g^* u, v \rangle_\alpha| \leq M \sup_{w \in B_n} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon} \|u\|_{\alpha,2} \|v\|_{\alpha,2}$$

for some constant  $M > 0$ . So the product  $H_f H_g^*$  is bounded as desired.

## 4 Compact Hankel Products

In this section, we discuss the condition for compactness of the Hankel products.

**Lemma 4.1** *For any  $z \in B_n$  and multi-index  $\gamma$ , we have  $w^\gamma - \varphi_w^\gamma \rightarrow 0$  as  $w \in B_n$  tends to  $\xi \in \partial B_n$ .*

**Proof** By definition,

$$\varphi_w(z) = \frac{w - P_w z - s Q_w z}{1 - \langle z, w \rangle},$$

where  $P_w z = \frac{\langle z, w \rangle}{|w|^2} w$ ,  $Q_w z = (I - P_w)z$ ,  $s = (1 - |w|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Hence we have

$$\varphi_w(z) = \frac{|w|^2 - \langle z, w \rangle}{1 - \langle z, w \rangle} \frac{1}{|w|^2} w + \frac{\langle z, w \rangle}{1 - \langle z, w \rangle} \frac{s}{|w|^2} w - \frac{s}{1 - \langle z, w \rangle} z.$$

Set  $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$ ,  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$ ,  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$ , and let

$$P_1(w) = \frac{|w|^2 - \langle z, w \rangle}{1 - \langle z, w \rangle} \frac{1}{|w|^2}, \quad P_2(w) = \frac{\langle z, w \rangle}{1 - \langle z, w \rangle} \frac{s}{|w|^2}, \quad P_3(w) = \frac{s}{1 - \langle z, w \rangle}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_w(z) &= ((P_1(w) + P_2(w))w_1 - P_3(w)z_1, (P_1(w) + P_2(w))w_2 - P_3(w)z_2, \\ &\quad \dots, (P_1(w) + P_2(w))w_n - P_3(w)z_n). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_w^\gamma(z) &= ((P_1(w) + P_2(w))w_1 - P_3(w)z_1)^{\gamma_1} ((P_1(w) + P_2(w))w_2 - P_3(w)z_2)^{\gamma_2} \\ &\quad \times \cdots \times ((P_1(w) + P_2(w))w_n - P_3(w)z_n)^{\gamma_n}.\end{aligned}$$

If  $w \in B_n \rightarrow \xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \in \partial B_n$ , then  $w_i \rightarrow \xi_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Clearly, if  $w \in B_n \rightarrow \xi$ , then  $P_1(w) \rightarrow 1$ ,  $P_2(w) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $P_3(w) \rightarrow 0$ . We get

$$\varphi_w^\gamma(z) \rightarrow \xi^\gamma = \xi_1^{\gamma_1} \cdots \xi_n^{\gamma_n}.$$

The following lemma gives a necessary condition for compactness of operators on  $(A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ .

**Lemma 4.2** *Let  $T$  be a compact operator on  $(A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ . Then*

$$\lim_{|w| \rightarrow 1^-} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} T S_{\overline{\varphi_w}^\gamma} \right\| = 0. \quad (4.1)$$

**Proof** If  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are Hilbert spaces and  $T : H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  is a compact operator, since operators of finite rank are dense in the set of compact operators, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in H_1$  and  $g_1, \dots, g_n \in H_2$ , such that

$$\left\| T - \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \otimes g_i \right\| < \varepsilon.$$

Thus the lemma follows, once we show (4.1) for operators of rank one.

If  $f \in L^2(B_n, dv_\alpha)$  as  $|w| \rightarrow 1^-$ , then for every  $z \in B_n$  and multi-index  $\gamma$ , we have  $w^\gamma - \varphi_w^\gamma(z) \rightarrow 0$  by Lemma 4.1. So by Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem, we get

$$\|w^\gamma f - \varphi_w^\gamma f\|_{\alpha,2}^2 = \int_{B_n} |w^\gamma f(z) - \varphi_w^\gamma(z)f(z)|^2 dv_\alpha(z) \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $|w| \rightarrow 1^-$ . It follows that  $\|\xi^\gamma f - \varphi_w^\gamma f\|_{\alpha,2} \rightarrow 0$ , as  $w \in B_n$  tends to  $\xi \in \partial B_n$ .

Suppose  $f \in (A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ . Then

$$(I - P)(\xi^\gamma f) = \xi^\gamma f,$$

and consequently

$$\|\xi^\gamma f - S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} f\|_{\alpha,2} = \|(I - P)(\xi^\gamma f - \varphi_w^\gamma f)\|_{\alpha,2} \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $w \in B_n$  tends to  $\xi \in \partial B_n$ . If  $f, g \in (A_\alpha^2)^\perp$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\|\xi^\gamma(f \otimes g) - S_{\varphi_w^\gamma}(f \otimes g)S_{\overline{\varphi_w}^\gamma}\| &= \|(\xi^\gamma f) \otimes (\xi^\gamma g) - (S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} f) \otimes (S_{\overline{\varphi_w}^\gamma} g)\| \\ &\leq \|(\xi^\gamma f - S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} f) \otimes (\xi^\gamma g)\| + \|(S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} f) \otimes (\xi^\gamma g - S_{\overline{\varphi_w}^\gamma} g)\| \\ &\leq \|\xi^\gamma f - S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} f\|_{\alpha,2} \|g\|_{\alpha,2} + \|f\|_{\alpha,2} \|\xi^\gamma g - S_{\overline{\varphi_w}^\gamma} g\|_{\alpha,2}.\end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\|\xi^\gamma(f \otimes g) - S_{\varphi_w^\gamma}(f \otimes g)S_{\overline{\varphi_w}^\gamma}\| \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $w \in B_n$  tends to  $\xi \in \partial B_n$ .

Hence, for any nonnegative integer  $k$ , we get

$$\left\| \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} (\xi^\gamma (f \otimes g) \bar{\xi}^\gamma - S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} (f \otimes g) S_{\bar{\varphi}_w^\gamma}) \right\| \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $w \in B_n$  tends to  $\xi \in \partial B_n$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} (f \otimes g) S_{\bar{\varphi}_w^\gamma} \right\| &= \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} (S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} (f \otimes g) S_{\bar{\varphi}_w^\gamma} - \xi^\gamma (f \otimes g) \bar{\xi}^\gamma) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |C_{n,\alpha,k}| \left\| \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} (\xi^\gamma (f \otimes g) \bar{\xi}^\gamma - S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} (f \otimes g) S_{\bar{\varphi}_w^\gamma}) \right\|, \end{aligned}$$

and the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |C_{n,\alpha,k}|$  is convergent, by Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} (f \otimes g) S_{\bar{\varphi}_w^\gamma} \right\| \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $w \in B_n$  tends to  $\xi \in \partial B_n$ .

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be in  $L^\infty(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ . Then  $H_f H_g^*$  is compact if and only if*

$$\lim_{|w| \rightarrow 1^-} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} = 0.$$

**Proof** First, we show the “if” part. If  $H_f H_g^*$  is compact, then by Lemma 4.2, we have

$$\lim_{|w| \rightarrow 1^-} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} = 0,$$

since

$$\|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} = \|(H_f k_w^{(\alpha)}) \otimes (H_g k_w^{(\alpha)})\|$$

and

$$H_f(k_w^{(\alpha)} \otimes k_w^{(\alpha)}) H_g^* = (H_f k_w^{(\alpha)}) \otimes (H_g k_w^{(\alpha)}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{n,\alpha,k} \sum_{|\gamma|=k} \frac{k!}{\gamma!} S_{\varphi_w^\gamma} H_f H_g^* S_{\bar{\varphi}_w^\gamma}.$$

Now we turn to the “only if” part. For  $u, v \in C_c(B_n) \cap (A_\alpha^2)^\perp$  and  $m \geq \frac{n+\alpha+1}{2}$ , we have

$$\langle H_f H_g^* u, v \rangle_\alpha = \langle H_g^* u, H_f^* v \rangle_\alpha = \text{I} + \text{II} + \text{III},$$

where I, II and III are as those in the proof of Theorem 3.4. For  $0 < s < 1$ , we write  $\text{I} = \text{I}_s + \text{I}'_s$ ,  $\text{II} = \text{II}_s + \text{II}'_s$  and  $\text{III} = \text{III}_s + \text{III}'_s$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I}_s &= \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \int_{s < |z| < 1} (H_g^* u)(z) \overline{(H_f^* u)(z)} (1 - |z|^2)^{2m+j-1} dv_\alpha(z), \\ \text{II}_s &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+2m+1)} \sum_{|\gamma|=m} \int_{s < |z| < 1} D^\gamma (H_g^* u)(z) \overline{D^\gamma (H_f^* u)(z)} (1 - |z|^2)^{2m} dv_\alpha(z), \\ \text{III}_s &= \sum_{j=1}^{2m-1} \sum_{|\gamma|=m} a_j \int_{s < |z| < 1} D^\gamma (H_g^* u)(z) \overline{D^\gamma (H_f^* u)(z)} (1 - |z|^2)^{2m+j} dv_\alpha(z). \end{aligned}$$



It is easy to see that there exists a compact operator  $C_s$  such that  $\langle (H_f H_g^* - C_s)u, v \rangle_\alpha = \text{I}_s + \text{II}_s + \text{III}_s$ . By Lemma 2.7, we get

$$|\text{I}_s| \leq C \sup_{s < |w| < 1} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|u\|_{\alpha,2} \|v\|_{\alpha,2}.$$

Using Lemma 2.8 and since  $Q_{0,\alpha}$  is bounded on  $L^p(B_n, dv_\alpha)$  by Lemma 2.3, we have

$$|\text{II}_s| \leq C \sup_{s < |w| < 1} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon} \|u\|_{\alpha,2} \|v\|_{\alpha,2}.$$

The estimate of  $\text{III}_s$  is similar to that of  $\text{II}_s$ . Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle (H_f H_g^* - C_s)u, v \rangle_\alpha| &\leq C \sup_{s < |w| < 1} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon} \\ &\quad \times \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon} \|u\|_{\alpha,2} \|v\|_{\alpha,2} \end{aligned}$$

for some constant  $C > 0$ . Since  $P_\alpha$  is bounded on  $L^{2+2\varepsilon}(B_n, dv_\alpha)$ , there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon} \leq C \|f\|_\infty^{\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2+\varepsilon}} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2}^{\frac{1}{2+\varepsilon}}.$$

A similar inequality holds for  $\|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2+\varepsilon}$ . Thus there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle (H_f H_g^* - C_s)u, v \rangle_\alpha| &\leq C \sup_{s < |w| < 1} (\|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \\ &\quad \times \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2})^{\frac{1}{2+\varepsilon}} \|u\|_{\alpha,2} \|v\|_{\alpha,2}, \end{aligned}$$

from which we conclude that

$$\|H_f H_g^* - C_s\| \leq C \sup_{s < |w| < 1} (\|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2})^{\frac{1}{2+\varepsilon}}.$$

So if

$$\lim_{|w| \rightarrow 1^-} \|f \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(f \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} \|g \circ \varphi_w - P_\alpha(g \circ \varphi_w)\|_{\alpha,2} = 0,$$

it follows from the above inequality that  $C_s$  converges to  $H_f H_g^*$  in operator norm as  $s \rightarrow 1^-$ , and since each of the  $C_s$  is compact, we conclude that the operator  $H_f H_g^*$  is compact.

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