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# HYPONORMAL SINGULAR INTEGRAL OPERATORS WITH CAUCHY KERNEL ON $L^2$

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ABSTRACT. For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , let  $H^p$  be the usual Hardy space on the unit circle. When  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are bounded functions, a singular integral operator  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is defined as the following:  $S_{\alpha,\beta}(f+\bar{g}) = \alpha f + \beta \bar{g} \ (f \in H^p, g \in zH^p)$ . When p=2, we study the hyponormality of  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  when  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are some special functions.

#### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a Hilbert space and  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$  be the set of bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{K}$ . For X in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ ,  $[X^*,X]=X^*X-XX^*$  is called the selfcommutator of X. If  $[X^*,X]=0$ , then X is called a normal operator and if  $[X^*,X]\geq 0$ , then X is called a hyponormal operator. When  $\mathcal{H}$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{K}$ , P is the orthogonal projection from  $\mathcal{K}$  to  $\mathcal{H}$  and I is the identity operator, if

$$P[X^*, X](I - P) = (I - P)[X^*, X]P = 0,$$

then X is called a D-operator. Of course, if X is a normal operator, then X is a D-operator. However a hyponormal operator is not necessary a D-operator. When a hyponormal X is a D-operator, we call it nearly normal.

There are a lot of papers about a normal operator and a hyponormal operator. We are interested in when a concrete operator is normal or hyponormal. There are many researches when X is a Toeplitz operator, for example, [1], [2], [3] and [11]. Recently Yamamoto and the author [12] started to study when X is some singular integral operator. In this paper we continue to study such a problem.

Let  $L^2$  be the usual Lebesgue space and  $H^2$  denotes the usual Hardy space on the unit circle. For x, y in  $L^2$ , put

$$\langle x,y\rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} x(e^{i\theta}) \bar{y}(e^{i\theta}) d\theta/2\pi.$$

Then by the inner product  $\langle,\rangle$ ,  $L^2$  and  $H^2$  become Hilbert spaces.

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For  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $L^{\infty}$  put

$$S_{\alpha,\beta} = (\alpha - \beta)P + \beta I = \alpha P + \beta (I - P),$$

where I is the identity operator on  $L^2$  and P denotes the orthogonal projection to  $H^2$ . Then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is called a singular integral operator on  $L^2$  and

$$(S_{\alpha,\beta}f)(z) = \frac{\alpha(z) + \beta(z)}{2}f(z) + \frac{\alpha(z) - \beta(z)}{2} \frac{1}{\pi i} \int \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\zeta,$$

where the integral is understood in the sense of Cauchy's principal value (cf. [5, Vol. I, p. 12]). Throughout this paper

$$\alpha = a + F + \bar{f}$$

and

$$\beta = b + G + \bar{g},$$

where  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $F, G, f, g \in zH^2$ . Moreover

$$\phi = \alpha - \beta = c + A + \bar{B},$$

where c = a - b, A = F - G and B = f - g.

Yamamoto and the author [12] describe completely the symbols  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for a normal  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$ . In this paper, we study when  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is a hyponormal operator or a nearly normal operator.

In order to study  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$ , we need a few notations as the following:

$$T_{\alpha} = PM_{\alpha}P, \ \tilde{T}_{\alpha} = (I - P)M_{\alpha}(I - P)$$

and

$$H_{\alpha} = (I - P)M_{\alpha}P, \ \tilde{H}_{\alpha} = PM_{\alpha}(I - P).$$

Then  $T_{\alpha}$  is called a Toeplitz operator and  $H_{\alpha}$  is called a Hankel operator. Moreover  $T_{\alpha}^* = T_{\bar{\alpha}}$ ,  $\tilde{T}_{\alpha}^* = \tilde{T}_{\bar{\alpha}}$  and  $H_{\alpha}^* = \tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}}$ .

#### 2. Hyponormal operator

In this section, we show a necessary and sufficient condition for a hyponormal  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$ .

**Theorem 1.**  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if  $\tilde{H}_{\alpha}H_{\bar{\alpha}}-\tilde{H}_{\beta}H_{\bar{\beta}}\geq 0$  and  $H_{\beta}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}-H_{\alpha}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}}\geq 0$ , and

$$|\langle (\tilde{H}_{\alpha}H_{\bar{\alpha}} - \tilde{H}_{\beta}H_{\bar{\beta}})u, u \rangle| \cdot |\langle (H_{\beta}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} - H_{\alpha}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}})v, v \rangle| \ge |\langle (\tilde{T}_{\phi}H_{\bar{\beta}} - H_{\alpha}T_{\bar{\phi}})u, v \rangle|^2,$$
where  $u$  is in  $H^2$  and  $v$  is in  $\bar{z}\bar{H}^2$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.1 in [12],  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if

$$\begin{split} &\langle (\tilde{H}_{\alpha}H_{\bar{\alpha}}-\tilde{H}_{\beta}H_{\bar{\beta}})u,u\rangle + \langle (H_{\beta}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}-H_{\alpha}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}})v,v\rangle \\ &+ \langle (\tilde{T}_{\phi}H_{\bar{\beta}}-H_{\alpha}T_{\bar{\phi}})u,v\rangle + \overline{\langle (\tilde{T}_{\phi}H_{\bar{\beta}}-H_{\alpha}\tilde{T}_{\bar{\phi}})u,v\rangle} \geq 0. \ (u\in H^2,v\in\bar{z}\bar{H}^2) \end{split}$$

Hence if  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal, then as v=0,  $\langle (\tilde{H}_{\alpha}H_{\bar{\alpha}}-\tilde{H}_{\beta}H_{\bar{\beta}})u,u\rangle \geq 0$  and as u=0,  $\langle (H_{\beta}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}-H_{\alpha}\tilde{H}_{\alpha})v,v\rangle \geq 0$ . Moreover then for any real number t,

$$\langle (\tilde{H}_{\alpha}H_{\bar{\alpha}} - \tilde{H}_{\beta}H_{\bar{\beta}})u, u \rangle t^2 - 2 | \langle (\tilde{T}_{\phi}H_{\bar{\beta}} - H_{\alpha}T_{\phi})u, v \rangle | t + \langle (H_{\beta}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} - H_{\alpha}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}})v, v \rangle \geq 0.$$

This shows the 'only if' part. The proof is reversible and so the 'if part' follows.

The following lemma is known by [6, Theorem 7] or the proof of [7, Lemma 4]. However we give a proof for completeness.

**Lemma 1.** (1)  $\tilde{H}_{\alpha}H_{\bar{\alpha}} \geq \tilde{H}_{\beta}H_{\bar{\beta}}$  if and only if there exists k in  $H^{\infty}$  such that  $||k||_{\infty} \leq 1$  and  $k\bar{\alpha} - \bar{\beta}$  belongs to  $H^{\infty}$ .

(2)  $H_{\beta}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} \geq H_{\alpha}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}}$  if and only if there exists h in  $H^{\infty}$  such that  $||h||_{\infty} \leq 1$  and  $h\beta - \alpha$  belongs to  $H^{\infty}$ .

*Proof.* We show (2) because (1) can be shown similarly.

Suppose there exists a contractive function h in  $H^{\infty}$  such that  $h\beta - \alpha \in H^{\infty}$ . Then  $H_{h\beta} = H_{\alpha}$  and so  $\tilde{H}_{\overline{h\beta}} = \tilde{H}_{\overline{\alpha}}$ . Hence

$$H_{\alpha}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}} = H_{h\beta}\tilde{H}_{\bar{h}\bar{\beta}} = H_{\beta}T_{h}T_{\bar{h}}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} \le H_{\beta}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}$$

because  $T_h T_{\bar{h}} \leq I$ ,  $H_{h\beta} = H_{\beta} T_h$  and  $\tilde{H}_{\overline{h\beta}} = T_{\bar{h}} \tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}$ .

Conversely suppose  $H_{\beta}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} \geq H_{\alpha}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}}$ . Then by a theorem of Douglas [4], there exists a contraction B such that  $B\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} = \tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}}$ . Since  $T_{\bar{z}}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} = \tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}\tilde{T}_z$  and  $T_{\bar{z}}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}} = \tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}}\tilde{T}_{\bar{z}}, B\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}\tilde{T}_z = BT_{\bar{z}}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}$  and  $B\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}\tilde{T}_z = \tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}}\tilde{T}_z = T_{\bar{z}}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}} = T_{\bar{z}}B\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}$ . Hence  $BT_{\bar{z}}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} = T_{\bar{z}}B\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}$ . Since  $T_{\bar{z}}$   $(Ran\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}) \subseteq Ran\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}, BS_{\bar{z}} = S_{\bar{z}}B$  where  $S_{\bar{z}}$  is the restriction to of  $T_{\bar{z}}$  to the closure  $Ran\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}$ . By a theorem of Sarason [13],  $B^* = S_h$  for some h in  $H^{\infty}$  with  $\|h\|_{\infty} \leq 1$ . Hence  $\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}} = S_{\bar{h}}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} = T_{\bar{h}}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} = \tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}\bar{h}}$ . Thus  $h\beta - \alpha$  belongs to  $H^{\infty}$ .

**Theorem 2.** If  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal, then there exist k and h are in  $H^{\infty}$  such that  $||k||_{\infty} \leq 1$  and  $||h||_{\infty} \leq 1$ , and  $k\bar{\alpha} - \bar{\beta}$  and  $h\beta - \alpha$  belong to  $H^{\infty}$ . Hence

$$(k-1)\bar{G} + k\bar{A}$$
 and  $(h-1)\bar{f} - h\bar{B}$ 

belong to  $H^{\infty}$ .

*Proof.* It is clear by Theorem 1 and Lemma 1.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\alpha = a + F + \bar{f}$ ,  $\beta = b + G + \bar{g}$ ,  $\psi_+ = F + \bar{G}$  and  $\psi_- = f + \bar{g}$  where F, f, G and g are in  $zH^{\infty}$ . If  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal, then  $T_{\psi_+}$  and  $T_{\psi_-}$  are hyponormal.

*Proof.* If  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal, then by Theorem 2, there exist contractions k and h in  $H^{\infty}$  such that  $k\bar{\alpha} - \bar{\beta}$  and  $h\beta - \alpha$  belong to  $H^{\infty}$ . Hence  $k\bar{F} - \bar{G}$  and  $h\bar{g} - \bar{f}$  belong to  $H^{\infty}$ . Therefore  $k(\bar{F} + G) - (\bar{G} + F)$  and  $h(\bar{g} + f) - (\bar{f} + g)$  belong to  $H^{\infty}$ . Now by [11, Lemma 1]  $T_{\psi_{+}}$  and  $T_{\psi_{-}}$  are hyponormal.

If  $T_{F+\bar{G}}$  is hyponormal, then it is easy to see  $[T_F^*, T_F] \geq [T_G^*, T_G]$ . If F and G are inner, then  $I-T_FT_F^* \geq I-T_GT_G^*$ . Hence  $FH^2 \supseteq GH^2$ . Therefore G=QF for some inner Q. If  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal, then by Theorem 3  $[T_F^*, T_F] \geq [T_G^*, T_G]$  and  $[T_g^*, T_g] \geq [T_f^*, T_f]$ . Moreover if F, G, f and g are inner, then G=QF and f=qg for some inner Q and q.

When  $T_{F+\bar{G}}$  is hyponormal, if F and G are polynomials we have a lot of papers [8], [9], [10], [11] and [14].

## 3. Analytic symbol

In this section we give sufficient conditions for  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  to be a hyponormal operator.

**Theorem 4.** (1)  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal if and only if  $\tilde{H}_{\alpha}H_{\bar{\alpha}} - \tilde{H}_{\beta}H_{\bar{\beta}} \geq 0$ ,  $H_{\beta}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} - H_{\alpha}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}} \geq 0$  and  $\tilde{T}_{\phi}H_{\bar{\beta}} - H_{\alpha}T_{\bar{\phi}} = 0$ .

(2) If  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal, and  $\tilde{H}_{\alpha}H_{\bar{\alpha}} = \tilde{H}_{\beta}H_{\bar{\beta}}$  or  $H_{\beta}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} = H_{\alpha}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}}$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

Proof. (1) It is clear by Theorem 1 and the definition of a nearly normal operator.

(2) It is clear by Theorem 1 and (1) and the definition of a nearly normal operator.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 1.** If both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are in  $H^{\infty}$ , then the following (1), (2) and (3) are equivalent.

- (1)  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal.
- (2)  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.
- (3)  $T_{\alpha+\bar{\beta}}$  is hyponormal and  $T_{\phi}H_{\bar{\beta}}=0$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Since  $H_{\beta}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} = H_{\alpha}\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}} = 0$ , by (2) of Theorem 4  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

- $(2)\Rightarrow (3)$ . By (1) of Theorem 4 and by (1) of Lemma 1 there exists k in  $H^{\infty}$  such that  $||k||_{\infty} \leq 1$  and  $k\bar{\alpha} \bar{\beta} \in H^{\infty}$ . Hence  $k(\bar{\alpha} + \beta) (\alpha + \bar{\beta})$  belongs to  $H^{\infty}$ . By [11, Lemma 1],  $T_{\alpha+\bar{\beta}}$  is hyponormal and  $\tilde{T}_{\phi}H_{\bar{\beta}} H_{\alpha}T_{\bar{\phi}} = 0$  by (1) of Theorem 4 and  $\alpha \in H^{\infty}$  by hypothesis.
- $(3)\Rightarrow(1)$ . By [11, Lemma 1] there exists k in  $H^{\infty}$  such that  $||k||_{\infty} \leq 1$  and  $k(\bar{\alpha}+\beta)-(\alpha+\bar{\beta})\in H^{\infty}$ . Hence  $k\bar{\alpha}-\bar{\beta}$  be longs to  $H^{\infty}$ . By (1) and (2) of Lemma 1, and (1) of Theorem 4  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal and so hyponormal.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** If both  $\bar{\alpha}$  and  $\bar{\beta}$  are in  $H^{\infty}$ , then a result similar to Corollary 1 holds.

**Lemma 2.** (1) Put  $\alpha = q_{\alpha}t_{\alpha}$ ,  $\beta = q_{\beta}t_{\beta}$  and  $\phi = \alpha - \beta = qt$  where  $q_{\alpha}$ ,  $q_{\beta}$  and q are inner, and  $t_{\alpha}$ ,  $t_{\beta}$  and t are outer. Suppose  $Ker\tilde{H}_{\beta} = \bar{Q}_{\beta}\bar{z}\bar{H}^2$  and  $Q_{\beta}$  is inner. Then  $\tilde{H}_{\beta}\tilde{T}_{\bar{\phi}} = 0$  if and only if  $q = Q_{\beta}q_0$  where  $q_0$  is inner.

- (2) Put  $\bar{\alpha} = q_{\alpha}t_{\alpha}, \bar{\beta} = q_{\beta}t_{\beta}$ , and  $\bar{\phi} = \bar{\alpha} \bar{\beta} = qt$  where  $q_{\alpha}, q_{\beta}$  and q are inner, and  $t_{\alpha}, t_{\beta}$  and t are outer. Suppose  $KerH_{\alpha} = Q_{\alpha}H^2$ . Then  $H_{\alpha}T_{\bar{\phi}} = 0$ if and only if  $q = Q_{\alpha}q_0$  where  $q_0$  is inner.
- *Proof.* (1)  $\tilde{H}_{\beta}\tilde{T}_{\bar{\phi}} = 0$  if and only if  $\tilde{T}_{\bar{\phi}}(\bar{z}\bar{H}^2) = \bar{q}\bar{z}\bar{t}\bar{H}^2 \subseteq \bar{Q}_{\beta}\bar{z}\bar{H}^2$  by the definition of  $Q_{\beta}$ . Hence this is equivalent to  $q_0 = \bar{Q}_{\beta}q$  is inner.

(2) It can be proved as (1).

Corollary 3. Suppose  $q_{\alpha}, q_{\beta}$  and q are inner, and  $t_{\alpha}, t_{\beta}$  and t are outer.

- (1) Put  $\alpha = q_{\alpha}t_{\alpha}, \beta = q_{\beta}t_{\beta}$  and  $\phi = \alpha \beta = qt$ . Suppose  $Ker\tilde{H}_{\beta} = \bar{Q}_{\beta}\bar{z}\bar{H}^{2}$ and  $Q_{\beta}$  are inner. Then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal if and only if there exists a contraction k in  $H^{\infty}$  such that  $k\bar{\alpha} - \bar{\beta} \in H^{\infty}$  and  $q = Q_{\beta}q_0$  where  $q_0$  is inner.
- (2) Put  $\bar{\alpha} = q_{\alpha}t_{\alpha}$ ,  $\bar{\beta} = q_{\beta}t_{\beta}$  and  $\bar{\phi} = \bar{\alpha} \bar{\beta} = qt$ . Suppose  $KerH_{\alpha} = Q_{\alpha}H^2$ and  $Q_{\alpha}$  are inner. Then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal if and only if there exists a contraction h in  $H^{\infty}$  such that  $h\beta - \alpha \in H^{\infty}$  and  $q = Q_{\alpha}q_0$  where  $q_0$  is inner.
- *Proof.* (1) Since  $H_{\alpha}T_{\bar{\phi}}=0$ , if  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal, then by (1) of Theorem 4  $\tilde{H}_{\beta}\tilde{T}_{\bar{\phi}}=0$ . Now (1) of Lemma 1 and (1) of Lemma 2 show (1). The converse is clear by (1) of Lemma 1 and (1) of Lemma 2 and (1) of Theorem 4.
- (2) Since  $T_{\phi}H_{\bar{\beta}}=0$ , if  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal, then by (1) of Theorem 4  $H_{\alpha}T_{\bar{\phi}}=0$ . Now (2) of Lemma 1 and (2) of Lemma 2 show (2). The converse is clear by (2) of Lemma 1 and (2) of Lemma 2 and (1) of Theorem 4.
- In (1) of Corollary 3,  $\operatorname{Ker} \tilde{H}_{\beta} = \{0\}$  if and only if  $\beta = t_{\beta}$  is a cyclic vector of  $T_{\bar{z}}$  in  $H^2$ . Similarly, in (2) of Corollary 3,  $\operatorname{Ker} H_{\alpha} = \{0\}$  if and only if  $\alpha = \bar{t}_{\alpha}$ is a cyclic vector of  $\tilde{T}_z$  in  $\bar{z}\bar{H}^2$ .
- Corollary 4. (1) Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be in  $H^{\infty}$ . Suppose  $\beta$  is a cyclic vector of  $T_{\bar{z}}$ in  $H^2$ . Then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal if and only if there exists a contraction k in  $H^{\infty}$  such that  $k\bar{\alpha} - \bar{\beta}$  belongs to  $H^{\infty}$ .
- (2) Let  $\bar{\alpha}$  and  $\bar{\beta}$  be in  $H^{\infty}$ . Suppose  $\alpha$  is a cyclic vector of  $\tilde{T}_z$  in  $\bar{z}\bar{H}^2$ . Then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal if and only if there exists a contraction h in  $H^{\infty}$  such that  $h\beta - \alpha$  belongs to  $H^{\infty}$ .

**Example I.** (1) If  $\alpha = Q(cq_{\beta} + \bar{m})$  and  $\beta = cq_{\beta}$  where Q and  $q_{\beta}$  are inner and  $m \in H^2$ ,  $q_{\beta}m \in H^2 \ominus QzH^2$  and  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

- (2) If  $\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_j z^j$  and  $\beta = a_n z$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.
- (3) Suppose  $\alpha = a_0 + a_1 z$ ,  $\beta = b_0 + b_1 z$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . Then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal if and only if  $\alpha = a_0$  and  $\beta = b_0$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since  $m \in H^2 \ominus QzH^2$ ,  $\alpha$  belongs to  $H^{\infty}$ . Moreover  $Q\bar{\alpha} - \bar{\beta} = m$ . On the other hand, since  $q_{\beta}m \in H^2 \ominus QzH^2$ ,

$$\alpha - \beta = c(Q - 1)q_{\beta} + Q\bar{m} = c(Q - 1)q_{\beta} + q_{\beta}s,$$

where  $s = Q\bar{q}_{\beta}\bar{m} \in H^{\infty}$ . In (1) of Corollary 3, if q is the inner part of  $q_{\beta}\{c(Q-1)+s\}$  and  $Q_{\beta}=q_{\beta}$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

(2) In (1), put  $Q = z^{n-1}$ ,  $q_{\beta} = z$  and  $a_n = c$ . Then  $\alpha = Q(cz + \bar{m})$  and  $m = \bar{a}_1 z^{n-2} + \dots + \bar{a}_{n-2} z + \bar{a}_{n-1}.$ 

(3) By (1) of Corollary 3, it is clear. 
$$\Box$$

We can give a similar example to Example I using (2) of Corollary 3.

#### 4. Polynomial symbol

In this section, we would like to study the hyponormality of  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  when  $\alpha = \sum_{j=-n}^{n} \alpha_j z^j$  and  $\beta = \sum_{j=-n}^{n} \beta_j z^j$ . In this special case, it is still difficult to study the hyponormality. We study it essentially when n=1 and n=2.

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\alpha = a + F_n z^n + \bar{f}_n \bar{z}^n$ ,  $\beta = b + G_n z^n + \bar{g}_n \bar{z}^n$  and  $\phi = \alpha - \beta =$  $c + A_n z^n + \bar{B}_n \bar{z}^n$  for  $n \geq 1$ . If  $u = \sum_{j=0}^{\ell} u_j z^j$ ,  $\ell \geq n$  and  $v = \sum_{j=1}^{m} v_j \bar{z}^j$ ,  $m \ge n+1$ , then the followings hold.

- $(1) \langle \tilde{T}_{\phi} H_{\bar{\beta}} u, v \rangle = \bar{G}_{n} (c \Sigma_{j=0}^{n-1} u_{j} \bar{v}_{n-j} + \bar{B}_{n} \Sigma_{j=0}^{n-1} u_{j} \bar{v}_{2n-j}).$   $(2) \langle H_{\alpha} T_{\bar{\phi}} u, v \rangle = \bar{f}_{n} (\bar{c} \Sigma_{j=0}^{n-1} u_{j} \bar{v}_{n-j} + \bar{A}_{n} \Sigma_{j=n}^{2n-1} u_{j} \bar{v}_{2n-j}).$   $(3) \langle (\tilde{T}_{\phi} H_{\bar{\beta}} H_{\alpha} T_{\bar{\phi}}) u, v \rangle = (\bar{G}_{n} c \bar{f}_{n} \bar{c}) \Sigma_{j=0}^{n-1} u_{j} \bar{v}_{n-j} + \bar{G}_{n} \bar{B}_{n} \Sigma_{j=0}^{n-1} u_{j} \bar{v}_{2n-j}).$  $-\bar{f}_n \bar{A}_n \Sigma_{j=n}^{2n-1} u_j \bar{v}_{2n-j}.$   $(4) ||H_{\bar{\alpha}} u||^2 = |F_n|^2 \Sigma_{j=0}^{n-1} |u_j|^2.$   $(5) ||\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}} v||^2 = |a|^{2} \Sigma_{j=0}^{n-1} |u_j|^2.$

- (5)  $\|\tilde{H}_{\bar{B}}v\|^2 = |g_n|^2 \sum_{j=1}^n |v_j|^2$

*Proof.* It is easy to see this lemma by a calculation.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\alpha = a + F_n z^n + \bar{f}_n \bar{z}^n$ ,  $\beta = b + G_n z^n + \bar{g}_n \bar{z}^n$  and  $\alpha - \beta =$  $c + A_n z^n + \bar{B}_n \bar{z}^n$ . Then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if for any complex sequences  $\{u_j\}_{j=0}^n$  and  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^{n+1}$ 

$$|(\bar{G}_n c - \bar{f}_n \bar{c})|^2 \le (|F_n|^2 - |G_n|^2)(|g_n|^2 - |f_n|^2),$$

where  $|F_n| \ge |G_n|, |g_n| \ge |f_n| \text{ and } G_n(\overline{f_n - g_n}) = f_n(F_n - G_n) = 0.$ 

*Proof.* By Theorem 1 and Lemma 3,  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if

$$|(\bar{G}_n c - \bar{f}_n \bar{c}) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} u_j \bar{v}_{n-j} + \bar{G}_n \bar{B}_n \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} u_j \bar{v}_{2n-j} - \bar{f}_n \bar{A}_n \sum_{j=n}^{2n-1} u_j \bar{v}_{2n-j}|^2$$

$$\leq (|F_n|^2 - |G_n|^2)(|g_n|^2 - |f_n|^2) \left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |u_j|^2\right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} |v_j|^2\right),$$

where  $|F_n| \geq |G_n|$  and  $|g_n| \geq |f_n|$ . If  $\prod_{j=n+1}^{2n} v_j \neq 0$ , then choosing  $\{u_j\}_{j=0}^{n-1}$ as like  $|\Sigma_{j=0}^{n-1}u_j\bar{v}_{2n-j}|\to\infty$ , we can get  $\bar{G}_n\bar{B}_n=0$ . If  $\prod_{j=n}^{2n-1}u_j\neq 0$ , then choosing  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^n$  as like  $|\Sigma_{j=n}^{2n-1}u_j\bar{v}_{2n-j}|\to\infty$ , we can get  $f_nA_n=0$ . Hence  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if

$$|(\bar{G}_n c - \bar{f}_n \bar{c}) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} u_j \bar{v}_{n-j}|^2$$

$$\leq (|F_n|^2 - |G_n|^2)(|g_n|^2 - |f_n|^2) \left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |u_j|^2\right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |v_j|^2\right),$$

where  $G_nB_n=f_nA_n$ ,  $|F_n|\geq |G_n|$  and  $|g_n|\geq |f_n|$ . This shows this theorem because

$$\left| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} u_j \bar{v}_{n-j} \right|^2 \le \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |u_j|^2 \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |\bar{v}_{n-j}|^2 \right).$$

**Corollary 5.** Let  $\alpha = a_{-1}\bar{z} + a_0 + a_1z$  and  $\beta = b_{-1}\bar{z} + b_0 + b_1z$ . Then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if

$$|\bar{b}_1(a_0 - b_0) - a_{-1}(\overline{a_0 - b_0})|^2 \le (|a_1|^2 - |b_1|^2)(|b_{-1}|^2 - |a_{-1}|^2),$$

where 
$$|a_1| \ge |b_1|$$
,  $|b_{-1}| \ge |a_{-1}|$  and  $b_1(a_{-1} - b_{-1}) = a_{-1}(a_1 - b_1) = 0$ .

**Corollary 6.** Let  $\alpha = a + F_n z^n + \bar{f}_n \bar{z}^n$ ,  $\beta = b + G_n z^n + \bar{g}_n \bar{z}^n$  and  $\alpha - \beta = c + A_n z^n + \bar{B}_n \bar{z}^n$ . Then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

*Proof.* By Theorem 5, if  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal, then  $G_n(\overline{f_n-g_n})=f_n(F_n-G_n)=0$ . Hence if  $F_n=G_n$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal. If  $f_n=0$ , then  $G_n\bar{g}_n=0$  and  $|\bar{G}_nc|^2\leq (|F_n|^2-|G_n|^2)|g_n|^2$ . This shows  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.  $\square$ 

The following theorem is a generalization of Corollary 5. It is not beautiful but will be useful and important.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\alpha = a + F_1 z + F_2 z^2 + \bar{f}_1 \bar{z} + \bar{f}_2 \bar{z}^2$ ,  $\beta = b + G_1 z + G_2 z^2 + \bar{g}_1 \bar{z} + \bar{g}_2 \bar{z}^2$  and  $\phi = \alpha - \beta = c + A_1 z + A_2 z^2 + \bar{B}_1 \bar{z} + \bar{B}_2 \bar{z}^2$ . Then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} & |\{(c\bar{G}_1u_0 + c\bar{G}_2u_1 + A_1\bar{G}_2u_0) - \bar{f}_1(\bar{c}u_0 + \bar{A}_1u_1) - \bar{f}_2(\bar{c}u_1)\}\bar{v}_1 \\ & + (c\bar{G}_2u_0 + \bar{B}_1\bar{G}_1u_0 + \bar{B}_1\bar{G}_2u_1)\bar{v}_2|^2 \\ & \leq \{(|\bar{F}_1u_0 + \bar{F}_2u_1|^2 - |\bar{G}_1u_0 + \bar{G}_2u_1|^2) + (|\bar{F}_2|^2 - |\bar{G}_2|^2)|u_0|^2\} \\ & \times \{(|g_1v_1 + g_2v_2|^2 - |f_1v_1 + f_2v_2|^2) + (|g_2|^2 - |f_2|^2)|v_1|^2\} \end{aligned}$$

and  $|\bar{F}_1 u_0 + \bar{F}_2 u_1|^2 - |\bar{G}_1 u_0 + \bar{G}_2 u_1|^2 + (|\bar{F}_2|^2 - |\bar{G}_2|^2)|u_0|^2 \ge 0$ ,  $|g_1 v_1 + g_2 v_2|^2 - |f_1 v_1 + f_2 v_2|^2 + (|g_2|^2 - |f_2|^2)|v_1|^2 \ge 0$  for  $u_j \in \mathbb{C}$  (j = 0, 1) and  $v_j \in \mathbb{C}$  (j = 1, 2), where  $B_2 G_2 = 0$ ,  $B_1 G_2 + \bar{c} B_2 G_1 = 0$ ,  $A_2 f_2 = 0$ ,  $A_2 f_1 = 0$ , and  $A_1 f_2 = 0$ .

Proof. Note that

 $\|H_{\bar{\alpha}}u\|^2 - \|H_{\bar{\beta}}u\|^2 = (|\bar{F}_1u_0 + \bar{F}_2u_1|^2 - |\bar{G}_1u_0 + \bar{G}_2u_1|^2) + (|\bar{F}_2|^2 - |\bar{G}_2|^2)|u_0|^2$  and

$$\|\tilde{H}_{\bar{\beta}}v\|^2 - \|\tilde{H}_{\bar{\alpha}}v\|^2 = (|g_1v_1 + g_2v_2|^2 - |f_1v_1 + f_2v_2|^2) + (|g_2|^2 - |f_2|^2)|v_1|^2.$$

Moreover

$$\begin{split} \langle \tilde{T}_{\phi} H_{\bar{\beta}} u, v \rangle &= (c \bar{G}_1 u_0 + c \bar{G}_2 u_1 + A_1 \bar{G}_2 u_0) \bar{v}_1 + (c \bar{G}_2 u_0 + \bar{B}_1 \bar{G}_1 u_0 + \bar{B}_1 \bar{G}_2 u_1) \bar{v}_2 \\ &+ (\bar{B}_1 \bar{G}_2 u_0 + c \bar{B}_2 \bar{G}_1 u_0 + c \bar{B}_2 \bar{G}_2 u_1) \bar{v}_3 + (\bar{B}_2 \bar{G}_2 u_0) \bar{v}_4 \end{split}$$

and

$$\langle H_{\alpha}T_{\bar{\phi}}u,v\rangle = \{\bar{f}_{1}(\bar{c}u_{0} + \bar{A}_{1}u_{1} + \bar{A}_{2}u_{2}) + \bar{f}_{2}(\bar{c}u_{1} + \bar{A}_{1}u_{2} + \bar{A}_{2}u_{3})\}\bar{v}_{1} + \bar{f}_{2}(\bar{c}u_{0} + \bar{A}_{1}u_{1} + \bar{A}_{2}u_{2})\bar{v}_{2}.$$

Theorem 1 and the proof of Theorem 5 show the theorem. For example, as  $|v_4| \to \infty$  we  $B_2G_2 = 0$  and as  $|v_3| \to \infty$  we get  $B_1G_2 + \bar{c}B_2G_1 = 0$ . Similarly as  $|u_3| \to \infty$  we get  $f_2A_2 = 0$  and as  $|u_2| \to \infty$  we get  $f_1A_2 = f_2A_1 = 0$ .

Corollary 7. When  $c = 0, S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if

$$|A_{1}(G_{2}u_{0} - \bar{f}_{1}u_{1})\bar{v}_{1} + \bar{B}_{1}(\bar{G}_{1}u_{0} + \bar{G}_{2})v_{2}|^{2}$$

$$\leq \{|F_{1}u_{0} + \bar{F}_{2}u_{1}|^{2} - |\bar{G}_{1}u_{0} + \bar{G}_{2}u_{1}|^{2} + (|\bar{F}_{2}|^{2} - |\bar{G}_{2}|^{2})|u_{0}|^{2}\}$$

$$\times \{(|g_{1}v_{1} + g_{2}v_{2}|^{2} - |f_{1}v_{1} + f_{2}v_{2}|^{2} + (|g_{2}|^{2}|f_{2}|^{2}|v_{1}|^{2})\}$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{and } |\bar{F}_1 u_0 + \bar{F}_2 u_1|^2 - |\bar{G}_1 u_0 + \bar{G}_2 u_1|^2 + (|\bar{F}_2|^2 - |\bar{G}_2|^2) |u_0|^2 \geq 0, \ |g_1 v_1 + g_2 v_2|^2 - |f_1 v_1 + f_2 v_2|^2 + (|g_2|^2 - |f_2|^2) |v_1|^2 \geq 0 \ \ where \ B_2 G_2 = B_1 G_2 = A_2 f_2 = A_2 f_1 = A_1 f_2 = 0 \ \ and \ u_i, v_j \in \mathbb{C} \ \ (i = 0, 1; \ j = 1, 2). \end{array}$ 

Corollaries 8 and 9 give examples that are hyponormal but not nearly normal and Corollary 10 give examples that are nearly normal.

Corollary 8. When  $A_1 = 0$ ,  $A_2B_1B_2 \neq 0$ ,  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if  $|c\bar{G}_1u_0\bar{v}_1 + B_1G_1u_0\bar{v}_2|^2 \leq (|\bar{F}_1u_0 + \bar{F}_2u_1|^2 + |F_2|^2|u_0|^2)(|g_1v_1 + g_2v_2|^2 + |g_2|^2|v_1|^2)$ , where  $G_2 = f_1 = f_2 = 0$  and  $u_i, v_j \in \mathbb{C}$  (i = 0, 1; j = 1, 2).

*Proof.* If  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal, then Theorem 6 shows and so  $G_2 = f_1 = f_2 = 0$  the 'only if' part. Conversely the 'if' part is clear.

**Example II.** Let  $\alpha = a + F_1 z + F_2 z^2$  and  $\beta = b + G_1 z + \bar{g}_1 \bar{z} + \bar{g}_2 \bar{z}^2$ .

- (1) If  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal, then  $|(a-b)\bar{G}_1+g_1G_1|^2 \leq (|F_1+F_2|^2+|F_2|^2)(|g_1+g_2|^2+|g_2|^2)$ . If  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal, then  $(a-b)\bar{G}_1+g_1G_1=0$ .
- $|g_2|^2 + |g_2|^2$ ). If  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal, then  $(a-b)\bar{G}_1 + g_1G_1 = 0$ . (2) If  $\alpha = 1 + z + z^2$  and  $\beta = z + \bar{z} + \bar{z}^2$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal but not nearly normal.

*Proof.* (1) In Corollary 8, as  $u_0 = u_1 = v_1 = v_2 = 1$ , we can get (1).

(2) In Corollary 8,  $c = B_1 = 1$  and  $F_1 = F_2 = G_1 = g_1 = g_2 = 1$ . Hence  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if  $|u_0\bar{v}_1 + u_0\bar{v}_2|^2 \le (|u_0 + u_1|^2 + |u_0|^2)(|v_1 + v_2|^2 + |v_1|^2)$ . Hence  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal and by (1)  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is not nearly normal because  $(a - b)\bar{G}_1 + g_1G_1 = 2$ .

Corollary 9. Suppose  $A_1A_2B_1B_2 \neq 0$ . Then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if

$$|B_1G_1|^2|v_2|^2 \le (|F_2|^2 - |G_1|^2)(|g_1v_1 + g_2v_2|^2 + |g_2|^2|v_1|^2),$$
  
where  $G_2 = cG_1 = f_2 = f_1 = 0$  and  $v_j$   $(j = 1, 2)$ .

*Proof.* If  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal, by Theorem 6,  $G_2 = cG_1 = f_2 = f_1 = 0$ . Hence by Theorem 6,

$$|B_1G_1|^2|u_0|^2|v_2|^2 \le \{|\bar{F}_1u_0 + \bar{F}_2u_1|^2 + (|F_2|^2 - |G_1|^2)|u_0|^2\} \times (|g_1v_1 + g_2v_2|^2 + |g_2|^2|v_1|^2).$$

Since  $F_2 \neq 0$ , if we choose  $u_1$  as  $-\bar{F}_1 u_0/\bar{F}_2$ , then the 'only if' part of corollary follows. The 'if' part is clear.

**Example III.** Let  $\alpha = a + F_1 z + F_2 z^2$  and  $\beta = a + G_1 z + \bar{g}_1 \bar{z} + \bar{g}_2 \bar{z}^2$  where  $F_2 \neq 0, \ g_1 g_2 \neq 0, \ |F_2| \neq |G_1|$  and  $F_1 \neq G_1$ . Then

(1)  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if

$$\frac{|G_1|^2}{|F_2|^2 - |G_1|^2} \le \left| t + \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right|^2 + |t|^2 \left| \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right|^2$$

for any  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ . Moreover  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is not nearly normal.

(2) When  $g_1 = g_2, S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if  $2|G_1|^2 \leq |F_2|^2$ .

*Proof.* (1) By Theorem 6,  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if

$$|g_1G_1|^2 \le (|F_2|^2 - |G_1|^2) \left( \left| g_1 \frac{v_1}{v_2} + g_2 \right|^2 + |g_2|^2 \left| \frac{v_1}{v_2} \right|^2 \right).$$

Put  $t = v_1/v_2$ . Then

$$\frac{|G_1|^2}{|F_2|^2 - |G_1|^2} \le \left| t + \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right|^2 + |t|^2 \left| \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right|^2$$

for any  $t \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is not nearly normal.

(2) When  $g_1 = g_2$ , by (1)  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if

$$\frac{|G_1|^2}{|F_2|^2 - |G_1|^2} \le |t+1|^2 + |t|^2$$

for any  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ . Since  $\inf(|t+1|^2+|t|^2) = 1/4$ ,  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal if and only if  $4 |G_1|^2 \le |F_2|^2 - |G_1|^2$ .

**Lemma 4.** Let  $\alpha=a+F_1z+F_2z^2+\bar{f}_1\bar{z}+\bar{f}_2\bar{z}^2$ ,  $\beta=b+G_1z+G_2z^2+\bar{g}_1\bar{z}+\bar{g}_2\bar{z}^2$  and  $\phi=\alpha-\beta=c+A_1z+A_2z^2+\bar{B}_1\bar{z}+\bar{B}_2\bar{z}^2$ . Suppose  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal. Then the following hold.

- (1) If  $A_1 = A_2 = 0$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.
- (2) If  $B_1 = B_2 = 0$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.
- (3) If  $A_1 = B_1 = 0$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.
- (4) If  $A_2 = B_2 = 0$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.
- (5) If  $A_1 = B_2 = 0$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.
- (6) If  $A_2 = B_1 = 0$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

*Proof.* (1) Since  $A_1 = A_2 = 0$ ,  $|\bar{F}_1 u_0 + \bar{F}_2 u_1|^2 - |\bar{G}_1 u_0 + \bar{G}_2 u_1|^2 + (|F_2|^2 - |G_2|^2)|u_0|^2 = 0$ . Hence by Theorem 6,  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

- (2) Since  $B_1 = B_2 = 0$ ,  $|g_1v_1 + g_2v_2|^2 |f_1v_1 + f_2v_2|^2 + (|g_2|^2 |f_2|^2)|v_1|^2 = 0$ . Hence by Theorem 6,  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.
- (3) When  $A_1=B_1=0$ , by (1) and (2) we may assume  $A_2B_2\neq 0$ . By Theorem 6,  $G_2=\bar{c}G_1=f_2=f_1=0$ . By Theorem 6

$$\{(c\bar{G}_1u_0 + c\bar{G}_2u_1 + A_1\bar{G}_2u_0) - \bar{f}_1(\bar{c}u_0 + \bar{A}_1u_1) - \bar{f}_2(\bar{c}u_1)\}v_1 + (cG_2u_0 + \bar{B}_1\bar{G}_1u_0 + \bar{B}_1\bar{G}_2u_1)\bar{v}_2 = 0$$

and hence  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

(4) When  $A_2=B_2=0$  by (1) and (2) we may assume  $A_1B_1\neq 0$ . By Theorem 6  $B_1G_2=A_1f_2=0$  and so  $G_2=f_2=0$ . By Theorem 6

$$|\{(c\bar{G}_1 - \bar{f}_1\bar{c})u_0 - \bar{f}_1\bar{A}_1u_1\}\bar{v}_1 + \bar{B}_1\bar{G}_1u_0\bar{v}_2|^2 \leq (|F_1|^2 - |G_1|^2)(|g_1|^2 - |f_1|^2)|u_0|^2|v_1|^2.$$

As  $|v_2| \to \infty$ ,  $B_1G_1 = 0$  and so  $G_1 = 0$ . Hence  $|(\bar{f}_1\bar{c}u_0 + \bar{f}_1\bar{A}_1u_1)\bar{v}_1|^2 \le |F_1|^2(|g_1|^2 - |f_1|^2)|u_0|^2|v_1|^2$ . As  $|u_1| \to \infty$ ,  $f_1A_1 = 0$  and so  $f_1 = 0$ . Therefore by the definition  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

(5) When  $A_1 = B_2 = 0$ , by (1) and (2) we may assume  $A_2B_1 \neq 0$ . By Theorem 6  $G_2 = f_2 = f_1 = 0$ . By Theorem 6

$$|c\bar{G}_1u_0\bar{v}_1 + \bar{B}_1\bar{G}_1u_0\bar{v}_2|^2 \le (|\bar{F}_1u_0 + \bar{F}_2u_1|^2 - |\bar{G}_1u_0|^2)|g_1v_1|^2.$$

As  $|v_2| \to \infty$ ,  $B_1G_1 = 0$  and so  $G_1 = 0$ . Hence by the definition  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

(6) When  $A_2 = B_1 = 0$  by (1), (2) and (4) we may assume  $A_1B_2 \neq 0$ . By Theorem 6  $G_2 = \bar{c}G_1 = f_2 = 0$ .

By Theorem 6,

$$|\bar{f}_1(\bar{c}u_0 + \bar{A}_1u_1)\bar{v}_1|^2 \le |F_1|^2|g_2|^2|u_0|^2|v_1|^2.$$

As  $|u_1| \to \infty$ ,  $f_1 A_1 = 0$  and so  $f_1 = 0$ . By the definition  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal

Corollary 10. Let  $\alpha=a+F_1z+F_2z^2+\bar{f}_1\bar{z}+\bar{f}_2\bar{z}^2,\ \beta=b+G_1z+G_2z^2+\bar{g}_1\bar{z}+g_2\bar{z}^2$  and  $\phi=\alpha-\beta=c+A_1z+A_2z^2+\bar{B}_1\bar{z}+\bar{B}_2\bar{z}^2$ . Suppose  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is hyponormal. When  $c\neq 0$ , if  $A_1B_1A_2B_2=0$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal. When c=0, if  $B_1A_2B_2=0$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

*Proof.* We will show that if  $B_1A_2B_2=0$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal. When  $B_1=0$ , by (2), (3) and (6) of Lemma 4 we may assume  $A_1A_2B_2\neq 0$ . By Theorem 6,  $G_2=\bar{c}G_1=f_1=f_2=0$ . This shows that  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal by Theorem 6.

When  $A_2 = 0$ , by (1), (4) and (6) of Lemma 4 we may assume  $A_1B_1B_2 \neq 0$ . By Theorem 6,  $G_2 = \bar{c}G_1 = f_2 = 0$  and so Theorem 6 shows that

$$|f_1(\bar{c}u_0 + A_1u_1)\bar{v}_1 + B_1G_1u_0\bar{v}_2|^2 \le (|F_1|^2 - |G_1|^2)|u_0|^2(|g_1v_1 + g_2v_2|^2 - |f_1v_1|^2).$$

As  $|u_1| \to \infty$ ,  $f_1 A_1 = 0$  and so  $f_1 = 0$ . Hence

$$|B_1G_1|^2|v_2|^2 \le (|F_1|^2 - |G_1|^2)|g_1v_1 + g_2v_2|^2.$$

Choosing  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , we can assume  $g_1v_1 + g_2v_2 = 0$ . This shows  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

When  $B_2 = 0$ , by (2), (4) and (5) of Lemma 4 we may assume  $A_1 A_2 B_1 \neq 0$ . By Theorem 6  $G_2 = f_1 = f_2 = 0$  and so Theorem 6 shows that

$$|c\bar{G}_1 u_0 \bar{v}_1 + \bar{B}_1 \bar{G}_1 u_0 \bar{v}_2|^2$$

$$\leq \{|\bar{F}_1 u_0 + \bar{F}_2 u_1|^2 + (|F_2|^2 - |G_1|^2)|u_0|^2\}(|g_1 v_1 + g_2 v_2|^2 + |g_2||v_1|^2).$$

Since  $B_2 = 0$ ,  $q_2 = 0$  and so

$$|c\bar{G}_1u_0\bar{v}_1 + \bar{B}_1\bar{G}_1u_0\bar{v}_2|^2 \le \{|\bar{F}_1u_0 + \bar{F}_2u_1|^2 + (|F_2|^2 - |G_1|^2)|u_0|^2\}|g_1|^2|v_1|^2.$$

As  $|v_2| \to \infty$ ,  $B_1G_1 = 0$  and so  $G_1 = 0$  because  $B_1 \neq 0$ . This shows  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

We will show that if  $A_1=0$  and  $c\neq 0$ , then  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal. By (1), (3) and (5) of Lemma 4 we may assume  $A_2B_1B_2\neq 0$ . By Theorem 6  $G_2=\bar{c}G_1=f_1=f_2=0$  and so Theorem 6 shows that

$$|B_1G_1u_0v_2|^2 \le (|\bar{F}_1u_0 + \bar{F}_2u_1|^2 - |\bar{G}_1|^2|u_0|^2 + |F_2|^2|u_0|^2)|g_2|^2(v_1|^2 + |v_2|^2).$$

Since 
$$c \neq 0, G_1 = 0$$
 and so by Theorem 6  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is nearly normal.

*Remark.* In this section, we consider only very special case, that is,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are polynomials. However we can prove a few results only when  $\alpha - \beta$  is a polynomial.

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