

# TOEPLITZ OPERATORS WITH BOUNDED HARMONIC SYMBOLS\*

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## Abstract

In this paper we have shown that if  $\phi \in h^\infty(\mathbb{D})$  and  $T_\phi^{(\alpha)}$  is the Toeplitz operator with symbol  $\phi$  defined on the weighted Bergman space  $L_a^2(dA_\alpha)$  and if the set  $\left\{ \left(T_\phi^{(\alpha)}\right)^* T_\phi^{(\alpha)} f, \left(T_\phi^{(\alpha)}\right)^* f, T_\phi^{(\alpha)} f, f \right\}$  is linearly dependent for all  $f \in L_a^2(dA_\alpha)$  then either  $\phi$  is a constant function or there exists  $\lambda_\alpha, \mu_\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\frac{\phi - \mu_\alpha}{\lambda_\alpha}$  is a real-valued function in  $h^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ . Here  $h^\infty(\mathbb{D})$  is the set of all bounded harmonic functions on the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $dA(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} dx dy$  be the area measure on the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . It is normalized so that the area of  $\mathbb{D}$  is 1. For  $\alpha > -1$ , let  $L^2(\mathbb{D}, dA_\alpha)$  be the space consisting of all absolutely square-integrable, Lebesgue measurable functions on  $\mathbb{D}$  with respect to the measure  $dA_\alpha(z) = (\alpha + 1)(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z)$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . The measure  $dA_\alpha$  is a probability measure on  $\mathbb{D}$ . Let  $L_a^2(dA_\alpha)$  be the subspace of all analytic functions of  $L^2(\mathbb{D}, dA_\alpha)$ . The space  $L_a^2(dA_\alpha)$  is called the weighted

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