

## ON THE BEREZIN-TOEPLITZ CALCULUS

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ABSTRACT. We consider the problem of composing Berezin-Toeplitz operators on the Hilbert space of Gaussian square-integrable entire functions on complex  $n$ -space,  $\mathbf{C}^n$ . For several interesting algebras of functions on  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , we have  $T_\varphi T_\psi = T_{\varphi \diamond \psi}$  for all  $\varphi, \psi$  in the algebra, where  $T_\varphi$  is the Berezin-Toeplitz operator associated with  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi \diamond \psi$  is a “twisted” associative product on the algebra of functions. On the other hand, there is a  $C^\infty$  function  $\varphi$  for which  $T_\varphi$  is bounded but  $T_\varphi T_\psi \neq T_\psi$  for any  $\psi$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

For  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$  in complex  $n$ -space,  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , with  $z_j$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $z \cdot w = z_1 \bar{w}_1 + \dots + z_n \bar{w}_n$ , consider the space  $L^2(\mathbf{C}^n, d\mu)$  of Gaussian square-integrable complex-valued functions on  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , with  $d\mu(z) = \exp\{-|z|^2/2\} dv(z) (2\pi)^{-n}$  with  $dv(z)$  Lebesgue measure. The entire functions in  $L^2(\mathbf{C}^n, d\mu)$  form a closed subspace  $H^2(\mathbf{C}^n, d\mu)$  which arises naturally as a representation space of the Heisenberg group [B], [F], [BC1], [C]. On this (Segal-Bargmann) space, there are natural operators, formally introduced by Berezin [Be], defined densely for  $\varphi(\cdot)$  with  $\varphi(w)e^{w \cdot a}$  in  $L^2(\mathbf{C}^n, d\mu)$  for all  $a$  in  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , by

$$(T_\varphi f)(z) = \int_{\mathbf{C}^n} e^{z \cdot w/2} \varphi(w) f(w) d\mu(w).$$

The (possibly unbounded) operator  $T_\varphi$  is called the *Berezin-Toeplitz operator* associated to  $\varphi$ . Note that  $H^2(\mathbf{C}^n, d\mu)$  is a Bergman space with reproducing kernel function  $e^{z \cdot a/2}$  for the functional of “evaluation at  $a$ ” [B]. Note also that  $T_\varphi = 0$  if and only if  $\varphi = 0$  [F, p. 140].

The operators  $T_\varphi$  are closely related to pseudodifferential operators on  $L^2(\mathbf{R}^n, dv)$ . For  $\varphi$  bounded, and somewhat more generally, the relation is given by

$$B^{-1} T_\varphi B = W_{\beta_\varphi}$$

where  $B$  is the Bargmann isometry [Gu],  $W_\beta$  is the Weyl operator on  $L^2(\mathbf{R}^n, dv)$  given by

$$(W_\beta g)(x) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \beta\left(\xi, \frac{x+y}{2}\right) e^{i(x-y) \cdot \xi} g(y) dy d\xi,$$

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and

$$\beta_\varphi(\xi, x) = \pi^{-n} \int_{\mathbf{C}^n} \varphi(w) e^{-|w-(x-i\xi)|^2} dv(w).$$

The operators  $T_\varphi$  might, therefore, be expected to share many of the properties of pseudodifferential operators. It is not easy to demonstrate a complete equivalence, partly because  $\beta_\varphi$  is a “very smoothed” version of  $\varphi$ . The analytic structure of  $H^2(\mathbf{C}^n, d\mu)$  also enters the picture so that, for example,

$$T_\varphi T_{z_j} = T_{\varphi z_j}.$$

Moreover, the available function-theoretic machinery on  $H^2(\mathbf{C}^n, d\mu)$  is relatively rudimentary, limited primarily to the Bergman space structure and the structure inherited as a representation space of the Heisenberg group.

In this note, we deal with the composition problem: is there a function  $\varphi \diamond \psi$  so that

$$(*) \quad T_\varphi T_\psi = T_{\varphi \diamond \psi}?$$

As a consequence of representation-theoretic results in [C], we do have (\*) for a reasonably large class of bounded  $\varphi, \psi$  and there is an explicit formula for  $\varphi \diamond \psi$ . The *same* “Moyal-type” formula also holds for a large class of *unbounded*  $\varphi, \psi$  (with unbounded  $T_\varphi, T_\psi, T_{\varphi \diamond \psi}$ ) – precisely,  $\varphi, \psi$  can be arbitrary polynomials in  $\{z_j, \bar{z}_j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

On the other hand, we will exhibit a  $\varphi$  (unbounded, but  $C^\infty$ ), for which  $T_\varphi$  is a bounded operator but  $T_\varphi T_\varphi$  cannot be approximated in norm by bounded Berezin-Toeplitz operators. Thus, there is a genuine limitation on our ability to compose Berezin-Toeplitz operators.

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## 2. COMPOSITION OF BEREZIN-TOEPLITZ OPERATORS

For  $C^\infty$  functions  $\varphi, \psi$  we consider the (formal) twisted product

$$(**) \quad \varphi \diamond \psi = \sum_k \frac{(-2)^{|k|}}{k!} (\partial^k \varphi) (\bar{\partial}^k \psi)$$

where  $k = (k_1, \dots, k_n)$  with  $k_j$  non-negative integers, and

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_j &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j}, \quad \bar{\partial}_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j}, \\ \partial^k &= \partial_1^{k_1} \dots \partial_n^{k_n}, \quad \bar{\partial}^k = \bar{\partial}_1^{k_1} \dots \bar{\partial}_n^{k_n}, \\ |k| &= k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_n, \\ k! &= k_1! k_2! \dots k_n!. \end{aligned}$$

In the cases we will consider, the sum in (\*\*) will converge.

The first case we consider arises from representation-theoretic considerations of the Heisenberg group [C]. We consider  $\varphi, \psi$  in the “smooth Bochner algebra”  $B_a(\mathbf{C}^n)$  which consists of all Fourier-Stieltjes transforms of compactly supported, regular, bounded complex-valued Borel measures on  $\mathbf{C}^n$ . More precisely, let

$$\chi_a(z) = \exp\{i \operatorname{Im}(z \cdot a)\}.$$

Then  $B_a(\mathbf{C}^n)$  consists of all functions

$$\hat{\sigma}(z) = \int_{\mathbf{C}^n} \chi_a(z) d\sigma(a)$$

where  $\sigma$  is a compactly supported, regular, bounded complex-valued Borel measure. It is well known that such functions are bounded, uniformly continuous, with bounded derivatives of all orders.

As our first positive result, we have

**Theorem 1.** *For  $\varphi, \psi$  in  $B_a(\mathbf{C}^n)$ ,  $\varphi \diamond \psi$  is also in  $B_a(\mathbf{C}^n)$  and  $T_\varphi T_\psi = T_{\varphi \diamond \psi}$ . The series in (\*\*) converges uniformly and absolutely.*

*Proof.* In [C], it was shown that for  $\varphi = \hat{\sigma}$ ,  $\psi = \hat{\tau}$  in  $B_a(\mathbf{C}^n)$ ,

$$T_\varphi T_\psi = T_{(\sigma \diamond \tau)^\wedge}.$$

Here, we **defined**  $\sigma \diamond \tau$  for all  $\phi$  in  $C_0(\mathbf{C}^n)$  by

$$\int_{\mathbf{C}^n} \phi(c) d(\sigma \diamond \tau)(c) = \int_{\mathbf{C}^n} \int_{\mathbf{C}^n} \phi(a + b) e^{b \cdot a/2} d\sigma(a) d\tau(b)$$

so that

$$(***) \quad (\sigma \diamond \tau)^\wedge(z) = \int_{\mathbf{C}^n} \int_{\mathbf{C}^n} \chi_{a+b}(z) e^{b \cdot a/2} d\sigma(a) d\tau(b)$$

is in  $B_a(\mathbf{C}^n)$ .

Expanding  $e^{b \cdot a/2}$  in MacLaurin series in (\*\*\*) gives

$$\begin{aligned} (\sigma \diamond \tau)^\wedge(z) &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{1 \leq j_i \leq n} \frac{1}{s!} \frac{1}{2^s} \int \bar{a}_{j_1} \dots \bar{a}_{j_s} \chi_a(z) d\sigma(a) \int b_{j_1} \dots b_{j_s} \chi_b(z) d\tau(b) \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s!} \frac{1}{2^s} \sum_{1 \leq j_i \leq n} 2^s (\partial_{j_1} \dots \partial_{j_s} \varphi) (-2)^s (\bar{\partial}_{j_1} \dots \bar{\partial}_{j_s} \psi) \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^s}{s!} \sum_{1 \leq j_i \leq n} (\partial_{j_1} \dots \partial_{j_s} \varphi) (\bar{\partial}_{j_1} \dots \bar{\partial}_{j_s} \psi) \\ &= \sum_k \frac{(-2)^{|k|}}{k!} (\partial^k \varphi) (\bar{\partial}^k \psi) \end{aligned}$$

and it is clear that the series converges uniformly and absolutely. Comparison with (\*\*) shows that

$$T_\varphi T_\psi = T_{\varphi \diamond \psi}$$

and completes the proof.

Our second case consists of  $\varphi, \psi$  arbitrary polynomials in  $\{z_j, \bar{z}_j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . Here, the operators  $T_\varphi, T_\psi$  are unbounded and we need to be a little more careful. Nevertheless, we have for  $\varphi \diamond \psi$  given by (\*\*),

**Theorem 2.** *For  $\varphi, \psi$  polynomials in  $(z_1, \dots, z_n, \bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n)$ , we have  $T_\varphi T_\psi$  defined on a dense domain consisting of linear combinations of functions of the form  $\{p(z) e^{z \cdot a} : a \in \mathbf{C}^n \text{ and } p(z) \text{ polynomial in } (z_1, \dots, z_n)\}$ . On this domain*

$$T_\varphi T_\psi = T_{\varphi \diamond \psi}$$

and  $\varphi \diamond \psi$  is polynomial in the  $z_j, \bar{z}_j$ .

*Proof.* Clearly,  $T_{\bar{z}_j} = 2\partial_j$  and it is now easy to check that  $T_\varphi p(z)e^{z \cdot a} = q(z)e^{z \cdot a}$  where  $p, q$  are polynomial in  $z_1, \dots, z_n$ . The proof of the composition formula is inductive, in several steps.

We note first that, for  $\varphi$  polynomial in  $\{z_j, \bar{z}_j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ ,  $T_\varphi T_{\bar{z}_j} = T_{\varphi \circ \bar{z}_j}$  implies  $T_{\varphi \circ |z_j|^2} = T_\varphi T_{|z_j|^2}$ . This is because

$$\begin{aligned} T_\varphi T_{|z_j|^2} &= (T_\varphi T_{\bar{z}_j}) T_{z_j} \\ &= T_{(\varphi \circ \bar{z}_j) z_j} = T_{\varphi \circ |z_j|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we check inductively that  $T_\varphi T_{\bar{z}_j} = T_{\varphi \circ \bar{z}_j}$  for all  $\varphi$  polynomial in  $\{z_j, \bar{z}_j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . It is enough to consider  $\varphi$  monomial. Assume the result for  $\varphi$  of fixed degree ( $\varphi$  constant is trivial). The inductive step is:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\varphi z_k} T_{\bar{z}_j} &= T_\varphi T_{\bar{z}_j} T_{z_k} \\ &= T_{(\varphi \circ \bar{z}_j) z_k} \\ &= T_{\varphi z_k \circ \bar{z}_j}, \quad k \neq j, \\ T_{\varphi z_j} T_{\bar{z}_j} &= T_\varphi (T_{z_j} T_{\bar{z}_j}) \\ &= T_\varphi (T_{|z_j|^2} - 2I) \\ &= T_\varphi T_{|z_j|^2} - T_{2\varphi} \\ &= T_{\varphi \circ |z_j|^2 - 2\varphi} \\ &= T_{\varphi z_j \circ \bar{z}_j}, \\ T_{\bar{z}_k \varphi} T_{\bar{z}_j} &= T_{\bar{z}_k} (T_\varphi T_{\bar{z}_j}) = T_{\bar{z}_k (\varphi \circ \bar{z}_j)} \\ &= T_{\varphi \bar{z}_k \bar{z}_j - 2\bar{z}_k (\partial_j \varphi)} \\ &= T_{\bar{z}_k \varphi \circ \bar{z}_j}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $T_\varphi T_{\bar{z}_j} = T_{\varphi \circ \bar{z}_j}$  for all  $\varphi$ .

Next, for arbitrary  $\varphi$  we consider  $T_\varphi T_\psi$  and do induction on the degree of  $\psi$ . We can assume  $\psi$  is monomial. Assume the result for all  $\varphi$  and for  $\psi$  of fixed degree ( $\psi$  constant is trivial). The inductive step is, first,

$$T_\varphi T_\psi z_j = (T_\varphi T_\psi) T_{z_j} = T_{(\varphi \circ \psi) z_j} = T_{\varphi \circ \psi z_j}.$$

We must also consider

$$T_\varphi T_{\bar{z}_j} \psi = (T_\varphi T_{\bar{z}_j}) T_\psi.$$

By the first part of the proof,

$$T_\varphi T_{\bar{z}_j} = T_{\varphi \circ \bar{z}_j}$$

and by the inductive hypothesis

$$T_{\varphi \circ \bar{z}_j} T_\psi = T_{(\varphi \circ \bar{z}_j) \circ \psi}.$$

Thus, we need only check that

$$\varphi \circ \bar{z}_j \psi = (\varphi \circ \bar{z}_j) \circ \psi.$$

This is a direct calculation. We note that

$$\varphi \diamond \bar{z}_j = \varphi \bar{z}_j - 2(\partial_j \varphi)$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi \diamond \bar{z}_j) \diamond \psi &= \varphi \bar{z}_j \diamond \psi - 2(\partial_j \varphi) \diamond \psi \\ &= \sum_k \frac{(-2)^{|k|}}{k!} \bar{z}_j (\partial^k \varphi) (\bar{\partial}^k \psi) \\ &\quad - 2 \sum_k \frac{(-2)^{|k|}}{k!} (\partial^k \partial_j \varphi) (\bar{\partial}^k \psi). \end{aligned}$$

Using

$$\bar{\partial}^k (\bar{z}_j \psi) = \bar{z}_j (\bar{\partial}^k \psi) + k_j (\bar{\partial}^{k-\delta_j} \psi)$$

where

$$k - \delta_j = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_j - 1, k_{j+1}, \dots, k_n),$$

we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi \diamond \bar{z}_j \psi &= \sum_k \frac{(-2)^{|k|}}{k!} (\partial^k \varphi) (\bar{\partial}^k \bar{z}_j \psi) \\ &= \sum_k \frac{(-2)^{|k|}}{k!} \bar{z}_j (\partial^k \varphi) (\bar{\partial}^k \psi) \\ &\quad + \sum_k \frac{(-2)^{|k|}}{k!} (\partial^k \varphi) k_j (\bar{\partial}^{k-\delta_j} \psi). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we need only check that

$$\sum_k \frac{(-2)^{|k|}}{k!} (\partial^k \varphi) k_j (\bar{\partial}^{k-\delta_j} \psi) = -2 \sum_k \frac{(-2)^{|k|}}{k!} (\partial^k \partial_j \varphi) (\bar{\partial}^k \psi).$$

Reindexing the sum on the left by  $\ell = k - \delta_j$  completes the proof.

*Remark.* Since  $\bar{z}_j \diamond \psi = \bar{z}_j \psi$ , the identity

$$\varphi \diamond \bar{z}_j \psi = (\varphi \diamond \bar{z}_j) \diamond \psi$$

follows from the reasonably well-known associativity of  $\diamond$  [G]. Our computational proof has the advantage of giving associativity of  $\diamond$  as an immediate corollary of Theorem 2 since

$$T_{\varphi \diamond (\psi \diamond \gamma)} = T_\varphi (T_\psi T_\gamma) = (T_\varphi T_\psi) T_\gamma = T_{(\varphi \diamond \psi) \diamond \gamma}.$$

### 3. $T_\varphi$ WITH $T_\varphi T_\varphi \neq T_\psi$ FOR ANY $\psi$

In this section, we produce the promised obstruction to composition of Berezin-Toeplitz operators. We use some calculations from [BC2] and we begin with a needed improvement of [BC2, Theorem 17]. In this section, we work on  $H^2(\mathbf{C}, d\mu)$  ( $n = 1$ ). Here, the Bergman reproducing kernel function for evaluation at  $z$  is just

$$K(w, z) = e^{w\bar{z}/2}$$

and it follows that

$$k_z(w) = K(w, z) / \sqrt{K(z, z)} = e^{w\bar{z}/2 - |z|^2/4}$$

is a unit vector in  $H^2(\mathbf{C}, d\mu)$ . We consider the unitary operator

$$(R_a f)(z) = f(az)$$

on  $H^2(\mathbf{C}, d\mu)$  for  $|a| = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.** For  $|a| = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re} a < 0$ , we have

$$\|R_a - T_\psi\| \geq 1$$

for all  $\psi$  such that  $\psi K(\cdot, z)$  is in  $L^2(\mathbf{C}, d\mu)$  for every  $z$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ .

*Proof.* We consider

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_\psi - R_a\| &\geq |\langle T_\psi k_z, R_a k_z \rangle - \langle R_a k_z, R_a k_z \rangle| \\ &\geq |\langle T_\psi k_z, R_a k_z \rangle - 1|. \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\langle T_\psi k_z, R_a k_z \rangle = \langle \psi \chi_z, K(\cdot, (1 + \bar{a})z) \rangle e^{-|z|^2/2}$$

so we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle T_\psi k_z, R_a k_z \rangle| &\leq e^{-|z|^2/2} \|\psi\| \sqrt{K((1 + \bar{a})z, (1 + \bar{a})z)} \\ &\leq \|\psi\| e^{-|z|^2/2} e^{1+|a|^2|z|^2/4} \\ &\leq \|\psi\| e^{|z|^2 \operatorname{Re} a/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\operatorname{Re} a < 0$ , we see that

$$|\langle T_\psi k_z, R_a k_z \rangle| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus,  $\|T_\psi - R_a\| \geq 1$ .

The function  $\varphi$  will be chosen to have the form  $\varphi(z) = e^{\lambda|z|^2}$  where  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda < \frac{1}{4}$  so that  $T_\varphi$  makes sense.

**Lemma.** For  $\lambda = \frac{1}{5} + i\frac{2}{5}$  and  $\varphi(z) = e^{\lambda|z|^2}$ , we have  $T_\varphi$  unitary with

$$T_\varphi T_\varphi = aR_a$$

for  $a = \overline{(1 - 2\lambda)^2} = -\frac{7}{25} + i\frac{24}{25}$ .

*Proof.*  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda < \frac{1}{4}$  and calculations outlined in [BC2, p. 582] show that  $T_\varphi$  is diagonal in the basis

$$e_k = (2^k k!)^{-1/2} z^k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots,$$

for  $H^2(\mathbf{C}, d\mu)$ , with

$$T_\varphi e_k = (1 - 2\lambda)^{-(k+1)} e_k.$$

Now

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{5} + i\frac{2}{5}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} T_\varphi T_\varphi e_k &= \overline{(1 - 2\lambda)^{2(k+1)}} e_k \\ &= a^{k+1} e_k. \end{aligned}$$

But

$$aR_a e_k = a^{k+1} e_k$$

and we are done.

We now have the promised

**Theorem 4.** For  $\lambda = \frac{1}{5} + i\frac{2}{5}$  and  $a = \overline{(1 - 2\lambda)^2} = -\frac{7}{25} + \frac{24}{25}i$ , with  $\varphi(z) = e^{\lambda|z|^2}$ ,

$$\|T_\varphi T_\varphi - T_\psi\| \geq 1$$

for all  $\psi$  such that  $\psi K(\cdot, z)$  is in  $L^2(\mathbf{C}, d\mu)$  for every  $z$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ .

*Proof.* Direct combination of Theorem 3 and the Lemma.

*Remark.* In fact, for  $\varphi(z) = e^{\lambda|z|^2}$ , (\*\*) yields

$$\varphi \diamond \varphi = e^{\mu|z|^2},$$

where  $\mu = 2\lambda(1 - \lambda)$ . Thus, for  $\lambda = \frac{1}{5} + i\frac{2}{5}$ , we have  $\mu = \frac{16}{25} + i\frac{12}{25}$  and  $e^{\mu|z|^2} f(z)$  cannot be in  $L^2(\mathbf{C}, d\mu)$  for **any**  $f \neq 0$  in  $H^2(\mathbf{C}, d\mu)$ .

#### 4. REMARKS

There is a considerable space between Theorems 1 and 2 and Theorem 4. It does not seem easy to lift the known much stronger positive results directly over from the setting of pseudodifferential operators. It does seem likely that (\*\*) provides a composition formula for Berezin-Toeplitz operators in a setting substantially larger than those of Theorems 1 and 2. For non- $C^\infty$   $\varphi, \psi$  or even for general  $C^\infty$   $\varphi, \psi$ , the problem of determining whether there is a  $\varphi \diamond \psi$  with  $T_\varphi T_\psi = T_{\varphi \diamond \psi}$ , as well as the form of  $\varphi \diamond \psi$ , remains open.

Theorems 1 and 2 can be extended to the natural family of Gaussian measures on  $\mathbf{C}^n$  which provide representation spaces for the Heisenberg group [C]. For  $d\mu_r(z) = (\frac{r}{\pi})^n e^{-r|z|^2} dv(z)$  with  $r > 0$  and  $H^2(\mathbf{C}^n, d\mu_r)$  as before, we have Bergman kernels

$$K_r(w, z) = e^{r w \cdot z}$$

and Berezin-Toeplitz operators on  $H^2(\mathbf{C}^n, d\mu_r)$

$$(T_\varphi^{(r)} f)(z) = \int_{\mathbf{C}^n} e^{rz \cdot w} \varphi(w) f(w) d\mu_r(w).$$

Then minor modifications yield

**Theorem 1'.** For  $\varphi, \psi$  in  $B_a(\mathbf{C}^n)$ ,  $\varphi \diamond_r \psi$  is also in  $B_a(\mathbf{C}^n)$  for

$$(\dagger) \quad \varphi \diamond_r \psi = \sum_k \left(\frac{-1}{r}\right)^{|k|} \frac{1}{k!} (\partial^k \varphi) (\bar{\partial}^k \psi)$$

and  $T_\varphi^{(r)} T_\psi^{(r)} = T_{\varphi \diamond_r \psi}^{(r)}$ . The series in (†) converges uniformly and absolutely. Moreover, for  $r > 1$

$$\left\| \varphi \diamond_r \psi - \sum_{|k| \leq K} \left(\frac{-1}{r}\right)^{|k|} \frac{1}{k!} (\partial^k \varphi) (\bar{\partial}^k \psi) \right\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{r^{K+1}} C(\varphi, \psi, K)$$

for  $C(\varphi, \psi, K)$  a constant independent of  $r$ .

**Theorem 2'.** For  $\varphi, \psi$  polynomials in  $(z_1, \dots, z_n, \bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n)$ , we have  $T_\varphi^{(r)} T_\psi^{(r)}$  defined on a dense domain consisting of linear combinations of functions of the form  $\{p(z)e^{z \cdot a} : a \in \mathbf{C}^n \text{ and } p(z) \text{ polynomial in } (z_1, \dots, z_n)\}$ . On this domain

$$T_\varphi^{(r)} T_\psi^{(r)} = T_{\varphi \diamond_r \psi}^{(r)}$$

for  $\varphi \diamond_r \psi$  given by (†) and  $\varphi \diamond_r \psi$  is polynomial in the  $z_j, \bar{z}_j$ .

While Theorems 1 and 2 provide some basis for optimism about the development of a reasonably extensive Berezin-Toeplitz calculus on  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , the situation is considerably less promising on the classical Bergman space of the disc,  $H^2(\mathbf{D}, \frac{dA}{\pi})$ , where  $\mathbf{D} = \{z \in \mathbf{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and  $\frac{dA}{\pi}$  is normalized Lebesgue area measure. In this case, the Bergman kernel function is just  $K(z, w) = (1 - z\bar{w})^{-2}$  and the Berezin-Toeplitz operator  $T_\varphi$  on  $H^2(\mathbf{D}, \frac{dA}{\pi})$  is given by

$$(T_\varphi f)(z) = \int_{\mathbf{D}} K(z, w) \varphi(w) f(w) \frac{dA(w)}{\pi}.$$

Direct calculation shows, first, that

$$T_z T_{\bar{z}} = T_{1 + \log|z|^2}.$$

Moreover,

$$T_{z^2} T_{\bar{z}^2} = T_{1 + 2 \log|z|^2} + P_0$$

where  $P_0 f = \int_{\mathbf{D}} f(z) \frac{dA(z)}{\pi}$  and  $P_0 \neq T_\varphi$  for any  $\varphi$ . For asymptotic results on composition of Berezin-Toeplitz operators on  $H^2(\mathbf{D}, \frac{dA}{\pi})$  see [KL].

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