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## Abstract

In this paper we give several characterizations of the symmetrized *n*-disc  $G_n$  which generalize to the case  $n \geq 2$  the characterizations of the symmetrized bidisc that were used in order to solve the two-point spectral Nevanlinna–Pick problem in  $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{C})$ . Using these new functions, that give necessary and sufficient conditions for an element to belong to  $G_n$ , we obtain necessary conditions of interpolation for the general spectral Nevanlinna–Pick problem. They also allow us to give a method to construct analytic functions from the open unit disc of  $\mathbb{C}$  into  $G_n$  and to obtain some of the complex geodesics on  $G_n$ .