The generalized corona problem

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$$J = J(f_1, ..., f_n) = \{f \in H^\infty : \exists C = C(f) > 0, |f| \le C \sum_{j=1}^n |f_j|\}$$

be its associated *J*-form, which we will call an ideal of finite type.

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where b_j is the inner factor of $b_1 + \varepsilon_j b_2$, $\varepsilon_j > 0$ small, $\varepsilon_j \neq \varepsilon_k$, $j = 3, \ldots, N$,

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Suppose that $f_1, f_2 \in H^{\infty}$ have no common factors. Let $I = I(f_1, f_2)$ and $J = J(f_1, f_2)$. Equivalent are: 1 I = J; 2 ord(I, m) = 1 for every $m \in Z(I)$;

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Let B and C be interpolating Blaschke products. Then

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Proposition

For j = 1, 2 let B_j, C_j be interpolating Blaschke products. Then

$$I(B_1B_2, B_1C_2, C_1C_2) = J(B_1B_2, B_1C_2, C_1C_2).$$

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Theorem

Let $B_1, B_2, B_3, C_1, C_2, C_3$ be Blaschke products without common zeros and let $I = I(B_1B_2B_3, B_1B_2C_3, B_1C_2C_3, C_1C_2C_3),$

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If B_1 , B_2 and C_3 are interpolating Blaschke products, then $I^* = J^*$, where J^* is the J-form of I^* .

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Let b and c be two Carleson-Newman Blaschke products of order 2. Then the ideal J(b, c) is three-generated. Additionally, if b and c have no common zeros in D, then there exists interpolating Blaschke products B, B^* , C and C^{*} such that

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$$I = I\left(\prod_{j=1}^{N} B_j, \quad C_1 \prod_{j=2}^{N} B_j, \quad C_2 \prod_{j=3}^{N} B_j, \quad \cdots \cdots, \quad C_{N-1} B_N, \quad C_N\right).$$

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The same result holds for *J*.

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If $\{f_1, \ldots, f_m\}$ is another set of generators for *I*, then $m \ge N + 1$; that is N + 1 is the minimal number of generators for *I*.

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Proposition

Let $f, g \in H^{\infty}$ have no common factor. Suppose that $Z^{\infty}(f) \cap Z^{\infty}(g) \neq \emptyset$. Then $I(f^{N}, f^{N-1}g, \dots, fg^{N-1}, g^{N}) \neq J(f^{N}, f^{N-1}g, \dots, fg^{N-1}, g^{N})$ Binomi

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