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Invertibility theory for some classes of Toeplitz-plus-Hankel operators

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I will discuss invertibility for Toeplitz-plus-Hankel operators T(a) + H(b) acting on the Hardy space $H^p(\mathbf{T})$, $1 , for piecewise continuous (scalar) functions <math>a, b \in L^{\infty}(\mathbf{T})$. Fredholm theory for piecewise continuous a, b has been known for quite some time. On the other hand, for reasons to be explained, invertibility theory is in general as intractable as Wiener-Hopf factorization for 2×2 -matrix valued functions.

In one special case, where a and b are related to each other by some condition, nonetheless a an invertibility theory can be established, which leads to explicit invertibility conditions in the case of $a, b \in PC$. The approach is based on a scalar factorization.

The talk is based on joint work with E.L. Basor and generalizes previously obtained results.