# $\Gamma$-Unitaries, Dilation and a Natural Example 

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#### Abstract

This note constructs an explicit normal boundary dilation for a commuting pair ( $S, P$ ) of bounded operators with the symmetrized bidisk $$
\Gamma=\left\{\left(z_{1}+z_{2}, z_{1} z_{2}\right):\left|z_{1}\right|,\left|z_{2}\right| \leq 1\right\}
$$ as a spectral set. Such explicit dilations have hitherto been constructed only in the unit disk [11], the unit bidisk [3] and in the tetrablock [6]. The dilation is minimal and unique under a suitable condition. This paper also contains a natural example of a $\Gamma$-isometry. We compute its associated fundamental operator.

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## §1. Introduction

This section contains the background and the statements of two main results.
In 1951, von Neumann proved the inequality

$$
\|f(T)\| \leq \sup \{|f(z)|:|z| \leq 1\}
$$

where $T$ is a Hilbert space contraction and $f$ is a polynomial. A proof, different from that of von Neumann, emerged when Sz.-Nagy proved his dilation theorem: Every contraction $T$ can be dilated to a unitary $U$, i.e., if $T$ acts on $\mathcal{H}$, then there is a Hilbert space $\mathcal{K} \supset \mathcal{H}$ and a unitary $U$ on $\mathcal{K}$ such that

$$
T^{n}=\left.P_{\mathcal{H}} U^{n}\right|_{\mathcal{H}} .
$$

[^0]Indeed, the proof of von Neumann's inequality then is

$$
\|f(T)\|=\left\|\left.P_{\mathcal{H}} f(U)\right|_{\mathcal{H}}\right\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq\|f(U)\|_{\mathcal{K}} \leq \sup \{|f(z)|:|z| \leq 1\}
$$

because $f(U)$ is a normal operator with $\sigma(f(U))=\{f(z): z \in \sigma(U)\} \subset\{f(z)$ : $|z|=1\}$.

It has long been a theme of research whether the converse direction is possible. This means that one chooses a compact subset $K$ of the plane or of $\mathbb{C}^{d}$ for $d>1$, considers a $d$-tuple $\underline{T}=\left(T_{1}, T_{2}, \ldots, T_{d}\right)$ of commuting bounded operators that satisfies

$$
\|f(\underline{T})\| \leq \sup \{|f(z)|: z \in K\}
$$

for all rational functions $f$ with poles off $K$ and tries to see if there is a commuting tuple of bounded normal operators $\underline{N}=\left(N_{1}, N_{2}, \ldots, N_{d}\right)$ with $\sigma(\underline{N}) \subset b K$, the distinguished boundary of $K$, such that

$$
f(\underline{T})=\left.P_{\mathcal{H}} f(\underline{N})\right|_{\mathcal{H}} .
$$

The tuple $\underline{N}$ is then called a normal boundary dilation. An explicit construction of such an $\underline{N}$ has succeeded, apart from in the disk [11], only in the bidisk [3], although the existence of a dilation is abstractly known for an annulus [1].

The (closed) symmetrized bidisk

$$
\Gamma=\left\{\left(z_{1}+z_{2}, z_{1} z_{2}\right):\left|z_{1}\right|,\left|z_{2}\right| \leq 1\right\}
$$

is polynomially convex. Then, by the Oka-Weil theorem, a polynomial dilation is the same as a rational dilation. In other words,

$$
T_{1}^{k_{1}} \cdots T_{d}^{k_{d}}=\left.P_{\mathcal{H}} N_{1}^{k_{1}} \cdots N_{d}^{k_{d}}\right|_{\mathcal{H}}
$$

for $k_{1}, \ldots, k_{d} \geq 0$.
Consider the class $A(\Gamma)$ of functions continuous in $\Gamma$ and holomorphic in the interior of $\Gamma$. A boundary of $\Gamma$ (with respect to $A(\Gamma)$ ) is a subset on which every function in $A(\Gamma)$ attains its maximum modulus. It is known that there is a smallest one among such boundaries. This particular smallest one is called the distinguished boundary of the symmetrized bidisk and is denoted by $b \Gamma$. It is well known that $b \Gamma$ is the symmetrization of the torus, i.e., $b \Gamma=\left\{\left(z_{1}+z_{2}, z_{1} z_{2}\right):\left|z_{1}\right|=1=\left|z_{2}\right|\right\}$.

Definition 1. A $\Gamma$-contraction is a commuting pair of bounded operators $(S, P)$ on a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ such that the set $\Gamma$ is a spectral set for $(S, P)$, i.e.,

$$
\|f(S, P)\| \leq \sup \{|f(s, p)|:(s, p) \in \Gamma\}
$$

for any polynomial $f$ in two variables.

Definition 2. A $\Gamma$-unitary $(R, U)$ is a commuting pair of bounded normal operators on a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ such that $\sigma(R, U) \subset b \Gamma$ (this is automatically a $\Gamma$-contraction).

Definition 3. A $\Gamma$-isometry is the restriction of a $\Gamma$-unitary to a joint invariant subspace.

The work of the first author and other co-authors showed in [4] that given a $\Gamma$-contraction $(S, P)$, there exists a unique operator $F \in \mathcal{B}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P}\right)$ with numerical radius no greater than 1 that satisfies the fundamental equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
S-S^{*} P=D_{P} F D_{P} \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $D_{P}=\left(I-P^{*} P\right)^{1 / 2}$ is the defect operator of the contraction $P$ and $\mathcal{D}_{P}=$ $\overline{\operatorname{Ran}} D_{P}$ (the second component of a $\Gamma$-contraction is always a contraction). This operator $F$ is called the fundamental operator of the $\Gamma$-contraction $(S, P)$. Our first major result is the construction of a $\Gamma$-unitary dilation of a $\Gamma$-contraction explicitly. Let $F$ be the fundamental operator of a $\Gamma$-contraction $(S, P)$ on $\mathcal{H}$. The $\Gamma$-isometry, discovered in [4], that dilates $(S, P)$ is described below. The space is $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}=\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{D}_{P} \oplus \mathcal{D}_{P} \oplus \cdots$, which is the same as the minimal isometric dilation space of the contraction $P$. In fact, the second component $V$ of the $\Gamma$-isometric dilation $\left(T_{F}, V\right)$ is the minimal isometric dilation of $P$. So

$$
V=\left(\begin{array}{c|cccc}
P & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
\hline D_{P} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
0 & I & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
0 & 0 & I & 0 & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) .
$$

The first component $T_{F}$ is

$$
\left(\begin{array}{c|cccc}
S & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
\hline F^{*} D_{P} & F & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
0 & F^{*} & F & 0 & \cdots \\
0 & 0 & F^{*} & F & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)
$$

The $\Gamma$-unitary dilation is obtained by extending the $\Gamma$-isometry above. Note that by Definition 3, every $\Gamma$-isometry is the restriction of a $\Gamma$-unitary to a joint invariant subspace. So the existence of a $\Gamma$-unitary dilation of $(S, P)$ is guaranteed the moment one produces a $\Gamma$-isometric dilation. We construct it below.

The defining criterion of a $\Gamma$-contraction implies that the adjoint pair $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$ is also a $\Gamma$-contraction. Consider its fundamental operator $G \in \mathcal{B}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$, where $D_{P^{*}}=\left(I-P P^{*}\right)^{1 / 2}$ is the defect operator and $\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}=\overline{\operatorname{Ran}} D_{P^{*}}$ is its defect space. This $G$ satisfies

$$
\begin{equation*}
S^{*}-S P^{*}=D_{P^{*}} G D_{P^{*}} \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Just as the $\Gamma$-isometric dilation acts on the space of minimal isometric dilation of $P$, it turns out that the $\Gamma$-unitary dilation acts on the space of minimal unitary dilation of $P$. For brevity, let us denote $\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}} \oplus \mathcal{D}_{P^{*}} \oplus \cdots$ by $l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$. Note that the isometry $V$ above has a natural unitary extension $U$ on $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}} \oplus l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$. In operator matrix form it is

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ll}
V & X^{\prime} \\
0 & Y^{\prime}
\end{array}\right)
$$

with respect to the decomposition $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}} \oplus l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$, where the operators $X^{\prime}: l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$ $\rightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}\left(=\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{D}_{P} \oplus \mathcal{D}_{P} \oplus \cdots\right)$ and $Y^{\prime}: l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right) \rightarrow l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$ are given by

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
D_{P^{*}} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
-P^{*} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) \quad \text { and } \quad\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & I & 0 & \cdots \\
0 & 0 & I & \cdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right), \quad \text { respectively. }
$$

On the same space, the $\Gamma$-unitary dilation acts. Its first component $R$ is the following extension of $T_{F}$ :

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
T_{F} & X \\
0 & Y
\end{array}\right)
$$

with respect to the decomposition $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}} \oplus l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$, where the operators $X: l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right) \rightarrow$ $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}$ and $Y: l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right) \rightarrow l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$ are given by

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
D_{P^{*}} G & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
-P^{*} G & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) \quad \text { and } \quad\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
G^{*} & G & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
0 & G^{*} & G & 0 & \cdots \\
0 & 0 & G^{*} & G & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right), \quad \text { respectively. }
$$

Theorem 4. The pair $(R, U)$ is a $\Gamma$-unitary dilation of $(S, P)$.
Note the similarity of the construction to Schäffer's construction in [11] of the unitary dilation of a contraction. The crucial inputs are $F$ and $G$ in the construction of $R$. After we completed this work, we came to know that Pal [9] has independently proved the theorem above.

In the case of any dilation, uniqueness is a natural question, i.e., given $\underline{T}=$ $\left(T_{1}, T_{2}, \ldots, T_{d}\right)$ acting on $\mathcal{H}$ and a dilation $\underline{N}=\left(N_{1}, N_{2}, \ldots, N_{d}\right)$ acting on $\mathcal{K} \supset \mathcal{H}$, is it true that any other dilation, say $\underline{N^{\prime}}=\left(N_{1}^{\prime}, N_{2}^{\prime}, \ldots, N_{d}^{\prime}\right)$ on $\mathcal{K}^{\prime} \supset \mathcal{H}$ is unitarily equivalent to $\underline{N}$ ? The answer is yes when the compact set $K=\overline{\mathbb{D}}=\{z \in \mathbb{C}:|z| \leq$ $1\}$ and the number $d$ of co-ordinates of $\underline{T}$ is 1 under a certain natural condition called minimality. If $T$ is a contraction, $N$ is a unitary dilation and the space $\mathcal{K}$ is minimal, i.e.,

$$
\mathcal{K}=\left\{N^{n} h: h \in \mathcal{H} \text { and } n \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}
$$

then any other minimal unitary dilation of $T$ is unitarily equivalent to $N$. The $\Gamma$ unitary dilation constructed above is minimal. Moreover, it is unique in the sense described in the theorem below.

Theorem 5 (Uniqueness). Let $(S, P)$ be a $\Gamma$-contraction on a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ and $(R, U)$, as defined above, be the $\Gamma$-unitary dilation of $(S, P)$.
(i) If $(\tilde{R}, U)$ is another $\Gamma$-unitary dilation of $(S, P)$, then $\tilde{R}=R$.
(ii) If $(\tilde{R}, \tilde{U})$, on some Hilbert space $\tilde{\mathcal{K}}$ containing $\mathcal{H}$, is another $\Gamma$-unitary dilation of $(S, P)$, where $\tilde{U}$ is a minimal unitary dilation of $P$, then $(\tilde{R}, \tilde{U})$ is unitarily equivalent to $(R, U)$.

This theorem is special because when $K=\overline{\mathbb{D}} \times \overline{\mathbb{D}}$, then the corresponding minimality condition does not yield unitary equivalence; see [8].

The last section of this paper, i.e., Section 5, has concrete examples of fundamental operators. Fundamental operators are of utmost importance in the study of $\Gamma$-contractions, as is clear from the discussion above and also from abundant use of fundamental operators in the literature. A few notable mentions of the uses of the fundamental operator are [5, Prop. 4.3 and Thm. 4.4] and [10, Thm. 3.5]. Computing the fundamental operator of a given $\Gamma$-contraction is usually difficult. In Section 5, we explicitly compute the fundamental operators of three natural examples. These examples originate from function theory on the bidisk, which has been a rich source of examples of $\Gamma$-contractions; see [4].

## §2. Elementary results on $\Gamma$-contractions

This section contains certain preliminary results on $\Gamma$-contractions. Just as

$$
\begin{equation*}
P D_{P}=D_{P^{*}} P \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and its adjoint equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
D_{P} P^{*}=P^{*} D_{P^{*}} \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

have been known since the time of Sz.-Nagy and Foias, we have a crucial operator equality in the case of a $\Gamma$-contraction $(S, P)$ that relates $S, P$ and the fundamental operator $F$. It is

$$
\begin{equation*}
D_{P} S=F D_{P}+F^{*} D_{P} P \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

The adjoint form of this equality involves the $\Gamma$-contraction $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$ and its fundamental operator $G$. It is

$$
\begin{equation*}
D_{P^{*}} S^{*}=G D_{P^{*}}+G^{*} D_{P^{*}} P^{*} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The next lemma gives a relation between the fundamental operators of the two $\Gamma$-contractions $(S, P)$ and $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$. This can be found in [5, Prop. 2.3]. Hence we omit the proof.

Lemma 6. Let $(S, P)$ be a $\Gamma$-contraction and $F, G$ are fundamental operators of $(S, P)$ and $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$ respectively. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
P^{*} G=\left.F^{*} P^{*}\right|_{\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}} \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Remark 7. If one applies Lemma 6 for the $\Gamma$-contraction $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$ in place of $(S, P)$, then the result is $P F=\left.G^{*} P\right|_{\mathcal{D}_{P}}$.

The next two lemmas give new relations between the fundamental operators of $\Gamma$-contractions $(S, P)$ and $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$.

Lemma 8. Let $(S, P)$ be a $\Gamma$-contraction on a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$. If $F$ and $G$ are fundamental operators of $(S, P)$ and $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$ respectively, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\left(S D_{P}-D_{P^{*}} G P\right)\right|_{\mathcal{D}_{P}}=D_{P} F \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. Note that the LHS and the RHS of (2.6) are operators from $\mathcal{D}_{P}$ to $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(S D_{P}-D_{P^{*}} G P\right) D_{P} h & =S\left(I-P^{*} P\right) h-D_{P^{*}} G P D_{P} h \\
& =S h-S P^{*} P h-\left(D_{P^{*}} G D_{P^{*}}\right) P h \\
& =S h-S P^{*} P h-S^{*} P h+S P^{*} P h \\
& =S h-S^{*} P h=D_{P} F D_{P} h \quad \text { for all } h \in \mathcal{H} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $\mathcal{D}_{P}=\overline{\operatorname{Ran}} D_{P}$ and the operators are bounded, we are done.
Remark 9. If one applies Lemma 8 for the $\Gamma$-contraction $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$ in place of $(S, P)$, then the result is $S^{*} D_{P^{*}}-D_{P} F P^{*}=D_{P^{*}} G$.

Lemma 10. Let $F$ and $G$ be the fundamental operators of $(S, P)$ and $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$ respectively. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\left(F^{*} D_{P} D_{P^{*}}-F P^{*}\right)\right|_{\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}}=D_{P} D_{P^{*}} G-P^{*} G^{*} \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. Note that the LHS and the RHS of (2.7) are operators from $\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}$ to $\mathcal{D}_{P}$ :

$$
\begin{array}{rlrl}
\left(F^{*} D_{P} D_{P^{*}}-F P^{*}\right) D_{P^{*}} h & =F^{*} D_{P}\left(I-P P^{*}\right) h-F P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h & \\
& =F^{*} D_{P} h-F^{*} D_{P} P P^{*} h-F D_{P} P^{*} h & & {[\operatorname{using}(2.2)]} \\
& =F^{*} D_{P} h-\left(F^{*} D_{P} P+F D_{P}\right) P^{*} h & \\
& =\left(F^{*} D_{P}-D_{P} S P^{*}\right) h & & {[\operatorname{using}(2.3)]} \\
& =\left(D_{P} S^{*}-P^{*} G^{*} D_{P^{*}}\right) h-D_{P} S P^{*} h & {[\operatorname{using}(2.6)]}  \tag{2.6}\\
& =D_{P}\left(S^{*}-S P^{*}\right) h-P^{*} G^{*} D_{P^{*}} h & \\
& =D_{P} D_{P^{*}} G D_{P^{*}} h-P^{*} G^{*} D_{P^{*}} h & \\
& =\left(D_{P} D_{P^{*}} G-P^{*} G^{*}\right) D_{P^{*}} h &
\end{array}
$$

for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$. Since $\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}=\overline{\operatorname{Ran}} D_{P^{*}}$ and the operators are bounded, we are done.

## §3. Г-unitary dilation of a $\Gamma$-contraction: Proof of Theorem 4

The starting point of the proof of Theorem 4 is the pair $\left(T_{F}, V\right)$ on $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}=\mathcal{H} \oplus l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P}\right)$, where

$$
T_{F}\left(h \oplus\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)\right)=\left(S h \oplus\left(F^{*} D_{P} h+F a_{0}, F^{*} a_{0}+F a_{1}, F^{*} a_{1}+F a_{2}, \ldots\right)\right)
$$

and

$$
V\left(h \oplus\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)\right)=\left(P h \oplus\left(D_{P} h, a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)\right) .
$$

We know from [4] that this pair is a $\Gamma$-isometric dilation for $(S, P)$. So the job reduces to finding an explicit $\Gamma$-unitary extension of $\left(T_{F}, V\right)$. For that, it is natural to consider the minimal unitary extension $U$ of $V$ on $\mathcal{K}=\widetilde{\mathcal{H}} \oplus l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$. The explicit form of $U$ due to Schäffer [11] is given in Section 1. Schäffer proved that $U$ is the minimal unitary dilation of $P$.

We shall first prove that $(R, U)$ on $\mathcal{K}$, defined in Section 1 , is a $\Gamma$-unitary. To be able to do that, we need a tractable characterization of a $\Gamma$-unitary. This can be found in [4]: the fourth part of Theorem 2.5 there tells us that a pair of commuting operators $(R, U)$ defined on a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ is a $\Gamma$-unitary if and only if $U$ is unitary and $(R, U)$ is a $\Gamma$-contraction. So, for our particular $(R, U)$, we shall show that
(i) $R U=U R$ and
(ii) $\|f(R, U)\| \leq\|f\|_{\infty, \Gamma}$, for every polynomial $f$ in two variables.

To show that $R=\left(\begin{array}{cc}T_{F} & X \\ 0 & Y\end{array}\right)$ and $U=\left(\begin{array}{cc}V & X^{\prime} \\ 0 & Y^{\prime}\end{array}\right)$ commute, we shall have to show $Y Y^{\prime}=Y^{\prime} Y$ and $X Y^{\prime}+T_{F} X^{\prime}=X^{\prime} Y+V X$.

Commutativity of $Y$ and $Y^{\prime}$ can be verified by direct computation, but perhaps a more elegant way to see it is to note that the space on which these operators act is unitarily equivalent to the space of $\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}$-valued Hardy space on the disk. Under conjugation by the same unitary, $Y^{\prime}$ becomes the backward shift and $Y$ becomes the adjoint of multiplication by the operator-valued function $G+G^{*} z$ (a so-called co-analytic Toeplitz operator). Thus they commute.

For all $\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) \in l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$ we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(X Y^{\prime}+\right. & \left.T_{F} X^{\prime}\right)\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) \\
= & X\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}, \ldots\right)+T_{F}\left(D_{P^{*}} a_{0} \oplus\left(-P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right) \\
= & \left(D_{P^{*}} G a_{1} \oplus\left(-P^{*} G a_{1}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right) \\
& +\left(S D_{P^{*}} a_{0} \oplus\left(\left(F^{*} D_{P} D_{P^{*}}-F P^{*}\right) a_{0},-F^{*} P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right) \\
= & \left(S D_{P^{*}} a_{0}+D_{P^{*}} G a_{1}\right) \\
& \oplus\left(\left(F^{*} D_{P} D_{P^{*}}-F P^{*}\right) a_{0}-P^{*} G a_{1},-F^{*} P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(X^{\prime} Y+\right. & V X)\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) \\
= & X^{\prime}\left(G^{*} a_{0}+G a_{1}, G^{*} a_{1}+G a_{2}, G^{*} a_{2}+G a_{3}, \ldots\right) \\
& +V\left(D_{P^{*}} G a_{0} \oplus\left(-P^{*} G a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right) \\
= & \left(\left(D_{P^{*}} G^{*} a_{0}+D_{P^{*}} G a_{1}\right) \oplus\left(-P^{*} G^{*} a_{0}-P^{*} G a_{1}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right) \\
& +\left(P D_{P^{*}} G a_{0} \oplus\left(D_{P} D_{P^{*}} G a_{0},-P^{*} G a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right) \\
= & \left(\left(D_{P^{*}} G^{*}+P D_{P^{*}} G\right) a_{0}+D_{P^{*}} G a_{1}\right) \\
& \oplus\left(\left(D_{P} D_{P^{*}} G-P^{*} G^{*}\right) a_{0}-P^{*} G a_{1},-P^{*} G a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

The lemmas of the previous section will now be useful. By Lemmas 10 and 6 and equation (2.4), it follows that $X Y^{\prime}+T_{F} X^{\prime}=X^{\prime} Y+V X$. Thus the proof of commutativity is complete.

We now prove that $R$ is a normal operator. What we first prove is that $R=$ $R^{*} U$, because this will imply that $R$ is a normal operator. Establishing the equality $R=R^{*} U$ is equivalent to showing the following equalities:
(a) $Y=Y^{*} Y^{\prime}+X^{*} X^{\prime}$;
(b) $X^{*} V=0$;
(c) $X=T_{F}^{*} X^{\prime}$; and
(d) $T_{F}=T_{F}^{*} V$.

From the definitions of $X$ and $Y$, it is easy to check that

$$
X^{*}\left(h \oplus\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)\right)=\left(G^{*} D_{P *} h-G^{*} P a_{0}, \ldots\right)
$$

and

$$
Y^{*}\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)=\left(G a_{0}, G^{*} a_{0}+G a_{1}, G^{*} a_{1}+G a_{2}, \ldots\right) .
$$

Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(Y^{*} Y^{\prime}\right. & \left.+X^{*} X^{\prime}\right)\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) \\
= & Y^{*}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}, \ldots\right)+X^{*}\left(D_{P^{*}} a_{0} \oplus\left(-P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right) \\
= & \left(G a_{1}, G^{*} a_{1}+G a_{2}, G^{*} a_{2}+G a_{3}, \ldots\right) \\
& +\left(G^{*}\left(I-P P^{*}\right) a_{0}+G^{*} P P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right) \\
= & \left(G^{*} a_{0}+G a_{1}, G^{*} a_{1}+G a_{2}, G^{*} a_{2}+G a_{3}, \ldots\right)=Y\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

which establishes (a). To prove (b), we use equation (2.1) and see that

$$
\begin{aligned}
X^{*} V\left(h \oplus\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)\right) & =X^{*}\left(P h \oplus\left(D_{P} h, a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)\right) \\
& =\left(\left(G^{*} D_{P^{*}} P-G^{*} P D_{P}\right) h, 0,0,0, \ldots\right)=0 .
\end{aligned}
$$

To prove (c), we use Remark 9 and Lemma 6 to get

$$
\begin{aligned}
T_{F}^{*} X^{\prime}\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) & =T_{F}^{*}\left(D_{P^{*}} a_{0} \oplus\left(-P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right) \\
& =\left(S^{*} D_{P^{*}} a_{0}-D_{P} F P^{*} a_{0}\right) \oplus\left(-F^{*} P^{*}, 0,0, \ldots\right) \\
& =X\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $\left(T_{F}, V\right)$ is a $\Gamma$-isometry, (d) holds, by [4, Thm. 2.14].
Now we proceed to show that $(R, U)$ satisfies the von Neumann inequality. For any polynomial $f$ in two variables we have

$$
f(R, U)=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
f\left(T_{F}, V\right) & Z_{f} \\
0 & f\left(Y, Y^{\prime}\right)
\end{array}\right)
$$

where $\left(T_{F}, V\right)$ and $\left(Y, Y^{\prime}\right)=\left(M_{G+G^{*} z}, M_{z}\right)^{*}$ are $\Gamma$-contractions and $Z_{f}$ is an operator depending on $f$. We have by [7, Lem. 1] that

$$
\sigma(f(R, U)) \subset \sigma\left(f\left(T_{F}, V\right)\right) \cup \sigma\left(f\left(Y, Y^{\prime}\right)\right)
$$

which gives

$$
\begin{aligned}
r(f(R, U)) \leq \max \left\{r\left(f\left(T_{F}, V\right)\right), r\left(f\left(Y, Y^{\prime}\right)\right)\right\} & \leq \max \left\{\left\|f\left(T_{F}, V\right)\right\|,\left\|f\left(Y, Y^{\prime}\right)\right\|\right\} \\
& \leq\|f\|_{\infty, \Gamma}
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $R$ is a normal operator, so is $f(R, U)$ and hence $r(f(R, U))=\|f(R, U)\|$. This completes the proof of part (ii). Hence $(R, U)$ is a $\Gamma$-unitary.

To complete the proof of Theorem 4, we need to show that $(R, U)$ dilates $(S, P)$. This is trivial because $(R, U)$ is the extension of $\left(T_{F}, V\right)$, which is a coextension of $(S, P)$.

## §4. Minimality and uniqueness

In this section we prove Theorem 5. First we remark that the dilation is minimal.
Remark 11 (Minimality). Minimality of a commuting normal boundary dilation $\underline{N}=\left(N_{1}, N_{2}, \ldots, N_{d}\right)$ on a space $\mathcal{K}$ of a commuting tuple $\left(T_{1}, T_{2}, \ldots, T_{d}\right)$ of bounded operators on a space $\mathcal{H}$ means that the space $\mathcal{K}$ is no bigger than the closure of the span of the following set:

$$
\left\{N_{1}^{k_{1}} N_{2}^{k_{2}} \cdots N_{d}^{k_{d}} N_{1}^{* l_{1}} N_{2}^{* l_{2}} \cdots N_{d}^{* l_{d}} h: h \in \mathcal{H}, \text { where } k_{i}, l_{i} \in \mathbb{N} \text { for } i=1,2, \ldots, d\right\} .
$$

Note that the space $\mathcal{K}$ has to be at least this big. In our construction, the space is just the minimal unitary dilation space of $P$ (which is unique up to unitary equivalence). It is a bit of a surprise that one can find the $\Gamma$-unitary dilation of $(S, P)$ on the same space, while one would have normally expected the dilation space to be bigger. Since no dilation of $(S, P)$ can take place on a space smaller than the minimal unitary dilation space of $P$ (because the dilation has to dilate $P$ as well), our construction of $\Gamma$-unitary dilation is minimal. Indeed, post facto we know from our dilation that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \overline{\operatorname{span}}\left\{R^{m_{1}} R^{* m_{2}} U^{n} h: h \in \mathcal{H}, m_{1}, m_{2} \in \mathbb{N} \text { and } n \in \mathbb{Z}\right\} \\
& \quad=\overline{\operatorname{span}}\left\{U^{n} h: h \in \mathcal{H} \text { and } n \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

Note the absence of $R$ on the right-hand side.
We now prove a weaker version of the uniqueness theorem and then we use it to prove the main result.

Lemma 12. Suppose $(S, P)$ is a $\Gamma$-contraction on a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ and $(R, U)$ is the above $\Gamma$-unitary dilation of $(S, P)$. If $(\tilde{R}, U)$ is another $\Gamma$-unitary dilation of $(S, P)$ such that $\tilde{R}$ is an extension of $T_{F}$, then $\tilde{R}=R$.
Proof. Suppose $(\tilde{R}, U)$ is another $\Gamma$-unitary dilation of $(S, P)$, such that $\tilde{R}$ is an extension of $T_{F}$. Since $\tilde{R}$ is an extension of $T_{F}, \tilde{R}$ is of the form $\left(\begin{array}{c}T_{F} \\ 0 \\ Y\end{array}\right)$ with respect to the decomposition $\mathcal{K}=\widetilde{\mathcal{H}} \oplus l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$. Since $U=\left(\begin{array}{cc}V & X^{\prime} \\ 0 & Y^{\prime}\end{array}\right)$ is unitary and $\tilde{R} U=U \tilde{R}$, we have, from easy matrix calculations,

$$
\begin{equation*}
Y^{\prime *} Y^{\prime}+X^{*} X^{\prime}=I, \quad X^{\prime *} V=0 \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tilde{Y} Y^{\prime}=Y^{\prime} \tilde{Y}, \quad \tilde{X} Y^{\prime}+T_{F} X^{\prime}=X^{\prime} \tilde{Y}+V \tilde{X} \tag{4.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Also since $(\tilde{R}, U)$ is a $\Gamma$-unitary, we have $\tilde{R}=\tilde{R}^{*} U$ and that gives $\tilde{X}=T_{F}^{*} X^{\prime}$. So

$$
\begin{aligned}
\tilde{X}\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) & =T_{F}^{*} X^{\prime}\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) \\
& =T_{F}^{*}\left(D_{P^{*}} a_{0} \oplus\left(-P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right) \\
& =\left(S^{*} D_{P^{*}} a_{0}-D_{P} F P^{*} a_{0}\right) \oplus\left(-F^{*} P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right) \\
& \left.=\left(D_{P^{*}} G a_{0} \oplus\left(-F^{*} P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right) \quad \text { [by Remark } 9\right] \\
& =X\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Now to find $\tilde{Y}$, we proceed as follows: From the second equation of (4.2) we have

$$
\begin{align*}
X^{\prime} \tilde{Y} & +V \tilde{X}=\tilde{X} Y^{\prime}+T_{F} X^{\prime} & & \\
& \Rightarrow X^{\prime *} X^{\prime} \tilde{Y}+X^{\prime *} V \tilde{X}=X^{*} \tilde{X} Y^{\prime}+X^{*} T_{F} X^{\prime} & & {\left[\text { multiplying } X^{\prime *}\right. \text { from left] }} \\
& \Rightarrow\left(I-Y^{\prime *} Y^{\prime}\right) \tilde{Y}=X^{\prime *} \tilde{X} Y^{\prime}+X^{\prime *} T_{F} X^{\prime} & & {[\text { using (4.1)] }} \\
& \Rightarrow \tilde{Y}^{*}\left(I-Y^{\prime *} Y^{\prime}\right)=Y^{\prime *} \tilde{X}^{*} X^{\prime}+X^{\prime *} T_{F}^{*} X^{\prime} . & & (*) \tag{*}
\end{align*}
$$

Note that $\left(I-Y^{\prime *} Y^{\prime}\right)$ is the orthogonal projection of $l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$ onto the first component. Let $x=\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)$ be in $l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$. From $(*)$ we get

$$
\tilde{Y}^{*}\left(a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)=Y^{\prime *} \tilde{X}^{*} X^{\prime}\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)+X^{\prime *} T_{F}^{*} X^{\prime}\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)
$$

Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
Y^{\prime *} \tilde{X}^{*} & X^{\prime}\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)+X^{\prime *} T_{F}^{*} X^{\prime}\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) \\
= & Y^{\prime *} \tilde{X}^{*}\left(D_{P^{*}} a_{0} \oplus\left(-P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right)+X^{\prime *} T_{F}^{*}\left(D_{P^{*}} a_{0} \oplus\left(-P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right) \\
= & Y^{\prime *}\left(\left(D_{P^{*}} S-P F^{*} D_{P}\right) D_{P^{*}} a_{0}+P F P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right) \\
& +X^{\prime *}\left(\left(S^{*} D_{P^{*}}-D_{P} F P^{*}\right) a_{0} \oplus\left(-F^{*} P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)\right) \\
= & \left(0,\left(D_{P^{*}} S-P F^{*} D_{P}\right) D_{P^{*}} a_{0}+P F P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right) \\
& +\left(D_{P^{*}}\left(S^{*} D_{P^{*}}-D_{P} F P^{*}\right) a_{0}+P F^{*} P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right) \\
= & \left(D_{P^{*}}\left(S^{*} D_{P^{*}}-D_{P} F P^{*}\right) a_{0}+P F^{*} P^{*} a_{0},\right. \\
& \left.\left(D_{P^{*}} S-P F^{*} D_{P}\right) D_{P^{*}} a_{0}+P F P^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Let us denote the operator $\left.\left(D_{P^{*}}\left(S^{*} D_{P^{*}}-D_{P} F P^{*}\right)+P F^{*} P^{*}\right)\right|_{\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}}$ by $C$. Then we have $\tilde{Y}^{*}\left(a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)=\left(C a_{0}, C^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)$. Note that $C$ is an operator from $\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}$ to $\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}$. We shall show that $C=G$, where $G$ is the fundamental operator of the $\Gamma$-contraction $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$. The following computation establishes that.

For $h, h^{\prime}$ in $\mathcal{H}$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\left\langle C D_{P^{*}} h, D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle \\
&=\left\langle\left(D_{P^{*}}\left(S^{*} D_{P^{*}}-D_{P} F P^{*}\right)+P F^{*} P^{*}\right) D_{P^{*}} h, D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle \\
&=\left\langle D_{P^{*}} S^{*}\left(I-P P^{*}\right) h-D_{P^{*}}\left(D_{P} F D_{P}\right) P^{*} h+P F^{*} P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h, D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle \\
&=\left\langle D_{P^{*}} S^{*} h-D_{P^{*}} S^{*} P P^{*} h-D_{P^{*}} S P^{*} h+D_{P^{*}} S^{*} P P^{*} h+P F^{*} P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h,\right. \\
&\left.D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle \\
&=\left\langle D_{P^{*}} S^{*} h-D_{P^{*}} S P^{*} h+P F^{*} P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h, D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle \\
&=\left\langle D_{P^{*}}\left(S^{*}-S P^{*}\right) h+P F^{*} P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h, D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle \\
&=\left\langle D_{P^{*}}^{2} G D_{P^{*}} h+P F^{*} P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h, D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle \\
&=\left\langle\left(I-P P^{*}\right) G D_{P^{*}} h, D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle+\left\langle F^{*} P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h, P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle \\
&=\left\langle G D_{P^{*}} h, D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle-\left\langle P^{*} G D_{P^{*}} h, P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle+\left\langle F^{*} P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h, P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle \\
&=\left\langle G D_{P^{*}} h, D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle-\left\langle F^{*} P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h, D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle+\left\langle F^{*} P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h, P^{*} D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle \\
&=\left\langle G D_{P^{*}} h, D_{P^{*}} h^{\prime}\right\rangle .
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence $C=G$ and hence for every $a$ in $\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}$,

$$
\tilde{Y}^{*}(a, 0,0,0, \ldots)=\left(G a, G^{*} a, 0,0, \ldots\right)
$$

We want to compute the action of $\tilde{Y}^{*}$ on an arbitrary vector. Now using the first equation of (4.2), we have for every $n \geq 0$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\tilde{Y}^{*}(\overbrace{0, \ldots, 0}^{n \text { times }}, a, 0, \ldots) & =\tilde{Y}^{*} Y^{\prime *}(a, 0,0,0, \ldots) \\
& =Y^{\prime * n} \tilde{Y}^{*}(a, 0,0,0, \ldots) \\
& =Y^{\prime * n}\left(G a, G^{*} a, 0,0, \ldots\right)=(\overbrace{0, \ldots, 0}^{n \text { times }}, G a, G^{*} a, 0,0, \ldots) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore for an arbitrary element $\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) \in l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\tilde{Y}^{*}\left(a_{0}\right. & \left., a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) \\
\quad= & \tilde{Y}^{*}\left(\left(a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)+\left(0, a_{1}, 0, \ldots\right)+\left(0,0, a_{2}, \ldots\right)+\cdots\right) \\
& =\left(G a_{0}, G^{*} a_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right)+\left(0, G a_{1}, G^{*} a_{1}, 0,0, \ldots\right) \\
& \quad+\left(0,0, G a_{2}, G^{*} a_{2}, 0,0, \ldots\right)+\cdots \\
& =\left(G a_{0}, G^{*} a_{0}+G a_{1}, G^{*} a_{1}+G a_{2}, \ldots\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

For $\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)$ and $\left(b_{0}, b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots\right)$ in $l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\langle\left( a_{0},\right.\right. & \left.\left.a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right), \tilde{Y}^{*}\left(b_{0}, b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots\right)\right\rangle \\
& =\left\langle\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right),\left(G b_{0}, G^{*} b_{0}+G b_{1}, G^{*} b_{1}+G b_{2}, \ldots\right)\right\rangle \\
& =\left\langle a_{0}, G b_{0}\right\rangle+\left\langle a_{1}, G^{*} b_{0}+G b_{1}\right\rangle+\left\langle a_{2}, G^{*} b_{1}+G b_{2}\right\rangle+\cdots \\
& =\left\langle G^{*} a_{0}+G a_{1}, b_{0}\right\rangle+\left\langle G^{*} a_{1}+G a_{2}, b_{1}\right\rangle+\left\langle G^{*} a_{2}+G a_{3}, b_{2}\right\rangle+\cdots \\
& =\left\langle\left(G^{*} a_{0}+G a_{1}, G^{*} a_{1}+G a_{2}, G^{*} a_{2}+G a_{3}, \ldots\right),\left(b_{0}, b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots\right)\right\rangle .
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence, by definition of the adjoint of an operator, we have
$\tilde{Y}\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)=\left(G^{*} a_{0}+G a_{1}, G^{*} a_{1}+G a_{2}, G^{*} a_{2}+G a_{3}, \ldots\right)=Y\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)$, for every $\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) \in l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$. Therefore $\tilde{R}=R$. Hence the proof is complete.

Note that when we write the operator $U$ with respect to the decomposition $l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P}\right) \oplus \mathcal{H} \oplus l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$ then this is of the form

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
U_{1} & U_{2} & U_{3} \\
0 & P & U_{4} \\
0 & 0 & U_{5}
\end{array}\right)
$$

where $U_{1}, U_{2}, U_{3}, U_{4}$ and $U_{5}$ are defined as

$$
\begin{gathered}
U_{1}\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right)=\left(0, a_{0}, a_{1}, \ldots\right), \quad U_{2}(h)=\left(D_{p} h, 0,0, \ldots\right), \\
U_{3}\left(b_{0}, b_{0}, b_{2}, \ldots\right)=\left(-P^{*} b_{0}, 0,0, \ldots\right), \quad U_{4}\left(b_{0}, b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots\right)=D_{P^{*}} b_{0}, \\
U_{5}\left(b_{0}, b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots\right)=\left(b_{1}, b_{2}, b_{3}, \ldots\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

for all $h \in \mathcal{H},\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right) \in l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P}\right)$ and $\left(b_{0}, b_{0}, b_{2}, \ldots\right) \in l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$. Note that this is the Schäffer minimal unitary dilation of the contraction $P$ as in [11] (it can also be found in [12, Sect. 5, Chap. 1].

Lemma 13. Let $(R, U)$ on $\mathcal{K}$ be a dilation of $(S, P)$ on $\mathcal{H}$, where $P$ is a contraction on $\mathcal{H}$, and $U$ on $\mathcal{K}$ is the Schäffer minimal unitary dilation of $P$. Then $R$ admits a matrix representation of the form

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
* & * & * \\
0 & S & * \\
0 & 0 & *
\end{array}\right)
$$

with respect to the decomposition $\mathcal{K}=l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P}\right) \oplus \mathcal{H} \oplus l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$.

Proof. Let $R=\left(R_{k l}\right)_{k, l=1}^{3}$ with respect to $\mathcal{K}=l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P}\right) \oplus \mathcal{H} \oplus l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$. Call $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}=l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P}\right) \oplus \mathcal{H}$. Since $U$ is minimal we have $\mathcal{K}=\bigvee_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} U^{m} \mathcal{H}$ and $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}=$ $\bigvee_{m=0}^{\infty} U^{m} \mathcal{H}=\bigvee_{m=0}^{\infty} V^{m} \mathcal{H}$, where $V$ is the minimal isometry dilation of $P$. Note that

$$
P_{\mathcal{H}} R\left(U^{m} h\right)=S P^{m} h=S P_{\mathcal{H}} U^{m} h \quad \text { for all } h \in \mathcal{H} \text { and } m \geq 0 .
$$

Therefore we have $\left.P_{\mathcal{H}} R\right|_{\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}}=\left.S P_{\mathcal{H}}\right|_{\tilde{\mathcal{H}}}$ or equivalently $S^{*}=\left.P_{\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}} R^{*}\right|_{\mathcal{H}}$. This shows that $R_{21}=0$.

Call $\widetilde{\mathcal{N}}=\mathcal{H} \oplus l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$, then note that $\widetilde{\mathcal{N}}=\bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} U^{* n} \mathcal{H}$. We have

$$
P_{\mathcal{H}} R^{*}\left(U^{* m} h\right)=S^{*} P^{* m} h=S^{*} P_{\mathcal{H}} U^{* m} h \quad \text { for all } h \in \mathcal{H} \text { and } m \geq 0 .
$$

This and a similar argument to above give us $S=\left.P_{\widetilde{\mathcal{N}}} R\right|_{\mathcal{H}}$. Therefore $R_{32}=0$.
So far, we have shown that $R$ admits a matrix representation of the form

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} \\
0 & S & R_{23} \\
R_{31} & 0 & R_{33}
\end{array}\right)
$$

with respect to the decomposition $\mathcal{K}=l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P}\right) \oplus \mathcal{H} \oplus l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$. To show that $R_{13}=0$ we proceed as follows:

From the commutativity of $R$ with $U$ we get, by an easy matrix calculation,

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{31} U_{1}=U_{5} R_{31} \quad \text { and } \quad R_{31} U_{2}=0 \tag{4.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

(equating the 31 st and 32 nd entries of $R U$ and $U R$ respectively). By the definition of $U_{2}$, we have $\operatorname{Ran} U_{2}=\operatorname{Ran}\left(I-U_{1} U_{1}^{*}\right)$. Therefore $R_{31}\left(I-U_{1} U_{1}^{*}\right)=0$, which with the first equation of (4.3) gives $R_{31}=U_{5} R_{31} U_{1}^{*}$, which gives after the $n$th iteration $R_{31}=U_{5}^{n} R_{31} U_{1}^{* n}$. Now since $U_{1}^{* n}$ goes to 0 strongly as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have that $R_{31}=0$. This completes the proof of the lemma.

Now we are ready to prove Theorem 5, the main result of this section.
Proof of part (i). Since $(\tilde{R}, U)$ is a dilation of $(S, P)$, by Lemma 13 we have $\tilde{R}$ of the form

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
T & \tilde{R}_{12} \\
0 & \tilde{R}_{22}
\end{array}\right)
$$

with respect to the decomposition $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}} \oplus l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$, where $T: \widetilde{\mathcal{H}} \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is of the form

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
T_{11} & T_{12} \\
0 & S
\end{array}\right)
$$

with respect to the decomposition $l^{2}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P}\right) \oplus \mathcal{H}$. Since $(T, V)$ on $\tilde{H}$ is the restriction of the $\Gamma$-contraction $(\tilde{R}, U)$ to $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}$ and $V$ is an isometry, we have $(T, V)$ is a $\Gamma$ isometry. Also note that $\left.T^{*}\right|_{\mathcal{H}}=S^{*}$ and $\left.V^{*}\right|_{\mathcal{H}}=P^{*}$. So $(T, V)$ is a $\Gamma$-isometric dilation of $(S, P)$. Also note that $V$ is the Schäffer minimal isometric dilation of $P$. Now it follows from [4, Thm. 4.3(2)] that $T=T_{F}$, where $T_{F}$ is as in Theorem 4. Therefore $\tilde{R}$ is an extension of $T_{F}$. Now the proof follows from Lemma 12.
Proof of part (ii). Since $\tilde{U}$ is a minimal unitary dilation of $P$, there exists a unitary operator $W: \tilde{\mathcal{K}} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ such that $W \tilde{U} W^{*}=U$ and $W h=h$ for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$. This shows that $\left(W \tilde{R} W^{*}, W \tilde{U} W^{*}\right)$ is another $\Gamma$-unitary dilation of $(S, P)$. But $W \tilde{U} W^{*}=U$. Hence by part (i) we have $\left(W \tilde{R} W^{*}, W \tilde{U} W^{*}\right)=(R, U)$. Hence the proof is complete.

Remark 14. As in the case of Ando's dilation of a commuting pair of contractions, a minimal $\Gamma$-unitary dilation of a $\Gamma$-contraction need not be unique (up to unitary equivalence). In this section, we constructed a particular $\Gamma$-unitary dilation which is the most obvious one because it acts on the minimal unitary dilation space of the contraction $P$. Moreover, if the $\Gamma$-unitary dilation space is no bigger than the minimal unitary dilation space of the contraction $P$, then the $\Gamma$-unitary dilation is unique up to unitary equivalence.

## §5. Examples of fundamental operators

## §5.1. Hardy space of the bidisk

Consider the Hilbert space

$$
\begin{aligned}
& H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right)=\left\{f: \mathbb{D}^{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}: f\left(z_{1}, z_{2}\right)=\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{i j} z_{1}^{i} z_{2}^{j}\right. \\
&\text { with } \left.\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\left|a_{i j}\right|^{2}<\infty\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

with the inner product $\left\langle\sum_{i, j=0}^{\infty} a_{i j} z_{1}^{i} z_{2}^{j}, \sum_{i, j=0}^{\infty} b_{i j} z_{1}^{i} z_{2}^{j}\right\rangle=\sum_{i, j=0}^{\infty} a_{i j} b_{i j}^{-}$. Note that the operator pair $\left(M_{z_{1}+z_{2}}, M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right)$ on $H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right)$ is a $\Gamma$-isometry, since it is the restriction of the $\Gamma$-unitary $\left(M_{z_{1}+z_{2}}, M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right)$ on $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{T}^{2}\right)$, where $\mathbb{T}$ denotes the unit circle. For brevity, we call the pair $\left(M_{z_{1}+z_{2}}, M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right)$ on $H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right)$ by $(S, P)$. In this section, we shall first find the fundamental operator of $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$.

Note that every element $f \in H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right)$ can be expressed in the matrix form

$$
\left(\left(a_{i j}\right)\right)_{i, j=0}^{\infty}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)
$$

where the $(i j)$ th entry in the matrix denotes the coefficient of $z_{1}^{i} z_{2}^{j}$ in $f\left(z_{1}, z_{2}\right)=$ $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{i j} z_{1}^{i} z_{2}^{j}$. We shall write the matrix form instead of writing the series. In this notation,
(5.1) $S\left(\left(\left(a_{i j}\right)\right)_{i, j=0}^{\infty}\right)=\left(a_{(i-1) j}+a_{i(j-1)}\right)$ and $P\left(\left(\left(a_{i j}\right)\right)_{i, j=0}^{\infty}\right)=\left(a_{(i-1)(j-1)}\right)$
with the convention that $a_{i j}$ is zero if either $i$ or $j$ is negative.
Lemma 15. The adjoints of the operators $S$ and $P$ are as follows:

$$
S^{*}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{10}+a_{01} & a_{11}+a_{02} & a_{12}+a_{03} & \ldots \\
a_{20}+a_{11} & a_{21}+a_{12} & a_{22}+a_{13} & \ldots \\
a_{30}+a_{21} & a_{31}+a_{22} & a_{32}+a_{23} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\
\vdots & \vdots &
\end{array}\right)
$$

and

$$
P^{*}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \cdots \\
a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots \\
a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \ldots \\
a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)
$$

Proof. This is a matter of straightforward inner product computation.
Lemma 16. The defect space of $P^{*}$ in matrix form is

$$
\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}=\left\{\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right):\left|a_{00}\right|^{2}+\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|a_{0 j}\right|^{2}+\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|a_{j 0}\right|^{2}<\infty\right\}
$$

The defect space in the function form is $\overline{\operatorname{span}}\left\{1, z_{1}^{i}, z_{2}^{j}: i, j \geq 1\right\}$. The defect operator for $P^{*}$ is

$$
D_{P^{*}}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) .
$$

Proof. Since $P$ is an isometry, $D_{P^{*}}$ is a projection onto Range $(P)^{\perp}=H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right) \ominus$ Range $(P)$. The rest follows from the formula for $P$ in (5.1).

Definition 17. Define $B: \mathcal{D}_{P^{*}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}$ by

$$
B\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots  \tag{5.2}\\
a_{10} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{10}+a_{01} & a_{02} & a_{03} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{30} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)
$$

for all $a_{j 0}, a_{0 j} \in \mathbb{C}, j=0,1,2, \ldots$ with $\left|a_{00}\right|^{2}+\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|a_{0 j}\right|^{2}+\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|a_{j 0}\right|^{2}<\infty$.
Lemma 18. The operator $B$ as defined in Definition 17 is the fundamental operator of $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$.

Proof. To show that $B$ is the fundamental operator of ( $S^{*}, P^{*}$ ), we shall show that $B$ satisfies the fundamental equation $S^{*}-S P^{*}=D_{P^{*}} B D_{P^{*}}$. Using Lemma 15 , we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(S^{*}-S P^{*}\right)\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) \\
& =S^{*}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)-S\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \ldots \\
a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) \\
& =\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{10}+a_{01} & a_{11}+a_{02} & a_{12}+a_{03} & \ldots \\
a_{20}+a_{11} & a_{21}+a_{12} & a_{22}+a_{13} & \ldots \\
a_{30}+a_{21} & a_{31}+a_{22} & a_{32}+a_{23} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) \\
& -\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
0 & a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots \\
a_{11} & a_{21}+a_{12} & a_{22}+a_{13} & a_{23}+a_{14} & \cdots \\
a_{21} & a_{31}+a_{22} & a_{32}+a_{23} & a_{33}+a_{24} & \cdots \\
a_{31} & a_{41}+a_{32} & a_{42}+a_{33} & a_{43}+a_{34} & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) \\
& =\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{10}+a_{01} & a_{02} & a_{03} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{30} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Using Lemma 16 and Definition 17, we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
D_{P^{*}} B D_{P^{*}}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=D_{P^{*}} B\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) \\
=D_{P^{*}}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{10}+a_{01} & a_{02} & a_{03} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{30} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{10}+a_{01} & a_{02} & a_{03} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{30} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence the proof is complete.
Now we shall consider two subspaces of the Hilbert space $H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right)$. The first one consists of all symmetric functions in $H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right)$, i.e.,

$$
H_{+}=\left\{f \in H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right): f\left(z_{1}, z_{2}\right)=f\left(z_{2}, z_{1}\right)\right\}
$$

and the second one consists of all antisymmetric functions in $H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right)$, i.e.,

$$
H_{-}=\left\{f \in H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right): f\left(z_{1}, z_{2}\right)=-f\left(z_{2}, z_{1}\right)\right\} .
$$

It can be checked that $H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right)=H_{+} \oplus H_{-}$. Since both $H_{+}$and $H_{-}$are invariant under the pair $\left(M_{z_{1}+z_{2}}, M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right)$, the spaces $H_{+}$and $H_{-}$are reducing for $\left(M_{z_{1}+z_{2}}, M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right)$. It can be easily checked from the definition of a $\Gamma$-contraction that a restriction of a $\Gamma$-contraction to an invariant subspace is again a $\Gamma$-contraction. So $\left.\left(M_{z_{1}+z_{2}}, M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right)\right|_{H_{+}}$and $\left.\left(M_{z_{1}+z_{2}}, M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right)\right|_{H_{-}}$are $\Gamma$-contractions. Since restriction of an isometry to an invariant subspace is again an isometry, $\left.M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right|_{H_{+}}$and $\left.M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right|_{H_{-}}$are isometries. Hence by [4, Thm. 2.14(2)], the pairs $\left.\left(M_{z_{1}+z_{2}}, M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right)\right|_{H_{+}}$ and $\left.\left(M_{z_{1}+z_{2}}, M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right)\right|_{H_{-}}$are $\Gamma$-isometries. For brevity, we shall use the notation $\left(S_{+}, P_{+}\right)$and $\left(S_{-}, P_{-}\right)$for the pairs $\left.\left(M_{z_{1}+z_{2}}, M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right)\right|_{H_{+}}$and $\left.\left(M_{z_{1}+z_{2}}, M_{z_{1} z_{2}}\right)\right|_{H_{-}}$ respectively. We shall find their fundamental operators.

## §5.2. Symmetric case

Every element $f \in H_{+}$has the form $f\left(z_{1}, z_{2}\right)=\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{i j} z_{1}^{i} z_{2}^{j}$, where $a_{i j} \in \mathbb{C}$ and $a_{i j}=a_{j i}$ for all $i, j \geq 0$. So we can write $f$ in the matrix form

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \cdots \\
a_{01} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
a_{02} & a_{12} & a_{22} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)
$$

In what follows, we shall exhibit the fundamental operator of the $\Gamma$-isometry $\left(S_{+}, P_{+}\right)$. The results are collected and stated in two lemmas without proof because the proofs are similar to what we did above.

Lemma 19. The adjoints of $S_{+}$and $P_{+}$are

$$
S_{+}^{*}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \cdots \\
a_{01} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots \\
a_{02} & a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
2 a_{01} & a_{11}+a_{02} & a_{12}+a_{03} & \ldots \\
a_{11}+a_{02} & 2 a_{12} & a_{22}+a_{13} & \ldots \\
a_{12}+a_{03} & a_{22}+a_{13} & 2 a_{23} & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)
$$

and

$$
P_{+}^{*}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{01} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
a_{02} & a_{12} & a_{22} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots \\
a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \ldots \\
a_{13} & a_{23} & a_{33} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) .
$$

The defect space of $P_{+}^{*}$ in matrix form is
$\mathcal{D}_{P_{+}^{*}}=\left\{\left(\begin{array}{cccc}a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\ a_{01} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\ a_{02} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots\end{array}\right): a_{0 j} \in \mathbb{C}, j \geq 0\right.$ with $\left.\left|a_{00}\right|^{2}+2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|a_{0 j}\right|^{2}<\infty\right\}$.
The defect space in function form is $\overline{\operatorname{span}}\left\{z_{1}^{i}+z_{2}^{i}: i \geq 0\right\}$. The defect operator is

$$
D_{P_{+}^{*}}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{01} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
a_{02} & a_{12} & a_{22} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{01} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{02} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) .
$$

Definition 20. Define $B_{+}: \mathcal{D}_{P_{+}^{*}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{P_{+}^{*}}$ by

$$
B_{+}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots  \tag{5.3}\\
a_{01} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{02} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
2 a_{01} & a_{02} & a_{03} & \ldots \\
a_{02} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{03} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)
$$

for all $a_{0 j} \in \mathbb{C}, j \geq 0$ with $\left|a_{00}\right|^{2}+2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|a_{0 j}\right|^{2}<\infty$.

Lemma 21. The operator $B_{+}$defined on $\mathcal{D}_{P_{+}^{*}}$ is the fundamental operator of $\left(S_{+}^{*}, P_{+}^{*}\right)$.

## §5.3. Antisymmetric case

Every element $f \in H_{-}$has the form $f\left(z_{1}, z_{2}\right)=\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{i j} z_{1}^{i} z_{2}^{j}$, where $a_{i j} \in \mathbb{C}$ and $a_{i j}=-a_{j i}$ for all $i, j \geq 0$. So we can write $f$ in the matrix form

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
-a_{01} & 0 & a_{12} & \cdots \\
-a_{02} & -a_{12} & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)
$$

Lemma 22. The adjoints of $S_{-}$and $P_{-}$are

$$
S_{-}^{*}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{01} & a_{02} & \cdots \\
-a_{01} & 0 & a_{12} & \cdots \\
-a_{02} & -a_{12} & 0 & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{02} & a_{12}+a_{03} & \cdots \\
-a_{02} & 0 & a_{13} & \cdots \\
-a_{12}-a_{03} & -a_{13} & 0 & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)
$$

and

$$
P_{-}^{*}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
-a_{01} & 0 & a_{12} & \ldots \\
-a_{02} & -a_{12} & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots \\
-a_{12} & 0 & a_{23} & \ldots \\
-a_{13} & -a_{23} & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) .
$$

The defect space of $P_{-}^{*}$ in matrix form is

$$
\mathcal{D}_{P_{-}^{*}}=\left\{\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
-a_{01} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
-a_{02} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right): a_{0 j} \in \mathbb{C}, j \geq 1 \text { with } 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|a_{0 j}\right|^{2}<\infty\right\}
$$

The defect space in function form is $\overline{\operatorname{span}}\left\{z_{1}^{i}-z_{2}^{i}: i \geq 1\right\}$ and the defect operator is

$$
D_{P_{-}^{*}}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
-a_{01} & 0 & a_{12} & \ldots \\
-a_{02} & -a_{12} & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
-a_{01} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
-a_{02} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) .
$$

Definition 23. Define $B_{-}: \mathcal{D}_{P_{-}^{*}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{P_{-}^{*}}$ by

$$
B_{-}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots  \tag{5.4}\\
-a_{01} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
-a_{02} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{02} & a_{03} & \ldots \\
-a_{02} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
-a_{03} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)
$$

for all $a_{0 j} \in \mathbb{C}, j \geq 1$ with $2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|a_{0 j}\right|^{2}<\infty$.
Lemma 24. $B_{-}$is the fundamental operator of $\left(S_{-}^{*}, P_{-}^{*}\right)$.

## §5.4. Explicit unitary equivalence

The three spaces $H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right), H_{+}$and $H_{-}$described above provide us with examples of $\Gamma$-isometries. The respective operator pairs $(S, P),\left(S_{+}, P_{+}\right)$and $\left(S_{-}, P_{-}\right)$are pure $\Gamma$-isometries. Agler and Young in [2, Thm. 3.2] proved that any pure $\Gamma$-isometry is unitarily equivalent to $\left(M_{\varphi}, M_{z}\right)$ on $H_{\mathcal{E}}^{2}(\mathbb{D})$ for some Hilbert space $\mathcal{E}$. Moreover, $\varphi$ is linear. It was shown later in [5, Thm. 3.1] that $\mathcal{E}$ can be taken to be $\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}$ and $\varphi(z)=B^{*}+B z$, where $B \in \mathcal{B}\left(\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}\right)$ is the fundamental operator of the $\Gamma$-coisometry $\left(S^{*}, P^{*}\right)$. In the final theorem of this paper, we explicitly find the unitary operators that implement unitary equivalence for the pure $\Gamma$-isometries $(S, P),\left(S_{+}, P_{+}\right)$and $\left(S_{-}, P_{-}\right)$.

Theorem 25. The three unitary operators are described separately below.
(a) The unitary operator $U: H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}}^{2}(\mathbb{D})$ that satisfies $U^{*} M_{B^{*}+z B} U=S$ and $U^{*} M_{z} U=P$ is $U f(z)=D_{P^{*}}\left(I-z P^{*}\right)^{-1} f$.
(b) The unitary operator $U_{+}: H_{+} \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{D}_{P_{+}^{*}}}^{2}(\mathbb{D})$ that satisfies

$$
U_{+}^{*} M_{B_{+}^{*}+z B_{+}} U_{+}=S_{+} \quad \text { and } \quad U_{+}^{*} M_{z} U_{+}=P_{+}
$$

is simply the restriction of the $U$ above to $H_{+}$.
(c) The unitary operator $U_{-}: H_{-} \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{D}_{P_{-}^{*}}}^{2}(\mathbb{D})$ that satisfies

$$
U_{-}^{*} M_{B_{-}^{*}+z B_{-}} U_{-}=S_{-} \quad \text { and } \quad U_{-}^{*} M_{z} U_{-}=P_{-}
$$

is the restriction of $U$ to $H_{-}$.
Proof. (a) First note that the function $z \mapsto D_{P^{*}}\left(I-z P^{*}\right)^{-1} f$ is a holomorphic function on $\mathbb{D}$, for every $f \in H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right)$. Its Taylor series expansion is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& D_{P^{*}}\left(I-z P^{*}\right)^{-1} f \\
& \quad=D_{P^{*}}\left(I+z P^{*}+z^{2} P^{* 2}+\cdots\right) f
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
=D_{P^{*}} f+z D_{P^{*}} P^{*} f+z^{2} D_{P^{*}} P^{* 2} f+\cdots
$$

$$
=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots  \tag{5.5}\\
a_{10} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+z\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots \\
a_{21} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{31} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+z^{2}\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\
a_{32} & 0 & 0 \\
a_{42} & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
\ddots
\end{array}\right)+\cdots
$$

To see that $U$ is an isometry, we do a norm computation:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\|U f\|_{H_{\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}}^{2}(\mathbb{D})}^{2} & =\left\|D_{P^{*}} f\right\|_{\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}}^{2}+\left\|D_{P^{*}} P^{*} f\right\|_{\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}}^{2}+\left\|D_{P^{*}} P^{* 2} f\right\|_{\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}}^{2}+\cdots \\
& =\|f\|^{2}-\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left\|P^{* n} f\right\|^{2}=\|f\|_{H^{2}\left(\mathbb{D}^{2}\right)}^{2} \quad[\text { since } P \text { is pure }] .
\end{aligned}
$$

From equation (5.5) it is easy to see that $U$ is onto $H_{\mathcal{D}_{P^{*}}}^{2}(\mathbb{D})$. Therefore $U$ is unitary.

We now show that $U^{*} M_{z} U=P$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left.+z^{3}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & \ldots \\
a_{32} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{42} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+\cdots\right) \\
& =\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
0 & a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
0 & a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
0 & a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=P\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02}
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12}
\end{array} \ldots .\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

From the definition of $B$ (Definition 17), one can easily find that for all $a_{j 0}$, $a_{0 j} \in \mathbb{C}, j=0,1,2, \ldots$ with $\left|a_{00}\right|^{2}+\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|a_{0 j}\right|^{2}+\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left|a_{j 0}\right|^{2}<\infty$,

$$
B^{*}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots  \tag{5.6}\\
a_{10} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{00} & a_{01} & \ldots \\
a_{00} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{10} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) .
$$

To show that $U^{*} M_{B^{*}+z B} U=S$, we first calculate $M_{B^{*}+z B} U$. Now

$$
\begin{aligned}
& M_{B^{*}+z B} U\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) \\
& =M_{B^{*}+B z}\left(\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+z\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots \\
a_{21} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{31} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)\right. \\
& \left.+z^{2}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & \ldots \\
a_{32} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{42} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+\cdots\right) \\
& =M_{B^{*}}\left(\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+z\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots \\
a_{21} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{31} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)\right. \\
& \left.+z^{2}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & \ldots \\
a_{32} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{42} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+\cdots\right) \\
& +M_{B}\left(z\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+z^{2}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots \\
a_{21} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{31} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)\right. \\
& \left.+z^{3}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & \ldots \\
a_{32} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{42} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+\cdots\right) \\
& =\left(\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{00} & a_{01} & \ldots \\
a_{00} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{10} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+z\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
a_{11} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{21} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

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\begin{aligned}
& \left.+z^{2}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & \ldots \\
a_{22} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
a_{32} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+\cdots\right) \\
& +\left(z\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{10}+a_{01} & a_{02} & a_{03} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{30} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+z^{2}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{21}+a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & \ldots \\
a_{31} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{41} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)\right. \\
& +z^{3}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{32}+a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} & \ldots \\
a_{42} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{52} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+\cdots \cdot \\
& =\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{00} & a_{01} & \ldots \\
a_{00} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{10} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+z\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{10}+a_{01} & a_{11}+a_{02} & a_{12}+a_{03} & \ldots \\
a_{20}+a_{11} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
a_{30}+a_{21} & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) \\
& +z^{2}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{21}+a_{12} & a_{22}+a_{13} & a_{23}+a_{14} & \ldots \\
a_{31}+a_{22} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
a_{41}+a_{32} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)+\cdots
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore

$$
\begin{aligned}
& U^{*} M_{B^{*}+B z} U\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) \\
& \\
& = \\
& \\
&
\end{aligned}
$$

(5.7)

$$
=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
0 & a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \ldots \\
a_{00} & a_{10}+a_{01} & a_{11}+a_{02} & a_{12}+a_{03} & \ldots \\
a_{10} & a_{20}+a_{11} & a_{21}+a_{12} & a_{22}+a_{13} & \ldots \\
a_{20} & a_{30}+a_{21} & a_{31}+a_{22} & a_{32}+a_{23} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=S\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} \ldots \\
a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} \\
a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22}
\end{array}\right) .
$$

Therefore $S=U^{*} M_{B^{*}+B z} U$. Surjectivity of $\left.U\right|_{H_{+}}$and $\left.U\right|_{H_{-}}$can be easily checked. The rest of the argument is as above.

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