

**ON THE WEIGHTED COMPOSITION OPERATORS
ON SPECIAL SEQUENCE SPACES**

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Abstract: In this paper we study weighted composition operators on Banach spaces of formal power series and we investigate that when the numerical range of a weighted composition operator is closed.

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1. Introduction

Let $\{\beta(n)\}_n$ be a sequence of positive numbers with $\beta(0) = 1$ and let $1 < p < \infty$. Let $f = \{\hat{f}(n)\}_{n=0}$ be such that

$$\|f\|_p = \|f\|_{H^p(\beta)} = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^p \beta(n)^p \right)^{1/p} < \infty.$$

The notation $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \hat{f}(n)z^n$ shall be used whether or not the series converges for any value of z . The space of such formal power series is called the weighted Hardy space, which is denoted by $H^p(\beta)$. In the case $p = 2$, the classical Hardy

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space, Bergman space and the Dirichlet space are weighted Hardy spaces with $\beta(n) = 1, \beta(n) = (n + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ and $\beta(n) = (n + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$, respectively. The spaces $H^p(\beta)$ are reflexive Banach spaces with the norm $\|\cdot\|_p$ and the dual of $H^p(\beta)$ is $H^q(\beta^{\frac{p}{q}})$ where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ and $\beta^{\frac{p}{q}} = \{\beta(n)^{\frac{p}{q}}\}_n$.

Recall that for $g(z) = \sum_{n=0} \hat{g}(n)z^n$ in $H^q(\beta^{p/q})$, note that

$$\|g\|_q^q = \|g\|_{H^q(\beta^{p/q})}^q = \sum_{n=0} |\hat{g}(n)|^q \beta(n)^p < \infty.$$

If $\lim \frac{\beta(n + 1)}{\beta(n)} = 1$ or $\liminf \beta(n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$, then $H^p(\beta)$ consists of functions analytic on the open unit disk U .

A complex number λ is said to be a bounded point evaluation on $H^p(\beta)$ if the functional of point evaluation at λ, e_λ , is bounded. A complex number λ is a bounded point evaluation on $H^p(\beta)$ if and only if $\left\{ \frac{\lambda^n}{\beta(n)} \right\}_n \in l^q$.

We denote the set of multipliers

$$\{\varphi \in H^p(\beta) : \varphi H^p(\beta) \subseteq H^p(\beta)\}$$

by $H^p(\beta)$ and the operator of multiplication by φ on $H^p(\beta)$ by M_φ with $\|\varphi\| = \|M_\varphi\|$.

Let φ be an analytic self map of U and ψ be a multiplier of $H^p(\beta)$. A weighted composition operator $C_{\psi, \varphi}$ maps an analytic function $f \in H^p(\beta)$ into $(C_{\psi, \varphi} f)(z) = \psi(z)f(\varphi(z))$. The function φ is called the composition map and the function ψ is called the multiplier map. We will use the notations $H(U)$ and $C(\bar{U})$ to denote the set of analytic functions on U and the set of continuous functions on \bar{U} , the closure of U . Some sources on formal power series and composition operators include [1–7].

2. Main Result

In this section we study the numerical range of weighted composition operators acting on weighted Hardy spaces $H^p(\beta)$.

In the following we define some definitions that will be used in the main theorem.

Definition 2.1. Let $1 < p < \infty$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}(n)z^n \in H^p(\beta)$ and define $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}(n)|\hat{f}(n)|^{(p-q)/q}z^n$.

Note that $\|f\|_q^q = \|f\|_{H^q(\beta^{p/q})}^q = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^p \beta(n)^p = \|f\|_p^p$ and obviously one can see that $\langle f, f \rangle = \|f\|_p^p$. Also,

Definition 2.2. Let $1 < p < \infty$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Suppose that $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{g}(n)z^n$ belongs to $H^q(\beta^{p/q})$ and define $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{g}(n)|\hat{g}(n)|^{(q-p)/p}z^n$.

Notice that $\|g\|_p^p = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\hat{g}(n)|^q \beta(n)^p = \|g\|_q^q < \infty$ and so $g \in H^p(\beta)$. Obviously, one can see that $(f)' = f$ for all f in $H^p(\beta)$ and $(g)' = g$ for all g in $(H^p(\beta))'$. Also, clearly $\langle g, g \rangle = \|g\|_q^q$.

Definition 2.3. If T is a bounded linear operator on $H^p(\beta)$, the numerical range of T is denoted by $W(T)$ that is defined by

$$W(T) = \text{co}\{\langle Tf, f \rangle : f \in H^p(\beta) \text{ and } \|f\|_p = 1\}.$$

Note that clearly $W(T) = \text{co}\{\langle T(g), g \rangle : g \in (H^p(\beta))' \text{ and } \|g\|_q = 1\}$.

Theorem 2.4. Let $\liminf \beta(n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\beta(n)^q} = \infty$. Suppose that φ is an analytic self map of U and there exists ξ_0 in ∂U such that the limit of $e_\lambda(\varphi(\lambda))$ exists and is finite as $\lambda \rightarrow \xi_0$. If $\psi \in C(\overline{U}) \cap H^p(\beta)$, then $0 \in \overline{W}(C_{\psi, \varphi})$.

Proof. First note that since $\liminf \beta(n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$ then for each λ in the open unit disk, the functional of evaluation at λ , e_λ , is a bounded linear functional and we have

$$e_\lambda(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\lambda}^n z^n}{\beta(n)^p},$$

and

$$\|e_\lambda\|^q = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|\lambda|^{nq}}{\beta(n)^q}.$$

Let $\lambda \in U$, then $e_\lambda \in (H^p(\beta))'$ and so $e_\lambda \in H^p(\beta)$. Also, note that $\|e_\lambda\|_p^p = \|e_\lambda\|_q^q = e_\lambda(\lambda)$. Put $E_\lambda = \frac{e_\lambda}{\|e_\lambda\|_q}$ and $E_\lambda^* = \frac{*e_\lambda}{\|*e_\lambda\|_p}$. Then $\|E_\lambda\|_p = \|E_\lambda\|_q = 1$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle C_{\psi,\varphi}E_\lambda, E_\lambda \rangle &= \frac{1}{\|e_\lambda\|_p \|e_\lambda\|_q} \langle e_\lambda, C_{\psi,\varphi}e_\lambda \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\|e_\lambda\|_q^q} \psi(\lambda) \langle e_\lambda, e_{\varphi(\lambda)} \rangle \\ &= \psi(\lambda) \|e_\lambda\|_q^{-q} e_\lambda(\varphi(\lambda)), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to 0 as $\lambda \rightarrow \xi_0$. So we get $0 \in \overline{W}(C_{\psi,\varphi})$. □

Theorem 2.5. *Let $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\beta(n)^q} = \infty$, $H^p(\beta) \subset H(U)$, and $C_{\psi,\varphi}$ be compact on $H^p(\beta)$. Also suppose that $\psi \in C(\overline{U}) \cap H^2(\beta)$ and there exists ξ_0 in ∂U such that the limit of $e_\lambda(\varphi(\lambda))$ is finite as $\lambda \rightarrow \xi_0$. Then $0 \in W(C_{\psi,\varphi})$ if and only if $W(C_{\psi,\varphi})$ is closed.*

Proof. Let $W(C_{\psi,\varphi})$ be closed, then by Theorem 2.4, $0 \in W(C_{\psi,\varphi})$. For the converse part, we show that $\overline{W}(C_{\psi,\varphi}) = W(C_{\psi,\varphi})$. Let $\alpha \in \overline{W}(C_{\psi,\varphi})$, then there exists a sequence $\{\langle C_{\psi,\varphi}h_n, h_n \rangle\}_n$ converges to α where $\|h_n\|_p = \|h_n\|_q = 1$. Since $\text{ball}(H^p(\beta))$ is weakly compact, there exists a subsequence $\{h_{n_k}\}_k$ of $\{h_n\}_n$ that converges weakly to an element h in $\text{ball}(H^p(\beta))$. Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle C_{\psi,\varphi}h_{n_k}, h_{n_k} \rangle - \langle C_{\psi,\varphi}h, h \rangle| &\leq |\langle C_{\psi,\varphi}h_{n_k}, h_{n_k} \rangle - \langle C_{\psi,\varphi}h, h_{n_k} \rangle| \\ &\quad + |\langle C_{\psi,\varphi}h, h_{n_k} \rangle - \langle C_{\psi,\varphi}h, h \rangle| \\ &= |\langle C_{\psi,\varphi}(h_{n_k} - h), h_{n_k} \rangle| \\ &\quad + |\langle C_{\psi,\varphi}h, (h_{n_k} - h) \rangle| \\ &\leq \|C_{\psi,\varphi}(h_{n_k} - h)\| \|h_{n_k}\| \\ &\quad + |\langle C_{\psi,\varphi}h, (h_{n_k} - h) \rangle|. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\|h_{n_k}\| = \|h_{n_k}\| = 1$ and $h_{n_k} \rightarrow h$ weakly. Also, since $C_{\psi,\varphi}$ is a compact operator on $H^p(\beta)$, $\|C_{\psi,\varphi}(h_{n_k} - h)\| \rightarrow 0$. Therefore, the sequence $\{\langle C_{\psi,\varphi}h_{n_k}, h_{n_k} \rangle\}_k$ converges to $\langle C_{\psi,\varphi}h, h \rangle$ and so $\alpha = \langle C_{\psi,\varphi}h, h \rangle$. Hence $\alpha \in cW(C_{\psi,\varphi})$ for some $c \in [0, 1]$. Without loss of generality let $c \neq 0$. Since $W(C_{\psi,\varphi})$ is convex and $0 \in W(C_{\psi,\varphi})$, thus $\alpha \in W(C_{\psi,\varphi})$. This implies that $W(C_{\psi,\varphi})$ is closed and so the proof is complete. □

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