

# Cyclic Elements on the Hilbert Multidisc

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# 1. Cyclic Elements

- Cyclic elements of a family of operators

$\Theta = \{ T \}$  a family of operators on  $X$ ,  $T: X \rightarrow X$

$G = \text{Semi-Group}(\Theta)$

**DEFINITION:**  $x$  in  $X$  is cyclic if  $\text{Span}(Gx) = X$ .

$\text{CYC}(G)$  – the set of all  $G$ -cyclic elements

To know  $\text{CYC}(G)$  – a step to  $\text{Lat}(G)$ .

## 2. Example (classical)

The Hardy space  $H^2(\mathbb{D})$  of the Disc  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ :

$$H^2(\mathbb{D}) = \left\{ f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \hat{f}(n) z^n : \|f\|_2^2 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 < \infty \right\},$$

$T$  is the shift operator  $Tf = zf$ ,  $G = \{T^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ .

**THEOREM (V.I.Smirnov,1932 - A.Beurling,1949):**

$$f \in H^2 \text{ is cyclic} \Leftrightarrow f \text{ is "outer"}: \log|f(0)| = \int_{\tau} \log|f| dm.$$

All known proofs depend on the canonical factorization  $f = f_{\text{inn}} \cdot f_{\text{out}}$ .

# 3. The Framework of this Talk

The Hilbert multi-disc  $\mathbb{D}_2^\infty$

- **D. Hilbert (1909)** defined an infinite-dimensional multi-disc  $\mathbb{D}_2^\infty$ ,

$$\mathbb{D}_2^\infty = \{\zeta = (\zeta_k)_{k \geq 1} \in l^2 : |\zeta_k| < 1 (\forall k)\},$$

and sketched a holomorphic function theory on  $\mathbb{D}_2^\infty$ .

- **The Hardy space on  $\mathbb{D}_2^\infty$ ,**

$$H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty) =: \left\{ F = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+(\infty)} c_\alpha(F) \zeta^\alpha : \|F\|_2^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+(\infty)} |c_\alpha(F)|^2 < \infty \right\},$$

$\mathbb{Z}_+(\infty) = \cup_{k \geq 1} \mathbb{Z}_+^k$  all finitely supported sequences of nonnegative integers  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s, 0, 0, \dots)$ , and  $\zeta^\alpha = \zeta_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \zeta_s^{\alpha_s}$  ( $\zeta \in \mathbb{D}_2^\infty$ ).

### 3. The Framework of this Talk (cnd)

- The multiplication (monomial) semigroupe,  $M_\zeta = (\zeta^\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+(\infty)}$ ,

$$\zeta^\alpha : f(\zeta) \longrightarrow \zeta^\alpha f(\zeta), \quad \zeta \in \mathbb{D}_2^\infty.$$

- $Lat(M_\zeta) =$  the lattice of closed  $M_\zeta$ -invariant subspaces of  $H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$ .

- $F \in H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$  is  $M_\zeta$ -cyclic iff  $Span(M_\zeta F) = H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$ .

- **EXAMPLES:**

- 1) (trivial)  $F = \mathbb{1} \in CYC(M_\zeta)$ ; 2) (obvious)  $F \in CYC(M_\zeta)$  if  $F \in H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$  and  $1/F \in H^\infty(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$ ,
- 3) (simple)  $F(\zeta) = \exp\left(\frac{\zeta_1+1}{\zeta_1-1}\right)$  is not cyclic.

## 4. The Problem

- Describe  $CYC(M_\zeta)$ .
- Describe  $Lat(M_\zeta)$ .

**Remark:** clearly,  $F \in CYC(M_\zeta) \Leftrightarrow (F \notin E \forall E \in Lat(M_\zeta), E \neq H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty))$ .

# 5. First Observations

(1)  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{D}_2^\infty$

$F \mapsto F(\lambda)$  is BDD on  $H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$

(2) The reproducing kernel of  $H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$  is an "Euler product"

$$k_\lambda(\zeta) = \sum_{\alpha \geq 0} \bar{\lambda}^\alpha \zeta^\alpha = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\lambda}_j \zeta_j}, \quad \|k_\lambda\|_{H^2}^2 = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - |\lambda_j|^2} < \infty.$$

**Remark:**  $k_\lambda \in H^\infty(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty) \Leftrightarrow \lambda \in l^1$ .

(3)  $H^2(\mathbb{D}^m) \subset H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$  (isometrically), and  $F \in H^2(\mathbb{D}^m)$  is cyclic in  $H^2(\mathbb{D}^m) \Leftrightarrow F \in CYC(M_\zeta)$ .

(4) Similar is true for  $H_\sigma^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty) = \{F \in H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty) : \text{Fourier spectrum of } F \text{ is in } \sigma\}$  for every "half-group"  $\sigma \subset z_+(\infty)$ . **EXAMPLE:**  $\sigma = \alpha \cdot z_+$ , where  $\alpha \in z_+(\infty)$ .

# 6. Results



**THEOREM 1: IF**  $(\exists \epsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } F^{1+\epsilon} \in H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty), 1/F^\epsilon \in H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty))$   
**THEN**  $F \in CYC(M_\zeta)$ .

**Proof.** - SOME PROPERTIES OF  $H^p(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$  SPACES FOR  $p \geq 2$  WILL BE USED, IN PARTICULAR  $H^p(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty) \subset H^q(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$  FOR  $p > q$ , AND POLYNOMIALS IN  $\zeta^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+(\infty)$  ARE DENSE IN  $H^p(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$ .

WLOG  $\epsilon = 1/N$ ,  $N$  entire; let  $\gamma = \frac{\epsilon}{N(1+\epsilon)}$ ,  $q = \frac{2(1+\epsilon)}{\epsilon}$ .

THEN  $1/F^\gamma \in H^q$  and  $\exists$  poly  $p_k$  s.t.  $\lim_k \|F^{-\gamma} - p_k\|_q = 0$ . By Hölder

$$\|F^{1-\gamma} - p_k F\|_2 = \|F(\frac{1}{F^\gamma} - p_k)\|_2 \leq \|F^{1+\epsilon}\|_2^{1/1+\epsilon} \|\frac{1}{F^\gamma} - p_k\|_q \longrightarrow 0.$$

HENCE  $F^{1-\gamma} \in E =: \text{Span}_{H^2}(M_\zeta F)$ . NEXT,  $F^{1-2\gamma} \in E$ , etc., by induction  $1 \in E$ .

CONCLUSION:  $E = H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$ . ■

• **REMARK - a necessary condition:**  $F \in CYC(M_\zeta) \Rightarrow F(\zeta) \neq 0 \forall \zeta \in \mathbb{D}_2^\infty$ .

**THEOREM 2:** IF  $F \in Hol((1 + \epsilon)\mathbb{D}^m)$  AND  $F(\zeta) \neq 0 \forall \zeta \in \mathbb{D}_2^\infty$  THEN  $F \in CYC(M_\zeta)$ .

**Proof.** - WE WILL CHECK CONDITIONS OF THEOREM 1:  $F \in H^p(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$  IS OBVIOUS ( $\forall p$ ).

**LEMMA (the zero set of  $F$ ):** let  $Z(F) =: \{\zeta \in \mathbb{D}^m : F(\zeta) = 0\}$ , then  $\exists \sigma \subset \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  s.t.

$$Z(F) = A \times \mathbb{D}^\sigma, A \subset \mathbb{T}^{\sigma'}$$

where  $\sigma' = \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \setminus \sigma$  and  $A$  is a finite union of analytic manifolds of real dimensions strictly less than  $card(\sigma')$ .

# Proof of Theorem 2 (cnd)

Applying S.Lojaciewicz's theorem for  $F$ :  $\exists N, C_1 > 0$  s.t.

$$|F(\zeta)| \geq C_1(\text{dist}(\zeta, Z(F)))^N = C_1(\text{dist}(\zeta_{\sigma'}, A))^N$$

for every  $\zeta \in \mathbb{T}^m$ , and  $\exists C_2 > 0$  s.t.  $\text{dist}(r\zeta_{\sigma'}, A) \geq C_2 \cdot \text{dist}(\zeta_{\sigma'}, A)$  ( $0 < r < 1, \zeta_{\sigma'} \in \mathbb{T}^{\sigma'}$ ). Let  $d = \text{card}(\sigma')$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  s.t.  $N\epsilon < 1$ , then

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^m} \frac{d\Lambda_m(\zeta)}{|F(r\zeta)|^\epsilon} \leq C_3 \int_{\mathbb{T}^{\sigma'}} \frac{d\Lambda_d(\zeta_{\sigma'})}{(\text{dist}(\zeta_{\sigma'}, A))^{N\epsilon}} < \infty,$$

since  $A$  is  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphic to  $H = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) : x_1 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , and with  $\zeta_{\sigma'} \sim x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ ,  $\text{dist}(\zeta_{\sigma'}, A) \geq c|x_1|$ ,

$$c \cdot \int_{|x_j| < 1, \forall j} \frac{dx_1 \dots dx_d}{|x_1|^{N\epsilon}} < \infty.$$

It follows that  $1/F \in H^\epsilon(\mathbb{D}^m)$ . By Theorem 1,  $F$  is cyclic. ■

## 7. Two Corollaries

**COROLLARY 1:** Reproducing kernels  $k_\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}_2^\infty$ , are cyclic.

Indeed,

- (obviously)  $k_\lambda(\zeta) = \prod_{s \geq 1} F_{\lambda_s}(\zeta_s)$  where  $F_a(z) = (1 - \bar{a}z)^{-1}$  ( $a, z \in \mathbb{D}$ );
- $\|F_a\|_{H^p(\mathbb{T})}^p = 1 + |pa/2|^2(1 + o(1))$  as  $a \rightarrow 0$  ( $\forall p < \infty$ ), and hence
- $k_\lambda, 1/k_\lambda \in H^p(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$  for every  $\lambda, \lambda \in \mathbb{D}_2^\infty$  and  $\forall p < \infty$ . ■

**COROLLARY 2:**  $F \in H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}F(\zeta) \geq 0$  ( $\zeta \in \mathbb{D}_2^\infty$ )  $\Rightarrow$  **F is cyclic. In particular,  $F = 1 + f$ ,  $\|f\|_\infty \leq 1$ , is cyclic.** ■

**Rem:** Corollaries are equivalent to Hedenmalm, Lindquist, and Seip's results (1997) (here with new and easier proofs).

## 8. Why it is important, tenthly?

(10) Because it is equivalent to the dilation f  
(nx),  $n=1,2,\dots$  completeness problem  
(DCP)

(11) Beacuse a partial case of the DCP is  
equivalent to the Riemann hypothesis

# 9. What is the DCP?

**DILATION COMPLETENESS PROBLEM:** *To describe functions  $f \in L^p(0, \infty)$  such that*

$$\text{span}_{L^p(0,1)}(f(nx) : n = 1, 2, 3, \dots) = L^p(0, 1).$$

**EXAMPLES:**

(1) Functions with **COMPLETE** dilations:  $f = \text{Sin}(\pi x)$ ;  $f = e^{-x}$ ;  $f = e^{-x^\alpha}$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ;

(2) Functions with **INCOMPLETE** dilations:  $f = \text{Sin}(2\pi x)$ ;  $f = e^{-x^\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha > 1$ ;

(3) Riemann Hypothesis is equivalent to the DCP for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} - [\frac{1}{x}]$ ,  $x > 0$  (B.Nyman 1950; L.Báez-Duarte 2003).

# 10. Periodic DCP

The **FIRST STEP TO THE DCP** - a **PERIODIC DCP** raised by Wintner (1944) and Beurling (1945), i.e. the question when  $f(nx)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  are complete in  $L^2(0, 1)$  if

*f* is odd and 2-periodic.

- **Aurel Wintner, 1944**, in Amer. J. Math., motivated by analytical problems arising from the Eratosthenes sieve method.
- **Arne Beurling, 1945**, in a seminar talk at Uppsala University, without a declared motivation.



# 10. Periodic DCP (cnd)

- The DILATIONS on  $L^2_{\text{odd}}(\mathbb{R}/2\mathbb{Z})$  FORM an OPERATOR SEMIGROUP:

$$f \in L^2_{\text{odd}}(-1, 1) \Rightarrow f = \sum_{k \geq 1} b_k \text{Sin}(\pi k x), \sum_{k \geq 1} |b_k|^2 < \infty.$$

HENCE  $f(nx) = (T_n f)(x)$ , where  $(T_n)$  acts on an ONB  $e_k = \text{Sin}(\pi k x)$  as  $T_n e_k = e_{nk}$ .

- CHANGING the BASIS:  $(e^{ikx})_{k \geq 1}$  in the Hardy space  $H^2_{\mathbb{D}}$ ,

$$H^2_{\mathbb{D}} = \left\{ f = \sum_{k \geq 1} a_k z^k : \|f\|_2^2 = \sum_{k \geq 1} |a_k|^2 < \infty \right\},$$

we get a semigroup of isometries

$$T_n f(z) = f(z^n), f \in H^2_{\mathbb{D}}.$$

- Now, the Periodic DCP is TO FIND CYCLIC VECTORS  $f$  of  $(T_n)$ :

$$\text{span}_{H^2}(T_n f : n \geq 1) = H^2_{\mathbb{D}}.$$

# 10. Periodic DCP (cnd)

A unitary equivalence between  $H_0^2(\mathbb{D})$  and  $H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$ :

$U : f = \sum_{n \geq 1} \hat{f}(n)z^n \mapsto Uf(\zeta) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \hat{f}(n)\zeta^{\alpha(n)}, \zeta \in \mathbb{D}_2^\infty,$   
 $\alpha(n) = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s, 0, \dots)$  is defined by the prime decomposition

$$n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s}, \alpha_j \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$

**LEMMA.** (1)  $U$  is unitary  $H_0^2(\mathbb{D}) \longrightarrow H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$  and transforms  $(T_n)$  into a multiplication semigroup  $M_\zeta = (M_{\zeta^\alpha})_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+(\infty)}$ :

$$(UT_nU^{-1})f(\zeta) = \zeta^{\alpha(n)}f(\zeta) \quad (\zeta \in \mathbb{D}_2^\infty, f \in H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)).$$

(2)  $E \in \text{Lat}(T_n) \Leftrightarrow UE \in \text{Lat}(M_\zeta)$ ; a function  $f \in H_0^2$  is  $(T_n)$ -cyclic iff  $Uf$  is  $M_\zeta$ -cyclic.

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- Conclusion: the following three problems are now equivalent:
  - (1)  $M\zeta$  cyclicity on the Hilbert multidisc
  - (2) Completeness of  $f(z^n)$ ,  $n=1,2,\dots$  in  $H^2(D)$
  - (3) Completeness of  $g(nx)$ ,  $n=1,2,\dots$  in  $L^2(0,1)$ , with 2-periodic odd extension of  $g$

# 10. Periodic DCP (cnd)

## An Abridged History of the Periodic DCP

- **A.Wintner, 1944:**  $f = \sum_{n \geq 1} n^{-s} z^n$ ,  $Re(s) > 1/2$  is  $(T_n)$ -cyclic.
- **A.Beurling, 1945:**  $f$  is  $(T_n)$ -cyclic  $\Rightarrow Uf(\zeta) \neq 0$  for  $\zeta \in \mathbb{D}_2^\infty$ .
- **R.Gosselin and J.Neuwirth, 1968,**
- **J.Ginsberg, J.Neuwirth, and D.Newman, 1970:**  $f$  a polynomial, then  $f$  cyclic  $\Leftrightarrow Uf(\zeta) \neq 0$  for  $\zeta \in \mathbb{D}_2^\infty$ .
- **H.Hedenmalm, P.Lindquist, and K.Seip, 1997-1998:**  $f = z + \sum_{n \geq 2} a_n z^n$ ,  $\sum_{n \geq 2} |a_n| \leq 1 \Rightarrow f$  is cyclic;  $f = \sum_{n \geq 1} \chi(n) z^n$  is cyclic, where  $\chi$  stands for a bounded character of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Remark: As it is shown all these results follow from Theorem 1 above.

# 11. Two Open Questions

(1) Is Theorem 1 sharp?

Whether there exists a **NON-CYCLIC**  $F \in H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$  such that  $1/F \in H^2(\mathbb{D}_2^\infty)$ ?

**COMMENTS:**

- $F \in H^2(\mathbb{D})$ ,  $1/F \in H^2(\mathbb{D})$  (obviously) implies that  $F$  is **CYCLIC**.
- It is plausible that for  $H^2(\mathbb{D}^2)$  there is a counterexample:

**HINT:** if  $f(0) = 0$  and  $\varphi =: f' \in L_a^2(\mathbb{D})$  (the Bergman space on  $\mathbb{D}$ ) then

a)  $\varphi \mapsto \frac{f(w) - f(z)}{w - z} =: F \in H^2(\mathbb{D}^2)$  (isometric embedding  $L_a^2(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow H^2(\mathbb{D}^2)$ ),

b) if  $F$  is cyclic in  $H^2(\mathbb{D}^2)$ , then  $\varphi$  is cyclic in  $L_a^2(\mathbb{D})$ ,

c) there exists  $\varphi \in L_a^2(\mathbb{D})$ ,  $1/\varphi \in L_a^2(\mathbb{D})$  which is **NOT CYCLIC**  
(A.Borichev and H.Hedenmalm)

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(2) V.Ya. Kozlov's problem (1950):

Let  $0 < \beta < 1$  and  $f_\beta \in L^2_{\text{odd}}(-1, 1)$ ,  $f_\beta|_{(0, 1)} = \chi_{(0, \beta)}$ , 2-periodically extended on  $\mathbb{R}$ . For which values of  $\beta$

$$f_\beta(nx), n = 1, 2, \dots$$

are complete in  $L^2_{\text{odd}}(-1, 1)$ ?

Known cases (claimed V.Ya.Kozlov, Dokl. URSS, 73(1950), 441-444, no proofs):

**CYCLIC:**

- 1)  $\beta = 1$  (equivalent to reproducing kernel  $k_\lambda$ ,  $\lambda = (0, 1/p_2, 1/p_3, \dots)$ )
- 2)  $\beta = 1/2, 2/3$ ;

**NON-CYCLIC:**

- 3)  $\beta = 1/3$  (and a neighborhood);
- 4)  $\beta = q/p$ ,  $p$  prime  $p \neq 2$ ,  $q$  odd, and  $\tan^2(2\pi\beta) < 1/p$ .

**THE END**

**THANK YOU!**