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In this paper a study is begun of the complete unitary invariant  $((1 - wT)^{-1}e, (1 - zT)^{-1}e)$ , first considered by Livsic in his paper 'On Spectral Resolution of Linear Nonself Adjoint Operators' *Mat. Sb.*, 34 (76), 1954, 145-199, of a triple  $(T, H, e)$  where  $T$  is a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space  $H$  and  $e$  is a cyclic vector for  $T$  in  $H$ , as a reproducing kernel. One of the important points is the construction of a subset of the group algebra of the torus closed under pointwise addition and convolution. This obviously will generate a ring called the  $K$ -ring. A study of this ring will be done later.

Several other theorems and constructions are also given.

**Introduction.** Let  $T$  be a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space  $H$  with a topologically cyclic vector  $e$  in  $H$ . In this paper we wish to study certain analytic functions associated with the triple  $(T, H, e)$  for the sake of the problem of invariant subspaces of  $T$  in  $H$ . (See also [8] and [15].)

The paper is divided into six sections. In §1 we present some facts about reproducing kernels with analyticity properties. In §2 we consider a triple  $(T, H, e)$  of the above type.  $H$  can then be represented as a Hilbert space of conjugate analytic functions  $\alpha_e[H]$  with a reproducing Kernel  $K$ .  $T^*$  on  $H$  assumes the form of reverse shift on the Taylor coefficients of functions in  $\alpha_e[H]$ . (See also [11] or [19].) In §3 we recover  $(T, H, e)$  from the reproducing kernel of  $\alpha_e[H]$  in two ways. The notion of an analytic function of positive definite type is introduced and it is shown that only these can arise as reproducing kernels of  $\alpha_e[H]$ . These functions are also related to invariant subspaces (§4). In §5 a category of triples is constructed and it is connected to the harmonic analysis of the two-torus via the analytic functions of positive definite type. Section 6 consists of some examples and counterexamples about the analytic functions of positive definite type.

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1. Reproducing kernels and analytic functions of positive type. We start with the definition of a reproducing kernel. Let

$H$  be a Hilbert space of functions on a set  $X$  with the inner product  $(,)$ . In Theorem 1.2 we present a few facts of a theory of  $H$  due essentially to E. H. Moore and N. Aronszajn. See [1] and [2].

**DEFINITION 1.1.** A reproducing kernel for  $H$  is a complex valued function  $K$  on  $X \times X$  such that:

- (i) For all  $y \in X$ ,  $K_y \in H$  where  $K_y(x) = K(x, y)$ .
- (ii) If  $g \in H$  then for all  $y \in X$ ,  $(g, K_y) = g(y)$ , and
- (iii) The linear span of the set  $\{K_y\}_{y \in X}$  of functions is dense in  $H$ .

Note that if  $K$  is a reproducing kernel then the map  $g \mapsto g(y) = (g, K_y)$  is a bounded linear functional on  $H$ ; i.e., evaluation at a point is continuous. Also if  $H$  is a pre-Hilbert space of functions on a set  $X$  with continuous evaluation then the completion  $\bar{H}$  of  $H$  can be realized as a space of functions on  $X$  by setting  $h(x) = (h, K_x)$  for  $x \in X$  and  $h \in \bar{H}$  where  $K_x \in \bar{H}$  is such that  $(f, K_x) = f(x)$  for all  $f \in H$ .

**THEOREM 1.2.** Let  $H$  be a pre-Hilbert space of functions on a set  $X$  so that the evaluation map  $f \mapsto f(x)$  is continuous for all  $x \in X$ , let  $\bar{H}$  be the completion of  $H$ . Then the following hold

- (i) There is a unique reproducing kernel  $K$  for  $H$ .
- (ii) If, for  $x \in X$ ,  $\varepsilon_x \in \bar{H}$ , is such that  $f(x) = (f, \varepsilon_x)$  for all  $f \in H$  then  $K(x, y) = (\varepsilon_y, \varepsilon_x)$ .

(iii) If  $\{b_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\bar{H}$ , then  $K(x, y) = \sum_{i \in I} b_i(x) \overline{b_i(y)}$ , and

(iv) If  $H$  is the set of finite formal sums  $\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x_i$ , where  $x_i \in X$  and  $a_i$ 's are complex numbers, with an inner product  $(,)$  given by  $(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^m b_j y_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_i \overline{b_j} K(y_j, x_i)$ , the map  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n a_i K_{x_i}$  of formal sums to members of  $H$  is inner product preserving and its image is dense in  $\bar{H}$ .

See [1] for a proof.

A reproducing kernel is a function of positive type in the following sense.

**DEFINITION 1.3.** A complex valued function  $K$  defined on  $X \times X$  is a function of positive type iff  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_i \overline{a_j} K(x_j, x_i) \geq 0$  for all complex numbers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  and all members  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  of  $X$ .

Since  $\sum_i a_i K(x, x_i) = (\sum_i a_i K_{x_i}, K_x) \leq \sqrt{K(x, x)} \sqrt{\sum a_i \overline{a_j} K(x_j, x_i)}$  from the Cauchy inequality, a function of positive type  $K$  also has a further property, namely that if  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_i \overline{a_j} K(x_j, x_i) = 0$  then  $\sum a_i K(x, x_i) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . Thus it is clear from part (iv) of Theorem 1.2 that a function of positive type is a reproducing kernel. (A function of positive type  $K$  is necessarily selfadjoint i.e.,  $K(x, y) = \overline{K(y, x)}$  for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ .)

DEFINITION 1.4. For each  $s > 0$ ,  $D_s(\bar{D}_s)$  is the open (closed) disc of radius  $s$  about 0 in the complex plane  $\mathcal{C}$ .  $A_s$  is the space of functions defined and conjugate analytic in  $D_s$  and  $A_{s,s}$  the space of functions defined on  $D_s \times D_s$  which are conjugate analytic in the first variable and analytic in the second variable.  $\mathcal{P}$  is the space of polynomials with complex coefficients. If  $K$  is a function of positive type and is in  $A_{s,s}$  for some  $s$  then  $K$  is an analytic function of positive type abbreviated a.f.p.t.

Let  $K \in A_{s,s}$ . The following theorem gives an alternate construction of a Hilbert space which is equivalent to  $K$  being a function of positive type.

THEOREM 1.5. Let  $K \in A_{s,s}$ . Then

(i)  $K$  is an a.f.p.t. if  $1/4\pi^2 \oint_C \oint_C K(z, w) \overline{p(z^{-1})} p(w^{-1}) \overline{(dz/z)} \times (dw/w) \geq 0$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  where the path of integration  $C$  is a simple contour in  $D_s$  such that its inverse winds around  $\bar{D}_{1/s}$  once.

(ii) Let  $(H, (, ))$  be a pre-Hilbert space of functions analytic in a neighborhood of  $\bar{D}_{1/s}$  with the inner product  $(p, q)_K = 1/4\pi^2 \oint_C \oint_C K(z, w) p(w^{-1}) \overline{q(z^{-1})} (dz/z) (dw/w)$ . Then the map which takes a member  $K_\alpha$  of  $H$ ,  $\alpha$  a member of  $D_s$ , into the rational function  $1/(1 - \alpha z)$  is inner-product preserving.

*Proof.* Consider  $1/4\pi^2 \oint \oint K(z, w) \overline{p(z^{-1})} p(w^{-1}) \overline{(dz/z)} (dw/w)$  as a limit of Riemann sums  $1/4\pi^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n K(z_j, z_i) \overline{p(z_j^{-1})} p(z_i^{-1}) \overline{(z_{j+1} - z_j/z_j)} \times (z_{i+1} - z_i/z_i)$ . Since  $K$  is a function of positive type it is clear that  $1/4\pi^2 \oint \oint K(z, w) \overline{p(z^{-1})} p(w^{-1}) \overline{(dz/z)} (dw/w)$  is positive. Let now  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be any complex numbers and let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in D_s$ . Consider the rational function  $f$  given by  $f(z) = \sum_i a_i (1 - \alpha_i z)^{-1}$ . Then  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_i \bar{a}_j K(\alpha_j, \alpha_i) = 1/4\pi^2 \oint_{C_1} \oint_{C_2} K(z, w) \overline{f(z^{-1})} f(w^{-1}) \overline{(dz/z)} (dw/w) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} 1/4\pi^2 \oint_{C_1} \oint_{C_2} K(z, w) \times \overline{p_i(z^{-1})} p_i(w^{-1}) \overline{(dz/z)} (dw/w) \geq 0$  where  $p_i$  is a sequence of polynomials converging to  $f$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $D_{1/s}$  and  $C_1, C_2$  are chosen suitably. Thus (i) is proved the proof of (ii) follows from the observation that the norm in the space of rational functions of the function  $z \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (1 - \alpha_i z)^{-1}$  is  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_i \bar{a}_j K(\alpha_j, \alpha_i)$  which is the same as the norm of  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i K_{\alpha_i}$  in  $H$ .

2. The kernel function of cyclic triple. Consider now a Hilbert space  $H$  and a bounded linear operator  $T$  on  $H$ . We construct certain functions of positive type associated with  $T$  and  $H$ . Some facts from the functional calculus of  $T$  are used. (See [12].) If  $b$  is a

complex valued function analytic in the neighborhood of the spectrum  $\sigma(T)$  of  $T$  define  $b(T)$  as follows.

DEFINITION 2.1. Let  $C$  be a contour lying in the domain of analyticity of  $b$  which winds around each point of  $\sigma(T)$  once. Then  $b(T) = 1/2\pi i \oint_C b(z)(zI - T)^{-1}dz$ . It is known that  $b \mapsto b(T)$  is a linear and multiplicative homomorphism of the space of functions analytic in a neighborhood of  $\sigma(T)$  into the space of bounded linear operators on  $H$ . (See [12], page 199.)

The following result is probably well-known and will be used later.

THEOREM 2.2. Let  $T$  be a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space  $H$  and suppose that there is an analytic function  $b$  defined and nonzero on a connected neighborhood of the spectrum  $\sigma(T)$  of  $T$  such that  $b(T) = 0$ . Then there is a nonzero polynomial  $p$  such that  $p(T) = 0$ .

We leave the proof of this fact to the reader. See for example [20].

Now we make the following definition.

DEFINITION 2.3. For  $r > 0$ .  $B_r$  is the space of functions analytic in a neighborhood of the closed disc  $\bar{D}_r$  with topology given as the inductive limit topology of the spaces  $A(U)$  of the functions analytic in a neighborhood  $U$  of  $\bar{D}_r$ . (See [14], page 219, problem D.)

It is known that  $B_r$  is a Montel space. (See [14], page 196, problem F(e).)

For  $r > 0$ , define  $\bar{A}_r$  as follows.

DEFINITION 2.4.  $\bar{A}_r$  is the space consisting of functions which are complex conjugates of the functions in  $A_r$ .

Let  $E$  be a linear space with a locally convex topology  $\tau$  and let  $E'$  be its dual. Then the strong topology for  $E'$  is the topology of uniform convergence on  $\tau$ -bounded sets.

The following result will be important in the sequel.

LEMMA 2.5. Let  $r > 0$ . Then  $\bar{A}_{1/r}$  and  $B_r$  are strong duals for the pairing given by  $[f, g] = \oint_C f(z)g(z^{-1})dz/z$  for  $f \in B_r$  and  $g \in \bar{A}_{1/r}$  where  $C$  is the contour  $t \mapsto (r + \epsilon)e^{it}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ , for some small  $\epsilon$  depending on  $f$  and  $g$ .

*Proof.* We present an outline of the proof and refer to [14] for more information. Since  $B_r$  is a Montel space it is reflexive ([14], 20 F(a)) and hence it suffices to show that the dual of  $B_r$ , with strong topology is  $\bar{A}_{1/r}$ , for the pairing above.

To show this, let for each  $z \in D_{1/r}$ ,  $h_z$  be the member of  $B_r$  given by  $h_z(\zeta) = 1/(1 - \zeta z)$  for  $\zeta \in \bar{D}_r$ . For any continuous linear functional  $g$  on  $B_r$  let  $i_0(g)$  be defined by  $i_0(g)(z) = g(h_z)$ . Then  $i_0(g)$  is a well-defined function and is a member of  $\bar{A}_{1/r}$ . Moreover,  $g(f) = 1/2\pi i \int_C f(z) i_0(g)(z^{-1}) dz/z = 1/2\pi i [f, i_0(g)]$ , where  $C$  is a contour as in the statement of the proposition  $\varepsilon$  being so small that it is contained in the domain of holomorphy of  $f$ . Conversely any member of  $\bar{A}_{1/r}$  defines a continuous linear functional on  $B_r$  by the above formula and thus  $\bar{A}_{1/r}$  and  $B_r$  are algebraically isomorphic.

To complete the proof it remains to show that the topology of u.c.c. on  $\bar{A}_{1/r}$  coincides with the strong topology of  $B_r$ . To prove this first observe that each bounded set of  $B_r$  is contained in a bounded set of  $\bar{A}_{r'}$  for some  $r' > r$  ([14], 17G (6) (iii)). Hence it follows that  $B_r$  with strong topology is metrizable ([14], 18.4). Since each bounded subset of  $A_{r'}$  is uniformly bounded on every compact subset of  $D_{r'}$ , a Cauchy sequence in the u.c.c. topology of  $\bar{A}_{1/r}$  is also a Cauchy sequence in its strong topology. That a Cauchy sequence in the strong topology of  $B_r$  is also a Cauchy sequence in its u.c.c. topology follows from the observation that for any compact subset  $K$  of  $D_{1/r}$  the family of functions  $\{h_z\}_{z \in K}$  is bounded in  $B_r$  and also the fact that for any  $h \in \bar{A}_{1/r}$ ,  $[h_z, h] = 2\pi i h(z)$  where  $z \in K$ .

Consider now an operator  $T$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  and let  $e \in H$ .

**DEFINITION 2.6.** A Hilbert triple is a triple  $(T, H, e)$  where  $H$  is a Hilbert space.  $T$  a bounded linear operator on  $H$  and  $e$  a member of  $H$ . A Hilbert triple is a cyclic triple if the orbit of  $e$  (the linear span of the set  $\{T^i e\}_{i=0}^\infty$ ) is dense in  $H$ . If  $r = \|T\|$  the map  $\beta_e: B_r \rightarrow H$  is given by  $\beta_e(b) = b(T)e$ .

The map  $\beta_e$  depends on  $T$ ,  $H$ , and  $e$ . Note that  $\beta_e(B_r)$  is dense in  $H$  iff  $(T, H, e)$  is cyclic.

The following is a consequence of Theorem 2.2.

**THEOREM 2.7.** *If  $(T, H, e)$  is cyclic then  $H$  is infinite dimensional if and only if  $\beta_e$  is injective.*

*Proof.* If  $H$  is finite dimensional then it follows from the Cayley-Hamilton theorem of linear algebra that  $p(T) = 0$  for some  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  ([4], page 320) and thus  $\beta_e$  is not injective. Since  $(T, H, e)$  is cyclic the converse is the statement of Theorem 2.2.

Now we establish commutativity of certain maps and construct a reproducing kernel which is an a.f.p.t. The reason for this round about construction will be clear from Theorem 4.3.

DEFINITION 2.8. Multiplication by  $z$ ,  $M_z: B_r \rightarrow B_r$  is the operator given by  $M_z f(\zeta) = \zeta f(\zeta)$  for  $\zeta \in \text{Domain}(f)$ .

The following lemma is an easy consequence of the functional calculus.

LEMMA 2.9.  $\beta_e$  and  $M_z$  are continuous linear maps such that  $\beta_e(1) = e$  and  $T \cdot \beta_e = \beta_e \cdot M_z$ .

DEFINITION 2.10.  $\phi: H \rightarrow H'$  is defined by  $\phi(x)(y) = (y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in H$ .

$H'$  is conjugate linearly isomorphic to  $H$  via the map  $\phi$  and  $\phi \cdot T^* = T' \cdot \phi$  where  $T^*$  is the Hilbert space adjoint of  $T$  on  $H$  and  $T'$  is the Banach space dual of  $T$ . Also from  $T \cdot \beta_e = \beta_e \cdot M_z$  we obtain  $\beta'_e \cdot T' = M'_z \cdot \beta'_e$  where  $\beta'_e, M'_z$ , etc. are Banach space duals of  $\beta_e, M_z$ , etc. We know from Lemma 2.5 that  $B'_r$  can be identified with  $A_{1/r}$  via the map  $i_0$ .

DEFINITION 2.11. The map  $\alpha_e: H \rightarrow A_{1/r}$  is the composition of the maps  $\phi, \beta'_e, i_0$  and — as given in the diagram

$$H \xrightarrow{\phi} H' \xrightarrow{\beta'_e} B'_r \xrightarrow{i_0} A_{1/r} \xrightarrow{-} A_{1/r}$$

where — takes a function into its complex conjugate.

From Lemma 2.9 and the discussion following it we see that there is a map  $S^*: A_{1/r} \rightarrow A_{1/r}$  so that  $\alpha_e \cdot T^* = S^* \cdot \alpha_e$  where  $\alpha_e$  is as above.

THEOREM 2.12. Let  $(T, H, e)$  be a Hilbert triple with  $\|T\| = r$ . Then  $S^* \alpha_e = \alpha_e \cdot T^*$  where  $\alpha_e$  is such that  $\alpha_e(x)(z) = (x, (1 - zT)^{-1}e)$  for all  $z \in D_{1/r}$  and all  $x \in H$ , and  $S^* f(z) = f(z) - f(0)/z$ . Moreover,  $\alpha_e$  is injective iff  $(T, H, e)$  is cyclic and in that case, if  $\dim H = \infty$ , the range of  $\alpha_e$  is dense in  $A_{1/r}$ .

*Proof.* We show that  $\alpha_e$  is such that  $\alpha_e(x)(z) = (x, (1 - zT)^{-1}e)$  for all  $z \in D_{1/r}$  and  $S^* f(z) = f(z) - f(0)/z$ , because if this were so then  $\alpha_e(T^* x)(z) = (T^* x, (1 - zT)^{-1}e) = (x, (1 - zT)^{-1}Te) = S^*(\alpha_e(x))(z)$  and hence  $S^* \cdot \alpha_e = \alpha_e \cdot T^*$ . Now  $-0i_0 \beta'_0 \phi(x)(z) = \overline{\beta'_0 \phi(x)(h_z)} = (x)(\beta_e(h_z)) = \overline{((1 - zT)^{-1}e, x)} = (x, (1 - zT)^{-1}e)$ .

Now we prove the rest of the theorem. Since  $\alpha_e(x) = 0$  iff  $(x, (1 - zT)^{-1}e) = 0$  for all  $z \in D_{1/r}$  it follows that  $\alpha_e(x) = 0$  iff  $(x, p(T)e) = 0$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ . If  $e$  is cyclic then this holds iff  $x = 0$ . The statement

that if  $e$  is cyclic and if  $\dim H = \infty$  then the range of  $\alpha_e$  is dense in  $A_{1/r}$ , is a mere dualisation of the statement in Theorem 2.2.

Note that in general  $\alpha_e$  is injective on the orbit of  $e$  and zero on its orthogonal complement. If  $e$  is cyclic then we can assign an inner product  $(\ )_{\alpha_e}$  on  $\alpha_e[H]$  by  $(\alpha_e(x), \alpha_e(y))_{\alpha_e} = (x, y)$ . This inner product makes  $T^*$  on  $H$  unitarily equivalent to  $S^*$  on  $\alpha_e[H]$ . Moreover, and this is the point of the construction,  $\alpha_e[H]$  has a reproducing kernel.

**THEOREM 2.13.** *Let  $(T, H, e)$  be cyclic. Then for each  $z \in D_{1/r}$ , the evaluation map  $\alpha_e(x) \mapsto \alpha_e(x)(z)$  defined on  $\alpha_e[H]$  is continuous and  $\alpha_e(x)(z) = (\alpha_e(x), \varepsilon_z)$  where  $\varepsilon_z = \alpha_e((1 - zT)^{-1}e)$ . Consequently  $\alpha_e[H]$  has a reproducing kernel  $K$  given explicitly as  $K(z, w) = ((1 - wT)^{-1}e, (1 - zT)^{-1}e) = \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} (T^m e, T^n e) \bar{z}^m w^n$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\alpha_e(x)(z) = (x, (1 - zT)^{-1}e) = (\alpha_e(x), \alpha_e((1 - zT)^{-1}e))_{\alpha_e}$  for all  $\alpha_e(x) \in \alpha_e[H]$ , we see that the evaluation at  $z$  is explicitly given by inner product with a member of  $\alpha_e[H]$  and is hence continuous. Furthermore, the particular member of  $\alpha_e[H]$  corresponding to evaluation at  $z$  is  $\alpha_e((1 - zT)^{-1}e)$  and hence  $\varepsilon_z = \alpha_e((1 - zT)^{-1}e)$ . Now in view of Theorem 1.2 it follows that  $\alpha_e[H]$  has a reproducing kernel given explicitly as  $K(z, w) = (\alpha_e((1 - wT)^{-1}e), \alpha_e((1 - zT)^{-1}e))_{\alpha_e} = ((1 - wT)^{-1}e, (1 - zT)^{-1}e)$ .

**DEFINITION 2.14.** The kernel function of a cyclic triple  $(T, H, e)$  is the reproducing kernel of  $\alpha_e[H]$ . If  $(T, H, e)$  is just a Hilbert triple, not necessarily cyclic, then the kernel function for  $(T, H, e)$  is defined to be the kernel function for  $(T_0, 0(e), e)$  where  $0(e)$  is the closed orbit of  $e$  and  $T_0$  is the restriction of  $T$  to  $0(e)$ .

Two cyclic triples  $(T_1, H_1, e_1)$  and  $(T_2, H_2, e_2)$  are defined to be unitarily equivalent,  $(T_1, H_1, e_1) \sim (T_2, H_2, e_2)$ , iff there exists a unitary map  $U: H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  with  $U \cdot T_1 = T_2 \cdot U$  and  $U(e_1) = e_2$ .

Let  $(T, H, e)$  be a cyclic triple with kernel function  $K$ . Consider the Hilbert space  $\alpha_e[H]$  with the inner product  $(\ )_{\alpha_e}$  obtained from  $(T, H, e)$ . We can construct  $\alpha_e[H]$  from  $K$  in the manner of Theorem 1.2, since  $K$  is the reproducing kernel for  $\alpha_e[H]$ . Since  $\alpha_e(e) = K_0$  we have the following as a corollary to the preceding.

**COROLLARY 2.15.** *Let  $(T, H, e)$  be a cyclic triple. Then the kernel function  $K$  for  $(T, H, e)$  is a complete unitary invariant for  $(T, H, e)$ , i.e.,  $(T^*, H, e)$  is unitarily equivalent via  $\alpha_e$  to  $(S^*, \alpha_e[H], K_0)$ .*

The above corollary can also be deduced directly. See for example [15].



3. The triple of an A.F.P.T. In this section we study the kernel function of a triple more closely. First we mention some properties of a kernel function. Note that if  $K$  is the kernel function of  $(T, H, e)$  where  $\|T\| = r$  then  $K$  can be written as  $\sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} (T^n e, T^m e) \bar{z}^m w^n$  for  $z, w \in D_{1/r}$ . The boundedness of  $T$  is reflected in a special property of  $K$ . The infinite dimensionality of  $H$  is also reflected in another property of  $K$ . We describe these properties. First the following definitions.

DEFINITION 3.1. The map  $\mathcal{S}: A_{s,s} \rightarrow A_{s,s}$  is given by  $\mathcal{S}(a)(z, w) = [a(z, w) - a(z, 0) - a(0, w) + a(0, 0)]/(\bar{z}w)$  for  $z, w \in D_s$ . A member  $K$  of  $A_{s,s}$  which is an a.f.p.t. is an analytic function of positive definite type (abbreviated a.f.p.d.t.) iff there is a positive real  $r$  so that  $r^2 K - \mathcal{S}(K)$  is also an a.f.p.t. We write  $\rho(K)$  for the least such  $r$ .  $K \in A_{s,s}$  is a degenerate a.f.p.t. iff  $K$  is an f.p.t. and there is a polynomial  $p$  so that  $\oint_C \oint_C K(z, w) \overline{p(z^{-1})} p(w^{-1}) (\overline{dz/z}) (dw/w) = (p, p) = 0$ , where  $C$  is such that its inverse contains  $\overline{D_{1/s}}$  and is preferably a circle with center 0.

It follows from Theorem 1.5 that if 'a' is a function of positive type so is  $\mathcal{S}(a)$ , since  $\oint_C \oint_C \mathcal{S}(a)(z, w) \overline{p(z^{-1})} p(w^{-1}) (\overline{dz/z}) (dw/w) = \oint_C \oint_C a(z, w) p_1(z^{-1}) p_1(w^{-1}) (\overline{dz/z}) (dw/w)$ , where  $p_1$  is the polynomial such that  $p_1(z) = zp(z)$ . As shown by the following result the kernel function of a Hilbert triple is always an a.f.p.d.t.

PROPOSITION 3.2. If  $K$  is the kernel function for the triple  $(T, H, e)$  then  $K$  is an a.f.p.d.t. and  $\mathcal{S}(K)$  is the kernel function for the triple  $(T, H, Te)$ . Moreover, if  $(T, H, e)$  is cyclic, then  $\rho(K) = \|T\|$  and  $K$  is nondegenerate iff  $\dim H = \infty$ .

We omit the straightforward proof of this proposition.

Recall that if  $(T, H, e)$  is a cyclic triple then we have seen in § 2 (Theorem 2.15) that  $(T^*, H, e)$  is unitarily equivalent via  $\alpha_e$  to  $(S^*, \alpha_e[H], K_0)$  and that  $\alpha_e[H]$  with  $(\ )_{\alpha_e}$  is a space of functions with continuous evaluations at points, thus the space  $\alpha_e[H]$  and in fact the triple  $(T^*, H, e)$  and hence  $(T, H, e)$ , is determined by the kernel function  $K$ . We want to describe explicitly in two different ways corresponding to the two Theorems 1.2 and 1.5 of § 1, the construction of  $(T, H, e)$  from  $K$ .

First it follows from  $\alpha_e \cdot T^* = S^* \cdot \alpha_e$  and the fact that  $\alpha_e^* = \alpha_e^{-1}$  that  $\alpha_e \cdot T = S \cdot \alpha_e$  where  $S$  is the adjoint of  $S^*$  relative to the inner product  $(\ )_{\alpha_e}$  of  $\alpha_e[H]$ . We construct  $\alpha_e[H]$  in terms of the kernel  $K$  of  $(T, H, e)$ . We make the construction for an arbitrary a.f.p.t.

$K \in A_{s,s}$ . A formal for  $S$  is given in Proposition 3.4. First a definition.

**DEFINITION 3.3.** For  $K$  an a.f.p.t.,  $K \in A_{r,r}$ , let  $H^K$  be the completion of the space of functions which are finite linear combinations  $\sum_i a_i K_{\alpha_i}$  for  $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\alpha_i \in D_r$  with respect to the inner product  $(\sum_i a_i K_{\alpha_i}, \sum_j b_j K_{\beta_j})^k = \sum_{i,j} a_i \bar{b}_j K(\beta_j, \alpha_i)$ .

We have the following result.

**PROPOSITION 3.4.** Let  $K \in A_{r,r}$  be an a.f.p.t. Then  $H^K \subset A_r$ . If  $K$  is the kernel function for a cyclic triple  $(T, H, e)$  then  $\alpha_s[H] = H^K$  and the adjoint  $S$  of  $S^*: H^K \rightarrow H^K$  is given by  $S(K_w) = K_w - K_0/w$  for  $w \neq 0$  and  $S(K_0) = dK/dw|_{w=0}$ .

*Proof.* The fact that  $H^K$  consists of functions is known from §1. Let  $f \in H^K$  and let  $f_n = \sum_i a_i^n K_{\alpha_i^n}$  be a sequence of finite sums converging to  $f$ . Then since  $|\sum a_i K_{\alpha_i}(z)|^2 \leq K(z, z) \|\sum a_i K_{\alpha_i}\|^2$  it follows that the sequence  $f_n$  of conjugate analytic functions is a Cauchy sequences in the topology of uniform convergence on compact sets of  $D_r$ . Hence the limit function  $f$  is also conjugate analytic. Thus  $H^K \subset A_r$ .

Since, if  $K$  is the kernel function for  $(T, H, e)$  then  $K(z, w) = ((1 - wT)^{-1}e, (1 - zT)^{-1}e)$ ,  $\alpha_s[H] = H^K$ . Since  $e$  is cyclic the adjoint  $S$  of  $S^*$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} S(K_w)(z) &= ((1 - wT)^{-1}Te, (1 - zT)^{-1}e) \\ &= \left( \frac{(1 - wT)^{-1}e - e}{w}, (1 - zT)^{-1}e \right) = \frac{K_w - K_0}{w}(z) \end{aligned}$$

for  $w \neq 0$  and  $S(K_0)(z) = (Te, (1 - zT)^{-1}e) = dK/dw|_{w=0(z)}$ .

**COROLLARY 3.5.** If  $K$  is the kernel function of the cyclic triple  $(T, H, e)$  then  $(T, H, e)$  is unitarily equivalent via  $\alpha_s$  to  $(S, H^K, K_0)$ .

Also this,

**COROLLARY 3.6.**  $(S, H^K, K_0)$  is a cyclic triple with kernel function  $K$ .

Now we make the second construction corresponding to Theorem 1.5 of §1. First a definition.

**DEFINITION 3.7.** If  $K \in A_{1/r,1/r}$  and  $K$  is an a.f.p.t.,  $H_K$  is the completion of the space  $B_r$  of functions analytic in a neighborhood of  $\bar{D}_r$  with respect to  $(\ )_K$  given by  $(b_1, b_2) = 1/4\pi^2 \int_{c_1} \int_{c_2} K(z, w) \times b_1(w^{-1}) \overline{b_2(z^{-1})} (dz/z) (dw/w)$ , where  $b_1, b_2$  are members of  $B_r$  and where

$C_i$  is a contour such that its inverse is rectifiable in the complex plane, contains  $\bar{D}_r$  and has winding number 1 about  $\bar{D}_r$  and is contained in the domain of holomorphy of  $b_i$ . If multiplication by  $z$ ,  $M_z$  is bounded on  $B_r$  relative to  $(\ )_K$  then  $M_z^\wedge$  is its bounded extension to  $H_K$ .

$H_K$  is well-defined despite the arbitrariness of the contours and  $r$ . This is so because of Cauchy's theorem. Also note that  $H_K$  does not consist of functions in general (see counterexample 1, § 6).

PROPOSITION 3.8. *Let  $K$  be an a.f.p.t.  $\in A_{1/r,1/r}$ . Then*

(i)  $M_z$  on  $B_r$  has bounded extension  $M_z^\wedge$  to  $H_K$  iff  $K$  is an a.f.p.d.t.

(ii) If  $K$  is an a.f.p.d.t. then  $K$  is the kernel function of  $(M_z^\wedge, H_K, 1)$ .

(iii) If  $K$  is the kernel function of a cyclic triple  $(T, H, e)$  then  $(M_z^\wedge, H_K, 1)$  is unitarily equivalent to  $(T, H, e)$  under the map  $p \mapsto p(T)e$  for all polynomials  $p$ .

*Proof.*

(i)  $K$  is an a.f.p.d.t. iff there is  $t \geq 0$  so that  $t^2K - \mathcal{S}(K)$  is of positive type. However,  $\oint \oint \mathcal{S}(K)(z, w)\overline{a(z^{-1})}a(w^{-1})\overline{(dz/z)}(dw/w) = \oint \oint K(z, w)\overline{(M_z a)(z^{-1})}(M_w a)(w^{-1})\overline{(dz/z)}(dw/w)$ ,  $a \in B_r$ . Hence  $t^2K - \mathcal{S}(K)$  is a function of positive definite type iff  $t \geq \|M_z^\wedge\|$ ,  $B_r$  being dense in  $H_K$ . To prove

(ii) note that if  $\lambda \in D_{1/r}$  then the function  $R_\lambda: z \rightarrow (1 - \lambda z)^{-1} \in B_r$  and  $(R_\lambda, R_\mu) = 1/4\pi^2 \oint_{C_1} \oint_{C_2} K(z, w)1/((1 - \lambda w^{-1})\overline{(1 - \mu z^{-1})})\overline{(dz/z)}(dw/w)$  where  $C_1, C_2$  are contours specified as in Definition 3.7. It follows from the Cauchy formula (see [13], page 26) that  $(R_\lambda, R_\mu) = K(\lambda, \mu)$  and thus (ii) is proved.

The proof of (iii) is straightforward and is left to the reader.

COROLLARY 3.9. *A function  $K$  is the kernel function for some cyclic triple iff  $K$  is an a.f.p.d.t.*

#### 4. Further properties of an A.F.P.T.

DEFINITION 4.1. The linear map  $C': H^K \rightarrow H_K$  is given on  $K$ 's by  $C'(K_\alpha)(z) = (1 - \alpha z)^{-1}$  and the map  $J: H_K \rightarrow H^K$  is given on polynomials by  $J(p) = 1/2\pi i \oint_C K_w p(w^{-1})dw/w$  for a simple contour  $C$  which lies in the domain of analyticity of the function  $w \mapsto K_w$  and whose inverse contains  $\bar{D}_r$  and has winding number 1 about it.

To be sure we should refer to vector valued integration but here we mean that  $J(p)$  is the function so that  $J(p)(z) = 1/2\pi i \int_C K(z, w) \times p(w^{-1})dw/w$ . Clearly  $J(p)$  is independent of the contour  $C$  so long it has the properties given in the definition.

We have the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 4.2. *If  $(T, H, e)$  is a cyclic triple then  $\alpha_e$  and  $C'$  are unitary and the diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H & \xrightarrow{\alpha_e} & H^K & \xrightarrow{C'} & H_K \\ T \downarrow & & S \downarrow & & \downarrow M_z \\ H & \xrightarrow{\alpha_e} & H^K & \xrightarrow{C'} & H_K \end{array}$$

is commutative. Moreover,  $C'^{-1} = J$  for any a.f.p.t.  $K$  and  $C'$  is unitary for any a.f.p.t.

*Proof.* We know that  $\alpha_e$  is unitary. That  $C'$  is unitary for any a.f.p.t.  $K$  is a consequence of Theorem 1.5. Since  $\alpha_e[H] = H^K$  we know that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H & \xrightarrow{\alpha_e} & H^K \\ T \downarrow & & S \downarrow \\ H & \xrightarrow{\alpha_e} & H^K \end{array}$$

is commutative. To prove that the rest of the diagram is also commutative it suffices to prove that  $C' \cdot S = M_z$ .  $C'$  on elements of the type  $K_\alpha$  of  $H^K$ . However, this is true since  $C' \cdot S(K_\alpha)(z) = C'$ .

$$\frac{K_\alpha - K_0}{\alpha}(z) = \frac{(1 - \alpha z)^{-1} - 1}{\alpha} = z(1 - \alpha z)^{-1} = M_z \cdot C'(K)(z).$$

Now we prove that  $C'^{-1} = J$  for any a.f.p.t.  $K$ . To do so it suffices to consider elements of the form  $C'(K_\alpha)$  of  $H_K$ . For such an element

$$J \cdot C'(K_\alpha) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C K_w(1 - \alpha w^{-1})(dw/w) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{K_w}{w - \alpha} dw = K_\alpha.$$

Now let  $H$  be the closure of  $B_r$  under an inner product. Then we have the

THEOREM 4.3.  $H = H_K$  for some a.f.p.t.  $K \in A_{1/r, 1/r}$  iff  $H^* = H^K$ .

*Proof.* If  $H = H_K$  then the inclusion of  $B_r$  in  $H$  is continuous

where  $B_r$  is taken with its u.c.c. topology. Hence the dual of  $H$  can be identified with  $H^K$  as in Proposition 4.2. Conversely if  $H^* = H^K$  for some a.f.p.t.  $K$  in  $A_{1/r, 1/r}$ , then the dual can be identified with  $H$  is the same as  $H_K \subset B_r$  via the map  $C'$ .

The following two theorems give characteristics of an a.f.p.d.t. supplementing Definition 3.1 and furnishing a connection between an a.f.p.d.t. and an invariant subspace.

**THEOREM 4.4.** *Let  $K \in A_{r,r}$  be an a.f.p.t. Then  $K$  is an a.f.p.d.t. if and only if  $H^K$  is  $S^*$ -invariant.*

The above theorem is an immediate consequence, of the fact that the inclusion of  $H^K$  in  $A_r$  is continuous, and the closed graph theorem. We leave the proof to the reader.

Let  $(T, H, e)$  be a cyclic triple. We prove another proposition which relates invariant subspaces of  $T$  in  $H$  to functions of positive definite type arising from the kernel function of  $(T, H, e)$  and the projection corresponding to the invariant subspace.

**THEOREM 4.5.** *Let  $(T, H, e)$  be a cyclic triple. Then  $P$  is an orthogonal projection so that  $P(H)$  is invariant under  $T$  if and only if the function  $K'$  defined by  $K'(z, w) = ((I - P)(1 - wT)^{-1}e, (I - P)(1 - zT)^{-1}e)$  is an a.f.p.d.t.*

We have to show that  $P(H)$  is invariant under  $T$  if and only if the operator  $(I - P)x \mapsto (I - P)Tx$  is bounded. We prove this fact as a consequence of a more general lemma.

**LEMMA 4.6.** *Let  $(T, H, e)$  be a Hilbert triple and  $\tilde{H}$  a first countable Hausdorff linear topological space,  $\tilde{T}$  a continuous linear operator defined on  $\tilde{H}$  and  $\tilde{e}$  a member of  $\tilde{H}$ . Let  $H_{\tilde{e}} = \{x \in H; \text{there is a sequence } \{p_i(T)e\}_i \rightarrow x \text{ and } \{p_i(\tilde{T})\tilde{e}\}_i \rightarrow 0 \text{ where each } p_i \in P, i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ . Then  $H_{\tilde{e}}$  is a closed invariant subspace for  $T$ .*

*Proof.*  $H_{\tilde{e}}$  is clearly a linear subspace of  $H$  invariant under  $T$ . The whole difficulty lies in showing that it is closed. This is also quite straightforward and we do it as follows. Let  $\{p_i^m(T)e\}_i$  be a sequence converging to  $x_m$  and let also the  $\{x_m\}_m$  converge to  $x$ . Also let  $\{p_i^m(\tilde{T})\tilde{e}\}_i$  converge to 0 for each  $m$ . Let  $B(x, 2^{-n})(\bar{B}(x, 2^{-n}))$  be the open (closed) ball of radius  $2^{-n}$  with center at  $x$  and let  $\{n_i\}_i$  be the sequence for which  $\{x_m\}_m \cap B(x, 2^{-n_i}) - \bar{B}(x, 2^{-n_i-1}) \neq \emptyset$ . Such a sequence  $\{n_i\}_i \rightarrow \infty$  exists since  $\{x_m\}_m \rightarrow x$ . For each  $n_i$  choose an  $x_{n_i} \in B(x, 2^{-n_i}) - \bar{B}(x, 2^{-n_i-1})$ . Suppose also that  $\{U_{n_i}\}_i$  is a countable neighborhood basis at 0 for  $\tilde{H}$ . For each  $n_i$  choose a  $p_{j(n_i)}^{n_i}$  so that  $p_{j(n_i)}^{n_i}(\tilde{T})\tilde{e} \in U_{n_i}$  and  $p_{j(n_i)}^{n_i}(T)e$  is in  $B(x, 2^{-n_i}) - \bar{B}(x, 2^{-n_i-1})$ . It is possible

to do so since  $\{p_j^{n_i}(T)e\}_j \rightarrow x_{n_i}$  and  $\{p_j^{n_i}(\tilde{T})\tilde{e}\}_j \rightarrow 0$  for each  $n_i$  by supposition.

Now the sequence  $\{p_{j(n_i)}^{n_i}(\tilde{T})\tilde{e}\}_{n_i}$  has 0 as a cluster point in  $\tilde{H}$  so there is a proper infinite subsequence of this sequence which tends to 0. Since  $\{p_{j(n_i)}^{n_i}(T)e\}_{n_i} \rightarrow x$  in that subsequence if we replace  $T$  and  $e$  by  $\tilde{T}$  and  $\tilde{e}$  it tends to 0. Thus  $H_{\tilde{e}}$  is closed.

The proof of this lemma can perhaps be simplified by construction of a bounded intertwining operator from  $H$  to  $\tilde{H}$  whose kernel coincides with the subspace given by the limits of  $\{p_i(T)e\}_i$  as above.

Now we complete the proof of Theorem 4.5 as follows.

*Proof of Theorem 4.5.* Suppose that  $P(H)$  is invariant for  $T$ . We know that  $\|p\|_{H_{K'}} = \|(I - P)p(T)e\|_H$ . Thus  $\|M_z p\|_{H_{K'}} = \|(I - P)Tp(T)e\|_H = \|(I - P)TPp(T)e + (I - P)T(I - P)p(T)e\|_H = \|(I - P)T(I - P)p(T)e\|_H \leq \|T(I - P)p(T)e\|_H \leq M \|(I - P)p(T)e\|_H = M \|p\|_{H_{K'}}$ , where  $M$  is the norm of  $T$ , and the suffix indicates the space in which norm is to be taken. It follows that  $M_z$  is bounded on  $H_{K'}$  and hence  $K'$  is an a.f.p.d.t.

In order to prove the converse we use Lemma 4.6 and put for  $\tilde{H}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{e} \in H_{K'}, M_z^*$  and 1 respectively.

We conclude by characterizing interlacing maps of cyclic triples to another triple in terms of kernel functions as a preparation for § 5.

**THEOREM 4.7.** *Let  $(T_1, H_1, e_1)$  be a cyclic triple and let  $(T_2, H_2, e_2)$  be another triple and  $\phi_{12}$  the unique map given by  $\phi_{12}(p(T_1)e_1) = p(T_2)e_2$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ . Then  $\phi_{12}$  extends to a unique bounded linear operator  $\phi_{12}: H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  iff there exists a real number  $r$  so that  $r^2 K_1 - K_2$  is an a.f.p.t. where  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are the kernel functions of the triples  $(T_1, H_1, e_1)$  and  $(T_2, H_2, e_2)$  respectively.*

5. A category of triples and harmonic analysis. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the class of all triples  $(T, H, e)$  so that  $T$  is a proper contraction. Then  $\mathcal{C}$  becomes a category if we define morphism between triples  $(T_1, H_1, e_1)$  and  $(T_2, H_2, e_2)$  to be a bounded linear map  $\phi_{12}: H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  so that  $\phi_{12}(e_1) = e_2$  and  $T_2 \cdot \phi_{12} = \phi_{12} \cdot T_1$ . We discuss some elementary facts about this category. See [16] for terminology.

Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two Hilbert spaces with linear operators  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . Then  $H_1 \oplus H_2$  and  $T_1 \oplus T_2$  on  $H_1 \oplus H_2$  are defined as usual. (See [17].) It is well-known that if  $T_1: H_1 \rightarrow H_1$  and  $T_2: H_2 \rightarrow H_2$  are bounded linear operators then  $T_1 \oplus T_2$  is also bounded and infact

$$\|T_1 \oplus T_2\| \leq \max(\|T_1\|, \|T_2\|).$$

We summarize some properties of this category  $\mathcal{C}$  in the following lemma.

LEMMA 5.1. *The following hold in the category  $\mathcal{E}$ :*

(i) *A morphism  $\phi_{12}: (T_1, H_1, e_1) \rightarrow (T_2, H_2, e_2)$  is an epimorphism iff  $\phi_{12}(H_1)$  is dense in  $H_2$ .*

(ii) *If  $(T, H, e)$  is cyclic then there is at most one morphism from  $(T, H, e)$  to any other object  $(T_1, H_1, e_1)$  of  $\mathcal{E}$ .*

(iii)  *$(T, H, e)$  is cyclic iff every morphism to it is an epimorphism.*

(iv)  *$\mathcal{E}$  has a terminal object, namely the triple  $(0, 0, 0)$ .*

(v) *The operation  $\oplus$  is a sum as well as a product in  $\mathcal{E}$ .*

(vi) *A morphism  $\phi_{12}: (T_1, H_1, e_1) \rightarrow (T_2, H_2, e_2)$  is a monomorphism iff  $\text{Ker } \phi_{12} = \{0\}$ .*

*Proof.* We prove only (vi) and leave the proof of the rest of the proposition to the reader. If  $\phi_{12}: H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  is an injection then clearly  $\phi_{12}: (T_1, H_1, e_1) \rightarrow (T_2, H_2, e_2)$  is a monomorphism. To prove the converse let  $\phi_{12}$  be a monomorphism. Then we have to show that  $\text{Ker } (\phi_{12}) = \{0\}$ . It is easy to see that  $\text{Ker } (\phi_{12})$  is a closed subspace of  $H_1$  invariant under  $T_1$ . Consider the triple  $(T_1 \oplus T_1, H_1 \oplus \text{Ker}(\phi_{12}), e_1 \oplus 0)$ . Define the morphisms  $f$  and  $g: (T_1 \oplus T_1, H_1 \oplus \text{Ker}(\phi_{12}), e_1 \oplus 0) \rightarrow (T_1, H_1, e_1)$  by setting  $f = p_1$  and  $g = \phi_{11} + \phi_{12}$  where  $p_1$  is the projection on the first coordinate and  $\phi_{11}$  is the identity mapping of  $(T_1, H_1, e_1)$  into  $(T_1, H_1, e_1)$  and  $\tilde{\phi}_{11}: (T_1, \text{Ker}(\phi_{12}), 0) \rightarrow (T_1, H_1, 0)$  is the injection of  $\text{Ker}(\phi_{12})$  into  $H_1$ . Thus  $g(x \oplus y) = x + y$ . We see now that the morphisms  $\phi_{12}g$  and  $\phi_{12}f$  are equal. However  $f \neq g$ . Thus  $\phi_{12}$  is not a monomorphism if  $\text{Ker } (\phi_{12}) \neq \{0\}$ .

The category  $\mathcal{E}$  also admits the usual tensor product operation  $\otimes$ .  $H_1 \otimes H_2$  and its  $l^2$ -completion  $H_1 \hat{\otimes} H_2$ ,  $T_1 \otimes T_2$  and its extension  $T_1 \hat{\otimes} T_2$  are defined as usual. It is well-known that if  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are bounded linear operators then so is  $T_1 \otimes T_2$  and in fact  $\|T_1 \otimes T_2\| \leq \|T_1\| \|T_2\|$ . (See [6].)

LEMMA 5.2. *The operation  $\otimes$  is a product in  $\mathcal{E}$ .*

We leave the proof of this statement to the reader. It is easy to check that  $\otimes$  is not a sum in  $\mathcal{E}$  (see counterexample 2, § 6).

Unfortunately we do not know an abstract characterization of the category  $\mathcal{E}$ .

DEFINITION 5.3. An atom in a category is an object such that every morphism from it is either zero or a monomorphism.

Theorem 5.4. *Let  $(T, H, e) \in \mathcal{E}$  be a cyclic triple then  $T$  has no proper invariant subspaces in  $H$  iff  $(T, H, e)$  is an atom in  $\mathcal{E}$ .*

*Proof.* If  $T$  has no proper invariant subspaces then it is clear from (vi) Lemma 5.1 that  $(T, H, e)$  is an atom. If  $T$  has a proper

invariant subspace let it be given by the range of an orthogonal projection  $P$ . Let  $(T, H, e)$  be written as  $(T, \overline{\{p(T)e \mid p \in \mathcal{P}\}}, e)$  consider also the triple  $(M_z^{\wedge} \{\mathcal{P}\}_P, 1)$  where the inner product on  $\{\mathcal{P}\}_P$  is given by  $(p, q) = ((I - P)p(T)e, (I - P)q(T)e)$ . Then  $(M_z^{\wedge}, \{\mathcal{P}\}_P, 1)$  is a cyclic triple (Theorem 4.5). Now the desired morphism  $\phi_{12}: (T, \overline{\{p(T)e \mid p \in \mathcal{P}\}}, e) \rightarrow (M_z^{\wedge}, \{\mathcal{P}\}_P, 1)$  is given by  $\phi_{12}(p(T)e) = p$ .

It is not clear whether the category  $\mathcal{E}$  also has an initial object. However, if we adjoin to  $\mathcal{E}$  the triple  $(M_z, H^2, 1)$  where  $H^2$  is the Hardy space of analytic functions defined on  $D_1$  whose boundary values are square integrable on the unit circle, and obtain another category  $\mathcal{E}'$  then  $\mathcal{E}'$  certainly has an initial object; namely the triple  $(M_z, H^2, 1)$ . This will be given as a corollary in the latter part of this paper.

We now make the following definition and show that the kernel function map  $k$  defined as below connects  $\mathcal{E}$  and the harmonic analysis of the two-torus.

**DEFINITION 5.5.** The map  $k$  named the kernel function map is the map which assigns to a member  $(T, H, e)$  of  $\mathcal{E}$  its kernel function.

Now we prove the following properties of  $k$  related to the operations  $\oplus$  and  $\otimes$  of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

**THEOREM 5.6.** *If  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are the kernel functions for  $(T_1, H_1, e_1)$  and  $(T_2, H_2, e_2)$  respectively, then the kernel functions for  $(T_1 \oplus T_2, H_1 \oplus H_2, e_1 \oplus e_2)$  and  $(T_1 \hat{\otimes} T_2, H_1 \hat{\otimes} H_2, e_1 \otimes e_2)$  are  $K_1 + K_2$  and  $K_1 * K_2$  respectively where  $K_1 * K_2(z, w) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} K_1(ze^{-i\theta}, we^{-i\psi})K_2(e^{i\theta}, e^{i\psi}) (d\theta/2\pi)(d\psi/2\pi)$  and where  $d\theta/2\pi$  and  $d\psi/2\pi$  denote the normalized Haar measure of the circle.*

*Proof.* Let  $C_{m,n}^1$  and  $C_{m,n}^2$  be the coefficients of  $\bar{z}^m w^n$  in a Taylor expansion of the kernel functions of the triples  $(T_1 \oplus T_2, H_1 \oplus H_2, e_1 \oplus e_2)$  and  $(T_1 \hat{\otimes} T_2, \hat{H}_1 \otimes H_2, e_1 \otimes e_2)$  respectively.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} C_{m,n}^1 &= ((T_1 \oplus T_2)^n(e_1 \oplus e_2), (T_1 \oplus T_2)^m(e_1 \oplus e_2))_{H_1 \oplus H_2} \\ &= (T_1^n \oplus T_2^n(e_1 \oplus e_2), T_1^m \oplus T_2^m(e_1 \oplus e_2))_{H_1 \oplus H_2} \\ &= (T_1^n e_1, T_1^m e_1)_{H_1} + (T_2^n e_2, T_2^m e_2)_{H_2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} C_{m,n}^2 &= ((T_1 \hat{\otimes} T_2)^n(e_1 \otimes e_2), (T_1 \hat{\otimes} T_2)^m(e_1 \otimes e_2))_{H_1 \hat{\otimes} H_2} \\ &= (T_1^n \otimes T_2^n(e_1 \otimes e_2), T_1^m \otimes T_2^m(e_1 \otimes e_2))_{H_1 \otimes H_2} \\ &= (T_1^n e_1, T_1^m e_1)_{H_1} (T_2^n e_2, T_2^m e_2)_{H_2} \end{aligned}$$



and hence  $\sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} C_{m,n}^1 z^{-m} w^n = K_1(z, w) + K_2(z, w)$ . We also observe that since  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are proper contractions  $K_1$  and  $K_2 \in A_{s,s}$  for some  $s > 1$  and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} C_{m,n}^2 z^{-m} w^n &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} (T_1^n e_1, T_1^m e_1) \bar{z}^m e^{im\theta} w^n e^{-in\psi} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} (T_2^n e_2, T_2^m e_2) e^{-im\theta} e^{in\psi} d\theta / 2\pi d\psi / 2\pi \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} K(ze^{-i\theta}, we^{-i\psi}) K(e^{i\theta}, e^{i\psi}) d\theta / 2\pi d\psi / 2\pi . \end{aligned}$$

DEFINITION 5.7. The equivalence relation  $\simeq$  defined on  $\mathcal{C}$  is such that  $(T, H, e) \simeq (T_1, H_1, e_1)$  iff there is a unitary map  $\phi: 0(e) \rightarrow 0(e_1)$  so that  $\phi(e) = e_1$  and  $\phi \cdot T = T_1 \cdot \phi$ .

Now let us consider the category  $\mathcal{C}$  with the equivalence relation  $\simeq$  and denote this new object by  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . Then the operations  $\oplus$  and  $\otimes$  are defined on  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  and we have the following corollary.

THEOREM 5.8. The class  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is isomorphic to a subset of the group algebra of the torus and so it is a cancellative abelian semigroup under the operation  $\oplus$ . It also has no divisors of zero under the operation  $\otimes$ .

We remark that the set of a.f.p.t.'s is closed under pointwise multiplication. However, the set of a.f.p.d.t.'s is not closed under pointwise multiplication. (See counterexample 3.)

### 6. Some examples and counterexamples.

#### EXAMPLES.

1. Consider  $(M_z, H^2, 1)$ . Then  $(M_z, H^2, 1)$  is a cyclic triple and its kernel function  $K$  is given by

$$K(z, w) = \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} (z^n, z^m) \bar{z}^m w^n = (1 - \bar{z}w)^{-1} .$$

If  $q$  is an inner function then  $k(M_z, H^2, 1) = k(M_z, H^2, q)$ .

2. The triple  $(V, L^2 [0, 1], 1)$ , where  $V$  is the Volterra operator on the Hilbert space of square integrable real-valued functions on the closed interval  $[0, 1]$  with Lebesgue measure, is also a cyclic triple. Its kernel function  $K$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} K(z, w) &= \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} (V^n(1), V^m(1)) z^{-m} w^n \\ &= \int_0^1 e^x (\bar{z} + w) dx = \frac{e^{\bar{z}+w} - 1}{\bar{z} + w} . \end{aligned}$$

3. The kernel function of the triple  $(M_\alpha, \mathcal{C}, 1)$  is the function  $1\sqrt{(1-\alpha z)^{-1}(1-\alpha w)^{-1}}$ . This is a special case of an example to be given in the latter part of this paper.

*Counterexamples.*

1. This counterexample shows that in general  $H_K$  is not a space of functions. We claim that the following holds.

Let  $(M_z, H_K, 1)$  be a canonical triple with

$$K(z, w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{2(-\epsilon^n+1)} \bar{z}^n w^n .$$

Let  $M(X)$  denote the space of functions (measurable or otherwise) for a Borel field  $(X, A, \mu)$  finite valued except for a set of measure zero, and let it be given the topology of pointwise convergence. Then the identity map  $i$  of the polynomials contained in  $H$  to the polynomials contained in  $M(X)$  if injective is not continuous. This is seen as follows.

First the space  $M(X)$  is complete. Second the sequence of functions  $\{f_n\}_n$  where  $f_n(z) = e^{\epsilon^{n-1}} z^n$  is a complete orthonormal sequence in  $H_K$ . Hence the sequence of polynomials  $\{p_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  given by  $p_n(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n 2^{-i} e^{\epsilon^i-1} z^i$  converges to a member  $h$  of  $H_K$ . Now let  $X$  be any subset of the complex plane  $\mathcal{C}$ . Since  $i$  is injective  $X \neq \{0\}$ . It suffices to show that the sequence  $p_n(z)_n$  does not converge for any  $z \in \mathcal{C}, z \neq 0$ . Let  $z = re^{i\theta}$ . Then  $|p_n(z) - p_{n-1}(z)| = e^{\epsilon^n-1} (r/2)^n = e^{\epsilon^n-1+n \log r/2}$ , which tends to  $\infty$  if  $r \neq 0$ . Hence the sequence  $\{p_n(z)\}_n$  is divergent unless  $z = 0$ .

2. If  $(T, H, e)$  is a cyclic triple then the subspace  $\{p(T)e \mid p \in \mathcal{P}\}$  can be given the structure of an abelian ring if we define  $p(T)e \cdot q(T)e = pq(T)e$ . However, this operation is not continuous and does not extend to all of  $H$ . Take for  $(T, H, e)$  the triple  $(M_z, H^2, 1)$ . Consider the convergent sequence  $\{p_n\}_n$  given by  $p_n(z) = \sum_{m=1}^n z^m/m^{3/5}$ . The limit is of course in  $H^2$ . However, a simple calculation shows that  $p_n^2$  does not converge in  $H^2$ . We leave the calculation to the reader. (To see how it relates to  $\hat{\otimes}$  not being a sum in  $\mathcal{C}$  take for  $j_1: (T, H, e) \rightarrow (T \hat{\otimes} T, H \hat{\otimes} H, e \otimes e)$  the map  $f(T)e \mapsto f(T)e \otimes e$  and for  $j_2: (T, H, e) \rightarrow (T \hat{\otimes} T, H \hat{\otimes} H, e \otimes e)$  the map  $g(T)e \mapsto e \otimes g(T)e$  and let  $(T_3, H_3, e_3)$  be the triple  $(T, H, e)$  with  $\phi_{13}$  and  $\phi_{23}$  as the identity map  $(f(T)e \mapsto f(T)e)$  then there is no map from  $\phi: (T \hat{\otimes} T, H \hat{\otimes} H, e \otimes e) \rightarrow (T, H, e)$  so that  $\phi \circ j_1 = \phi_{13}$  and  $\phi \circ j_2 = \phi_{23}$ .)

3. We show now that every a.f.p.t. is not an a.f.p.d.t. as well as the pointwise product of two a.f.p.d.t.'s is not necessarily an a.f.p.d.t. The kernel function of the triple  $(1, \mathcal{C}, 1)$  is the function

$K(z, w) = (1 - \bar{z})^{-1}(1 - w)^{-1}$ . This is an a.f.p.d.t. Its square the function  $K_1(z, w) = (1 - \bar{z})^{-2}(1 - w)^{-2}$  is obviously an a.f.p.t. But it is not an a.f.p.d.t. as  $H_K$  is one dimensional and the a.f.p.d.t. corresponding to a triple  $(M_\alpha, \mathcal{C}, \beta)$  is the function  $\beta^2(1 - \bar{\alpha}z)^{-1}(1 - \alpha w)^{-1}$ .

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