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Algebraic Properties of Quasihomogeneous and Separately Quasihomogeneous Toeplitz Operators on the Pluriharmonic Bergman Space

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We study some algebraic properties of Toeplitz operator with quasihomogeneous or separately quasihomogeneous symbol on the pluriharmonic Bergman space of the unit ball in \mathbb{C}^n . We determine when the product of two Toeplitz operators with certain separately quasi-homogeneous symbols is a Toeplitz operator. Next, we discuss the zero-product problem for several Toeplitz operators, one of whose symbols is separately quasihomogeneous and the others are quasi-homogeneous functions, and show that the zero-product problem for two Toeplitz operators has only a trivial solution if one of the symbols is separately quasihomogeneous and the other is arbitrary. Finally, we also characterize the commutativity of certain quasihomogeneous or separately quasihomogeneous Toeplitz operators.

1. Introduction

For $n \geq 1$, let \mathbb{C}^n be the cartesian product of n copies of \mathbb{C} . For any points $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$ and $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$ in \mathbb{C}^n , we use the notions $\langle z, w \rangle = z_1 \bar{w}_1 + z_2 \bar{w}_2 + \dots + z_n \bar{w}_n$ and $|z| = \sqrt{|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2}$ for the inner product and the associated Euclidean norm. Let \mathbb{B}_n denote the open unit ball which consists of points $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ with $|z| < 1$ and let \mathbb{S}_n denote the unit sphere. Let dV be the normalized Lebesgue volume measure on \mathbb{B}_n and let $d\sigma$ be the normalized surface area measure on \mathbb{S}_n . $L^2(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$ is the Hilbert space consisting of all Lebesgue square integrable functions on \mathbb{B}_n with the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} f(z) \overline{g(z)} dV(z). \quad (1)$$

The Bergman space $L_a^2(\mathbb{B}_n)$ is the closed subspace consisting of the analytic functions in $L^2(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$. Let P be the

orthogonal projection from $L^2(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$ onto $L_a^2(\mathbb{B}_n)$, then P can be expressed by

$$(Pf)(z) = \langle f, K_z \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} f(w) \frac{1}{(1 - \langle z, w \rangle)^{n+1}} dV(w), \quad (2)$$

where $K_z(w) = 1/(1 - \langle w, z \rangle)^{n+1}$ is the Bergman reproducing kernel.

A function f is said to be pluriharmonic if and only if f satisfies that $D_j \bar{D}_k f = 0$ ($j, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$), where $D_j = \partial/\partial z_j$ and $\bar{D}_j = \partial/\partial \bar{z}_j$ (see page 9 of [1]). The pluriharmonic Bergman space, denoted by $L_h^2(\mathbb{B}_n)$, is the closed subspace of $L^2(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$ consisting of all the pluriharmonic functions on \mathbb{B}_n . It is well known that $L_h^2(\mathbb{B}_n)$ is also a Hilbert space. We will write Q for the orthogonal projection from $L^2(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$ onto $L_h^2(\mathbb{B}_n)$. It is easy to verify that each point evaluation is a

bounded linear functional on $L_h^2(\mathbb{B}_n)$. It follows that $L_h^2(\mathbb{B}_n)$ is also a reproducing function space with reproducing kernel:

$$R_z(w) = K_z(w) + \overline{K_z(w)} - 1, \quad z, w \in \mathbb{B}_n, \quad (3)$$

$$Qf(z) = Pf(z) + \overline{P\bar{f}(z)} - Pf(0), \quad f \in L^2(\mathbb{B}_n, dV).$$

For a function $\phi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$, we define the Toeplitz operator $T_\phi : L_h^2(\mathbb{B}_n) \rightarrow L_h^2(\mathbb{B}_n)$ with symbol ϕ by

$$T_\phi(f) = Q(\phi f), \quad f \in L_h^2(\mathbb{B}_n). \quad (4)$$

For product problem, on the Hardy space, Brown and Halmos [2] showed that if f and g are bounded functions on the unit circle, then $T_f T_g$ is another Toeplitz operator if and only if either \bar{f} or g is analytic. In the setting of the Bergman space, the condition that either \bar{f} or g is analytic is still sufficient, but it is no longer necessary. Ahern and Čučković [3] showed that a Brown-Halmos type result holds for Toeplitz operators with harmonic symbols on $L_a^2(\mathbb{B}_n)$. In [4], Ahern characterized when the product of two Toeplitz operators with harmonic symbols is a Toeplitz operator. Later in [5], Louhichi et al. gave the necessary and sufficient conditions for the product of two quasihomogeneous Toeplitz operators to be a Toeplitz operator. Recently, Dong and Zhou [6] characterized when the product of quasihomogeneous Toeplitz operators is a Toeplitz operator on the harmonic Bergman space of the unit disk.

The situation is more complicated on the Hardy, Bergman, and harmonic Bergman spaces of several complex variables. In 2003, Ding [7] discussed the product problem for two Toeplitz operators with bounded symbols on the Hardy space $H^2(\mathbb{D}^n)$. After that, Choe et al. [8] solved the product problem for pluriharmonic Toeplitz operators on the Bergman space of the polydisk. On the Bergman space of the unit ball, Zhou and Dong [9] determined when the product of two radial Toeplitz operators is a Toeplitz operator. Later in [10], they discussed the product problem for two separately quasihomogeneous Toeplitz operators. In Zhang and Lu's paper [11], they characterized the product problem for two Toeplitz operators with quasihomogeneous symbols. On the pluriharmonic Bergman space, Yang et al. [12] gave the necessary and sufficient conditions for the product of two radial Toeplitz operators to be a Toeplitz operator.

For zero-product problem, on the Hardy space, Brown and Halmos [2] proved that if $f, g \in L^\infty(\mathbb{T})$ such that $T_f T_g = 0$, then one of the symbols must be the zero function. Motivated by this result, Guo [13] showed that $T_{\phi_1} T_{\phi_2} \cdots T_{\phi_n} = 0$ implies that $\phi_i = 0$ for some i , when $n = 5$. After that, Gu [14] proved that for $n = 6$, the result in [13] is also true. Recently, Aleman and Vukotić [15] completely solved the zero-product problem for several Toeplitz operators on the Hardy space. On the Bergman space of the unit disk, Ahern and Čučković [3] obtained that the result is analogous to that in [2] for the zero-product problem of two harmonic Toeplitz operators. Furthermore, they got that $T_f T_g = 0$

implies $f = 0$ or $g = 0$, where f is arbitrary bounded and g is radial in [16]. In 2003, Čučković [17] proved that if $f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ such that $T_f T_{z^j - \bar{z}^l} = 0$, where j, l are both positive integers, then $f = 0$. Later in [18], Louhichi et al. considered the zero-product problem for $f, g \in L^\infty(\mathbb{D}, dA)$ with $g = \sum_{k=-\infty}^N e^{ik\theta} g_k$, where g_k is a bounded radial function and N is a positive integer. On the Bergman space of the unit ball, Dong and Zhou [10] investigated the zero-product problem of two Toeplitz operators, one of whose symbols is separately quasihomogeneous and the other is arbitrary bounded. Bauer and Vasilevski [19] considered the zero-product problem and a more general problem of zero finite sum of finite products of Toeplitz operators. Recently, Yang et al. [12] discussed the zero-product problem for several radial Toeplitz operators on the pluriharmonic Bergman space of the unit ball.

For commuting problem, Brown and Halmos [2] firstly considered the commutativity of two Toeplitz operators on the Hardy space. They showed that two bounded Toeplitz operators T_ϕ and T_ψ commute if and only if (1) both ϕ and ψ are analytic, (2) both ϕ and ψ are coanalytic, or (3) one is a linear function of the other. On the Bergman space of the unit disk, Axler and Čučković [20] obtained that the same result is also true for Toeplitz operators with bounded harmonic symbols. In [21], Čučković and Rao used the Mellin transform to study the commutativity of two Toeplitz operators on $L_a^2(\mathbb{D})$ and described those operators which commute with $T_{e^{ip\theta + qm}}$ for $(p, m) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$. Later in [22], Louhichi and Zakariasy characterized commuting Toeplitz operators on $L_a^2(\mathbb{D})$ with quasihomogeneous symbols. On the Bergman space of the unit ball, Zheng [23] studied commuting Toeplitz operators with pluriharmonic symbols. Recently, extending Vasilevski's results in [24, 25], Quiroga-Barranco and Vasilevski gave the description of many (geometrically defined) classes of commuting Toeplitz operators of the unit ball in [26, 27]. Zhou and Dong [9] studied the commuting problem for quasihomogeneous Toeplitz operators. In 2012, Dong and Zhou [28] and Louhichi and Zakariasy [29] characterized the commuting Toeplitz operators with radial or quasihomogeneous symbols on the harmonic Bergman space of the unit disk. In papers [19, 30–33], the authors studied the wide classes of (nongeometrically defined) commutative Banach algebras generated by Toeplitz operators of the Bergman spaces on the unit ball.

Motivated by recent results of the unit ball in [9, 10, 12], in this paper, on the pluriharmonic space of the unit ball, we first characterize the product of two Toeplitz operators with certain separately quasihomogeneous symbols to be a Toeplitz operator. Next, we solve the zero-product problem for several Toeplitz operators when one of the symbols is separately quasihomogeneous and the others are quasihomogeneous and show that zero-product problem for two Toeplitz operators with certain symbols has only a trivial solution. At last, the commutativity of certain (separately) quasihomogeneous Toeplitz operators is also discussed.

2. Preliminaries

Let \mathbb{N} denote the set of all nonnegative integers. For any $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$, for any point $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{B}_n$, we write

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha| &= \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n, \\ \alpha! &= \alpha_1! \alpha_2! \dots \alpha_n!, \\ z^\alpha &= z_1^{\alpha_1} z_2^{\alpha_2} \dots z_n^{\alpha_n}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

For two multi-indexes $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$, $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$, the notations $\alpha \geq \beta$ and $\alpha \perp \beta$ mean that $\alpha_i \geq \beta_i$ for every i and $\alpha_1 \beta_1 + \alpha_2 \beta_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \beta_n = 0$. Let $\alpha - \beta$ denote $(\alpha_1 - \beta_1, \alpha_2 - \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_n - \beta_n)$. Moreover, if $\alpha \geq \beta$, $|\alpha - \beta| = |\alpha| - |\beta|$.

For a function $\phi \in L^1(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$, ϕ is said to be radial if and only if $\phi(Uz) = \phi(z)$ for any unitary transformation U of \mathbb{C}^n ; ϕ is said to be separately radial if and only if $\phi(Uz) = \phi(z)$ for any unitary transformation U of \mathbb{C}^n with a diagonal matrix. This implies that a radial function has a form $\phi(z) = \phi(|z|)$ and a separately radial function has a form $\phi(z) = \phi(|z_1|, \dots, |z_n|)$.

Using radial function and separately radial function, we give the following definition.

Definition 1. Let $p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n$ with $p \perp s$ and $f \in L^1(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$.

(I) f is called a quasihomogeneous function of degree (p, s) if f has the following decomposition:

$$f(|r|\xi) = \xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi(|r|) \quad (6)$$

for any $\xi \in \mathbb{S}_n$, $r = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)$ and $|r| = \sqrt{|r_1|^2 + |r_2|^2 + \dots + |r_n|^2}$, where $r_i = |z_i|$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and ϕ is a radial function. In this case, T_f is called quasihomogeneous Toeplitz operator of degree (p, s) .

(II) f is called a separately quasihomogeneous function of degree (p, s) if f has the following decomposition:

$$f(|r|\xi) = \xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi(r) \quad (7)$$

for any $\xi \in \mathbb{S}_n$, where ϕ is a separately radial function. In this case, T_f is called separately quasihomogeneous Toeplitz operator of degree (p, s) .

We now recall some useful results from [34]. Denote by $\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)$ the base of \mathbb{B}_n , that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\mathbb{B}_n) &= \{r = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) = (|z_1|, |z_2|, \dots, |z_n|) : \\ &z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{B}_n\}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

If ϕ is a bounded separately radial function, we get that

$$\int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \phi(z) dV(z) = 2^n n! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r dr, \quad (9)$$

where $r dr = \prod_{i=1}^n r_i dr_i$.

Let $\mathcal{R} = \{\phi : \mathbb{B}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ is separately radial} : \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} |\phi(r)|^2 r dr < \infty\}$. Dong and Zhou [10] showed that for $f \in L^2(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$, f has the decomposition

$$f(|r|\xi) = \sum_{p \perp s, p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n} \xi^p \bar{\xi}^s f_{p,s}(r), \quad f_{p,s} \in \mathcal{R}. \quad (10)$$

They also proved the following result.

Lemma 2. Let $f(z) = \sum_{p \perp s, p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n} \xi^p \bar{\xi}^s f_{p,s}(r) \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$; then $\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s f_{p,s}(r)$ is bounded on \mathbb{B}_n for multi-indexes $p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n$ with $p \perp s$.

In order to get our main results, we need to introduce the Mellin transform, which is defined for any function $\phi \in L^1([0, 1], r dr)$ by the formula

$$\hat{\phi}(z) = \int_0^1 \phi(r) r^{z-1} dr. \quad (11)$$

It is well known that $\hat{\phi}$ is well defined on the right half-plane $\{z : \operatorname{Re} z \geq 2\}$ and is analytic on $\{z : \operatorname{Re} z > 2\}$. It is helpful that the Mellin transform is uniquely determined by its value on an arithmetic sequence of integers. In fact, we have the following result (see [35, page 102]).

Lemma 3. Suppose that ϕ is a bounded analytic function on $\{z : \operatorname{Re} z > 0\}$ which vanishes at the pairwise distinct points z_1, z_2, \dots , where

- (I) $\inf\{|z_n|\} > 0$, and
- (II) $\sum_{n \geq 1} \operatorname{Re}(1/z_n) = \infty$.

Then ϕ vanishes identically on $\{z : \operatorname{Re} z > 0\}$.

Remark 4. We will often use Lemma 3 to show that if $\phi \in L^1([0, 1], r dr)$ and if there exists a sequence $\{n_k\} \subset \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\hat{\phi}(n_k) = 0, \quad \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{1}{n_k} = \infty, \quad (12)$$

then $\hat{\phi}(z) = 0$ for all $z \in \{z : \operatorname{Re} z > 2\}$ and so $\phi = 0$.

In this paper, we will need a similar result in higher dimensions. Now we give the following definition.

Definition 5. Let E be a subset of \mathbb{Z}_+^2 ; one says that E satisfies condition (I) if the following statement holds:

(I) there exists a sequence $\{\alpha_i^{(1)}\}_{i=1}^\infty$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^\infty 1/\alpha_i^{(1)} = \infty$, and for every fixed $\alpha_i^{(1)}$, there also exists a sequence $\{\alpha_{j(i)}^{(2)}\}_{j(i)=1}^\infty$ such that $\sum_{j(i)=1}^\infty 1/\alpha_{j(i)}^{(2)} = \infty$ and $\{(\alpha_i^{(1)}, \alpha_{j(i)}^{(2)}) : j(i) = 1, 2, \dots\} \subset E$.

Remark 6. It follows from Definition 5 that for a multi-index $\delta \in \mathbb{N}^2$, if E is a subset of $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^2 : \alpha \geq \delta\}$ and if E^c is the complement of E in $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^2 : \alpha \geq \delta\}$, then either E or E^c satisfies condition (I).

In this paper, we will often use Lemmas 4 and 12 in [12] and Lemma 2.1 and Corollary 2.7 in [10] which can be stated as follows.

Lemma 7. Let ϕ be an integrable radial function on \mathbb{B}_n such that T_ϕ is a bounded operator then for any multi-index α ,

$$T_\phi(z^\alpha) = 2(n + |\alpha|)! \hat{\phi}(2n + 2|\alpha|) z^\alpha, \quad (13)$$

$$T_\phi(\bar{z}^\alpha) = 2(n + |\alpha|)! \hat{\phi}(2n + 2|\alpha|) \bar{z}^\alpha.$$

Lemma 8. Let p, s be two multi-indexes and let ϕ be an integrable radial function on \mathbb{B}_n such that $T_{\xi^p \phi}$, $T_{\xi^s \phi}$ and $T_{\xi^p \xi^s \phi}$ are bounded operators. Then for any multi-index α ,

$$T_{\xi^p \xi^s \phi}(z^\alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{2(p+\alpha)!(n+|p|+|\alpha|-|s|)!}{(p+\alpha-s)!(n-1+|\alpha|+|p|)!} \hat{\phi} \times (2n+2|\alpha|+|p|-|s|) z^{p+\alpha-s} & p+\alpha \geq s, \\ \frac{2s!(n+|s|-|\alpha|-|p|)!}{(s-\alpha-p)!(n-1+|s|)!} \hat{\phi} \times (2n+|s|-|p|) \bar{z}^{s-\alpha-p} & s \geq p+\alpha, \\ 0 & s \neq p+\alpha, \\ & s \not\geq p+\alpha, \\ & p+\alpha \not\geq s; \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

$$T_{\xi^p \xi^s \phi}(\bar{z}^\alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{2(s+\alpha)!(n+|s|+|\alpha|-|p|)!}{(s+\alpha-p)!(n-1+|\alpha|+|s|)!} \hat{\phi} \times (2n+2|\alpha|+|s|-|p|) \bar{z}^{s+\alpha-p} & s+\alpha \geq p, \\ \frac{2p!(n+|p|-|\alpha|-|s|)!}{(p-\alpha-s)!(n-1+|p|)!} \hat{\phi} \times (2n+|p|-|s|) z^{p-\alpha-s} & p \geq s+\alpha, \\ 0 & p \neq s+\alpha, \\ & p \not\geq s+\alpha, \\ & s+\alpha \not\geq p. \end{cases}$$

In particular, if p, s are two nonzero multi-indexes with $p \perp s$, one has

$$T_{\xi^p \xi^s \phi}(z^\alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{2(p+\alpha)!(n+|p|+|\alpha|-|s|)!}{(p+\alpha-s)!(n-1+|\alpha|+|p|)!} \hat{\phi} \times (2n+2|\alpha|+|p|-|s|) z^{p+\alpha-s} & \alpha \geq s, \\ 0 & \alpha \not\geq s; \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

$$T_{\xi^p \xi^s \phi}(\bar{z}^\alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{2(s+\alpha)!(n+|s|+|\alpha|-|p|)!}{(s+\alpha-p)!(n-1+|\alpha|+|s|)!} \hat{\phi} \times (2n+2|\alpha|+|s|-|p|) \bar{z}^{s+\alpha-p} & \alpha \geq p, \\ 0 & \alpha \not\geq p. \end{cases}$$

Lemma 9. Let $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}^n$ with $\alpha \neq \beta$ and let $t \in [0, 1]$. If ϕ is a bounded separately radial function on \mathbb{B}_n , then

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}_n} \phi(t\xi) \xi^\alpha \bar{\xi}^\beta d\sigma(\xi) = 0. \quad (16)$$

Lemma 10. Let $p, s \in \mathbb{N}^2$ and let $g(r)$ be a bounded function on $\tau(\mathbb{B}_2)$. If the set

$$E = \left\{ \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^2 : \alpha \geq s, \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_2)} g(r) r^{2\alpha+p-s} r dr = 0 \right\} \quad (17)$$

satisfies condition (I), then $g = 0$.

3. The Product of Toeplitz Operators with Separately Quasihomogeneous Symbols

We start this section with the following result.

Lemma 11. Let ϕ be a bounded separately radial function on \mathbb{B}_n ; then for any multi-index $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$,

$$T_\phi(z^\alpha) = \frac{2^n(n+|\alpha|)!}{\alpha!} \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha} r dr z^\alpha, \quad (18)$$

$$T_\phi(\bar{z}^\alpha) = \frac{2^n(n+|\alpha|)!}{\alpha!} \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha} r dr \bar{z}^\alpha.$$

Proof. For multi-indexes $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}^n$, it is well known that

$$\langle z^\alpha, z^\beta \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \alpha \neq \beta, \\ \frac{n! \alpha!}{(n+|\alpha|)!} & \alpha = \beta. \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

According to (9) and Lemma 9, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_\phi z^\alpha, z^\beta \rangle &= \langle \phi z^\alpha, z^\beta \rangle \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \phi(z) z^\alpha \bar{z}^\beta dV(z) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \alpha \neq \beta, \\ 2^n n! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha} r dr & \alpha = \beta. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Similarly, if $\beta \geq 0, \beta \neq 0$, we obtain $\langle T_\phi z^\alpha, \bar{z}^\beta \rangle = 0 = \langle z^\alpha, \bar{z}^\beta \rangle$. Since $\{z^\beta\}_{\beta \geq 0} \cup \{\bar{z}^\beta\}_{\beta \geq 0, \beta \neq 0}$ is a basis of the pluriharmonic Bergman space, we have

$$T_\phi(z^\alpha) = \frac{2^n(n+|\alpha|)!}{\alpha!} \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha} r dr z^\alpha. \quad (21)$$

By a similar argument, one can deduce that $T_\phi(\bar{z}^\alpha) = ((2^n(n+|\alpha|)! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha} r dr) / \alpha!) \bar{z}^\alpha$. This completes the proof. \square

The following theorem is crucial for us to get our main results.

Theorem 12. Let f be a bounded function on \mathbb{D} . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a) for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$, there exists $\lambda_\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $T_f(z^\alpha) = \lambda_\alpha z^\alpha$;
- (b) for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$, there exists $\lambda_\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $T_f(\bar{z}^\alpha) = \lambda_\alpha \bar{z}^\alpha$.

Proof. Assume (a) holds; that is, $T_f(z^\alpha) = \lambda_\alpha z^\alpha$. For any multi-index $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^n$, it follows from (19) that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_f \bar{z}^\alpha, \bar{z}^\beta \rangle &= \langle f \bar{z}^\alpha, \bar{z}^\beta \rangle = \langle f z^\beta, z^\alpha \rangle \\ &= \langle T_f z^\beta, z^\alpha \rangle = \lambda_\beta \langle z^\beta, z^\alpha \rangle \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \alpha \neq \beta, \\ \lambda_\alpha \langle z^\alpha, z^\alpha \rangle & \alpha = \beta \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lambda_\alpha \langle \bar{z}^\alpha, \bar{z}^\beta \rangle, \\
\langle T_f \bar{z}^\alpha, z^\beta \rangle &= \langle f \bar{z}^\alpha, z^\beta \rangle = \langle f z^0, z^{\alpha+\beta} \rangle \\
&= \langle T_f z^0, z^{\alpha+\beta} \rangle = \lambda_0 \langle z^0, z^{\alpha+\beta} \rangle \\
&= \begin{cases} 0 & \alpha \neq 0 \text{ or } \beta \neq 0, \\ \lambda_0 & \alpha = \beta = 0 \end{cases} \\
&= \lambda_\alpha \langle \bar{z}^\alpha, z^\beta \rangle. \tag{22}
\end{aligned}$$

$\{z^\beta\}_{\beta \geq 0} \cup \{\bar{z}^\beta\}_{\beta \geq 0}$ which is a basis of the pluriharmonic Bergman space implies that $T_f(\bar{z}^\alpha) = \lambda_\alpha \bar{z}^\alpha$.

By a similar argument, one can show that (b) implies (a), which completes the proof. \square

Using Theorem 12, we give the necessary and sufficient condition when a bounded function is a separately radial function.

Theorem 13. Let $\phi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a) for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$, there exists $\lambda_\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $T_\phi(z^\alpha) = \lambda_\alpha z^\alpha$;
- (b) ϕ is a separately radial function.

Proof. It is easy to show that (b) implies (a) by Lemma 11.

Now suppose (a) holds. That is, $T_\phi(z^\alpha) = \lambda_\alpha z^\alpha$. Then for any unitary transformation U of \mathbb{C}^n with diagonal matrix and $z \in \mathbb{B}_n$, we get $U^{-1}z \in \mathbb{B}_n$. Hence, one can obtain $T_\phi(U^{-1}z)^\alpha = \lambda_\alpha (U^{-1}z)^\alpha$. A direct calculation shows that

$$\begin{aligned}
P[\phi(Uz)z^\alpha](w) &= \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{\phi(Uz)z^\alpha}{(1 - \langle w, z \rangle)^{n+1}} dV(z) \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{\phi(z)(U^{-1}z)^\alpha}{(1 - \langle w, U^{-1}z \rangle)^{n+1}} dV(z) \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{\phi(z)(U^{-1}z)^\alpha}{(1 - \langle Uw, z \rangle)^{n+1}} dV(z) \\
&= P[\phi(z)(U^{-1}z)^\alpha](Uw). \tag{23}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
P[\overline{\phi(Uz)z^\alpha}](w) &= P[\overline{\phi(z)(U^{-1}z)^\alpha}](Uw), \\
P[\phi(Uz)z^\alpha](0) &= P[\phi(z)(U^{-1}z)^\alpha](0). \tag{24}
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{\phi \circ U}(z^\alpha)(w) &= P[\phi(Uz)z^\alpha](w) \\
&\quad + P[\overline{\phi(Uz)z^\alpha}](w) - P[\phi(Uz)z^\alpha](0)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= P[\phi(z)(U^{-1}z)^\alpha](Uw) + P[\overline{\phi(z)(U^{-1}z)^\alpha}] \\
&\quad \times (Uw) - P[\phi(z)(U^{-1}z)^\alpha](0) \\
&= T_\phi((U^{-1}z)^\alpha)(Uw) = \lambda_\alpha (U^{-1}z)^\alpha(Uw) \\
&= \lambda_\alpha w^\alpha = T_\phi(z^\alpha)(w). \tag{25}
\end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 12, we have $T_{\phi \circ U}(\bar{z}^\alpha) = \lambda_\alpha \bar{z}^\alpha = T_\phi(\bar{z}^\alpha)$. Consequently, one can get that $T_{\phi \circ U} = T_\phi$ and so $\phi \circ U = \phi$. Then ϕ is a separately radial function. This completes the proof. \square

A direct calculation gives the following lemma, which we will use often.

Lemma 14. Let p, s be two multi-indexes and let $\phi \in \mathcal{R}$ and $\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$. Then for any multi-index $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$,

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi}(z^\alpha) &= \begin{cases} \left(\begin{aligned} &2^n (n + |\alpha| + |p| - |s|)! \\ &\times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha+2p} \\ &\times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ &\times ((p + \alpha - s)!)^{-1} \end{aligned} \right) z^{p+\alpha-s} & p + \alpha \geq s, \\ \left(\begin{aligned} &2^n (n + |s| - |\alpha| - |p|)! \\ &\times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2s} \\ &\times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ &\times ((s - \alpha - p)!)^{-1} \end{aligned} \right) \bar{z}^{s-\alpha-p} & s \geq p + \alpha, \\ 0 & s \neq p + \alpha, \\ & s \not\geq p + \alpha, \\ & p + \alpha \not\geq s; \end{cases} \\
T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi}(\bar{z}^\alpha) &= \begin{cases} \left(\begin{aligned} &2^n (n + |\alpha| + |s| - |p|)! \\ &\times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha+2s} \\ &\times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ &\times ((s + \alpha - p)!)^{-1} \end{aligned} \right) \bar{z}^{s+\alpha-p} & s + \alpha \geq p, \\ \left(\begin{aligned} &2^n (n - |\alpha| + |p| - |s|)! \\ &\times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2p} \\ &\times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ &\times ((p - \alpha - s)!)^{-1} \end{aligned} \right) z^{p-\alpha-s} & p \geq s + \alpha, \\ 0 & p \neq s + \alpha, \\ & p \not\geq s + \alpha, \\ & s + \alpha \not\geq p. \end{cases} \tag{26}
\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if p, s are two nonzero multi-indexes with $p \perp s$, one has

$$T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s} \phi(z^\alpha) = \begin{cases} \left(2^n (n + |\alpha| + |p| - |s|)! \right. \\ \quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha+2p} \\ \quad \times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ \quad \times \left((p + \alpha - s)! \right)^{-1} \Big) z^{p+\alpha-s} & p + \alpha \geq s, \\ 0 & p + \alpha \not\geq s; \end{cases}$$

$$T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s} \bar{\phi}(\bar{z}^\alpha) = \begin{cases} \left(2^n (n + |\alpha| + |s| - |p|)! \right. \\ \quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \bar{\phi}(r) r^{2\alpha+2s} \\ \quad \times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ \quad \times \left((s + \alpha - p)! \right)^{-1} \Big) \bar{z}^{s+\alpha-p} & s + \alpha \geq p, \\ 0 & s + \alpha \not\geq p. \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

Proof. Here, we only prove that (26) and (27) hold. For any multi-index $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^n$, if $p + \alpha \not\geq s$, then there exists i such that $\alpha_i + p_i < s_i$. Hence, $p + \alpha \neq \beta + s$. It follows from Lemma 9 that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P[\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi z^\alpha], z^\beta \rangle &= \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi(z) z^\alpha \bar{z}^\beta dV(z) \\ &= \int_0^1 2n |r|^{2n-1} |r|^{|\alpha|+|\beta|} d|r| \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{S}_n} \phi(|r|\xi) \xi^{p+\alpha} \bar{\xi}^{s+\beta} d\sigma(\xi) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

For $\alpha + p \geq s$, using Lemma 9, (9), and (19), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P[\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi z^\alpha], z^\beta \rangle &= \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi(z) z^\alpha \bar{z}^\beta dV(z) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \beta \neq p + \alpha - s, \\ 2^n n! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha+2p} \\ \quad \times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr & \beta = p + \alpha - s, \end{cases} \\ \langle z^{p+\alpha-s}, z^\beta \rangle &= \begin{cases} 0 & \beta \neq p + \alpha - s, \\ \frac{n! (p + \alpha - s)!}{(n + |\alpha| + |p| - |s|)!} & \beta = p + \alpha - s. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Moreover, for $\beta \geq 0, \beta \neq 0$, we have $\langle P[\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi z^\alpha], \bar{z}^\beta \rangle = 0$. It follows that for $p + \alpha \geq s$, $\langle P[\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi z^\alpha], \bar{z}^\beta \rangle = \langle z^{p+\alpha-s}, \bar{z}^\beta \rangle = 0$. Thus, one can obtain that

$$P[\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi z^\alpha] = \begin{cases} \left(2^n (n + |\alpha| + |p| - |s|)! \right. \\ \quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha+2p} \\ \quad \times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ \quad \times \left((p + \alpha - s)! \right)^{-1} \Big) z^{p+\alpha-s} & p + \alpha \geq s, \\ 0 & p + \alpha \not\geq s. \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

Note that $\bar{\phi}$ is still a separately radial function; by a similar argument, we get that

$$P[\bar{\xi}^p \xi^s \bar{\phi} \bar{z}^\alpha] = \begin{cases} \left(2^n (n + |s| - |\alpha| - |p|)! \right. \\ \quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \bar{\phi}(r) r^{2s} \\ \quad \times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ \quad \times \left((s - \alpha - p)! \right)^{-1} \Big) \bar{z}^{s-\alpha-p} & s \geq p + \alpha, \\ 0 & s \not\geq p + \alpha. \end{cases} \quad (31)$$

It follows from above two equations that

$$T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s} \phi(z^\alpha) = \begin{cases} \left(2^n (n + |\alpha| + |p| - |s|)! \right. \\ \quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha+2p} \\ \quad \times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ \quad \times \left((p + \alpha - s)! \right)^{-1} \Big) z^{p+\alpha-s} & p + \alpha \geq s, \\ \left(2^n (n + |s| - |\alpha| - |p|)! \right. \\ \quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2s} \\ \quad \times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ \quad \times \left((s - \alpha - p)! \right)^{-1} \Big) \bar{z}^{s-\alpha-p} & s \geq p + \alpha, \\ 0 & \begin{matrix} s \neq p + \alpha, \\ s \not\geq p + \alpha, \\ p + \alpha \not\geq s. \end{matrix} \end{cases} \quad (32)$$

Furthermore, if $p \perp s$ and p, s are nonzero multi-indexes, there exists $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that $p_i > 0$ and $s_i = 0$. This implies that there does not exist $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ such that $s \geq p + \alpha$. It follows that (27) holds. This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 15. Let $p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n$ be two nonzero multi-indexes with $p \perp s$ and let ϕ be a bounded function on \mathbb{B}_n . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

(a) for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$, there exists $\lambda_\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$T_\phi(z^\alpha) = \begin{cases} 0 & p + \alpha \not\geq s, \\ \lambda_\alpha z^{p+\alpha-s} & p + \alpha \geq s; \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

(b) ϕ is a separately quasihomogeneous function of degree (p, s) .

Proof. It is obvious that (b) implies (a). Now assume (a) holds. For any multi-index $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_{\bar{z}^p z^s \phi}(z^\alpha), z^\beta \rangle &= \langle \phi z^{\alpha+s}, z^{p+\beta} \rangle = \langle T_\phi z^{\alpha+s}, z^{p+\beta} \rangle \\ &= \langle \lambda_{\alpha+s} z^{\alpha+p}, z^{p+\beta} \rangle \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \alpha \neq \beta, \\ \frac{\lambda_{\alpha+s} n! (\alpha + p)!}{(n + |\alpha| + |p|)!} & \alpha = \beta. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

Similarly, for $\beta \geq 0$ and $\beta \neq 0$, we get that $\langle T_{\bar{z}^p z^s \phi}(z^\alpha), \bar{z}^\beta \rangle = 0 = \langle z^\alpha, \bar{z}^\beta \rangle$. In light of (19), one can deduce that

$$T_{\bar{z}^p z^s \phi}(z^\alpha) = \frac{\lambda_{\alpha+s} (\alpha + p)! (n + |\alpha|)!}{\alpha! (n + |\alpha| + |p|)!} z^\alpha. \quad (35)$$

It follows from Theorem 13 that $\bar{z}^p z^s \phi$ is a separately radial function. Let $\bar{z}^p z^s \phi(z) = \psi(z)$, where ψ is a separately radial function on \mathbb{B}_n . It follows that

$$\phi(z) = \psi(r) r^{-(2p+2s)} |r|^{(|p|+|s|)} \xi^p \bar{\xi}^s, \quad (36)$$

which implies that ϕ is a separately quasihomogeneous function of degree (p, s) . \square

Now we discuss when the product of two Toeplitz operators with certain symbols is a Toeplitz operator.

Theorem 16. Let ϕ_1, ϕ_2 be two bounded separately radial functions on \mathbb{B}_n . If there exists a bounded function h such that $T_{\phi_1} T_{\phi_2} = T_h$, then h is also a separately radial function on \mathbb{B}_n .

Proof. It follows from Lemma 11 that for $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$

$$\begin{aligned} T_h(z^\alpha) &= T_{\phi_1} T_{\phi_2}(z^\alpha) \\ &= \frac{2^n (n + |\alpha|)! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi_2(r) r^{2\alpha} r dr}{\alpha!} \\ &\quad \cdot \frac{2^n (n + |\alpha|)! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi_1(r) r^{2\alpha} r dr}{\alpha!} z^\alpha. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

In virtue of Theorem 13, we get that h is a separately radial function. This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 17. Let $p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n$ be two nonzero multi-indexes with $p \perp s$ and let $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\bar{\xi}^s \phi_1, \xi^p \phi_2 \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$. If there exists a bounded function h such that $T_{\bar{\xi}^s \phi_1} T_{\xi^p \phi_2} = T_h$, then h is a separately quasihomogeneous function of degree (p, s) .

Proof. For any multi-index $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$, using Lemma 14, one can obtain that

$$T_h(z^\alpha) = T_{\bar{\xi}^s \phi_1} T_{\xi^p \phi_2}(z^\alpha) = \begin{cases} \lambda_\alpha z^{\alpha+p-s} & \alpha + p \geq s, \\ 0 & \alpha + p \not\geq s, \end{cases} \quad (38)$$

where $\lambda_\alpha = (2^n (n + |\alpha| + |p| - |s|)! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi_1(r) r^{2\alpha+2p} |r|^{-|s|} r dr / (p + \alpha - s)!) \cdot (2^n (n + |\alpha| + |p|)! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi_2(r) r^{2\alpha+2p} |r|^{-|p|} r dr / (p + \alpha)!).$ It follows from Theorem 15 that h is a separately quasihomogeneous function of degree (p, s) . \square

Using the same technique, we give the following result and omit the proof.

Theorem 18. Let $p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n$ be two nonzero multi-indexes with $p \perp s$ and let $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\phi_1, \xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi_2 \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$. If there exists a bounded function h such that $T_{\phi_1} T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi_2} = T_h$, then h is a separately quasihomogeneous function of degree (p, s) .

4. The Zero-Product Problem of Toeplitz Operators with Quasihomogeneous and Separately Quasihomogeneous Symbols

In this section, we will study the zero-product problem for several Toeplitz operators when one of the symbols is separately quasihomogeneous and the others are homogeneous, and show that the zero-product problem for two Toeplitz operators with certain symbols has only a trivial solution on the pluriharmonic Bergman space of the unit ball.

Theorem 19. Let p_i, s_i ($1 \leq i \leq m$) $\in \mathbb{N}^n$ be nonzero multi-indexes with $p_i \perp s_i$ and let $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_{m-1}$ be square integrable radial functions and $\phi_m \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\xi^{p_i} \bar{\xi}^{s_i} \phi_i \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$. Then

$$T_{\xi^{p_1} \bar{\xi}^{s_1} \phi_1} T_{\xi^{p_2} \bar{\xi}^{s_2} \phi_2} \dots T_{\xi^{p_m} \bar{\xi}^{s_m} \phi_m} = 0 \quad (39)$$

if and only if $\phi_i = 0$ for some i .

Proof. Suppose $T_{\xi^{p_1} \bar{\xi}^{s_1} \phi_1} T_{\xi^{p_2} \bar{\xi}^{s_2} \phi_2} \dots T_{\xi^{p_m} \bar{\xi}^{s_m} \phi_m} = 0$. Then for multi-index $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$,

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\xi^{p_1} \bar{\xi}^{s_1} \phi_1} T_{\xi^{p_2} \bar{\xi}^{s_2} \phi_2} \dots T_{\xi^{p_m} \bar{\xi}^{s_m} \phi_m}(z^\alpha) &= 0, \\ T_{\xi^{p_1} \bar{\xi}^{s_1} \phi_1} T_{\xi^{p_2} \bar{\xi}^{s_2} \phi_2} \dots T_{\xi^{p_m} \bar{\xi}^{s_m} \phi_m}(\bar{z}^\alpha) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

It follows from Lemmas 8 and 14 that

$$\begin{aligned} &T_{\xi^{p_1} \bar{\xi}^{s_1} \phi_1} T_{\xi^{p_2} \bar{\xi}^{s_2} \phi_2} \dots T_{\xi^{p_m} \bar{\xi}^{s_m} \phi_m}(z^\alpha) \\ &= \begin{cases} C_\alpha z^{\alpha + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} p_{m-j} - \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} s_{m-j}} & \alpha + p_m \geq s_m, \dots, \alpha + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} p_{m-j} \geq \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} s_{m-j}, \\ 0 & \text{others,} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
C_\alpha &= \left(2^n (n + |\alpha| + |p_m| - |s_m|)! \right. \\
&\quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi_m(r) r^{2\alpha+2p_m} |r|^{-(|p_m|+|s_m|)} r dr \\
&\quad \times ((p_m + \alpha - s_m)!)^{-1} \\
&\quad \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{m-1} \left\{ \left(2 \left(\alpha + \sum_{j=0}^i p_{m-j} - \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} s_{m-j} \right)! \right. \right. \\
&\quad \times \left(n + |\alpha| + \sum_{j=0}^i |p_{m-j}| - \sum_{j=0}^i |s_{m-j}| \right)! \\
&\quad \times \left(\left(\alpha + \sum_{j=0}^i p_{m-j} - \sum_{j=0}^i s_{m-j} \right)! \right. \\
&\quad \times \left(n - 1 + |\alpha| + \sum_{j=0}^i |p_{m-j}| - \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} |s_{m-j}| \right)! \Big)^{-1} \\
&\quad \times \widehat{\phi_{m-i}} \left(2n + 2|\alpha| + 2 \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} |p_{m-j}| \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - 2 \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} |s_{m-j}| + |p_{m-i}| - |s_{m-i}| \right) \right\}. \quad (42)
\end{aligned}$$

If $T_{\xi^{p_1} \bar{\xi}^{s_1} \phi_1} T_{\xi^{p_2} \bar{\xi}^{s_2} \phi_2} \dots T_{\xi^{p_m} \bar{\xi}^{s_m} \phi_m} (z^\alpha) = 0$, then, for any multi-index $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ such that $\alpha + p_m \geq s_m, \dots, \alpha + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} p_{m-j} \geq \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} s_{m-j}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi_m(r) r^{2\alpha+2p_m} |r|^{-(|p_m|+|s_m|)} r dr \\
&\cdot \prod_{i=1}^{m-1} \widehat{\phi_{m-i}} \left(2n + 2|\alpha| + 2 \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} |p_{m-j}| - 2 \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} |s_{m-j}| \right. \\
&\quad \left. + |p_{m-i}| - |s_{m-i}| \right) = 0. \quad (43)
\end{aligned}$$

Now we are ready to show that $\phi_i = 0$ for some i . For the sake of simplicity, we will consider the case of $n = 2$. Let $E = \{\alpha \geq \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} s_{m-j} : \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi_m(r) r^{2\alpha+2p_m} |r|^{-(|p_m|+|s_m|)} r dr = 0\}$. If E satisfies condition (I), then $\phi_m = 0$ by Lemma 10. Otherwise, let E^c denote the complement of E in $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^2 :$

$\alpha \geq \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} s_{m-j}\}$, and it follows from Remark 6 that E^c satisfies condition (I). Now let

$$\begin{aligned}
M &= \left\{ \alpha + p_m \geq s_m, \dots, \alpha + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} p_{m-j} \right. \\
&\quad \geq \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} s_{m-j} : \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi_m(r) r^{2\alpha+2p_m} \\
&\quad \times |r|^{-(|p_m|+|s_m|)} r dr \neq 0 \Big\}. \quad (44)
\end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that $M \supset E^c$, which implies that M satisfies condition (I). Furthermore, we get that

$$\sum_{\alpha \in M} \frac{1}{|\alpha|} = \infty. \quad (45)$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned}
M_i &= \left\{ \alpha + p_m \geq s_m, \dots, \alpha + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} p_{m-j} \geq \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} s_{m-j} : \right. \\
&\quad \widehat{\phi_i} \left(2n + 2|\alpha| + 2 \sum_{j=0}^{m-i-1} \right. \\
&\quad \times |p_{m-j}| - 2 \sum_{j=0}^{m-i-1} |s_{m-j}| \\
&\quad \left. \left. + |p_i| - |s_i| \right) = 0 \right\} \quad (46)
\end{aligned}$$

for $1 \leq i \leq m-1$. According to (43), we obtain that $M \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{m-1} M_i$. Hence there exists some i such that

$$\sum_{\alpha \in M_i} \frac{1}{|\alpha|} = \infty. \quad (47)$$

By Remark 4, one can deduce that $\phi_i = 0$ for some i ($1 \leq i \leq m-1$). Moreover, if $\phi_i = 0$ for some i ($1 \leq i \leq m$), then $T_{\xi^{p_1} \bar{\xi}^{s_1} \phi_1} T_{\xi^{p_2} \bar{\xi}^{s_2} \phi_2} \dots T_{\xi^{p_m} \bar{\xi}^{s_m} \phi_m} (\bar{z}^\alpha) = 0$.

Conversely, it is obvious that if $\phi_i = 0$ for some i , then

$$T_{\xi^{p_1} \bar{\xi}^{s_1} \phi_1} T_{\xi^{p_2} \bar{\xi}^{s_2} \phi_2} \dots T_{\xi^{p_m} \bar{\xi}^{s_m} \phi_m} = 0. \quad (48)$$

This completes the proof. \square

The following result is a partial answer to the zero-product problem for two Toeplitz operators on $L_h^2(\mathbb{B}_n)$.

Theorem 20. Let $f(z) = \sum_{p,s \in \mathbb{N}^n, p \neq 0, s \neq 0, p \perp s} \xi^p \bar{\xi}^s f_{p,s}(r) \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$, where $f_{p,s}(r) \in \mathcal{R}$. Let $g = \xi^{p^*} \bar{\xi}^{s^*} \phi(r) \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$, where p^*, s^* are two nonzero indexes with $p^* \perp s^*$ and $\phi \in \mathcal{R}$. Then $T_f T_g = 0$ if and only if either $f = 0$ or $g = 0$.

Proof. By Lemma 2, we get that $\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s f_{p,s}(r)$ is bounded for any multi-indexes $p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n$, $p \neq 0$, $s \neq 0$, $p \perp s$.

If $T_f T_g = 0$, then for any multi-index $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$, $T_f T_g(z^\alpha) = 0$ and $T_f T_g(\bar{z}^\alpha) = 0$. It follows from (27) that

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s f_{p,s}(r)}(z^\alpha) \\ = c(p, s, \alpha) \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_{p,s}(r) r^{2\alpha+2p} \\ \times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr z^{\alpha+p-s}, \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

where

$$c(p, s, \alpha) = \begin{cases} 0 & p + \alpha \not\geq s, \\ \frac{2^n (n + |\alpha| + |p| - |s|)!}{(p + \alpha - s)!} & p + \alpha \geq s \end{cases} \quad (50)$$

and consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} T_f(z^\alpha) &= \sum_{p,s \in \mathbb{N}^n, p \neq 0, s \neq 0, p \perp s} c(p, s, \alpha) \\ &\times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_{p,s}(r) r^{2\alpha+2p} |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr z^{\alpha+p-s}. \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

$T_f T_g(z^\alpha) = 0$ together with (27) implies that for any multi-indexes $p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n$, $p \neq 0$, $s \neq 0$, and $p \perp s$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_{p,s}(r) r^{2\alpha+2p^*-2s^*+2p} |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ \cdot \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha+2p^*} |r|^{-(|p^*|+|s^*|)} r dr = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

for all $\alpha \geq 2s^* + s$. Next we will prove that either $\phi = 0$ or $f_{p,s} = 0$ for $p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n$, $p \neq 0$, $s \neq 0$, and $p \perp s$. Similarly as the proof of Theorem 19, we will prove it in the case of $n = 2$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} E_{p,s} = \left\{ \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^2 : \alpha \geq 2s^* + s, \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_{p,s}(r) r^{2\alpha+2p^*-2s^*+2p} \right. \\ \left. \times |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr = 0 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

If $E_{p,s}$ satisfies condition (I), noting that

$$\left| f_{p,s}(r) r^{p+s} |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} \right| = \left| \xi^p \bar{\xi}^s f_{p,s}(r) \right| < \infty, \quad (54)$$

then $f_{p,s} = 0$ by Lemma 10. Otherwise, let $E_{p,s}^c$ denote the complement of $E_{p,s}$ in $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^2 : \alpha \geq 2s^* + s\}$; then $E_{p,s}^c$ satisfies condition (I) by Remark 6. It follows from (52) that

$$\int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha+2p^*} |r|^{-(|p^*|+|s^*|)} r dr = 0, \quad \forall \alpha \in E_{p,s}^c. \quad (55)$$

Using Lemma 10 again, we obtain that $\phi = 0$. Moreover, if either $f = 0$ or $\phi = 0$, then $T_f T_g(\bar{z}^\alpha) = 0$. Hence, $T_f T_g = 0$ implies that either $f = 0$ or $\phi = 0$.

The converse implication is obvious. This completes the proof. \square

Corollary 21. Let $f(z) = \xi^p \bar{\xi}^s f_{p,s}(r) \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$, where $p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n$, $p \neq 0$, $s \neq 0$, $p \perp s$, and $f_{p,s}(r) \in \mathcal{R}$. Then $T_f^2 = T_f$ implies that either $f = 0$ or $f = 1$.

5. The Commutativity of Toeplitz Operators with Quasihomogeneous and Separately Quasihomogeneous Symbols

In this section, we will consider the commuting problem for two Toeplitz operators with certain symbols.

Theorem 22. Let $p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n$ be two nonzero multi-indexes with $p \perp s$ let $\psi \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$, and let ϕ be a bounded radial function on \mathbb{B}_n . If ϕ is nonconstant, then $T_\phi T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi} = T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi} T_\phi$ if and only if either $|p| = |s|$ or $\psi = 0$.

Proof. It follows from Lemmas 7 and 14 that $T_\phi T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi} = T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi} T_\phi$ if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \psi(r) r^{2\alpha+2p} |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ \times (2n+2|\alpha|+2|p|-2|s|) \hat{\phi} \\ \times (2n+2|\alpha|+2|p|-2|s|) \\ = \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \psi(r) r^{2\alpha+2p} |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ \times (2n+2|\alpha|) \hat{\phi}(2n+|\alpha|) \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

for $p + \alpha \geq s$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \psi(r) r^{2\alpha+2s} |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ \times (2n+2|\alpha|+2|s|-2|p|) \hat{\phi} \\ \times (2n+2|\alpha|+2|s|-2|p|) \\ = \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \psi(r) r^{2\alpha+2s} |r|^{-(|p|+|s|)} r dr \\ \times (2n+2|\alpha|) \hat{\phi}(2n+|\alpha|) \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

for $s + \alpha \geq p$. As in the proof of Theorem 5.1 in [10], for $p + \alpha \geq s$, (56) and the property that ϕ is nonconstant imply that either $|p| = |s|$ or $\psi = 0$. Furthermore, if either $|p| = |s|$ or $\psi = 0$, it is easy to show that (57) holds for $s + \alpha \geq p$. Hence, T_ϕ commutes with $T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi}$ implies either $|p| = |s|$ or $\psi = 0$.

Conversely, if either $|p| = |s|$ or $\psi = 0$, one can get that (56) and (57) hold. That is, $T_\phi T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi} = T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi} T_\phi$. This completes the proof. \square

As for $n = 1$, a separately radial function is a radial and it follows that Toeplitz operators with separately radial symbols commute, there is no contradiction with an extension of a result in [29] to the case of $n \geq 2$. It is given in [29] that a Toeplitz operator on $L_h^2(\mathbb{D})$ with radial symbol commutes

with another Toeplitz operator if that operator also has a radial symbol. The following theorem will show that this result is not true on $L_h^2(\mathbb{B}_n)$ ($n \geq 2$).

Theorem 23. For $n \geq 2$, let $\psi(z)$ be a bounded separately radial function and let $\phi(z)$ be a bounded radial function on \mathbb{B}_n . Then T_ψ and T_ϕ commute.

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Theorem 22, so we omit it. \square

Next, we will give a description of commuting quasi-homogeneous Toeplitz operators the with same degree.

Theorem 24. Let $p, s \in \mathbb{N}^n$ be two nonzero multi-indexes with $p \perp s, |p| \neq |s|$ and let ϕ, ψ be two square integrable radial function on \mathbb{B}_n such that $\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi, \xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$. Then $T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi} T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi} = T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi} T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi}$ if and only if $\phi = C\psi$ for some constant C .

Proof. It follows from Lemma 8 that

$$T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi} T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi} = T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \psi} T_{\xi^p \bar{\xi}^s \phi} \quad (58)$$

if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} & \widehat{\phi}(2n+2|\alpha|+3|p|-3|s|) \widehat{\psi}(2n+2|\alpha|+|p|-|s|) \\ &= \widehat{\psi}(2n+2|\alpha|+3|p|-3|s|) \widehat{\phi} \\ & \times (2n+2|\alpha|+|p|-|s|) \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

for all $\alpha + 2p \geq 2s$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \widehat{\phi}(2n+2|\alpha|+3|s|-3|p|) \widehat{\psi}(2n+2|\alpha|+|s|-|p|) \\ &= \widehat{\psi}(2n+2|\alpha|+3|s|-3|p|) \widehat{\phi} \\ & \times (2n+2|\alpha|+|s|-|p|) \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

for all $\alpha + 2s \geq 2p$. If $|p| > |s|$, according to Lemma 3, then (59) holds which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\phi}(z+2|p|-2|s|) \widehat{\psi}(z) &= \widehat{\psi}(z+2|p|-2|s|) \widehat{\phi}(z), \\ z &\in \{z : \operatorname{Re} z > 0\}. \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

It follows from Lemma 6 in [36] that $\phi = C\psi$. Furthermore, if $\phi = C\psi$, then (60) holds. Otherwise, if $|p| < |s|$, by a similar argument, (60) implies that $\phi = C\psi$ and so (59) holds.

The converse implication is obvious. This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 25. Let $f(z) = \sum_{s \in \mathbb{N}^n} \bar{\xi}^s f_s(r) \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$, where $f_s(r) \in \mathcal{R}$. Let ϕ be a bounded separately radial function on \mathbb{B}_n . Then $T_f T_\phi = T_\phi T_f$ if and only if $T_{\bar{\xi}^s f_s(r)} T_\phi = T_\phi T_{\bar{\xi}^s f_s(r)}$ for every multi-index $s \in \mathbb{N}^n$.

Proof. Using Lemmas 11 and 14, one can get that for any multi-index $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$

$$\begin{aligned} T_f T_\phi(z^\alpha) &= \mu_\alpha \sum_{s \in \mathbb{N}^n} T_{\bar{\xi}^s f_s(r)}(z^\alpha) \\ &= \mu_\alpha \left[\sum_{s \in \mathbb{N}^n, \alpha \geq s} T_{\bar{\xi}^s f_s(r)}(z^\alpha) \right. \\ & \quad + \sum_{s \in \mathbb{N}^n, s \geq \alpha, s \neq \alpha} T_{\bar{\xi}^s f_s(r)}(z^\alpha) \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{s \in \mathbb{N}^n, \alpha \not\geq s, s \not\geq \alpha} T_{\bar{\xi}^s f_s(r)}(z^\alpha) \right] \\ &= \mu_\alpha \left[\sum_{s \in \mathbb{N}^n, \alpha \geq s} \left(\binom{2^n(n+|\alpha|-|s|)!}{\alpha-s} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_s(r) r^{2\alpha} |r|^{-|s|} r dr \\ & \quad \left. \times ((\alpha-s)!)^{-1} \right) z^{\alpha-s} \\ & \quad + \sum_{s \in \mathbb{N}^n, s \geq \alpha, s \neq \alpha} \left(\binom{2^n(n+|s|-|\alpha|)!}{s-\alpha} \right. \\ & \quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_s(r) r^{2s} \\ & \quad \times |r|^{-|\alpha|} r dr \\ & \quad \left. \left. \times ((s-\alpha)!)^{-1} \right) \bar{z}^{s-\alpha} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

where $\mu_\alpha = 2^n(n+|\alpha|)! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\alpha} r dr / \alpha!$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T_f T_\phi(z^\alpha), z^\beta \rangle \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \alpha \not\geq \beta, \\ \frac{2^n \mu_\alpha (n+|\beta|)! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_{\alpha-\beta}(r) r^{2\alpha} |r|^{|\beta|-|\alpha|} r dr}{\beta!} & \alpha \geq \beta \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

for $\beta \geq 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T_f T_\phi(z^\alpha), \bar{z}^\beta \rangle \\ &= \frac{2^n \mu_\alpha (n+|\beta|)! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_{\alpha+\beta}(r) r^{2\alpha+2\beta} |r|^{-(|\beta|+|\alpha|)} r dr}{\beta!} \\ & \quad \times \langle z^\beta, z^\beta \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

for $\beta \geq 0$ and $\beta \neq 0$.

By a similar argument, one can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T_\phi T_f(z^\alpha), z^\beta \rangle \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \alpha \not\geq \beta, \\ \frac{2^n \nu_\beta (n + |\beta|)! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_{\alpha-\beta}(r) r^{2\alpha} |r|^{|\beta|-|\alpha|} r dr}{\beta!} & \alpha \geq \beta \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (65)$$

for $\beta \geq 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T_\phi T_f(z^\alpha), \bar{z}^\beta \rangle \\ &= \frac{2^n \nu_\beta (n + |\beta|)! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_{\alpha+\beta}(r) r^{2\alpha+2\beta} |r|^{-(|\beta|+|\alpha|)} r dr}{\beta!} \quad (66) \\ & \quad \times \langle z^\beta, z^\beta \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for $\beta \geq 0$ and $\beta \neq 0$, where $\nu_\beta = 2^n(n + |\beta|)! \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} \phi(r) r^{2\beta} r dr / \beta!$.

Now suppose that $T_f T_\phi = T_\phi T_f$. It follows that $T_f T_\phi(z^\alpha) = T_\phi T_f(z^\alpha)$ and $T_f T_\phi(\bar{z}^\alpha) = T_\phi T_f(\bar{z}^\alpha)$ for any multi-index $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$. Using Lemmas 11 and 14 again, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T_{\xi f_s} T_\phi(z^\alpha), z^\beta \rangle \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(\left(2^n \mu_\alpha (n + |\beta|)! \right. \right. \\ \quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_{\alpha-\beta}(r) r^{2\alpha} \\ \quad \times |r|^{|\beta|-|\alpha|} r dr \Big) \\ \quad \times (\beta!)^{-1} \langle z^\beta, z^\beta \rangle & \beta = \alpha - s, \\ 0 & \text{others} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \langle T_f T_\phi(z^\alpha), z^\beta \rangle & \beta = \alpha - s, \\ 0 & \text{others} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \langle T_\phi T_f(z^\alpha), z^\beta \rangle & \beta = \alpha - s, \\ 0 & \text{others} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(\left(2^n \nu_\beta (n + |\beta|)! \right. \right. \\ \quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_{\alpha-\beta}(r) r^{2\alpha} \\ \quad \times |r|^{|\beta|-|\alpha|} r dr \Big) \\ \quad \times (\beta!)^{-1} \langle z^\beta, z^\beta \rangle & \beta = \alpha - s, \\ 0 & \text{others} \end{cases} \\ &= \langle T_\phi T_{\xi f_s}(z^\alpha), z^\beta \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (67)$$

for any multi-indexes $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^n$ and $s \in \mathbb{N}^n$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T_{\xi f_s} T_\phi(z^\alpha), \bar{z}^\beta \rangle \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(\left(2^n \mu_\alpha (n + |\beta|)! \right. \right. \\ \quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_{\alpha+\beta}(r) r^{2\alpha+2\beta} \\ \quad \times |r|^{-(|\beta|+|\alpha|)} r dr \Big) \\ \quad \times (\beta!)^{-1} \langle z^\beta, z^\beta \rangle & \beta = s - \alpha, \\ 0 & \text{others} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \langle T_f T_\phi(z^\alpha), \bar{z}^\beta \rangle & \beta = s - \alpha, \\ 0 & \text{others} \end{cases} \quad (68) \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(\left(2^n \nu_\beta (n + |\beta|)! \right. \right. \\ \quad \times \int_{\tau(\mathbb{B}_n)} f_{\alpha+\beta}(r) r^{2\alpha+2\beta} \\ \quad \times |r|^{-(|\beta|+|\alpha|)} r dr \Big) \\ \quad \times (\beta!)^{-1} \langle z^\beta, z^\beta \rangle & \beta = s - \alpha, \\ 0 & \text{others} \end{cases} \\ &= \langle T_\phi T_{\xi f_s}(z^\alpha), \bar{z}^\beta \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for any multi-indexes $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^n$, $\beta \neq 0$, and $s \in \mathbb{N}^n$. By the same technique, we get that

$$\langle T_{\xi f_s} T_\phi(\bar{z}^\alpha), z^\beta \rangle = \langle T_{\xi f_s} T_\phi(\bar{z}^\alpha), z^\beta \rangle \quad (69)$$

for any multi-indexes $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^n$ and $s \in \mathbb{N}^n$, and

$$\langle T_{\xi f_s} T_\phi(\bar{z}^\alpha), \bar{z}^\beta \rangle = \langle T_{\xi f_s} T_\phi(\bar{z}^\alpha), \bar{z}^\beta \rangle \quad (70)$$

for any multi-indexes $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^n$, $\beta \neq 0$, and $s \in \mathbb{N}^n$. Hence $T_{\xi f_s} T_\phi = T_\phi T_{\xi f_s}$.

Conversely, if $T_{\xi f_s} T_\phi = T_\phi T_{\xi f_s}$, it is easy to show that $T_f T_\phi = T_\phi T_f$. This completes the proof. \square

It is well known that $T_\phi^* = T_{\bar{\phi}}$, so one can easily get the following result.

Theorem 26. Let $f(z) = \sum_{p \in \mathbb{N}^n} \xi^p f_p(r) \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n, dV)$, where $f_p(r) \in \mathcal{R}$. Let ϕ be a bounded separately radial function on \mathbb{B}_n . Then $T_f T_\phi = T_\phi T_f$ if and only if $T_{\xi^p f_p(r)} T_\phi = T_\phi T_{\xi^p f_p(r)}$ for every multi-index $p \in \mathbb{N}^n$.

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