

VANISHING CARLESON MEASURE ON  
THE UNIT BALL IN  $C^n$

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**Abstract:** Suppose that  $\mu$  is a finite positive Borel measure on the unit ball  $B \subset C^n$ . In this paper, we will show that if the operator  $T(f) = P[f]$  is compact as a mapping from  $H^2(\sigma)$  into  $L^2(B, d\mu)$ , then  $\mu$  is vanishing Carleson measure.

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1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $C^n$  will be the Cartesian product of  $n$  copies of  $C$ . For  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$  and  $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$  in  $C^n$ , the inner product is defined by  $\langle z, w \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \bar{w}_j$  and the norm by  $|z|^2 = \langle z, z \rangle$ .

Let  $B$  denote the unit ball in  $C^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , and the boundary of  $B$  is the unit sphere  $S = \{z \in C^n : |z| = 1\}$ .  $\sigma$  is the normalized surface measure on its boundary  $S$ . For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $L^2(\sigma)$  denote the Lebesgue space of  $S$  induced by  $\sigma$ .

$A(B)$  is the class of all  $f : B \rightarrow C$  that are continuous on the closed ball  $\bar{B}$  and that holomorphic in its interior  $B$ . Let  $H^2(\sigma)$  be the  $L^2(\sigma)$  closure of the elements of  $A(B)$  restricted to  $S$ . Then  $H^2(\sigma)$  is a Hilbert subspace of  $L^2(\sigma)$ .

For  $f \in L^1(\sigma)$ ,  $P[f]$  denotes the Poisson-Szegö integral defined for  $z \in B$  by

$$P[f](z) = \int_S P(z, \zeta) f(\zeta) d\sigma(\zeta),$$

where

$$P(z, \zeta) = \left( \frac{1 - |z|^2}{|1 - \langle z, \zeta \rangle|^2} \right)^n$$

is the Poisson-Szegö kernel for  $B$ . Each element  $f$  of  $H^2(\sigma)$  has a holomorphic extension to  $B$  given by  $P[f]$  (see [7, 1.5]).

A positive Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $B$  is called a Carleson measure if

$$\|\mu\|_{\mathfrak{C}} = \sup \left\{ \frac{\mu(B_\delta(\zeta))}{\delta^n} : \zeta \in S, \delta > 0 \right\} < \infty,$$

where  $B_\delta(\zeta) = \{z \in B : |1 - \langle z, \zeta \rangle| < \delta\}$  (see [4, 8]).

In Section 2, we will show that if

$$\sup_{z \in B} \int_B \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle w, z \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(w) < \infty,$$

then a positive Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $B$  is Carleson measure on  $B$ .

A positive Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $B$  is called a vanishing Carleson measure if

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu(B_\delta(\zeta))}{\delta^n} = 0,$$

uniformly in  $\zeta \in S$ .

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces. We will denote the set of all bounded operators from  $X$  to  $Y$  by  $\mathfrak{L}(X, Y)$ . An operator  $T \in \mathfrak{L}(X, Y)$  is called compact if and only if for every bounded sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset X$ ,  $\{Tx_n\}$  has a subsequence convergent in  $Y$ .

In Section 3, we will show that if the operator  $T(f) = P[f]$  is compact as a mapping from  $H^2(\sigma)$  into  $L^2(B, d\mu)$ , then  $\mu$  is vanishing Carleson measure.

## 2. Carleson Measure

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $f \in A(B)$ , then  $f(z) = P[f](z)$  for all  $z \in B$ .*

*Proof.* See [10, Theorem 3.2.4]. □

**Theorem 2.2.** *If  $f \in A(B)$  and  $z \in B$ , Then*

$$f(z) = \int_S \frac{f(\zeta)}{(1 - \langle z, \zeta \rangle)^n} d\sigma(\zeta).$$

*Proof.* See [10, Theorem 3.2.4]. □

**Theorem 2.3.** *If  $0 \leq r < 1$ ,  $\zeta \in S$  and  $\eta \in S$ , then*

$$P(r\eta, \zeta) = P(r\zeta, \eta).$$

*Also,*

$$\int_S P(r\eta, \zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) = 1 = \int_S P(r\zeta, \eta) d\sigma(\eta).$$

*Proof.* See [10, Proposition 3.3.3]. □

**Theorem 2.4.** *The measures  $\nu$  and  $\sigma$  are related by the formula*

$$\int_{C^n} f d\nu = 2n \int_0^\infty r^{2n-1} \int_S f(r\zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) dr.$$

*In particular,*

$$\int_B f d\nu = 2n \int_0^1 r^{2n-1} \int_S f(r\zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) dr.$$

*Proof.* See [10, Proposition 1.4.3]. □

**Theorem 2.5.** *If  $\int_B P[f](z) d\mu(z) < \infty$  for all  $f \in A(B)$ , then*

$$\sup_{w \in B} \int_B \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(z) < \infty.$$

*Proof.* For the following function  $f$  such that

$$f(\zeta) = \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^n}{(1 - \langle \zeta, w \rangle)^{2n}},$$

$$\begin{aligned} P[f](z) &= \int_S P(z, \zeta) \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^n}{(1 - \langle \zeta, w \rangle)^{2n}} d\sigma(\zeta) \\ &= (1 - |w|^2)^n (1 - |z|^2)^n \int_S \frac{1}{(1 - \langle z, \zeta \rangle)^n (1 - \langle \zeta, z \rangle)^n} \frac{1}{(1 - \langle \zeta, w \rangle)^{2n}} d\sigma(\zeta) \end{aligned}$$

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

by Theorem 2.

Since a positive Borel measure  $\mu$  satisfies  $\int_B P[f](z)d\mu(z) < \infty$  for all  $f \in A(B)$ ,

$$\sup_{w \in B} \int_B \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(z) < \infty. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 2.6.** *If a positive Borel measure  $\mu$  satisfies*

$$\sup_{z \in B} \int_B \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle w, z \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(w) < \infty,$$

*then measure  $\mu$  on  $B$  is Carleson measure on  $B$ .*

*Proof.* For  $z = 0$ ,

$$\int_B \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle w, z \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(w) = \mu(B).$$

This implies that if  $\delta \geq 1/4$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(B_\delta(\zeta)) &\leq \mu(B) \leq \sup_{z \in B} \int_B \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle w, z \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(w) \\ &\leq 4^n \delta^n \sup_{z \in B} \int_B \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle w, z \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(w), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\zeta \in \partial B$ .

Suppose  $\delta < 1/4$  and  $\zeta \in S$ . Put

$$z_0 = (1 - \frac{\delta}{2})\zeta.$$

For  $z \in B$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |1 - \langle z, z_0 \rangle| &= |1 - \langle z - z_0 + z_0, z_0 \rangle| \\ &= |1 - \langle z - z_0, z_0 \rangle - \langle z_0, z_0 \rangle| \leq (1 - |z_0|^2) + |\langle z - z_0, z_0 \rangle|. \end{aligned}$$

If  $z \in B_\delta(\zeta)$ , then

$$|\langle z - z_0, z_0 \rangle| = |\langle z, z_0 \rangle - \langle z_0, z_0 \rangle| = |\langle z, \frac{z_0}{|z_0|} \rangle| |z_0| - \langle \frac{z_0}{|z_0|}, \frac{z_0}{|z_0|} \rangle| |z_0|^2$$

$$= |z_0| |\langle z, \zeta \rangle - \langle \zeta, \zeta \rangle| |z_0| = |z_0| |\langle z, \zeta \rangle - |z_0|| \leq \frac{3}{2} \delta |z_0|.$$

This implies that, for  $z \in B_\delta(\zeta)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |1 - \langle z, z_0 \rangle| &\leq (1 - |z_0|^2) + \frac{3}{2} \delta |z_0| = (1 - |z_0|^2) + 3(1 - |z_0|) |z_0| \\ &= (1 - |z_0|^2) + 3(1 - |z_0|)(1 + |z_0|) \leq 4(1 - |z_0|^2). \end{aligned}$$

Above result shows that

$$\frac{(1 - |z_0|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle z, z_0 \rangle|^{2n}} \geq \frac{(1 - |z_0|^2)^n}{|4(1 - |z_0|^2)|^{2n}} = \frac{1}{4^{2n}} \frac{(1 - |z_0|^2)^n}{(1 - |z_0|^2)^{2n}} = \frac{1}{4^{2n}} \frac{1}{(1 - |z_0|^2)^n},$$

for all  $z \in B_\delta(\zeta)$ . This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_B \frac{(1 - |z_0|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle z, z_0 \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(z) &\geq \int_{B_\delta(\zeta)} \frac{(1 - |z_0|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle z, z_0 \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(z) \\ &\geq \int_{B_\delta(\zeta)} \frac{1}{4^{2n}} \frac{1}{(1 - |z_0|^2)^n} d\mu(z) \geq \int_{B_\delta(\zeta)} \frac{1}{4^{2n}} \frac{1}{2^n (1 - |z_0|)^n} d\mu(z) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4^{2n}} \frac{\mu(B_\delta(\zeta))}{\delta^n}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $z \in B_\delta(\zeta)$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4^{2n}} \frac{\mu(B_\delta(\zeta))}{\delta^n} &\leq \int_B \frac{(1 - |z_0|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle z, z_0 \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(z), \\ \sup\left\{ \frac{1}{4^{2n}} \frac{\mu(B_\delta(\zeta))}{\delta^n} : \delta > 0, \zeta \in S \right\} &\leq \sup_{w \in B} \int_B \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(z) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that measure  $\mu$  on  $B$  is Carleson measure on  $B$ . □

### 3. Vanishing Carleson Measure

**Lemma 3.1.** *If  $\mu$  is a positive Borel measure such that  $\int_B P(z, \zeta) d\mu(z) < \infty$ , then a linear operator  $T$  such that  $T(f) = P[f]$  is mapping from  $H^2(\sigma)$  into  $L^2(B, d\mu)$ .*

*Proof.* Since

$$\begin{aligned} |P[f](z)|^2 &= \left| \int_S f(\zeta) P(z, \zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) \right|^2 \\ &\leq \int_S |f(\zeta)|^2 P(z, \zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) \int_S P(z, \zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) = \int_S |f(\zeta)|^2 P(z, \zeta) d\sigma(\zeta), \\ \int_B |P[f](z)|^2 d\mu(z) &\leq \int_B \int_S |f(\zeta)|^2 P(z, \zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) d\mu(z) \\ &\leq \int_S |f(\zeta)|^2 \int_B P(z, \zeta) d\mu(z) d\sigma(\zeta). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\int_B |P[f](z)|^2 d\mu(z) \leq M \int_S |f(\zeta)|^2 d\sigma(\zeta),$$

where  $M = \int_B P(z, \zeta) d\mu(z)$ . □

**Theorem 3.2.** *A linear operator  $T$  on Hilbert space  $H$  is compact if and only if  $\|Tx_n\| \rightarrow 0$  whenever  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  weakly in  $H$ .*

*Proof.* See [9, Theorem VI.11]. □

**Lemma 3.3.** *If a linear operator  $T$  such that  $T(f) = P[f]$  is compact as mapping from  $H^2(\sigma)$  into  $L^2(B, d\mu)$ , then*

$$\lim_{|w| \rightarrow 1^-} \int_B \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(z) = 0.$$

*Proof.* For the following function  $f$  such that

$$f(\zeta) = \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{n/2}}{(1 - \langle \zeta, w \rangle)^n},$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_S \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{n/2}}{(1 - \langle w, \zeta \rangle)^n} g(\zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) \\ &= \int_S \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^n}{(1 - \langle w, \zeta \rangle)^n (1 - \langle \zeta, w \rangle)^n} \frac{(1 - \langle \zeta, w \rangle)^n}{(1 - |w|^2)^{n/2}} g(\zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) \\ &= \int_S \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle w, \zeta \rangle|^{2n}} \frac{(1 - \langle \zeta, w \rangle)^n}{(1 - |w|^2)^{n/2}} g(\zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) = \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^n}{(1 - |w|^2)^{n/2}} g(w) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (1 - |w|)^{n/2}g(w),$$

for all  $g \in H^2(\sigma)$ . This implies that

$$\lim_{|w| \rightarrow 1^-} \int_S \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{n/2}}{|1 - \langle w, \zeta \rangle|^n} g(\zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) = 0,$$

for all  $g \in H^2(\sigma)$ . By Theorem 8,

$$\lim_{|w| \rightarrow 1^-} \int_B \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(z) = 0. \quad \square$$

**Corollary 3.4.** *If the operator  $T(f) = P[f]$  is compact as a mapping from  $H^2(\sigma)$  into  $L^2(B, d\mu)$ , then  $\mu$  is vanishing Carleson measure.*

*Proof.* For  $\zeta \in S$ , put

$$z_0 = (1 - \frac{\delta}{2})\zeta.$$

If  $w \in B_\delta(\zeta)$ ,

$$\frac{1}{4^{2n}} \frac{\mu(B_\delta(\zeta))}{\delta^n} \leq \int_B \frac{(1 - |z_0|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle z, z_0 \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(z)$$

by the proof of Theorem 6. As  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ ,  $|z_0| \rightarrow 1$ . This implies that

$$\frac{1}{4^{2n}} \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu(B_\delta(\zeta))}{\delta^n} \leq \lim_{|z_0| \rightarrow 1} \int_B \frac{(1 - |z_0|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle z, z_0 \rangle|^{2n}} d\mu(z) = 0.$$

This implies that  $\mu$  is vanishing Carleson measure. □

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