DISCRETE QUADRATIC ESTIMATES AND HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONAL CALCULI IN BANACH SPACES

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ABSTRACT. We develop a discrete version of the weak quadratic estimates for operators of type ω of [6], and show that analogous theorems hold. The method is direct and can be generalized to the case of finding necessary and sufficient conditions for an operator T to have a bounded functional calculus on a domain which touches $\sigma(T)$ non-tangentially at several points. For operators on L^p , 1 , it follows that <math>T has a bounded functional calculus if and only if Tsatisfies discrete quadratic estimates. Using this, one easily obtains Albrecht's extension to a joint functional calculus for several commuting operators [1]. In Hilbert space the methods show that an operator with a bounded functional calculus has a uniformly bounded matricial functional calculus.

The basic idea is to take a dyadic decomposition of the boundary of a sector S_{ν} . Then on the k'th interval consider an orthonormal sequence of polynomials $\{e_{k,j}\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$. For $h \in H^{\infty}(S_{\nu})$, estimates for the uniform norm of h on a smaller sector S_{μ} are obtained from the coefficients $a_{k,j} = \langle h, e_{k,j} \rangle$. These estimates are then used to prove the theorems.

1. INTRODUCTION

Given a closed densely defined operator T acting on a complex Banach space \mathcal{X} , and a function f which is bounded and holomorphic on an open neighborhood of the spectrum $\sigma(T)$ of T, the Riesz-Dunford functional calculus allows one to define a bounded operator f(T). Bounds for many interesting functions of an operator may be obtained in this fashion. However, some functions such as the imaginary powers, and rational functions of the square root, may fail to be bounded and holomorphic on an open neighborhood of the spectrum of T. Good methods for defining f(T) exist whenever f is bounded and holomorphic on an open set Ω such that the closure $\overline{\Omega}$ contains $\sigma(T)$, the boundary $\partial\Omega$ touches $\sigma(T)$ at finitely many points non-tangentially, and T has no point spectrum contained in this intersection, and has resolvent bounds near it. See [13, 2] for the case when T is type ω and Ω is a sector.

In general f(T) may be an unbounded operator, [12]. If the norm of f(T) is comparable to the supremum of f, then we say that T admits a bounded $H^{\infty}(\Omega)$

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functional calculus. Investigation of a necessary and sufficient condition for T to admit a bounded $H^{\infty}(\Omega)$ functional calculus, namely that T satisfies quadratic estimates, was begun by the second author in [13]. Subsequent investigations of quadratic estimates and related generalizations include [2, 5, 7, 9].

Of particular interest for this work is the paper [6] where among the many results, Cowling et al. show that weak quadratic estimates are equivalent to the boundedness of the holomorphic functional calculus for operators in a Banach space \mathcal{X} . They restrict their attention to operators T with spectrum contained in the closure, \overline{S}_{ω} , of an open sector S_{ω} , (defined below), and consider the question of whether T admits a bounded $H^{\infty}(S_{\mu})$ functional calculus for some $\mu > \omega$. Since \overline{S}_{μ} contains \overline{S}_{ω} and ∂S_{μ} touches \overline{S}_{ω} non-tangentially at 0 and ∞ this question fits into the framework described above. The methods used in [6] to prove this result are quite technical, and their use of the Mellin transform would be less natural in more general settings. Specifically, they require some Fourier analysis to pass between continuous and discrete versions of the weak quadratic estimates. We avoid the use of Fourier analysis by directly formulating the problem in discrete terms. This gives simplified proofs of some of the results in [6] and allows an immediate extension to the more general situation outlined above.

Our techniques also generalize to several variables. For commuting operators on L^p , 1 , which individually admit a joint functional calculus, one easilyobtains Albrecht's extension to a joint functional calculus for several commutingoperators. Uniform bounds on matricial functional calculi for operators in Hilbertspace are shown, and used to prove similarity results.

Recently, Lancien, Lancien and Le Merdy have used this work to prove results about the boundedness of joint functional calculi on various types of Banach spaces, with applications to maximal regularity [10, 11].

We now give a brief outline of the paper. In Section 2 we attend to definitions and recall some required results in operator theory. In Section 3 we construct a sequence of functions $\{\Phi_{m,k,j}\} \subset H^{\infty}(S_{\nu})$ which spans $H^{\infty}(S_{\nu})$ and has the property that if $\mu < \nu$ then any linear combination of the $\Phi_{m,k,j}$'s with bounded coefficients is in $H^{\infty}(S_{\mu})$. In Section 4 we use the $\Phi_{m,k,j}$'s with an operator argument to provide some discrete quadratic estimates which an operator must satisfy in order to have a bounded $H^{\infty}(S_{\nu})$ functional calculus. These discrete quadratic estimates easily generalize in L^p , 1 , to the case of severalcommuting operators, and so provide a rather direct proof of the existence of abounded joint functional calculus [1, 3]. Section 5 extends the results of Sections3 and 4 to more complicated domains. In Section 6 we use the results of Section5 to show that on Hilbert spaces, the operators considered in Section 5 possessuniformly bounded matricial functional calculi, and apply this fact to a specialcase of the so called "polynomially bounded" question of Halmos.

2. Preliminaries

Let us start with the case when the spectrum of T is contained in a sector. The more general case is treated in Section 5. Accordingly, for $0 < \nu < \pi$ let S_{ν} denote the open sector of angle ν . That is $S_{\nu} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |\arg z| < \nu\}$. Let $H^{\infty}(S_{\nu})$ denote the algebra of bounded holomorphic functions on S_{ν} with norm

$$||h||_{\infty} = \sup_{z \in S_{\nu}} |h(z)|.$$

Throughout, \mathcal{X} denotes a complex Banach space. By an *operator* in \mathcal{X} we mean a linear mapping $T : \mathcal{D}(T) \to \mathcal{X}$, where the domain $\mathcal{D}(T)$ of T is a linear subspace of \mathcal{X} . The *norm* $\|\cdot\|$ of T is the (possibly infinite) number

$$|| T || = \sup\{|| T(u) || : u \in \mathcal{D}(T), || u || = 1\}.$$

We say that T is bounded if $||T|| < \infty$, and write $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ when T is bounded and $\mathcal{D}(T) = \mathcal{X}$. We call T closed if its graph $\{(u, Tu) : u \in \mathcal{D}(T)\}$ is a closed subspace of $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}$. The spectrum and resolvent set of T are denoted by $\sigma(T)$ and $\rho(T)$ respectively. The former set is the complement of the latter, which is the set of all complex λ for which there exists a bounded operator, called the resolvent and denoted $(\lambda - T)^{-1}$, such that $(\lambda I - T)(\lambda - T)^{-1}$ is the identity operator I, and $(\lambda - T)^{-1}(\lambda I - T)$ is the identity operator on $\mathcal{D}(T)$.

Definition 2.1. An operator T acting on \mathcal{X} is said to be of type ω , where $0 < \omega < \pi$, if T is closed, $\sigma(T)$ is contained in the closure of S_{ω} , and for each μ in (ω, π) ,

$$\| (T-zI)^{-1} \| \leq c|z|^{-1} , \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \backslash S_{\mu}.$$

An operator T of type ω always possesses an H^{∞} functional calculus [13, 2, 6, 4]. That is for $\mu > \omega$ there exists a unique algebra homomorphism from $H^{\infty}(S_{\mu})$ into the space of closed operators on \mathcal{X} which takes $(\lambda - z)^{-1}$ to $(\lambda - T)^{-1}$. However it may happen that for some $h \in H^{\infty}(S_{\mu})$ with $||h||_{\infty} = 1$ that $||h(T)|| = \infty$, [12]. Of course if $h \in H^{\infty}(S_{\mu})$ and h is integrable with respect to |dz|/|z| on the boundary of S_{μ} , ∂S_{μ} , then h(T) is bounded since it can be represented by a contour integral which converges absolutely in the operator norm. In order to show that the conditions we derive guarantee a bounded functional calculus, we need the Convergence Lemma for approximate operators [13, 2].

Lemma 2.2 (Convergence Lemma). Suppose T is a one-one operator of type ω with dense domain and dense range in \mathcal{X} , and that $\mu > \omega$. Let $\{f_{\alpha}\}$ be a uniformly bounded net of functions in $H^{\infty}(S_{\mu})$ which converges to a function f in $H^{\infty}(S_{\mu})$ uniformly on compact subsets of S_{μ} . Suppose further that the operators $f_{\alpha}(T)$ are uniformly bounded on \mathcal{X} . Then $f_{\alpha}(T)u$ converges to f(T)u for all u in \mathcal{X} , and consequently f(T) is a bounded linear operator on \mathcal{X} , and $||f(T)|| \leq \sup_{\alpha} ||f_{\alpha}(T)||$.

3. Function Theory on a Sector

In this section we develop the relevant function theory. Fix $\pi > \nu > \mu \ge 0$. We wish to take a dyadic decomposition of the boundary of a sector between S_{ν} and S_{μ} in such a way that the length of each dyadic piece is less than the distance from its center to the boundary of both S_{ν} and S_{μ} . Accordingly let $\beta = \frac{1}{2}(\nu + \mu)$, and choose $\rho > 1$ so that

$$\rho - 1 < \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{dist}(e^{i\beta}, S_{\mu}) = \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\nu - \mu}{2}\right).$$

Define a dyadic decomposition of the boundary ∂S_{β} of S_{β} by setting for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$I_{1,k} = \{ re^{i\beta} : \rho^k \le r \le \rho^{k+1} \}, \text{ and } I_{2,k} = \{ re^{-i\beta} : \rho^k \le r \le \rho^{k+1} \}$$

We refer to the centers of the dyadic pieces as

$$z_{1,k} = \frac{1}{2}(\rho^k + \rho^{k+1})e^{i\beta}$$
, and $z_{2,k} = \frac{1}{2}(\rho^k + \rho^{k+1})e^{-i\beta}$

For m = 1, 2, let $\{e_{m,0,j}\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$ be an orthonormal basis of polynomials of $L^2(I_{m,0}, |dz|/|z|)$ obtained from the orthonormalization of the sequence $\{z^j\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$. Thus each $e_{m,0,j}$ is a polynomial of degree j which satisfies

(1)
$$\int_{I_{m,0}} w^{\ell} e_{m,0,j}(w) \frac{|dw|}{|w|} = 0 \text{ for all } \ell < j.$$

For $z \in I_{m,k}$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ set

$$e_{m,k,j}(z) = \begin{cases} e_{m,0,j}(z\rho^{-k}) & z \in I_{m,k} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Note that $\{e_{m,k,j}\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$ is an orthonormal basis of polynomials of $L^2(I_{m,k}, |dz|/|z|)$, and that together the $e_{m,k,j}$'s form an orthonormal basis for $L^2(\partial S_\beta, |dz|/|z|)$.

For z on the boundary of S_{β} and ζ in its interior, define the kernel K by

(2)
$$K(z,\zeta) = \frac{z^{\frac{1}{2}}\zeta^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(z-\zeta)}$$

and observe from Cauchy's theorem that, for $h \in H^{\infty}(S_{\beta})$

(3)
$$h(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial S_{\beta}} h(z) K(z,\zeta) \frac{dz}{z}.$$

For each $e_{m,k,j}$ define the holomorphic function $\Phi_{m,k,j}$ on S_{β} by

(4)
$$\Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial S_{\beta}} e_{m,k,j}(z) K(z,\zeta) \frac{dz}{z}.$$

Straightforward calculations show that for $\zeta \in S_{\mu}$, then $|\Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta)| \leq c(\nu - \mu)^{-1}$. It is also interesting to note that $\Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta) = \Phi_{m,0,j}(\zeta\rho^{-k})$. The following proposition shows how functions in $H^{\infty}(S_{\beta})$ can be decomposed into sums of the $\Phi_{m,k,j}$'s. We note however that although we provide a method for achieving such a decomposition, it is not unique.

Proposition 3.1. If $h \in H^{\infty}(S_{\beta})$ then as an element of $H^{\infty}(S_{\mu})$

$$h(\zeta) = \sum_{m,k,j} \alpha_{m,k,j} \Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta),$$

where

(5)
$$\alpha_{m,k,j} = \int_{I_{m,k}} h(z) \overline{e_{m,k,j}(z)} \frac{|dz|}{|z|}$$

satisfies

(6)
$$|\alpha_{m,k,j}| \le \sqrt{\log(\rho)} ||h||_{\infty}.$$

Proof. First note that

$$\sup_{m,k,j} |\alpha_{m,k,j}|^2 \le \sup_{m,k} \sum_j |\alpha_{m,k,j}|^2 = \sup_{m,k} \int_{I_{m,k}} |h(z)|^2 \frac{|dz|}{|z|} \le \log(\rho) ||h||_{\infty}^2.$$

Further, for fixed $\zeta \in S_{\mu}$, $K \in L^1(\partial S_{\beta}, |dz|/|z|)$, hence (3) and (4) give

$$h(\zeta) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=-n}^{n} \sum_{m=1}^{2} \int_{I_{m,k}} h(z) K(z,\zeta) \frac{dz}{z}$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=-n}^{n} \sum_{m=1}^{2} \int_{I_{m,k}} \sum_{j} \alpha_{m,k,j} e_{m,k,j}(z) K(z,\zeta) \frac{dz}{z}$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=-n}^{n} \sum_{m,j} \alpha_{m,k,j} \Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta).$$

Thus the proposition will follow if the sequence $\{\Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta)\}$ has sufficient decay, a fact proven in the following lemma.

Lemma 3.2. If $\zeta \in S_{\mu}$ and n is chosen so that $\rho^n \leq |\zeta| \leq \rho^{n+1}$, then

$$|\Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta)| \le c\rho^{-\frac{1}{2}|k-n|}2^{-j}$$

so that for p > 0

$$\sup_{\zeta \in S_{\mu}} \sum_{m,k,j} |\Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta)|^p \le c,$$

where c depends only on p.

Proof. Fix $\zeta \in S_{\mu}$ and choose *n* so that $\rho^n \leq |\zeta| \leq \rho^{n+1}$. Let $B_{m,k}$ denote the ball of radius $(\rho^{k+1} - \rho^k)$ centered at $z_{m,k}$. Observe that $B_{m,k}$ does not intersect S_{μ} or ∂S_{ν} . Using the first observation and (2) one sees that

$$\sup_{z \in B_{m,k}} |K(z,\zeta)| \le c\rho^{-\frac{1}{2}|k-n|}.$$

Let

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_{m,k,j} \left(\frac{z - z_{m,k}}{\rho^{k+1} - \rho^k} \right)^j$$

be the normalized power series expansion of $K(z,\zeta)$ on $B_{m,k}$, so that

$$\left\{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |b_{m,k,j}|^2\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left\{\int_{\partial B_{m,k}} |K(z,\zeta)|^2 \frac{|dz|}{2\pi(\rho^{k+1}-\rho^k)}\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \le c\rho^{-\frac{1}{2}|k-n|}.$$

Note that $I_{m,k}$ is contained in a ball of half the radius of $B_{m,k}$. Thus for $z \in I_{m,k}$ and $N \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\sum_{j=N}^{\infty} \left| b_{m,k,j} \left(\frac{z - z_{m,k}}{\rho^{k+1} - \rho^k} \right)^j \right| \le c \rho^{-\frac{1}{2}|k-n|} 2^{-N}.$$

Finally, from (1) $e_{m,k,j}$ is orthogonal to $(z - z_{m,k})^s$ for s < j, thus

$$\begin{split} |\Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta)| &= \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial S_{\beta}} e_{m,k,j}(z) K(z,\zeta) \frac{dz}{z} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{I_{m,k}} \sum_{s=j}^{\infty} e_{m,k,j}(z) b_{m,k,s} \left(\frac{z - z_{m,k}}{\rho^{k+1} - \rho^k} \right)^s \frac{dz}{z} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{I_{m,k}} |e_{m,k,j}(z)| \sum_{s=j}^{\infty} \left| b_{m,k,s} \left(\frac{z - z_{m,k}}{\rho^{k+1} - \rho^k} \right)^s \right| \frac{|dz|}{|z|} \\ &\leq c \rho^{-\frac{1}{2}|k-n|} 2^{-j}. \quad \Box \end{split}$$

We require two more sequences obtained from the $\Phi_{m,k,j}$'s. Let

$$\Lambda_{m,k,j}(\zeta)\Psi_{m,k,j}^2(\zeta) = \Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta)$$

be the inner-outer factorization of $\Phi_{m,k,j}$ on S_{μ} with $\Lambda_{m,k,j}$ the inner factor and $\Psi_{m,k,j}^2$ the outer factor. Set

$$\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(\zeta) = \Lambda_{m,k,j}(\zeta)\Psi_{m,k,j}(\zeta).$$

This gives a factorization $\Phi_{m,k,j} = \Psi_{m,k,j} \widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}$ with the property that for $\zeta \in \partial S_{\mu}$

$$|\Psi_{m,k,j}(\zeta)| = |\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(\zeta)| = |\Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta)|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and hence, for p > 0,

(7)
$$\sup_{\zeta \in S_{\mu}} \sum_{m,k,j} |\Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta)|^{p} \leq c.$$

We remark that any other factorization with this property would suffice.

4. Operator Theory

Let A be an operator of type ω acting on a complex Banach space \mathcal{X} . Let $\Phi_{m,k,j}$ be defined as in Section 3. We present the equivalence of A having a bounded functional calculus with A satisfying discrete weak quadratic estimates.

We say that A has a bounded $H^{\infty}(S_{\theta})$ functional calculus if $h(A) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ for all $h \in H^{\infty}(S_{\theta})$ with

$$(\mathcal{F}_{\theta}) \qquad \qquad \|h(L)\| \le c \|h\|_{\infty}$$

We say that A satisfies discrete weak quadratic estimates (\mathcal{W}) if

$$(\mathcal{W}) \qquad \sum_{m,k,j} |\langle \Phi_{m,k,j}(A)u,v\rangle| \le c ||u|| ||v|| , \quad u \in \mathcal{X} , \ v \in \mathcal{X}^* .$$

By analogy with Theorems 4.2 and 4.4 of [6] one has the following theorem.

Theorem 4.1. Let A be an operator of type ω acting on a complex Banach space \mathcal{X} which is one-one and has dense domain and dense range. If A satisfies (\mathcal{W}) then A satisfies (\mathcal{F}_{β}) , and conversely if A satisfies (\mathcal{F}_{μ}) then A satisfies (\mathcal{W}) .

Proof. Let $h \in H^{\infty}(S_{\beta})$ and decompose h as in Proposition 3.1,

$$h(\zeta) = \sum_{m,k,j} \alpha_{m,k,j} \Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta),$$

where the $\alpha_{m,k,j}$'s are as in (5). Observe that if (\mathcal{W}) holds then using (6) one sees that for all $u \in \mathcal{X}$, and $v \in \mathcal{X}^*$,

$$|\langle h(A)u,v\rangle| = \left|\sum_{m,k,j} \langle \alpha_{m,k,j} \Phi_{m,k,j}(A)u,v\rangle\right| \le c ||h||_{\infty} ||u|| ||v||,$$

hence A satisfies (\mathcal{F}_{β}) .

Conversely, suppose A satisfies (\mathcal{F}_{μ}) . For u, v fixed, choose unimodular constants $b_{m,k,j}^{u,v}$ so that

$$\sum_{m,k,j} |\langle \Phi_{m,k,j}(A)u, v \rangle| = \Big\langle \sum_{m,k,j} b_{m,k,j}^{u,v} \Phi_{m,k,j}(A)u, v \Big\rangle.$$

Now the hypothesis, Lemma 3.2, and the Convergence Lemma show that the above is bounded by

$$c \sup_{\zeta \in S_{\mu}} \left| \sum_{m,k,j} b_{m,k,j}^{u,v} \Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta) \right| \|u\| \|v\| \le c \|u\| \|v\|.$$

Thus (\mathcal{W}) holds.

We now show the equivalence of discrete weak quadratic estimates with discrete quadratic estimates when $\mathcal{X} = L^p$.

Let T be an operator of type ω acting on $L^p(\Omega)$, $1 , where <math>(\Omega, dx)$ is a σ -finite measure space. Let q be the conjugate exponent to p and let T^* be the adjoint of T with respect to the bi-linear pairing between $L^p(\Omega)$ and $L^q(\Omega)$.

Let $\Psi_{m,k,j}$ and $\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}$ be defined as in Section 3. Let $f \in L^p(\Omega)$, and $g \in L^q(\Omega)$. Consider the following discrete quadratic estimates which T might satisfy.

(S)
$$\left\| \left\{ \sum_{m,k,j} |\Psi_{m,k,j}(T)f(\cdot)|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_p \le c \|f\|_p,$$

$$\left\|\left\{\sum_{m,k,j}|\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(T^*)g(\cdot)|^2\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}\right\|_q \le c\|g\|_q,$$

(S)
$$\left\| \left\{ \sum_{m,k,j} |2^{-\frac{j}{2}} \Psi_{m,k,j}(T) f(\cdot)|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_p \le c \|f\|_p,$$

(S*)
$$\left\| \left\{ \sum_{m,k,j} |2^{-\frac{j}{2}} \widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(T^*)g(\cdot)|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_q \le c \|g\|_q.$$

Clearly (\mathcal{S}) and (\mathcal{S}^*) imply (\mathbb{S}) and (\mathbb{S}^*) respectively. Moreover if $\mathcal{X} = L^p(\Omega)$ and (\mathcal{S}) and (\mathcal{S}^*) hold, then (\mathcal{W}) holds for A = T.

Theorem 4.2. Let T be an operator of type ω acting on $L^p(\Omega)$, 1 , which is one-one and has dense domain and dense range, then;

i) If T satisfies (\mathcal{F}_{μ}) then (\mathcal{S}) and (\mathcal{S}^*) hold.

ii) If
$$(S)$$
 and (S^*) hold then T satisfies (\mathcal{F}_{β})

iii) If (S) and (S^{*}) hold then T satisfies (\mathcal{F}_{ν}) .

Proof. To see i), apply the randomization lemma as in [6] (or in the proof of Theorem 4.3) to the sum in (S) to obtain

$$\left\|\left\{\sum_{m,k,j} |\Psi_{m,k,j}(T)f(\cdot)|^{2}\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}\right\|_{p} \leq c \sup_{\|a\|_{\infty}=1} \left\|\left(\sum_{m,k,j} a_{m,k,j}\Psi_{m,k,j}(T)\right)f\right\|_{p}.$$

Therefore (\mathcal{S}) follows from the hypothesis and (7).

ii) Let $h \in H^{\infty}(S_{\beta})$ and again decompose h as in Proposition 3.1. Hence

$$\begin{split} \langle h(T)f,g\rangle &= \sum_{m,k,j} \langle \alpha_{m,k,j} \Phi_{m,k,j}(T)f,g\rangle \\ &= \sum_{m,k,j} \langle \alpha_{m,k,j} \Psi_{m,k,j}(T)f, \widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(T^*)g\rangle \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \sum_{m,k,j} \alpha_{m,k,j} \Psi_{m,k,j}(T)f(x) \,\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(T^*)g(x) \, dx \end{split}$$

and so

$$|\langle h(T)f,g\rangle| \le \|h\|_{\infty} \left\| \left\{ \sum_{m,k,j} |\Psi_{m,k,j}(T)f(\cdot)|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_p \left\| \left\{ \sum_{m,k,j} |\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}g(\cdot)|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_q.$$

Thus T satisfies (\mathcal{F}_{β}) since (\mathcal{S}) and (\mathcal{S}^*) show that the last line of the above is bounded by $c \|h\|_{\infty} \|f\|_{p} \|g\|_{q}$.

To see *iii*) note that if $h \in H^{\infty}(S_{\nu})$ then by considering the power series of h on $B_{m,k}$ as defined in the proof of Lemma 3.2 and arguing similarly one can show that

$$\alpha_{m,k,j} = \int_{I_{m,k}} h(z) \overline{e_{m,k,j}(z)} \frac{|dz|}{|z|} \le c ||h||_{\infty} 2^{-j}.$$

A calculation similar to the one used to prove ii) shows that T satisfies (\mathcal{F}_{ν}) . \Box

We now treat the case of several commuting operators on $L^p(\Omega)$, 1 . $Let <math>T = (T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_d)$ be a *d*-tuple of commuting operators with T_i of type ω_i and possessing a bounded $H^{\infty}(S_{\mu_i})$ functional calculus for some $\mu_i > \omega_i$. Choose $\beta_i > \mu_i$, and set $(\beta) = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \ldots, \beta_d)$, $S_{(\beta)} = S_{\beta_1} \times S_{\beta_2} \times \ldots S_{\beta_d}$, and let $H^{\infty}(S_{(\beta)})$ denote the space of bounded holomorphic functions on $S_{(\beta)}$. In [1] Albrecht proved with a careful application of the Rademacher inequalities that T has a bounded $H^{\infty}(S_{(\beta)})$ functional calculus, that is for $h(z) = h(z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_d) \in H^{\infty}(S_{(\beta)})$

$$||h(T)|| = ||h(T_1, T_2, \dots, T_d)|| \le c ||h||_{\infty}.$$

See also [3]. We present an alternative proof of Albrecht's theorem using discrete quadratic estimates.

Let (m, k, j) be a multi-index $(m_1, \ldots, m_d, k_1, \ldots, k_d, j_1, \ldots, j_d)$ with $m_i = 1, 2, k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $j_i = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$ Construct functions $e_{m_1,k_1,j_1}, \Phi_{m_1,k_1,j_1}, \Psi_{m_1,k_1,j_1}$, and $\widetilde{\Psi}_{m_1,k_1,j_1}$ as in Section 3. For ζ in $S_{(\beta)}$ set

$$\Phi_{(m,k,j)}(\zeta) = \Phi_{m_1,k_1,j_1}(\zeta_1)\Phi_{m_2,k_2,j_2}(\zeta_2)\dots\Phi_{m_d,k_d,j_d}(\zeta_d).$$

 $\Psi_{(m,k,j)}, \Psi_{(m,k,j)}$ and $e_{(m,k,j)}$ are defined similarly. Let

$$J_{(m,k)} = I_{m_1,k_1} \times I_{m_2,k_2} \times \cdots \times I_{m_d,k_d}.$$

Every element $h \in H^{\infty}(S_{(\beta)})$ has a decomposition as a sum of the $\Phi_{(m,k,j)}$'s. In fact for $\zeta \in S_{\mu}$ one has,

$$h(\zeta) = \sum_{(m,k,j)} \alpha_{(m,k,j)} \Phi_{(m,k,j)}(\zeta),$$

where

$$\alpha_{(m,k,j)} = \int_{J_{(m,k)}} h(z) \overline{e_{(m,k,j)}(z)} \frac{|dz_1|}{|z_1|} \frac{|dz_2|}{|z_2|} \dots \frac{|dz_d|}{|z_d|}$$

As before

$$\sup_{(m,k,j)} |\alpha_{(m,k,j)}|^2 \le \sup_{(m,k)} \sum_{(j)} |\alpha_{(m,k,j)}|^2 = \sup_{(m,k)} \int_{J_{(m,k)}} |h(z)|^2 \frac{|dz_1|}{|z_1|} \frac{|dz_2|}{|z_2|} \dots \frac{|dz_d|}{|z_d|} \le c ||h||_{\infty}^2.$$

With everything defined as above we have the following theorem.

Theorem 4.3 (Albrecht). For $1 \leq i \leq d$ fix $0 \leq \omega_i < \mu_i < \beta_i < \pi$. If $T = (T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_d)$ is a d-tuple of commuting operators, with T_i of type ω_i and possessing a bounded $H^{\infty}(S_{\mu_i})$ functional calculus, then T has a bounded $H^{\infty}(S_{(\beta)})$ functional calculus.

Proof. As in the proof of Theorem 4.1

$$\left| \langle h(T)f,g \rangle \right| \leq$$

$$\left\|\left\{\sum_{(m,k,j)} |\Psi_{(m,k,j)}(T)f(\cdot)|^{2}\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}\right\|_{p} \left\|\left\{\sum_{(m,k,j)} |\widetilde{\Psi}_{(m,k,j)}(T^{*})g(\cdot)|^{2}\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}\right\|_{q}.$$

Define the product of Rademacher functions on $[0,1]^{(3d)}$ by setting,

$$r_{(m,k,j)}(t) = r_{m_1}(t_1) \dots r_{m_d}(t_d) r_{k_1}(t_{d+1}) \dots r_{k_d}(t_{2d}) r_{j_1}(t_{2d+1}) \dots r_{j_d}(t_{3d}),$$

where each of the r's is the Rademacher function corresponding to its subscript. Letting $dt = dt_1 dt_2 \dots dt_{3d}$ one has, using the inequalities for Rademacher functions [16] that

(8)
$$\left\| \left\{ \sum_{(m,k,j)} |\Psi_{(m,k,j)}(T)f(\cdot)|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_p^p = \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_{[0,1]^{(3d)}} \left| \sum_{(m,k,j)} r_{(m,k,j)}(t) \Psi_{(m,k,j)}(T)f(x) \right|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} dx \le \int_{[0,1]^{(3d)}} \int_{\Omega} \left| \sum_{(m,k,j)} r_{(m,k,j)}(t) \Psi_{(m,k,j)}(T)f(x) \right|^p dx dt.$$

For i = 1, 2, ..., d and $t \in [0, 1]^{(3d)}$ set

$$F_{i}(t,\zeta) = \sum_{m,k,j} r_{m_{i}}(t_{i}) r_{k_{i}}(t_{d+i}) r_{j_{i}}(t_{2d+i}) \Psi_{m_{i},k_{i},j_{i}}(\zeta).$$

Now T_i has a bounded $H^{\infty}(S_{\mu_i})$ functional calculus hence, by Lemma 3.2,

$$\sup_{t} \|F_{i}(t,T)\| \leq \sup_{t} \sup_{\zeta \in S_{(\mu_{i})}} \left| \sum_{m,k,j} r_{m_{i}}(t_{i}) r_{k_{i}}(t_{d+i}) r_{j_{i}}(t_{2d+i}) \Psi_{m_{i},k_{i},j_{i}}(\zeta) \right| \leq c.$$

It follows that (4) is bounded by

$$\sup_{t} \left\| \left(F_1(t, T_1)(F_2(t, T_2)(\dots(F_d(t, T_d)f))) \right) \right\|_p^p \le c \|f\|_p^p$$

Using this, together with an analogous calculation with T^* , we have

$$\left|\langle h(T)f,g\rangle\right| \leq c\|f\|_p\|g\|_q$$

so that T has a bounded $H^{\infty}(S_{(\beta)})$ functional calculus.

Remark. Subsequent to the first draft of the current work appearing, Lancien, Lancien and Le Merdy have shown how to use our discrete weak quadratic estimates to prove the boundedness of joint functional calculi in various classes of Banach spaces [10, 11].

5. Several Points of Contact.

In Sections 3 and 4 we developed some necessary and sufficient conditions for an operator to have a bounded H^{∞} functional calculus on an open set whose boundary touches its spectrum non-tangentially at the two points 0 and ∞ . In this section we generalize these arguments to the case of several points of contact. We begin as before with the function theory.

Let Δ be a compact subset of \mathbb{C} . We consider three bounded open sets $\mathcal{O}_1 \subset \mathcal{O}_2 \subset \mathcal{O}_3$ with connected closures which contain Δ , and whose piece-wise smooth boundaries touch Δ non-tangentially at finitely many points $Z = \{z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_N\}$. We further require that the boundaries are piece-wise linear in a neighbourhood Z, meet each other non-tangentially at Z, and that \mathcal{O}_2 equals the interior of its closure. The non-tangentiality gives that for $w_n \in \partial \mathcal{O}_n$, n = 1, 2, 3, and $n \neq j$,

(9) dist
$$(w_n, \Delta) \approx \inf_{1 \le i \le N} \operatorname{dist}(w_n, z_i)$$
, and dist $(w_n, \partial \mathcal{O}_j) \approx \inf_{1 \le i \le N} \operatorname{dist}(w_n, z_i)$.

Construct a reproducing kernel analogous to K for \mathcal{O}_2 by choosing for $1 \leq i \leq N$ a bi-holomorphic mapping φ_i of a neighbourhood of the closure of \mathcal{O}_3 which maps \mathcal{O}_3 to a bounded domain contained in the right half plane and takes z_i to 0. Set

$$\mathcal{K}(z,\zeta) = \frac{\left(\prod_{i=1}^{N} \varphi_i(\zeta)\varphi_i(z)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(z-\zeta)}, \quad \text{and} \quad d\lambda = \frac{dz}{\prod_{i=1}^{N} \varphi_i(z)}.$$

The differentiability of the φ_i 's show that for $\zeta \in \mathcal{O}_1$,

$$\int_{\partial \mathcal{O}_2} |\mathcal{K}(z,\zeta)| |d\lambda| \le c \int_{\partial \mathcal{O}_2} \frac{\left| \prod_{i=1}^N (z_i - \zeta)(z_i - z) \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{|z - \zeta| \prod_{i=1}^N |z_i - z|} |dz| \le c.$$

Therefore $\mathcal{K}(\cdot, \zeta)$ is bounded in $L^1(\partial \mathcal{O}_2, |d\lambda|)$ uniformly for $\zeta \in \mathcal{O}_1$. Let $h \in H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_2)$, and observe from Cauchy's theorem that for $\zeta \in \mathcal{O}_2$,

$$h(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \mathcal{O}_2} h(z) \mathcal{K}(z,\zeta) d\lambda.$$

We now construct a decomposition of $\partial \mathcal{O}_2$. Let Γ_0 be the union of all the closed curves in $\partial \mathcal{O}_2$ which do not intersect Z. Choose subarcs $\{\gamma_{0,k}\}_{k=0}^{k_0}$ of Γ_0 so that

$$\delta_{0,k} = \sup\{|y - \tilde{y}| : y, \tilde{y} \in \gamma_{0,k}\} \le \frac{1}{3} \operatorname{dist}(\gamma_{0,k}, \partial \mathcal{O}_1 \cup \partial \mathcal{O}_3).$$

Decompose the remainder of the boundary into curves $\Gamma_m, 1 \leq m \leq N_1$ which intersect Z at one of their end points. Let $y_{m,0}$ and $y_{m,\infty}$ denote the end points of Γ_m with $y_{m,\infty} \in Z$. Choose points $y_{m,1}, y_{m,2}, \ldots$ along Γ_m so that the subarcs $\{\gamma_{m,k}\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ which connect $y_{m,k}$ to $y_{m,k+1}$ partition Γ_m and satisfy

$$\delta_{m,k} = \sup\{|y - \tilde{y}| : y, \tilde{y} \in \gamma_{m,k}\} = \frac{1}{3} \operatorname{dist}(\gamma_{m,k}, \partial \mathcal{O}_1 \cup \partial \mathcal{O}_3).$$

Since the boundaries of the \mathcal{O}_i 's are piece-wise linear in a neighbourhood of the z_i 's and meet each other non-tangentially at the z_i 's it follows that $\delta_{m,k}$ eventually tends exponentially to 0 as $k \longrightarrow \infty$. Equivalently $\{y_{m,k}\}$ eventually tends exponentially to $y_{m,\infty}$. Hence there exists a positive integer k_m and a constant $\rho_m > 1$ such that for $k > k_m$

(10)
$$|y_{m,k} - y_{m,\infty}| = c \rho_m^{-(k-k_m)}.$$

If $k \leq k_m$ then the fact that the φ_i 's are bi-holomorphic shows that,

(11)

$$\sup_{z \in \gamma_{m,k}} |\mathcal{K}(z,\zeta)| \approx \left| \prod_{i=1}^{N} \varphi_i(\zeta) \varphi_i(z) \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx \left| \prod_{i=1}^{N} (z_i - \zeta) (z_i - z) \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx \inf_{\substack{(1 \le i \le N)}} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Let $\zeta \in \mathcal{O}_1$, and choose r_m so that

(12)
$$\rho_m^{-(r_m - k_m)} \le |\zeta - y_{m,\infty}| \le \rho_m^{-((r_m - 1) - k_m)}$$

From (10) and (12) one has for $k > k_m$ and $z \in \gamma_{m,k}$

(13)
$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{K}(z,\zeta)| &\approx \frac{\left|\prod_{i=1}^{N} (z_{i}-\zeta)(z_{i}-z)\right|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{|z-y_{m,\infty}|+|\zeta-y_{m,\infty}|} \\ &\approx \frac{\left(\rho_{m}^{-(k-k_{m})}\rho_{m}^{-(r_{m}-k_{m})}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\rho_{m}^{-(k-k_{m})}+\rho_{m}^{-(r_{m}-k_{m})}} \inf_{(z_{i}\neq y_{m,\infty})} |\zeta-z_{i}|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &\approx \rho_{m}^{-\frac{1}{2}|k-r_{m}|} \inf_{(z_{i}\neq y_{m,\infty})} |\zeta-z_{i}|^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\{e_{m,k,j}\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$ be an orthonormal basis of polynomials of $L^2(\gamma_{m,k}, |d\lambda|)$ obtained from the orthonormalization of the sequence $\{z^j\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$. As before each $e_{m,k,j}$ is a polynomial of degree j which satisfies

$$\int_{\gamma_{m,k}} z^{\ell} e_{m,k,j}(z) |d\lambda| = 0 \text{ for all } \ell < j.$$

For each $e_{m,k,j}$ define the holomorphic function $\Phi_{m,k,j}$ on \mathcal{O}_2 by the formula

$$\Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \mathcal{O}_2} e_{m,k,j}(z) \mathcal{K}(z,\zeta) d\lambda.$$

For $\zeta \in \mathcal{O}_1$ and r_m as in (12) the estimates in (11) and (13) show using the same methods used in Lemma 3.2 that

(14)
$$|\Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta)| \leq \begin{cases} c2^{-j} \inf_{\substack{(1 \leq i \leq N)}} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{2}} & \text{if } k \leq k_m, \\ \\ c\rho_m^{-\frac{1}{2}|k - r_m|} 2^{-j} \inf_{\substack{(z_i \neq y_{m,\infty})}} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{2}} & \text{if } k > k_m. \end{cases}$$

Note that (14) implies that if $h \in H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_2)$ then as an element of $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_1)$ we may decompose h as a sum of the $\Phi_{m,k,j}$'s. In fact we have the following analogue of Proposition 3.1.

Proposition 5.1. If $h \in H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_2)$ then as an element of $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_1)$

$$h(\zeta) = \sum_{m,k,j} \alpha_{m,k,j} \Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta),$$

where

$$\alpha_{m,k,j} = \int_{\gamma_{m,k}} h(z) \overline{e_{m,k,j}(z)} |d\lambda|.$$

As in Section 3 we need to factor the $\Phi_{m,k,j}$'s However as \mathcal{O}_1 may not be simply connected, inner-outer factorization may be unavailable. The following lemma guarantees the necessary factorization.

Lemma 5.2. For $\{\Phi_{m,k,j}\}$ as above there exist sequences of functions in $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_1), \{\Psi_{m,k,j}\}$ and $\{\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}\}$ such that for $\zeta \in \mathcal{O}_1$ and r_m as in (12)

$$\Psi_{m,k,j}(\zeta)\Psi_{m,k,j}(\zeta) = \Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta), \text{ and}$$

$$|\Psi_{m,k,j}(\zeta)|, |\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(\zeta)| \leq \begin{cases} c2^{-\frac{j}{2}} \inf_{\substack{(1 \le i \le N)}} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{4}} & \text{if } k \le k_m, \\ c\rho_m^{-\frac{1}{4}|k - r_m|} 2^{-\frac{j}{2}} \inf_{\substack{(z_i \ne y_{m,-\infty})}} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{4}} & \text{if } k > k_m. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let φ_{m_R} be the previously selected mapping which takes $y_{m,\infty}$ to zero. Set

$$\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(\zeta) = \begin{cases} 2^{-\frac{j}{2}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{N} \varphi_i(\zeta) \varphi_i(y_{m,k}) \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} & \text{if } k \le k_m, \\ 2^{-\frac{j}{2}} \frac{\left(\prod_{i=1}^{N} \varphi_i(\zeta) \varphi_i(y_{m,k}) \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\varphi_{m_R}(y_{m,k})^{\frac{1}{2}} - \varphi_{m_R}(\zeta)^{\frac{1}{2}}} & \text{if } k > k_m, \end{cases}$$

and set

(15)
$$\Psi_{m,k,j}(\zeta) = (\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(\zeta))^{-1} \Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta).$$

The fact that the φ_i 's are bi-holomorphic shows that for $k \leq k_m$

$$\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(\zeta) \approx 2^{-\frac{j}{2}} \inf_{\substack{(1 \le i \le N)}} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{4}}.$$

Fix $\zeta \in \mathcal{O}_1$, let r_m be as in (12). From (9) and (10) one has that for $k > k_m$

$$\begin{split} |\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(\zeta)| &\geq c2^{-\frac{j}{2}} \frac{\left|\prod_{i=1}^{N} (z_i - \zeta)(z_i - y_{m,k})\right|^{\frac{1}{4}}}{|y_{m,k} - y_{m,\infty}|^{\frac{1}{2}} + |\zeta - y_{m,\infty}|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &\geq c2^{-\frac{j}{2}} \frac{\left(\rho_m^{-(k-k_m)}\rho_m^{-(r_m-k_m)}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\rho_m^{-\frac{1}{2}(k-k_m)} + \rho_m^{-\frac{1}{2}(r_m-k_m)}} \inf_{(z_i \neq y_{m,\infty})} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{4}}} \\ &\geq c2^{-\frac{j}{2}} \rho_m^{-\frac{1}{2}|k-r_m|} \inf_{(z_i \neq y_{m,\infty})} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{4}}. \end{split}$$

Further estimates show that for $k > k_m$

$$|\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(\zeta)| \approx 2^{-\frac{j}{2}} \inf_{z_i \neq y_{m,\infty}} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{4}} \rho_m^{-\frac{1}{4}|k-r_m|}.$$

Thus by (15) the lemma holds.

We are now ready to consider the operator theory. Let A be an operator acting on a complex Banach space \mathcal{X} and T be an operator acting on $L^p(\Omega)$, 1 , $with <math>\sigma(A)$ and $\sigma(T)$ contained in Δ . We also assume that for z outside Δ and $1 \leq i \leq N$

(16)
$$||(z-A)^{-1}||, ||(z-T)^{-1}|| \le c (\operatorname{dist}(z,\Delta))^{-1}, \text{ and}$$

(17)
$$z_i I - A$$
 and $z_i I - T$ are one-one closed operators
with dense domain and dense range.

As before let $u \in \mathcal{X}, v \in \mathcal{X}^*, f \in L^p(\Omega)$, and $g \in L^q(\Omega)$ and consider the following conditions that A and T might satisfy.

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$$(\mathcal{W}) \qquad \qquad \sum_{m,k,j} |\langle \Phi_{m,k,j}(A)u,v\rangle| \le c \|u\| \|v\|,$$

(S)
$$\left\| \left\{ \sum_{m,k,j} |\Psi_{m,k,j}(T)f(\cdot)|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_p \le c \|f\|_p,$$

$$\left\|\left\{\sum_{m,k,j}|\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(T^*)g(\cdot)|^2\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}\right\|_q \le c\|g\|_q,$$

(S)
$$\left\| \left\{ \sum_{m,k,j} 2^{-\frac{j}{2}} |\Psi_{m,k,j}(T)f(\cdot)|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_p \le c \|f\|_p,$$

(S*)
$$\left\| \left\{ \sum_{m,k,j} 2^{-\frac{j}{2}} |\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(T^*)g(\cdot)|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_q \le c \|g\|_q.$$

An operator L has a bounded $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O})$ functional calculus if L satisfies,

$$(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{O}}) \qquad \qquad \|h(L)\| \le c \|h\|_{\infty} \quad \text{for all } h \in H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}).$$

The function theory developed in this section allows one to prove using virtually the same proofs as Theorem 4.1 and 4.2 the following theorems.

Theorem 5.3. Let A be an operator acting on a complex Banach space \mathcal{X} which satisfies (16) and (17). If A satisfies (\mathcal{W}) then A satisfies ($\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{O}_2}$), and conversely if A satisfies $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{O}_1}$ then A satisfies (\mathcal{W}).

Theorem 5.4. Let T be an operator acting on $L^p(\Omega)$, 1 , which satisfies (16) and (17), then;

i) If T satisfies
$$(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{O}_1})$$
 then (\mathcal{S}) and (\mathcal{S}^*) hold.

ii) If
$$(S)$$
 and (S^*) hold then T satisfies $(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{O}_2})$

iii) If
$$(\mathbb{S})$$
 and (\mathbb{S}^*) hold then T satisfies $(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{O}_3})$.

Also using essentially the same proof as Theorem 4.3 one can show that several commuting operators acting on L^p , $1 , which individually satisfy <math>(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{O}_1})$ admit a joint functional calculus.

More can be said for operators on Hilbert space. In [13] the second author showed that if T is an operator of type ω acting on a Hilbert space with a bounded $H^{\infty}(S_{\nu})$ functional calculus for some $\nu > \omega$ then T has a bounded $H^{\infty}(S_{\mu})$ functional calculus for every $\mu > \omega$. An analogous fact holds in this setting. Let \mathcal{O} be any open set whose closure contains Δ and whose boundary touches Δ non-tangentially at z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_N . With everything defined as above we have the following theorem.

Theorem 5.5. Let T be an operator acting on a complex Hilbert space \mathcal{H} which satisfies (16) and (17). If T has a bounded $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_1)$ functional calculus then T has a bounded $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O})$ functional calculus.

Proof. To show that T has a bounded $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O})$ functional calculus it suffices to consider T restricted to the closed separable invariant subspaces generated by a vector γ and the functional calculus of T. Namely the closures of subspaces of the form $\mathcal{H}_{\gamma} = \{h(T)\gamma : h \in H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O})\}$. Thus, since any separable Hilbert space is unitarily equivalent to $L^{2}(\Omega)$, we may assume without loss of generality that $\mathcal{H} = L^{2}(\Omega)$. We also assume without loss of generality that $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{O}_{1}$ and has a piece-wise smooth boundary. Since T has a bounded $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_{1})$ functional calculus, Proposition 5.1 and the constructions preceding it allow one to decompose the identity operator I as follows

$$I = \sum_{m,k} \Phi_{m,k,0}(T).$$

We need a somewhat different factorization of the $\Phi_{m,k,0}$'s, accordingly let φ_{m_R} be the previously selected mapping which takes $y_{m,\infty}$ to zero and set

$$\Theta_{m,k}(\zeta) = \begin{cases} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{N} \varphi_i(\zeta) \varphi_i(y_{m,k})\right)^{\frac{1}{8}} & \text{if } k \le k_m, \\ \frac{\left(\prod_{i=1}^{N} \varphi_i(\zeta) \varphi_i(y_{m,k})\right)^{\frac{1}{8}}}{\varphi_{m_R}(y_{m,k})^{\frac{1}{4}} - \varphi_{m_R}(\zeta)^{\frac{1}{4}}} & \text{if } k > k_m, \text{ and} \end{cases}$$

$$\Lambda_{m,k}(\zeta) = (\Theta_{m,k}(\zeta))^{-1} \Psi_{m,k,0}(\zeta).$$

Estimating in the same manner as in the proof of Lemma 5.2 gives,

(18)
$$|\Theta_{m,k}(\zeta)| \approx \begin{cases} \inf_{\substack{(1 \le i \le N)}} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{8}} & \text{if } k \le k_m, \\ \rho_m^{-\frac{1}{8}|k - r_m|} & \inf_{\substack{(z_i \ne y_{m,\infty})}} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{8}} & \text{if } k > k_m, \end{cases}$$

so that

(19)
$$|\Lambda_{m,k}(\zeta)| < \begin{cases} c \inf_{\substack{(1 \le i \le N)}} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{8}} & \text{if } k \le k_m, \\ c\rho_m^{-\frac{1}{8}|k - r_m|} \inf_{\substack{(z_i \ne y_{m,\infty})}} |\zeta - z_i|^{\frac{1}{8}} & \text{if } k > k_m. \end{cases}$$

Let $h \in H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O})$ and let $f, g \in L^{2}(\Omega)$. Then

$$\langle h(T)f, \rangle = \langle h(T)\sum_{m,k} \Phi_{m,k,0}(T)f, g \rangle$$

$$\leq \sup_{(m,k)} \|h(T)\Theta_{m,k}(T)\| \sum_{m,k} \|\Lambda_{m,k}(T)f\| \|\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,0}(T^*)g\|$$

$$\leq \sup_{(m,k)} \|h(T)\Theta_{m,k}(T)\| \left(\int_{\Omega} \sum_{m,k} |\Lambda_{m,k}(T)f(x)|^2 dx\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\cdot \left(\int_{\Omega} \sum_{m,k} |\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,0}(T^*)g(x)|^2 dx\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Using the randomization lemma, (18), (19) and the fact that T has a bounded $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_1)$ functional calculus one sees that the above is bounded by

$$c \sup_{(m,k)} \|h(T)\Theta_{m,k}(T)\|\|f\|\|g\|$$

Further by (18) one has,

$$\|h(T)\Theta_{m,k}(T)\| \le c \int_{\partial \mathcal{O}} \left\|\frac{h(z)\Theta_{m,k}(z)}{z-T}\right\| \le c \sup_{\zeta \in \mathcal{O}} |h(\zeta)|$$

Thus T has a bounded $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O})$ functional calculus.

We close this section with the remark that the kernel $\mathcal{K}(z,\zeta)$ could be replaced by any other kernel which reproduced the value of holomorphic functions on \mathcal{O}_2 and is in $L^1(\partial \mathcal{O}_2, |d\lambda|)$ uniformly for $\zeta \in \mathcal{O}_1$.

6. MATRICIAL FUNCTIONAL CALCULUS ON HILBERT SPACE.

Let T be an operator acting on a complex Hilbert space \mathcal{H} with $\sigma(T)$ contained in Δ , which satisfies (16) and (17). Using the results and objects defined in Section 5 we consider holomorphic matrix valued functions of T. We show that if Thas a bounded $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_1)$ functional calculus then T has a bounded $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_3; \mathbb{C}^{n \times n})$ functional calculus, with bounds independent of the dimension n (see also [14] and [8]).

First we note that if $[f_{r,s}] \in H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_3; \mathbb{C}^{n \times n})$ then as an element of $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_1; \mathbb{C}^{n \times n})$ one has the following decomposition.

(20)
$$[f_{r,s}](\zeta) = \sum_{m,k,j} \Phi_{m,k,j}(\zeta) [\alpha_{m,k,j}^{r,s}],$$

where the matrix $[\alpha_{m,k,j}^{r,s}]$ is given by the formula

$$[\alpha_{m,k,j}^{r,s}] = \int_{\gamma_{m,k}} e_{m,k,j}(z)[f_{r,s}]|d\lambda|,$$

and hence

$$\|[\alpha_{m,k,j}^{r,s}]\|_{\infty} \le c \|[f_{r,s}]\|_{\infty}.$$

Let $(\mathcal{H})^{(n)}$ denote the space of n-tuples of vectors in \mathcal{H} . For $u \in (\mathcal{H})^{(n)}$ set

$$||u||_{2,2} = c \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^{n} ||u_{\ell}||^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

With this definition we have the following theorem.

Theorem 6.1. Let T be an operator acting on a complex Hilbert space \mathcal{H} which satisfies (16) and (17). Suppose T has a bounded $H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_1)$ functional calculus. Then for $n = 1, 2, \ldots, [f_{r,s}(z)] \in H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_3; \mathbb{C}^{n \times n})$, and $u, v \in (L^2)^{(n)}$

$$|\langle [f_{r,s}(T)]u, v \rangle| \le c ||[f_{r,s}]||_{\infty} ||u||_{2,2} ||v||_{2,2},$$

where c does not depend on n.

Proof. As in the proof of Theorem 5.5 we assume without loss of generality that $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\Omega)$. Fix $[f_{r,s}(z)] \in H^{\infty}(\mathcal{O}_3; \mathbb{C}^{n \times n})$ with $\|[f_{r,s}]\|_{\infty} = 1$, and $u, v \in (L^2)^{(n)}$. Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denote the bi-linear pairing between $(L^2)^{(n)}$ and itself, and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{C}^n}$ denote the bi-linear pairing between \mathbb{C}^n and itself. Decompose $[f_{r,s}]$ as in (20) so that

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle [f_{r,s}(T)]u, v\rangle| &\leq |\sum_{m,k,j} |\langle \Phi_{m,k,j}(T)[\alpha_{m,k,j}^{r,s}]u, v\rangle| \\ &= \sum_{m,k,j} |\langle \Psi_{m,k,j}(T)[\alpha_{m,k,j}^{r,s}]u, \widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(T^*)v\rangle| \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} \sum_{m,k,j} \left| \langle \Psi_{m,k,j}(T)[\alpha_{m,k,j}^{r,s}]u(x), \widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(T^*)v(x) \rangle_{\mathbb{C}^n} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Now, the Cauchy–Schwartz inequality and Lemma 5.2 show that the above is

$$\leq c \int_{\Omega} \sum_{m,k,j} \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^{n} |\Psi_{m,k,j}(T)u_{\ell}(x)|^{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^{n} |\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(T^{*})v_{\ell}(x)|^{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \leq c \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^{n} \left\| \left(\sum_{m,k,j} |\Psi_{m,k,j}(T)u_{\ell}(\cdot)|^{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|^{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^{n} \left\| \left(\sum_{m,k,j} |\widetilde{\Psi}_{m,k,j}(T^{*})v_{\ell}(\cdot)|^{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|^{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \leq c \|u\|_{2,2} \|v\|_{2,2}.$$

Hence T has a uniformly bounded matricial functional calculus.

We now discuss an interesting special case of Theorem 6.1. Let \mathbb{D} denote the open unit disk in \mathbb{C} , and let T be an operator acting on a Hilbert space which has a bounded $H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D})$ functional calculus. We also suppose that there exists finitely many points z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_n contained in $\partial \mathbb{D}$ such that for z outside \mathbb{D} ,

(21)
$$||(z - T)^{-1}|| \le c \sup_{i} |(z - z_i)^{-1}|.$$

It follows that there exists a closed set Δ contained in the closure of \mathbb{D} which touches the boundary of the \mathbb{D} non-tangentially at z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_n and for which (21) holds with a possibly larger constant. If $\tau < 1$, then Theorems 5.3 and 6.1 show that τT has a uniformly bounded matricial functional calculus on \mathbb{D} . Examination of their proofs shows that for $[f_{r,s}(z)] \in H^{\infty}(\mathbb{D}; \mathbb{C}^{n \times n})$,

$$\sup_{\tau < 1} \| [f_{r,s}(\tau T)] \| \le c \| [f_{r,s}] \|_{\infty}.$$

In [15], Paulsen showed that this implies that T is similar to a contraction. We record the above observation in the following theorem stated in the language usual for this problem.

Theorem 6.2. If T is a polynomially bounded operator for which there exists finitely many points z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_n contained in $\partial \mathbb{D}$ such that (21) holds, then T is similar to a contraction.

An operator T is polynomially bounded if for every polynomial p, $||p(T)|| \le \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |p(z)|$.

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