

Interpolation between Hardy spaces on the bidisc

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1. Introduction. For $0 < p \leq \infty$ let $H^p = H^p(\mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+^2)$ be the real variables Hardy spaces on the bi-upper half plane. Let $(\cdot, \cdot)_\theta$ be the complex interpolation spaces as described in [2], $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\theta, p}$ the Peetre K real interpolation spaces. (We refer the reader to [1] for the general theory of interpolation spaces.) We will calculate the interpolation spaces between $H^{p_0}(\mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+^2)$ and $H^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+^2)$, in both real ($0 < p_0 < p_1 \leq \infty$) and complex ($1 \leq p_0 < p_1 \leq \infty$) methods.

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Now we describe some basic properties of $H^p(\mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+^2)$. For $1 < p < \infty$, H^p can be identified with $L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)$. For $0 < p \leq 1$, H^p can be defined via nontangential maximal functions as well as square functions. More precisely, let $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^1)$, $\int_{\mathbb{R}^1} \varphi = 1$. For $t = (t_1, t_2)$ with $t_j > 0$ and $y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, we define

$$\varphi_t(y) = \varphi_{t_1}(y_1) \varphi_{t_2}(y_2) = \frac{1}{t_1 t_2} \varphi\left(\frac{y_1}{t_1}\right) \varphi\left(\frac{y_2}{t_2}\right).$$

If $x = (x_1, x_2)$ in \mathbb{R}^2 , $\Gamma(x)$ will denote the product cone

$$\Gamma(x) = \Gamma(x_1) \times \Gamma(x_2) = \{(y, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+^2 : |y_j - x_j| < t_j, j = 1, 2\}.$$

We say that a tempered distribution f on \mathbb{R}^2 is in $H^p(\mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+^2)$ if the nontangential maximal function

$$Nf(x) = \sup_{(y, t) \in \Gamma(x)} |f * \varphi_t(y)|$$

is in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)$. To define H^p by square functions, take $\psi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^1)$, $\int_{\mathbb{R}^1} \psi = 0$, $\psi \not\equiv 0$, and let $\psi_t(y) = \frac{1}{t_1 t_2} \psi\left(\frac{y_1}{t_1}\right) \psi\left(\frac{y_2}{t_2}\right)$ as before. Then the square function of f is defined by

$$Sf(x) = \left(\int_{\Gamma(x)} |f * \psi_t(y)|^2 dy \frac{dt}{t_1^2 t_2^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

and we say that $f \in H^p$ if $Sf \in L^p$.

It is well known that these two definitions are equivalent and $\|Nf\|_p, \|Sf\|_p$ are comparable up to a constant depending only on the choices of φ and ψ . It is also a fact that both N and S map L^p into itself boundedly for $1 < p < \infty$. See [4], [5], [9] and [13] for further details.

2. The complex method. We will recall here the definition of complex interpolation spaces. For a couple of Banach spaces A^0 and A^1 let $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{F}(A^0, A^1)$ be the family of all functions G from the strip $S = \{z \in \mathbb{C}: 0 < \operatorname{Re} z < 1\}$ to $A^0 + A^1$ which satisfy the following properties:

- (i) $G(z)$ is continuous and bounded on \bar{S} .
- (ii) $G(z)$ is analytic in S .
- (iii) $G(z)$ is a continuous and bounded map from $\{\operatorname{Re} z = j\}$ into A^j , $j = 0, 1$.

We equip \mathfrak{F} with the norm

$$\|G\|_{\mathfrak{F}} = \max \left(\sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \|G(iy)\|_{A^0}, \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \|G(1+iy)\|_{A^1} \right).$$

The complex interpolation space is then defined by $(A^0, A^1)_\theta = \{G(\theta): G \in \mathfrak{F}\}$ and the norm is given by

$$\|a\|_{(A^0, A^1)_\theta} = \inf \{ \|G\|_{\mathfrak{F}} : G(\theta) = a \}.$$

One of the major theorems in interpolation theory states that whenever T is a bounded linear operator from A^j to B^j , $j = 0, 1$, then T is also bounded from $(A^0, A^1)_\theta$ to $(B^0, B^1)_\theta$, for $0 < \theta < 1$.

The following reiteration result is due to Wolff.

THEOREM A (Wolff [14]). Let A^1, A^2, A^3, A^4 be Banach spaces and assume $A^1 \cap A^4$ is dense in A^2 and A^3 . Suppose $(A^2, A^4)_\theta = A^3$, $(A^1, A^3)_\varphi = A^2$, $0 < \theta, \varphi < 1$. Then $(A^1, A^4)_{\xi} = A^2$, $(A^1, A^4)_\psi = A^3$, where

$$\xi = \frac{\varphi\theta}{1-\varphi+\varphi\theta}, \quad \psi = \frac{\theta}{1-\varphi+\varphi\theta}.$$

We are ready to prove the main theorem in this section. Here, we set $H^\infty = L^\infty$.

THEOREM 1. If $1 \leq p_0 < p_1 \leq \infty$, then $(H^{p_0}, H^{p_1})_\theta = L^p$, where

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{p_1}.$$

Proof. It suffices to show that $(H^1, L^2)_\theta = L^p$, where $1/p = 1 - \theta/2$. Indeed, if $(H^1, L^2)_\theta = L^p$, Wolff's reiteration Theorem A cited above with $A^1 = H^1$, $A^2 = L^p$ ($p < 2$), $A^3 = L^2$, $A^4 = L^{p_1}$ ($2 < p_1 \leq \infty$) implies that $(H^1, L^{p_1})_\theta = L^p$ for $p < 2$. Using Wolff's theorem again with $A^1 = H^1$, $A^2 = L^{p_0}$ ($p_0 < 2$), $A^3 = L^p$ ($p > 2$), $A^4 = L^{p_1}$ ($p < p_1 \leq \infty$), we have $(H^1, L^{p_1})_\theta = L^p$ for $p > 2$. The other cases are standard L^p interpolation.

The direction $(H^1, L^2)_\theta \subseteq L^p$ is easy. Let Nf be the nontangential maximal function of f as defined in Section 1. Then N maps H^1 into L^1 and L^2 into L^2 continuously. Therefore, by Janson's theorem [10], N maps $(H^1, L^2)_\theta$ into $(L^1, L^2)_\theta = L^p$, since N is sublinear. This means that $\|Nf\|_p \leq c \|f\|_{(H^1, L^2)_\theta}$. Because Nf and f have comparable L^p -norms when $1 < p < \infty$, we conclude that $(H^1, L^2)_\theta \subseteq L^p$.

Now we begin to prove the converse direction, i.e. $L^p \subseteq (H^1, L^2)_\theta$. Given a function $f \in L^p$, we will construct an analytic $G(z)$ which maps the strip $\{p/2 \leq \operatorname{Re} z \leq p\}$ into the space of tempered distributions and which satisfies $\|G(z)\|_{H^1} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p}$ when $\operatorname{Re} z = p$, $\|G(z)\|_{L^2} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p}$ when $\operatorname{Re} z = p/2$, and $G(1) = f$. This will prove the theorem, because we can then compose G with a linear mapping which takes $\{0 \leq \operatorname{Re} z \leq 1\}$ onto $\{p/2 \leq \operatorname{Re} z \leq p\}$ so that the resulting function is in the analytic family \mathfrak{F} with desired bounds. Let Sf be the square function of f with ψ even. Let $O_j = \{Sf > 2^j\}$, $\tilde{O}_j = \{M_s \chi_{O_j} > 100\}$, where M_s is the strong maximal operator, i.e.

$$M_s g(x) = \sup_{x \in R} |R|^{-1} \int_R |g|,$$

where the sup is taken over all rectangles R containing x with sides parallel to the axes of coordinates. Define

$$\mathcal{R}_j = \{R \text{ dyadic rectangles}: |R \cap O_j| \geq \frac{1}{2}|R|, |R \cap O_{j+1}| < \frac{1}{2}|R|\}.$$

For a rectangle $R = I \times J$, R_+ will denote the set

$$\{(y, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+^2 : y \in R, \frac{1}{2}|I| < t_1 \leq |I|, \frac{1}{2}|J| < t_2 \leq |J|\}.$$

We also set $A_j = \bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{R}_j} R_+$. The following result is contained in the proof of the atomic decomposition for $H^1(\mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+^2)$ functions:

THEOREM B (Chang-R. Fefferman [4], pp. 183-185). Let $f \in L^p$. With the above notation, we can write

$$f = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} f_j, \quad \text{where} \quad f_j(x) = \int \int f * \psi_t(y) \psi_t(x-y) dy \frac{dt}{t_1 t_2}$$

with $\|f_j\|_{L^2} \leq C 2^j |O_j|^{1/2}$ and $\|f_j\|_{H^1} \leq C 2^j |O_j|$.

Following Calderón–Torchinsky [3], we form our analytic function

$$G(z) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} f_j 2^{j(z-1)} \|Sf\|_p^{1-z}.$$

It is clear that $G(1) = f$. If $\operatorname{Re} z = p$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \|G(z)\|_{H^1} &\leq \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \|f_j\|_{H^1} 2^{j(p-1)} \|Sf\|_p^{1-p} \leq C \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{jp} |O_j| \|Sf\|_p^{1-p} \\ &\leq C \|Sf\|_p \|Sf\|_p^{1-p} = C \|Sf\|_p \leq C \|f\|_p. \end{aligned}$$

If $\operatorname{Re} z = p/2$, we will use duality to prove $\|G(z)\|_2 \leq C \|f\|_p$. Take $h \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$, $\|h\|_2 \leq 1$; we then have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left(\sum_j f_j(x) 2^{j(z-1)} \right) h(x) dx \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left(\sum_j 2^{j(z-1)} \int_{A_j} f * \psi_t(y) \psi_t(x-y) \frac{dy dt}{t_1 t_2} \right) h(x) dx \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_j 2^{j(z-1)} \int_{A_j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f * \psi_t(y) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \psi_t(x-y) h(x) dx \right) \frac{dy dt}{t_1 t_2} \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_j 2^{j(z-1)} \int_{A_j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f * \psi_t(y) \cdot h * \psi_t(y) \frac{dy dt}{t_1 t_2} \right|, \quad \text{since } \psi \text{ is even} \\ &\leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left| \sum_j 2^{j(z-1)} \chi_{A_j}(y) f * \psi_t(y) \right|^2 \frac{dy dt}{t_1 t_2} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad \times \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+^2} |h * \psi_t(y)|^2 \frac{dy dt}{t_1 t_2} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \left(\sum_j \int_{A_j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} 2^{j(p-2)} |f * \psi_t(y)|^2 \frac{dy dt}{t_1 t_2} \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |h(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \left(\sum_j 2^{j(p-2)} \int_{A_j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |f * \psi_t(y)|^2 |\{x: (y, t) \in \Gamma(x), \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. x \in \tilde{O}_j - O_{j+1} \} \right| \frac{dy dt}{t_1^2 t_2^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

(this is because for each (y, t) in A_j , the rectangle centered at y with side lengths t_1 and t_2 has a fixed portion of its area inside \tilde{O}_j and at the same time outside O_{j+1} ; see [4], page 186)

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C \left(\sum_j 2^{j(p-2)} \int_{\tilde{O}_j - \tilde{O}_{j+1}} |Sf|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C \left(\sum_j 2^{j(p-2)} 2^{2j} |O_j| \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |Sf|^p \right)^{1/2} = C \|Sf\|_p^{p/2} \leq C \|f\|_p^{p/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\|G(z)\|_{L^2} \leq C \|f\|_p$. This finishes the proof of Theorem 1. ■

3. The real method. The result for real interpolation we will prove is

THEOREM 2. If $0 < p_0 < p_1 \leq \infty$, then $(H^{p_0}, H^{p_1})_{\theta, p} = H^p$, where

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{p_1}.$$

Recall that the real interpolation space $(H^{p_0}, H^{p_1})_{\theta, p}$ is defined to be the set of all f in $H^{p_0} + H^{p_1}$ such that

$$\|f\|_{(H^{p_0}, H^{p_1})_{\theta, p}} = \left(\int_0^\infty [t^{-\theta} K(t, f)]^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/p} < \infty,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K(t, f) &= K(t, f; H^{p_0}, H^{p_1}) \\ &= \inf \{ \|f_0\|_{H^{p_0}} + t \|f_1\|_{H^{p_1}} : f = f_0 + f_1, f_0 \in H^{p_0}, f_1 \in H^{p_1} \}. \end{aligned}$$

We will need the following results.

THEOREM C (Wolff [14]). Let A^1, A^2, A^3, A^4 be quasi-Banach spaces satisfying $A^1 \cap A^4 \subset A^2 \cap A^3$. Suppose $(A^2, A^4)_{\theta, q} = A^3$ and $(A^1, A^3)_{\varphi, r} = A^2$, $0 < \theta, \varphi < 1$, $0 < q, r \leq \infty$. Then $(A^1, A^4)_{\xi, r} = A^2$ and $(A^1, A^4)_{\psi, q} = A^3$ with

$$\xi = \frac{\varphi\theta}{1-\varphi+\varphi\theta}, \quad \psi = \frac{\theta}{1-\varphi+\varphi\theta}.$$

THEOREM D (Chang–R. Fefferman [5]). Let $0 < p_0 \leq 1$, $p_0 < p < 2$ and $\alpha > 0$. If $f \in H^p(\mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+^2)$, then f can be decomposed as $f = g_\alpha + b_\alpha$, where $g_\alpha \in L^2$, $b_\alpha \in H^{p_0}$ with

$$\|g_\alpha\|_{L^2}^2 \leq C \int_{Sf \leq \alpha} |Sf|^2, \quad \|b_\alpha\|_{H^{p_0}}^{p_0} \leq C \int_{Sf > \alpha} |Sf|^{p_0}.$$

THEOREM E (Calderón–Torchinsky [3], p. 156). Let $g(t) \geq 0$ be defined and nonincreasing in $(0, \infty)$, let $u > 0$ and $0 < p \leq 1$. Then

$$(*) \quad \left[\int_u^\infty g(t) dt \right]^p \leq C \int_{u/2}^\infty g(t)^p dt^p.$$

Proof of Theorem 2. With repeated application of Wolff's Theorem C, we only need to show $(H^{p_0}, L^2)_{\theta, p} = H^p$, where $0 < p_0 \leq 1$, $1/p = (1-\theta)/p_0 + \theta/2$. Again, the direction $(H^{p_0}, L^2)_{\theta, p} \subseteq H^p$ is easy as in the complex case. For the other direction, fix f in H^p for the moment. For each t , take $\alpha = (Sf)^*(t^{2p_0/(2-p_0)})$, where $(Sf)^*(t)$, the nonincreasing rearrangement of Sf , is defined by $(Sf)^*(t) = \inf \{s: |\{f\}| > s\} \leq t$. We apply the Chang–R. Fefferman decomposition (Theorem D) to f and this α , we obtain

$f = g_\alpha + b_\alpha$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_\alpha\|_2^2 &\leq C \int_{Sf \leq \alpha} |Sf|^2 \leq C \int_0^{\alpha^2} |\{ |(Sf)^*|^2 > \lambda \}| d\lambda \\ &\leq C t^{2p_0/(2-p_0)} [(Sf)^* (t^{2p_0/(2-p_0)})]^2 + C \int_{t^{2p_0/(2-p_0)}^\infty [(Sf)^* (u)]^2 du \\ &= I_1^2 + I_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|b_\alpha\|_{H^{p_0}}^{p_0} \leq C \int_{Sf > \alpha} |Sf|^{p_0} \leq C \int_0^{t^{2p_0/(2-p_0)}} [(Sf)^* (u)]^{p_0} du.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty t^{-\theta p} (tI_1)^p \frac{dt}{t} &= C \int_0^\infty t^{-\theta p + p + p p_0/(2-p_0)} [(Sf)^* (t^{2p_0/(2-p_0)})]^p \frac{dt}{t} \\ &= C \int_0^\infty |(Sf)^*|^p, \end{aligned}$$

by a change of variable $\lambda = t^{2p_0/(2-p_0)}$ and $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{2}$

$$= C \|Sf\|_p^p \leq C \|f\|_{H^p}^p,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty t^{-\theta p} (tI_2)^p \frac{dt}{t} &= C \int_0^\infty u^{p(2-p_0)/(2p_0)(1-\theta)-1} \left(\int_u^\infty [(Sf)^*]^2 \right)^{p/2} du \\ &\leq C \int_0^\infty u^{-p/2} \int_{u/2}^\infty |(Sf)^* (t)|^p dt^{p/2} du, \quad \text{by } (*) \\ &= C \int_0^\infty |(Sf)^* (t)|^p \left(\int_0^{2t} u^{-p/2} du \right) dt^{p/2}, \quad \text{by Fubini's theorem} \\ &= C \int_0^\infty |(Sf)^*|^p \leq C \|f\|_{H^p}^p. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty t^{-\theta p} \|b_\alpha\|_{H^{p_0}}^{p_0} \frac{dt}{t} &= \int_0^\infty t^{-\theta p} \left\{ \int_0^{t^{2p_0/(2-p_0)}} [(Sf)^*]^{p_0} \right\}^{p/p_0} \frac{dt}{t} \\ &= C \int_0^\infty \left\{ \frac{1}{u} \int_0^u [(Sf)^*]^{p_0} \right\}^{p/p_0} du, \end{aligned}$$

by a change of variable $u = t^{2p_0/(2-p_0)}$

$$\leq C \int_0^\infty \{ M([(Sf)^*]^p \chi_{(0,\alpha)})(u) \}^{p/p_0} du,$$

where M is the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator

$$\leq C \int_0^\infty |(Sf)^*|^p \leq C \|f\|_{H^p}^p.$$

Combining the three inequalities above, we obtain

$$\|f\|_{(H^{p_0}, L^2)_{\theta, p}} \leq C \|f\|_{H^p}.$$

Thus, $H^p \subseteq (H^{p_0}, L^2)_{\theta, p}$. The proof is complete. ■

Remarks. 1. The reason why we can only prove the complex interpolation for the case $1 \leq p_0 < p_1 \leq \infty$ instead of $0 < p_0 < p_1 \leq \infty$ is that Wolff's reiteration theorem is not applicable for quasi-Banach spaces.

2. We refer the reader to [12] for a survey of interpolating Hardy spaces on \mathbf{R}^n . It is not clear how one can adapt the classical proof to our present setting. For instance, C. Fefferman and Stein in their proof of the result $(L^{p_0}, \text{BMO})_\theta = L^p$ used some properties of the sharp function,

$$f^\#(x) = \sup_{\substack{Q \ni x \\ Q \text{ cubes}}} |Q|^{-1} \int_Q |f - f_Q|,$$

where f_Q is the average of f over Q . The two key properties they used are:

- (a) The map from BMO to L^∞ defined by $f \rightarrow f^\#$ is a bounded map.
- (b) If $f \in L^{p_0}$ for some $p_0 \geq 1$, then $f^\#$ and f have comparable L^p -norms for $p_0 < p < \infty$.

However, the existence of such an operator on the bidisc is unknown. The most natural analogue of the sharp function is

$$f^\#(x) = \sup_{\substack{R \ni x \\ R \text{ rectangles}}} |R|^{-1} \int_R |f - f_I - f_J + f_R|,$$

where $R = I \times J$ and f_I, f_J, f_R are the averages of f over I, J and R respectively. But this sharp function fails to satisfy (b) (see [8] for an example). On the other hand, if we let $f^{\#1}, f^{\#2}$ be the sharp functions along x and y direction, then although the iterated sharp function $f^{\#1\#2} = (f^{\#1})^{\#2}$ does have comparable L^p norm with f , it does not map BMO into L^∞ . It is the idea in Calderón-Torchinsky [3] and Chang-R. Fefferman [4] which makes the above proofs work.

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On values of homogeneous polynomials in discrete sets of points

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Abstract. Let $W_N(d)$ denote the space of all homogeneous polynomials on C^d of degree N , restricted to the unit sphere. We show a class of sets A of small cardinality such that for every $\varphi \in W_N(d)$ we have $(\int |\varphi|^p)^{1/p}$ comparable to $(|A|^{-1} \sum_{\lambda \in A} |\varphi(\lambda)|^p)^{1/p}$. We also show that every subspace $E \subset W_N(d)$ such that $\dim E \geq \frac{1}{2} \dim W_N(d)$ contains a polynomial φ such that $\|\varphi\|_\infty \leq K(d) \|\varphi\|_2$.

We consider the spaces $W_N(d)$ of all homogeneous polynomials on C^d (the d -dimensional complex space) of degree N . On those spaces we consider the norms inherited from $L_p(S_d)$, i.e. for $\varphi \in W_N(d)$ we put

$$\|\varphi\|_p = \left(\int_{S_d} |\varphi(\zeta)|^p d\sigma(\zeta) \right)^{1/p}$$

where σ is the normalized rotation-invariant measure on S_d , the unit sphere in C^d . Our main interest in this note is to compare $\|\varphi\|_p$ with its discrete analogue: for a finite subset $A \subset S_d$ we consider

$$\|\varphi|_A\|_p = \left(|A|^{-1} \sum_{\lambda \in A} |\varphi(\lambda)|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

(where $|A|$ denotes the cardinality of A). Our main result asserts that it is possible to find relatively small sets A such that $\|\varphi|_A\|_p \sim \|\varphi\|_p$ for all $\varphi \in W_N(d)$ (Theorem 1). In the case $p = \infty$ this result was obtained by B. S. Kashin in [5] by a different method. In Theorem 2 we give a simplified version of Kashin's proof which has an additional advantage of giving good constants. As an application of this special case we obtain a strengthening of the main result of [5] and also of Theorem 1 of [9].

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Preliminaries and notation. The natural scalar product in C^d will be denoted by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. We will use the unitarily invariant pseudometric on S_d