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Multiplicative Isometries on *F***-Algebras of Holomorphic Functions**

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We study multiplicative isometries on the following *F*-algebras of holomorphic functions: Smirnov class $N_*(X)$, Privalov class $N^p(X)$, Bergman-Privalov class $AN^p_{\alpha}(X)$, and Zygmund *F*-algebra $N\log^{\beta}N(X)$, where X is the open unit ball \mathbb{B}_n or the open unit polydisk \mathbb{D}^n in \mathbb{C}^n .

1. Introduction

Complex-linear isometries on function spaces of holomorphic functions have been studied for almost five decades by many mathematicians. In this paper we study multiplicative isometries on certain *F*-algebras of holomorphic functions. Recall that an *F*-algebra is a topological algebra in which the topology arises from a complete metric. For a positive integer *n* let \mathbb{B}_n denote the open unit ball in the *n*-dimensional complex vector space \mathbb{C}^n and \mathbb{D}^n the unit polydisk in \mathbb{C}^n . We characterize multiplicative isometries on the Smirnov class, the Privalov class, the Bergman-Privalov class and the Zygmund *F*-algebras on \mathbb{B}_n or \mathbb{D}^n . Surjective multiplicative maps on the Smirnov class, and the Bergman-Privalov class have already been correspondingly characterized in [1, 2].

2. Preliminaries

In studying surjective isometries in [1, 2] we applied the Mazur-Ulam theorem for surjective maps on certain subspaces, which themselves are Banach spaces, of the given *F*-algebras.

Generally we do not assume surjectivity of the isometries in this paper, so instead of the Mazur-Ulam theorem we use Lemma 2.1. Recall that a normed real-linear space *L* is *uniformly convex* if for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that the inequality $||a + b|| \le 2 - \delta$ holds for every pair of $a, b \in L$ with $||a|| \le 1$, $||b|| \le 1$, and $||a - b|| \ge \varepsilon$. It is well known that Hilbert spaces and L^p -spaces for 1 are uniformly convex.

Lemma 2.1. Let L_1 and L_2 be normed real-linear spaces with L_2 uniformly convex. Let S be an isometry from L_1 into L_2 such that S(0) = 0. Then S is real-linear.

The lemma might be well known, but we give a sketch of the proof for the completeness and the benefit of the reader.

Proof of Lemma 2.1. Let *a*, *b* be arbitrary elements of *L*₁. Put 2r = ||a - b||. Then since *S* is an isometry, ||S(a) - S(b)|| = 2r and ||S(a) - S((a+b)/2)|| = ||S(b) - S((a+b)/2)|| = r. We also have ||S(a) - (S(a) + S(b))/2|| = ||S(b) - (S(a) + S(b))/2|| = r.

Suppose that $S((a + b)/2) \neq (S(a) + S(b))/2$. Set

$$\varepsilon = \left\| S\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{S(a)+S(b)}{2} \right\|.$$
(2.1)

Since L_2 is uniformly convex and ε is positive there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\left\| \left(S(a) - S\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right) + \left(S(a) - \frac{S(a) + S(b)}{2} \right) \right\| \le 2r - \delta,$$

$$\left\| \left(S(b) - S\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right) + \left(S(b) - \frac{S(a) + S(b)}{2} \right) \right\| \le 2r - \delta.$$
(2.2)

Then by the triangle inequality

$$||2S(a) - 2S(b)|| \le 4r - 2\delta \tag{2.3}$$

holds, which contradicts to ||S(a) - S(b)|| = 2r. Thus we get S((a + b)/2) = (S(a) + S(b))/2, from which for b = 0 we obtain S(a/2) = S(a)/2. Substituting *a* by a + b in the last equality we get

$$\frac{S(a+b)}{2} = S\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = \frac{S(a)+S(b)}{2},$$
(2.4)

so that S(a + b) = S(a) + S(b). A routine argument yields $S(ta) = tS(a), t \in \mathbb{R}$.

For $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$, we denote by ∂X its distinguished boundary. For $X = \mathbb{B}_n$, this is the topological boundary $\partial \mathbb{B}_n$, and for the polydisk \mathbb{D}^n , it is the torus \mathbb{T}^n . Denote the normalized Lebesgue measure on ∂X by σ . A holomorphic map ψ is inner if $\lim_{r\to 1-0} \psi(rz)$ exists and lies in ∂X for almost all $z \in \partial X$ with respect to σ . We say that $\lim_{r\to 1-0} \psi(rz)$ is the boundary map of ψ and denote it by ψ^* . We say that ψ^* is measure preserving if $\sigma((\psi^*)^{-1}(E)) = \sigma(E)$ for every Borel set $E \subset \partial X$.

Now we recall definitions and some properties of the Smirnov class, the Privalov class, the Bergman-Privalov class, and the Zygmund *F*-algebra on \mathbb{B}_n or \mathbb{D}^n . The space of all holomorphic functions on $X = \mathbb{B}_n$ or \mathbb{D}^n is denoted by H(X). For each $0 , the Hardy space is denoted by <math>H^p(X)$ with the norm $\|\cdot\|_p$.

2.1. Smirnov Class $N_*(X)$

Let $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$. The Nevanlinna class N(X) on X is defined as the set of all holomorphic functions f on X such that

$$\sup_{0 \le r < 1} \int_{\partial X} \ln(1 + |f(r\zeta)|) d\sigma(\zeta) < \infty$$
(2.5)

holds. It is known that every $f \in N(X)$ has a finite nontangential limit, denoted by f^* , almost everywhere on ∂X .

The Smirnov class $N_*(X)$ is defined as

$$N_*(X) = \left\{ f \in N(X) : \sup_{0 \le r < 1} \int_{\partial X} \ln(1 + |f(r\zeta)|) d\sigma(\zeta) = \int_{\partial X} \ln(1 + |f^*(\zeta)|) d\sigma(\zeta) \right\}.$$
(2.6)

Define a metric

$$d_{N_{*}(X)}(f,g) = \int_{\partial X} \ln(1 + |f^{*}(\zeta) - g^{*}(\zeta)|) d\sigma(\zeta)$$
(2.7)

for $f, g \in N_*(X)$. With the metric $d_{N_*(X)}(\cdot, \cdot)$ the Smirnov class $N_*(X)$ becomes an *F*-algebra and

$$\bigcup_{q>0} H^q(X) \subset N_*(X), \tag{2.8}$$

in particular, $H^{\infty}(X)$ is a dense subalgebra of $N_*(X)$. The convergence in the metric is stronger than uniform convergence on compact subsets of *X*.

Complex-linear isometries on the Smirnov class were characterized by Stephenson in [3].

2.2. *Privalov* Class $N^p(X)$

Let $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$. The Privalov class $N^p(X)$, 1 , is defined as (for the original source see [4, 5])

$$N^{p}(X) = \left\{ f \in H(X) : \sup_{0 \le r < 1} \int_{\partial X} \left(\ln \left(1 + \left| f(r\zeta) \right| \right) \right)^{p} d\sigma(\zeta) < \infty \right\}.$$
(2.9)

It is well known that $N^p(X)$ is a subalgebra of $N_*(X)$, hence every $f \in N^p(X)$ has a finite nontangential limit almost everywhere on ∂X . Define a metric

$$d_{p}(f,g) = \left(\int_{\partial X} \left(\ln(1 + |f^{*}(\zeta) - g^{*}(\zeta)|) \right)^{p} d\sigma(\zeta) \right)^{1/p}$$
(2.10)

for $f, g \in N^p(X)$. With this metric $N^p(X)$ is an *F*-algebra (cf. [6, 7]) and

$$\bigcup_{q>0} H^q(X) \subset N^p(X) \subset N_*(X).$$
(2.11)

The Hardy algebra $H^{\infty}(X)$ is dense in $N^{p}(X)$. The convergence on the metric is stronger than uniform convergence on compacts of *X*.

Complex-linear isometries on $N^p(X)$ are investigated by Iida and Mochizuki [8] for one-dimensional case, and by Subbotin [7] for a general case.

2.3. Bergman-Privalov Class $AN^p_{\alpha}(X)$

Let $1 \le p < \infty$ and $\alpha > -1$. The Bergman-Privalov class on the unit ball \mathbb{B}_n and the polydisk \mathbb{D}^n are defined, respectively, as

$$AN^{p}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}_{n}) = \left\{ f \in H(\mathbb{B}_{n}) : \left\| f \right\|^{p}_{AN^{p}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}_{n})} = \int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \left(\ln(1 + |f(z)|) \right)^{p} dV_{\alpha,n}(z) < \infty \right\},$$

$$AN^{p}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{D}^{n}) = \left\{ f \in H(\mathbb{D}^{n}) : \left\| f \right\|^{p}_{AN^{p}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{D}^{n})} = \int_{\mathbb{D}^{n}} \left(\ln(1 + |f(z)|) \right)^{p} \prod_{j=1}^{n} dV_{\alpha,1}(z_{j}) < \infty \right\},$$
(2.12)

where $dV_{\alpha,n}(z) = c_{\alpha,n}(1-|z|^2)^{\alpha}dV(z)$ for the normalized Lebesgue volume measure dV on \mathbb{B}_n and $c_{\alpha,n}$ is a normalization constant, that is $V_{\alpha,n}(\mathbb{B}_n) = 1$. Let $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$. In what follows $dV_{\alpha}(z)$ denotes $dV_{\alpha,n}(z)$ for $X = \mathbb{B}_n$ and $\prod_{j=1}^n dV_{\alpha,1}(z_j)$ for $X = \mathbb{D}^n$, respectively. The Bergman-Privalov class $AN_{\alpha}^p(X)$ is an *F*-algebra with respect to the metric

$$d_{AN_{\alpha}^{p}(X)}(f,g) = \|f - g\|_{AN_{\alpha}^{p}(X)}$$
(2.13)

for $f, g \in AN^p_{\alpha}(X)$. For some results in the case p = 1 see [9].

The weighted Bergman space for q > 0 and $\alpha > -1$ on the unit ball \mathbb{B}_n and the polydisk \mathbb{D}_n are defined, respectively, as

$$A^{q}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}_{n}) = \left\{ f \in H(\mathbb{B}_{n}) : \left\| f \right\|_{A^{q}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}_{n})}^{q} = \int_{\mathbb{B}_{n}} \left| f(z) \right|^{q} dV_{\alpha,n}(z) < \infty \right\},$$

$$A^{q}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{D}^{n}) = \left\{ f \in H(\mathbb{D}^{n}) : \left\| f \right\|_{A^{q}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{D}^{n})}^{q} = \int_{\mathbb{D}^{n}} \left| f(z) \right|^{q} \prod_{j=1}^{n} dV_{\alpha,1}(z_{j}) < \infty \right\}.$$

$$(2.14)$$

It is known that

$$\bigcup_{q>0} A^q_{\alpha}(X) \subset AN^p_{\alpha}(X).$$
(2.15)

Complex-linear isometries on the Bergman-Privalov class on the unit ball were characterized by Matsugu and Ueki in [10] and on the polydisk by Stević in [2].

2.4. Zygmund F-Algebra $Nlog^{\beta}N(X)$

Let $\beta > 0$ and $\varphi_{\beta}(t) = t(\ln(\gamma_{\beta} + t))^{\beta}$, where $\gamma_{\beta} = \max\{e, e^{\beta}\}$. Let $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$. The Zygmund *F*-algebra $N\log^{\beta} N(X)$ on *X* is defined as

$$N\log^{\beta} N(X) = \left\{ f \in H(X) : \sup_{0 \le r < 1} \int_{\partial X} \varphi_{\beta} \left(\ln\left(1 + \left| f(r\zeta) \right| \right) \right) d\sigma(\zeta) < \infty \right\}.$$
(2.16)

It is known that

$$N\log^{\beta} N(X) = \left\{ f \in H(X) : \sup_{0 \le r < 1} \int_{\partial X} \varphi_{\beta} \left(\ln^{+} \left| f(r\zeta) \right| \right) d\sigma(\zeta) < \infty \right\},$$
(2.17)

$$\bigcup_{p>0} H^p(X) \subset N \log^{\beta} N(X) \subset N_*(X).$$
(2.18)

This implies that the finite nontangential limit f^* exists almost everywhere on ∂X , for any $f \in N \log^{\beta} N$. For $f, g \in N \log^{\beta} N$

$$d_{N\log^{\beta}N(X)}(f,g) = \int_{\partial X} \varphi_{\beta} \left(\ln\left(1 + \left| f^{*}(\zeta) - g^{*}(\zeta) \right| \right) \right) d\sigma(\zeta)$$
(2.19)

defines a complete metric on $N\log^{\beta} N(X)$ and $N\log^{\beta} N(X)$ is an *F*-algebra with this metric (cf. [11]).

Ueki [12] characterized the complex-linear isometries on the Zygmund *F*-algebra on the balls.

3. Main Results

In this section we formulate and prove the main results in this paper.

3.1. Multiplicative Isometries on $N_*(X)$

Our first result concerns the Smirnov class.

Theorem 3.1. Let $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$. Suppose that $T : N_*(X) \to N_*(X)$ is a (not necessarily linear) multiplicative isometry. Then there is an inner map ψ on X whose boundary map ψ^* is measure preserving and such that either of the following formulas holds:

$$T(f) = f \circ \psi \quad \text{for every } f \in N_*(X),$$

$$T(f) = \overline{f \circ \overline{\psi}} \quad \text{for every } f \in N_*(X).$$
(3.1)

Proof. First we claim that T(1) = 1. Since $T(1) = T(1)^2$ and T(1) is a holomorphic function on the connected open set X we get T(1) = 0 or T(1) = 1. But T(1) = 0 is impossible because if it were T(1) = 0, then 0 = T(f)T(1) = T(f), for each $f \in N_*(X)$, which contradicts with the assumption that T is an isometry. As $T(0) = T(0)^2$ and T is injective, we obtain T(0) = 0. Similarly T(-1) = -1 is also observed by making use of $T(-1)^2 = T(1) = 1$. Then $T(i)^2 = T(i^2) = -1$ assert that T(i) = i or T(i) = -i. If T(i) = i, then the first formula of the conclusion will follow and the second one will follow from T(i) = -i.

Next we show T(1/2) = 1/2. Put r = 1/2. Suppose that $|T(r)^*| > r$ on a set of positive measure on ∂X . Then there exists a subset *E* of positive measure and $\varepsilon > 0$ with $|T(r)^*| \ge (1 + \varepsilon)r$ on *E*. Since

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\ln(1 + (1 + \varepsilon)^n r^n)}{\ln(1 + r^n)} = \infty,$$
(3.2)

there is a positive integer n_0 such that

$$\int_{E} \ln(1+(1+\varepsilon)^{n_0}r^{n_0})d\sigma > \int_{\partial X} \ln(1+r^{n_0})d\sigma.$$
(3.3)

From this and since *T* is a multiplicative isometry on $N_*(X)$ we have that

$$\int_{\partial X} \ln(1+r^{n_0}) d\sigma = \int_{\partial X} \ln(1+|T(r)^*|^{n_0}) d\sigma$$

$$\geq \int_E \ln(1+(1+\varepsilon)^{n_0}r^{n_0}) d\sigma > \int_{\partial X} \ln(1+r^{n_0}) d\sigma,$$
(3.4)

which is a contradiction proving $|T(r)^*| \le r$ almost everywhere on ∂X . Hence $|T(1/r)^*| \ge 1/r$ holds almost everywhere on ∂X as T(r)T(1/r) = T(1) = 1 almost everywhere on ∂X . Since

$$\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{r}\right) = \int_{\partial X} \ln\left(1+\frac{1}{r}\right) d\sigma = \int_{\partial X} \ln\left(1+\left|T\left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^*\right|\right) d\sigma, \tag{3.5}$$

we have that $|T(1/r)^*| = 1/r$ and $|T(r)^*| = r$ almost everywhere on ∂X . Since $\ln(1 + (1 - r)) = d(r, 1) = d(T(r), 1)$ and

$$d(T(r), 1) = \int_{\partial X} \ln(1 + |1 - T(r)^*|) d\sigma,$$
(3.6)

it is easy to check that $T(1/2)^* = 1/2$ almost everywhere on ∂X . Hence T(1/2) = 1/2 holds. As *T* is multiplicative, *T* is 1/2-homogeneous in the sense that T(f/2) = T(f)/2 holds for every $f \in N_*(X)$.

Let $f, g \in H^1(X)$. It requires only elementary calculation applying the 1/2-homogeneity of *T* to check that

$$\int_{\partial X} \ln\left(1 + \left|\frac{f^*}{2^m} - \frac{g^*}{2^m}\right|\right) d\sigma = \int_{\partial X} \ln\left(1 + \left|\frac{T(f)^*}{2^m} - \frac{T(g)^*}{2^m}\right|\right) d\sigma$$
(3.7)

holds. Multiplying (3.7) by 2^m and then letting $m \to \infty$ we get

$$\int_{\partial X} |f^* - g^*| d\sigma = \int_{\partial X} |T(f)^* - T(g)^*| d\sigma$$
(3.8)

by the monotone convergence theorem, since $2^m \ln(1 + (t/2^m))$ nondecreases monotonically to *t* as $m \to \infty$ for any $t \ge 0$, which can be easily proved by considering the function $g_t(x) = x \ln(1 + (t/x))$. From (3.8) for g = 0, we obtain $T(H^1(X)) \subseteq H^1(X)$ and the restricted map $T|_{H^1(X)}$ is an isometry with respect to the metric induced by the H^1 -norm $\|\cdot\|_1$.

Let the function θ on the interval $[0, \infty)$ be defined as

$$\theta(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & x = 0\\ \frac{x - \ln(1 + x)}{x^2}, & x > 0. \end{cases}$$
(3.9)

It is easy to check that θ is positive and continuous on $[0, \infty)$ and $\lim_{x\to\infty} \theta(x) = 0$. Hence θ is bounded on $[0, \infty)$, so that

$$M_{\theta} := \sup_{x \ge 0} \theta(x) < \infty.$$
(3.10)

We claim that the inclusion $T(H^2(X)) \subseteq H^2(X)$ and $T|_{H^2(X)}$ is isometric with respect to the metric induced by the H^2 -norm. For this purpose let $f, g \in H^2(X)$. Now note that since $H^2(X) \subset H^1(X)$, equality (3.7) holds and as well as the next equality

$$\int_{\partial X} \left| \frac{f^*}{2^m} - \frac{g^*}{2^m} \right| d\sigma = \int_{\partial X} \left| \frac{T(f)^*}{2^m} - \frac{T(g)^*}{2^m} \right| d\sigma.$$
(3.11)

By subtracting (3.7) from (3.11) and then multiplying such obtained equation by 2^m we obtain

$$\int_{\partial X} |f^* - g^*|^2 \theta \left(\left| \frac{f^*}{2^m} - \frac{g^*}{2^m} \right| \right) d\sigma = \int_{\partial X} |T(f)^* - T(g)^*|^2 \theta \left(\left| \frac{T(f)^*}{2^m} - \frac{T(g)^*}{2^m} \right| \right) d\sigma.$$
(3.12)

As θ is bounded the function $M_{\theta}|f^* - g^*|^2$ is an integrable function dominating the integrand in the left-hand side integral in (3.12). Letting $m \to \infty$ and applying the Lebesgue theorem on dominated convergence to the left-hand side and Fatou's lemma to the right-hand side (as θ is positive on $[0, \infty)$) we obtain

$$\int_{\partial X} \left| f^* - g^* \right|^2 \theta(0) d\sigma \ge \int_{\partial X} \left| T(f)^* - T(g)^* \right|^2 \theta(0) d\sigma.$$
(3.13)

From this and since $\theta(0) = 1/2$ we get that the function $|T(f)^* - T(g)^*|^2$ is integrable. Letting again $m \to \infty$ in (3.12) we have that

$$\int_{\partial X} |f^* - g^*|^2 d\sigma = \int_{\partial X} |T(f)^* - T(g)^*|^2 d\sigma$$
(3.14)

by the Lebesgue theorem on dominated convergence now applied to both integrals in (3.12). Hence $||f - g||_2 = ||T(f) - T(g)||_2$ for every pair of $f, g \in H^2(X)$. For g = 0, we get $||f||_2 = ||T(f)||_2$ and consequently $T(H^2(X)) \subseteq H^2(X)$, as claimed.

Since $H^2(X)$ is a Hilbert space, it is uniformly convex. Hence by Lemma 2.1 the restriction $T|_{H^2(X)}$ is real-linear. Since the operations of scalar multiplication and addition on N_* are continuous and $H^2(X)$ is dense in $N_*(X)$ we see that T is real-linear on $N_*(X)$.

First assume T(i) = i. As T is real-linear and multiplicative, T is complex-linear in this case. Then by [3, Theorem 2.2] and since T(1) = 1, there is an inner map ψ such that $T(f) = f \circ \psi$ for every $f \in N_*(X)$.

Now assume T(i) = -i. Let $\tilde{T} : N_*(X) \to N_*(X)$ be defined as $\tilde{T}(f) = T(\tilde{f})$ for every $f \in N_*(X)$, where

$$\widetilde{f}(z_1,\ldots,z_n) = \overline{f(\overline{z}_1,\ldots,\overline{z}_n)}$$
(3.15)

for $f \in N_*(X)$. Then \tilde{T} is well defined and a complex-linear isometry from $N_*(X)$ into itself. Again by [3, Theorem 2.2] we have that there is an inner map ψ on X whose boundary map ψ^* is measure preserving such that $\tilde{T}(f) = f \circ \psi$ for every $f \in N_*$. This implies that $T(f) = \overline{f \circ \overline{\psi}}$ for every $f \in N_*(X)$.

Corollary 3.2 (see [1]). Let $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$. Suppose that $T : N_*(X) \to N_*(X)$ is a (not necessarily linear) surjective multiplicative isometry. Then there is a holomorphic automorphism φ on X such that either of the following formulas holds:

$$T(f) = f \circ \psi \quad \text{for every } f \in N_*(X),$$

$$T(f) = \overline{f \circ \overline{\psi}} \quad \text{for every } f \in N_*(X),$$
(3.16)

where φ is a unitary transformation for $X = \mathbb{B}_n$, while for $X = \mathbb{D}^n$, $\varphi(z_1, \ldots, z_n) = (e^{i\theta_1}z_{j_1}, \ldots, e^{i\theta_n}z_{j_n})$ for some real numbers θ_j for $j = 1, \ldots, n$ and a permutation (j_1, \ldots, j_n) of the integers from 1 to n.

Proof. By Theorem 3.1, *T* is complex-linear or conjugate linear. If *T* is complex-linear, then the result holds by [3, Corollary 2.3]. If *T* is conjugate linear, then put $\tilde{T}(f) = T(\tilde{f})$ for $f \in N_*(X)$, where \tilde{f} is defined as in (3.15). Then $\tilde{T}(f) = f \circ \psi$, for every $f \in N_*(X)$, and for an inner

map ψ on *X* whose boundary map ψ^* is measure preserving. Since \tilde{T} is a surjective isometry, the desired property of ψ again follows from [3, Corollary 2.3].

3.2. Multiplicative Isometries on $N^p(X)$

The next result concerns the Privalov class.

Theorem 3.3. Let $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$ and $1 . Suppose that <math>T : N^p(X) \to N^p(X)$ is a (not necessarily linear) multiplicative isometry. Then there is an inner map ψ on X whose boundary map ψ^* is measure preserving and such that either of the following formulas holds:

$$T(f) = f \circ \psi \quad \text{for every } f \in N^p(X),$$

$$T(f) = \overline{f \circ \overline{\psi}} \quad \text{for every } f \in N^p(X).$$
(3.17)

Proof. Since *T* is multiplicative we see by the same way as in the proof of Theorem 3.1 that T(0) = 0, T(1) = 1 and T(i) = i or T(i) = -i. Also we see that T(1/2) = 1/2. It follows by the proof of Theorem 3.1 that for every pair *f* and *g* in $H^p(X)$,

$$\int_{\partial X} \left(\ln \left(1 + \left| \frac{f^*}{2^m} - \frac{g^*}{2^m} \right| \right) \right)^p d\sigma = \int_{\partial X} \left(\ln \left(1 + \left| \frac{T(f)^*}{2^m} - \frac{T(g)^*}{2^m} \right| \right) \right)^p d\sigma$$
(3.18)

holds. Multiplying (3.18) by 2^{mp} and then letting $m \to \infty$ we get

$$\int_{\partial X} |f^* - g^*|^p d\sigma = \int_{\partial X} |T(f)^* - T(g)^*|^p d\sigma.$$
(3.19)

Thus $T(H^p(X)) \subseteq H^p(X)$. The Hardy space $H^p(X)$ can be seen as a subspace of $L^p(\partial X)$. Since $L^p(\partial X)$ is uniformly convex, so is $H^p(X)$ for 1 . Then by Lemma 2.1 the operator <math>T is real-linear on $H^p(X)$. Since $H^p(X)$ is a dense subspace of $N^p(X)$ we see that T is real-linear on $N^p(X)$. As we have already learnt that T(i) = i or T(i) = -i, we obtain that T is complex-linear or conjugate linear on $N^p(X)$. The rest of the proof is similar to the last part of the proof of Theorem 3.1 applying [7, Theorem 1] instead of [3, Theorem 2.2]. We omit the details. \Box

Corollary 3.4. Let $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$ and $1 . Suppose that <math>T : N^p(X) \to N^p(X)$ is a (not necessarily linear) surjective multiplicative isometry. Then there is a holomorphic automorphism ψ on X such that either of the following formulas holds:

$$T(f) = f \circ \psi \quad \text{for every } f \in N^p(X),$$

$$T(f) = \overline{f \circ \overline{\psi}} \quad \text{for every } f \in N^p(X),$$
(3.20)

where φ is a unitary transformation for $X = \mathbb{B}_n$, while for $X = \mathbb{D}^n$, $\varphi(z_1, \ldots, z_n) = (e^{i\theta_1}z_{j_1}, \ldots, e^{i\theta_n}z_{j_n})$ for some real numbers θ_j for $j = 1, \ldots, n$ and a permutation (j_1, \ldots, j_n) of the integers from 1 to n.

Proof. By Theorem 3.3, *T* is complex-linear or conjugate linear. If *T* is complex-linear, then the result follows directly from [7, Corollary and Remark 3]. If *T* is conjugate linear, then put $\tilde{T}(f) = T(\tilde{f})$ for $f \in N^p(X)$, where \tilde{f} is defined as in (3.15). Then \tilde{T} is a complex-linear isometric surjection from $N^p(X)$ onto itself. Hence by [7, Corollary and Remark 3] there is a desired automorphism on *X* such that $T(f) = \overline{f \circ \overline{\psi}}$ for every $f \in N^p(X)$.

3.3. Multiplicative Isometries on $AN^p_{\alpha}(X)$

The next result concerns the Bergman-Privalov class.

Theorem 3.5. Let $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$, $1 \le p < \infty$ and $\alpha > -1$. Suppose that $T : AN^p_{\alpha}(X) \to AN^p_{\alpha}(X)$ is a (not necessarily linear) multiplicative isometry. Then there is a holomorphic self-map ψ on X with the property that

$$\int_{X} h \circ \psi(z) dV_{\alpha}(z) = \int_{X} h(z) dV_{\alpha}(z)$$
(3.21)

for every bounded or positive Borel function h on X such that either of the following formulas holds:

$$T(f) = f \circ \psi \quad \text{for every } f \in AN^p_{\alpha}(X),$$

$$T(f) = \overline{f \circ \overline{\psi}} \quad \text{for every } f \in AN^p_{\alpha}(X).$$
(3.22)

Proof. We can prove the theorem in a way similar to that in the proofs of Theorem 3.1 for p = 1 and Theorem 3.3 for 1 . For the case of <math>p = 1, instead of using the Hardy spaces $H^1(X)$ and $H^2(X)$ we make use of the weighted Bergman spaces $A^1_{\alpha}(X)$ and $A^2_{\alpha}(X)$. For the case of $1 , instead of using the Hardy space <math>H^p(X)$ we make use of the weighted Bergman space $A^p_{\alpha}(X)$. We also apply [10, Theorem 1] for $X = \mathbb{B}_n$ and [2, Theorem 2] for $X = \mathbb{D}^n$ to represent complex-linear isometries instead of [3, Theorem 2.2].

Corollary 3.6 (see [2]). Let $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$, $1 \le p < \infty$ and $\alpha > -1$. Suppose that $T : AN_{\alpha}^p(X) \to AN_{\alpha}^p(X)$ is a (not necessarily linear) surjective multiplicative isometry. Then there is a holomorphic automorphism ψ on X such that either of the following formulas holds:

$$T(f) = f \circ \psi \quad \text{for every } f \in AN^{p}_{\alpha}(X),$$

$$T(f) = \overline{f \circ \overline{\psi}} \quad \text{for every } f \in AN^{p}_{\alpha}(X),$$
(3.23)

where ψ is a unitary transformation for $X = \mathbb{B}_n$, while for $X = \mathbb{D}^n$, $\psi(z_1, \ldots, z_n) = (e^{i\theta_1} z_{j_1}, \ldots, e^{i\theta_n} z_{j_n})$ for some real numbers θ_j for $j = 1, \ldots, n$ and a permutation (j_1, \ldots, j_n) of the integers from 1 to n.

Proof. By Theorem 3.5, *T* is complex-linear or conjugate linear. Suppose that *T* is complex-linear. If $X = \mathbb{B}_n$, then the conclusion follows by [10, Theorem 2], while for $X = \mathbb{D}^n$ the conclusion follows similar to the corresponding part of the proof of [2, Theorem 3]. If *T* is conjugate linear, then the conclusion follows from the similar argument in the proof of Corollary 3.2.

3.4. Isometries on $N\log^{\beta} N(X)$

In [12] Ueki characterized complex-linear isometries on the Zygmund *F*-algebra on \mathbb{B}_n . For \mathbb{D}^n the following result is proved similar to [12, Theorem 1]. Hence it is omitted.

Theorem 3.7. Let $\beta > 0$. If T is a complex-linear isometry of $\operatorname{Nlog}^{\beta} N(\mathbb{D}^n)$ into itself, then there exist an inner function Ψ and an inner map ψ on \mathbb{D}^n whose boundary map ψ^* is measure preserving on \mathbb{T}^n such that

$$T(f) = \Psi C_{\psi}(f) = \Psi(f \circ \psi) \quad \text{for every } f \in N \log^{\beta} N(\mathbb{D}^{n}).$$
(3.24)

Conversely, for given such Ψ and ψ , the weighted composition operator ΨC_{ψ} is an injective linear isometry of $\operatorname{Nlog}^{\beta} N(\mathbb{D}^n)$.

For the surjective isometries the result is as follows.

Corollary 3.8. An isometry T of $\operatorname{Nlog}^{\beta} N(\mathbb{D}^n)$ is surjective if and only if $T = aC_{\mathcal{U}}$ where $a \in \mathbb{C}$ with |a| = 1 and $\mathcal{U}(z_1, \ldots, z_n) = (e^{i\theta_1} z_{j_1}, \ldots, e^{i\theta_n} z_{j_n})$ for some real numbers θ_j , $j = 1, \ldots, n$ and a permutation (j_1, \ldots, j_n) of the integers from 1 to n.

To prove Corollary 3.8 we need the next auxiliary result.

Lemma 3.9. For any function $f \in N(\mathbb{D}^n)$, $f \in N\log^{\beta}N(\mathbb{D}^n)$ if and only if $\varphi_{\beta}(\ln^+|f^*|) \in L^1(\mathbb{T}^n)$ and

$$\varphi_{\beta}(\ln^{+}|f(z)|) \leq \int_{\mathbb{T}^{n}} P(z,\zeta)\varphi_{\beta}(\ln^{+}|f^{*}(\zeta)|)d\sigma(\zeta) \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{D}^{n},$$
(3.25)

where $P(z, \zeta)$ denotes the Poisson kernel for \mathbb{D}^n ;

$$P(z,\zeta) = P_{r_1}(\theta_1 - \phi_1) \cdots P_{r_n}(\theta_n - \phi_n)$$
(3.26)

for $z = (r_1 e^{i\theta_1}, \dots, r_n e^{i\theta_n}), \zeta = (e^{i\phi_1}, \dots, e^{i\phi_n})$ and

$$P_r(\theta) = \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r\cos\theta + r^2}$$
(3.27)

is the Poisson kernel for the unit disk \mathbb{D} .

Proof. If $f \in N\log^{\beta} N(\mathbb{D}^n)$, then Fatou's lemma shows that $\varphi_{\beta}(\ln^+|f^*|) \in L^1(\mathbb{T}^n)$. The inclusion (2.18) implies $f \in N_*(\mathbb{D}^n)$, and so we see that $\ln^+|f|$ has the least *n*-harmonic majorant. Since the least *n*-harmonic majorant of $\ln^+|f|$ is the Poisson integral $P[\ln^+|f^*|]$, we obtain the following inequality:

$$\ln^{+}|f(z)| \leq \int_{\mathbb{T}^{n}} P(z,\zeta) \ln^{+}|f^{*}(\zeta)| d\sigma(\zeta) \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{D}^{n}.$$
(3.28)

Note that $\varphi_{\beta}(t)$ is strictly increasing and convex on $[0, \infty)$, and the measures $d\mu_z(\zeta) = P(z, \zeta) d\sigma(\zeta)$ are normalized on \mathbb{T}^n , which follows from the well-known equality

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^n} P(z,\zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) = 1.$$
(3.29)

Applying Jensen's inequality to (3.28), we obtain the desired inequality (3.25).

Conversely we put $z = r\eta (0 \le r < 1, \eta \in \mathbb{T}^n)$ in (3.25). By integrating with respect to η and applying Fubini's theorem, we have that

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \varphi_{\beta}(\ln^+ |f(r\eta)|) d\sigma(\eta) \leq \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \varphi_{\beta}(\ln^+ |f^*(\zeta)|) d\sigma(\zeta) \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} P(r\eta, \zeta) d\sigma(\eta).$$
(3.30)

By the symmetric property $P(r\eta, \zeta) = P(r\zeta, \eta)$ and the normalization property of the Poisson kernel, we obtain that

$$\sup_{0\leq r<1}\int_{\mathbb{T}^n}\varphi_{\beta}(\ln^+|f(r\eta)|)d\sigma(\eta)\leq \int_{\mathbb{T}^n}\varphi_{\beta}(\ln^+|f^*(\zeta)|)d\sigma(\zeta).$$
(3.31)

Hence the condition $\varphi_{\beta}(\ln^+|f^*|) \in L^1(\mathbb{T}^n)$ implies that $f \in N\log^{\beta} N(\mathbb{D}^n)$.

Now we give a proof of Corollary 3.8.

Proof of Corollary 3.8. Suppose that *T* is surjective. Then Theorem 3.7 gives that $T = \Psi C_{\psi}$. A standard argument shows that ψ is an automorphism of \mathbb{D}^n . So there are conformal maps φ_j (j = 1, ..., n) of \mathbb{D} onto \mathbb{D} and there is a permutation $(j_1, ..., j_n)$ of the integers from 1 to *n* such that

$$\psi(z_1, \dots, z_n) = (\varphi_1(z_{j_1}), \dots, \varphi_n(z_{j_n})).$$
 (3.32)

The mean value theorem shows that

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \varphi_k(\zeta_{j_k}) d\sigma(\zeta) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} \varphi_k(\zeta_{j_k}) d\sigma_1(\zeta_{j_k}) = \varphi_k(0)$$
(3.33)

for each $k \in \{1, ..., n\}$. Here $d\sigma_1$ denotes the one-dimensional normalized Lebesgue measure on the unit circle \mathbb{T} .

On the other hand, the measure-preserving property of ψ^* gives that

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \varphi_k(\zeta_{j_k}) d\sigma(\zeta) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \langle \varphi^*(\zeta), e_k \rangle d\sigma(\zeta) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \langle \zeta, e_k \rangle d\sigma(\zeta) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \zeta_k d\sigma(\zeta) = 0.$$
(3.34)

By (3.33) and (3.34) we see that ψ fixes the origin, and so each φ_k is the rotation transform.

Next we prove that Ψ is a unimodular constant. If $f \in N \log^{\beta} N(\mathbb{D}^{n})$ is such that $1 = T(f) = \Psi C_{\psi}(f)$, then $1/\Psi = f \circ \psi \in N \log^{\beta} N(\mathbb{D}^{n})$. Inequality (3.25) in Lemma 3.9 gives that

$$\varphi_{\beta}\left(\ln^{+}\frac{1}{|\Psi(z)|}\right) \leq \int_{\mathbb{T}^{n}} P(z,\zeta)\varphi_{\beta}\left(\ln^{+}\frac{1}{|\Psi^{*}(\zeta)|}\right) d\sigma(\zeta) = 0, \tag{3.35}$$

and so we have $1/|\Psi| \le 1$ on \mathbb{D}^n . Since Ψ is inner, Ψ is a unimodular constant.

Now we show results on multiplicative isometries on the Zygmund *F*-algebras on \mathbb{B}_n and \mathbb{D}^n .

Theorem 3.10. Let $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$. Suppose that $T : \operatorname{Nlog}^{\beta} N(X) \to \operatorname{Nlog}^{\beta} N(X)$ is a (not necessarily linear) multiplicative isometry. Then there exists an inner map φ on X whose boundary map φ^* is measure preserving on ∂X , such that either of the following formulas holds:

$$T(f) = f \circ \psi \quad \text{for every } f \in \text{Nlog}^{\beta} N(X),$$

$$T(f) = \overline{f \circ \overline{\psi}} \quad \text{for every } f \in \text{Nlog}^{\beta} N(X).$$
(3.36)

Note that multiplicative isometries of the Privalov class and the Zygmund *F*-algebra have the same form as multiplicative isometries of the Smirnov class.

Proof of Theorem 3.10. As *T* is multiplicative we obtain T(1) = 1, T(0) = 0, T(-1) = -1 and T(i) = i or T(i) = -i. Since

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\varphi_{\beta}(((1+\varepsilon)/2)^{n})}{\varphi_{\beta}((1/2^{n}))} = \infty$$
(3.37)

holds for every $\varepsilon > 0$, the equation T(1/2) = 1/2 is proved similarly as in Theorem 3.1. Let $f, g \in H^1(X)$. Then we can prove that

$$\int_{\partial X} 2^m \varphi_\beta \left(\ln \left(1 + \left| \frac{f^*}{2^m} - \frac{g^*}{2^m} \right| \right) \right) d\sigma = \int_{\partial X} 2^m \varphi_\beta \left(\ln \left(1 + \left| \frac{T(f)^*}{2^m} - \frac{T(g)^*}{2^m} \right| \right) \right) d\sigma, \quad (3.38)$$

following the lines of the corresponding part of the proof in Theorem 3.1. By some calculation we see that

$$\varphi_{\beta}(\ln(1+x)) \le (\ln \gamma_{\beta})^{\beta} x \tag{3.39}$$

holds for every $x \ge 0$. Hence we get

$$2^{m}\varphi_{\beta}\left(\ln\left(1+\left|\frac{f^{*}}{2^{m}}-\frac{g^{*}}{2^{m}}\right|\right)\right) \leq \left(\ln\gamma_{\beta}\right)^{\beta}\left|f^{*}-g^{*}\right|,\tag{3.40}$$

almost everywhere on ∂X and $(\ln \gamma_{\beta})^{\beta} | f^* - g^* |$ is an integrable function dominating $2^m \varphi_{\beta}(\ln(1 + |(f^*/2^m) - (g^*/2^m)|))$. We get

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \int_{\partial X} 2^m \varphi_\beta \left(\ln \left(1 + \left| \frac{f^*}{2^m} - \frac{g^*}{2^m} \right| \right) \right) d\sigma = \left(\ln \gamma_\beta \right)^\beta \int_{\partial X} \left| f^* - g^* \right| d\sigma$$
(3.41)

by the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem since

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} 2^m \varphi_\beta \left(\ln \left(1 + \left| \frac{f^*}{2^m} - \frac{g^*}{2^m} \right| \right) \right) = \left(\ln \gamma_\beta \right)^\beta \left| f^* - g^* \right|.$$
(3.42)

On the other hand, applying Fatou's lemma we get

$$(\ln \gamma_{\beta})^{\beta} \int_{\partial X} |T(f)^{*} - T(g)^{*}| d\sigma$$

$$\leq \liminf_{m \to \infty} \int_{\partial X} 2^{m} \varphi_{\beta} \left(\ln \left(1 + \left| \frac{T(f)^{*}}{2^{m}} - \frac{T(g)^{*}}{2^{m}} \right| \right) \right) d\sigma$$

$$= \liminf_{m \to \infty} \int_{\partial X} 2^{m} \varphi_{\beta} \left(\ln \left(1 + \left| \frac{f^{*}}{2^{m}} - \frac{g^{*}}{2^{m}} \right| \right) \right) d\sigma$$

$$= (\ln \gamma_{\beta})^{\beta} \int_{\partial X} |f^{*} - g^{*}| d\sigma < \infty,$$
(3.43)

from which for g = 0 we get $T(H^1(X)) \subseteq H^1(X)$. Since

$$2^{m}\varphi_{\beta}\left(\ln\left(1+\left|\frac{T(f)^{*}}{2^{m}}-\frac{T(g)^{*}}{2^{m}}\right|\right)\right) \leq (\ln\gamma_{\beta})^{\beta}|T(f)^{*}-T(g)^{*}|$$
(3.44)

follows from (3.40), the function $(\ln \gamma_{\beta})^{\beta} |T(f)^* - T(g)^*|$ is an integrable function dominating $2^m \varphi_{\beta} \left(\ln \left(1 + \left| \frac{T(f)^*}{2^m} - \frac{T(g)^*}{2^m} \right| \right) \right)$. Hence $(\ln \gamma_{\beta})^{\beta} \int_{\partial X} |T(f)^* - T(g)^*| d\sigma = \lim_{m \to \infty} \int_{\partial X} 2^m \varphi_{\beta} \left(\ln \left(1 + \left| \frac{T(f)^*}{2^m} - \frac{T(g)^*}{2^m} \right| \right) \right) d\sigma$ (3.45)

holds by the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem. Consequently

$$\int_{\partial X} \left| f^* - g^* \right| d\sigma = \int_{\partial X} \left| T(f)^* - T(g)^* \right| d\sigma$$
(3.46)

holds. As *f* and *g* are arbitrary elements of $H^1(X)$ we obtain that $T|_{H^1(X)}$ is isometric on $H^1(X)$ with respect to the metric induced by the H^1 -norm.

We also obtain that there exists a bounded positive continuous function θ_1 on $[0, \infty)$ such that $\theta_1(0) \neq 0$ and

$$x^{2}\theta_{1}(x) = \{\ln \gamma_{\beta}\}^{\beta} x - \varphi_{\beta}(\ln(1+x)).$$
(3.47)

Applying this equality we obtain that $T(H^2(X)) \subseteq H^2(X)$ and $T|_{H^2(X)}$ is a real-linear isometry on $H^2(X)$, hence T is a complex-linear (if T(i) = i) or conjugate linear isometry (if T(i) = -i) on $N\log^{\beta}N(X)$, similar as in the proof of Theorem 3.1. The rest of the proof is similar to the last part of the proof of Theorem 3.1 applying [12, Theorem 1] for $X = \mathbb{B}_n$ and Theorem 3.7 for $X = \mathbb{D}^n$ instead of [3, Theorem 2.2]. We omit the details.

Corollary 3.11. Let $X \in \{\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{D}^n\}$. Suppose that $T : \operatorname{Nlog}^{\beta}N(X) \to \operatorname{Nlog}^{\beta}N(X)$ is a (not necessarily linear) surjective multiplicative isometry. Then there exists a holomorphic automorphism φ on X such that either of the following formulas holds:

$$T(f) = f \circ \psi \quad \text{for every } f \in \text{Nlog}^p N(X),$$

$$T(f) = \overline{f \circ \overline{\psi}} \quad \text{for every } f \in \text{Nlog}^\beta N(X),$$
(3.48)

where φ is a unitary transformation for $X = \mathbb{B}_n$, while for $X = \mathbb{D}^n$, $\varphi(z_1, \ldots, z_n) = (e^{i\theta_1}z_{j_1}, \ldots, e^{i\theta_n}z_{j_n})$ for some real numbers θ_j , $j = 1, \ldots, n$ and a permutation (j_1, \ldots, j_n) of the integers from 1 to n.

Note that surjective multiplicative isometries of the Privalov class, the Bergman-Privalov class, and the Zygmund *F*-algebra have the same form as surjective multiplicative isometries of the Smirnov class.

Proof of Corollary 3.11. By Theorem 3.10, *T* is complex-linear or conjugate linear. Suppose that *T* is complex-linear. Applying [12, Corollary 1] for $X = \mathbb{B}_n$ and Corollary 3.8 for $X = \mathbb{D}^n$ the result follows in this case. If *T* is conjugate linear, then the result follows by similar arguments as in the proof of Corollary 3.2.

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