

DYNAMICS OF A SPECIAL COMBINATION OF  
WEIGHTED COMPOSITION OPERATORS ON  
HILBERT FUNCTION SPACES

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**Abstract:** In this paper we give some sufficient conditions for the adjoint of a combination of weighted composition operators, acting on some function spaces, satisfying the hypercyclicity criterion.

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## 1. Introduction

The holomorphic self maps of the open unit disk  $\mathbf{D}$  are divided into classes of elliptic and non-elliptic. The elliptic type is an automorphism and has a fixed point in  $\mathbf{D}$ . It is well known that this map is conjugate to a rotation  $z \rightarrow \lambda z$  for some complex number  $\lambda$  with  $|\lambda| = 1$ . A non-elliptic holomorphic self-map of  $\mathbf{D}$  with Denjoy-Wolff point in  $\mathbf{D}$  is called a dilation type.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space of functions analytic on the open unit disc  $\mathbf{D}$  such that for each  $\lambda$  in  $\mathbf{D}$  the linear functional of evaluation at  $\lambda$  given by  $f \rightarrow f(\lambda)$  is a bounded linear functional on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

A complex-valued function  $\psi$  on  $\mathbf{D}$  is called a multiplier of a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  if  $\psi\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{H}$ . The operator of multiplication by  $\psi$  is denoted by  $M_\psi$  and is

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given by  $f \rightarrow \psi f$ .

If  $w$  is a multiplier of  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\varphi$  is a mapping from  $\mathbf{D}$  into  $\mathbf{D}$  such that  $f \circ \varphi \in \mathcal{H}$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $C_\varphi$  (defined on  $\mathcal{H}$  by  $C_\varphi f = f \circ \varphi$ ) and  $M_w C_\varphi$  are called composition and weighted composition operator, respectively.

By an  $n$ -tuple of operators we mean a finite sequence of length  $n$  of commuting continuous linear operators on a locally convex space  $X$ . If  $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n)$  is an  $n$ -tuple of operators, then we will let

$$\mathcal{F} = \{T_1^{k_1} T_2^{k_2}, \dots, T_n^{k_n} : k_i \geq 0\}$$

be the semigroup generated by  $T$ . For  $x \in X$ , the orbit of  $x$  under the tuple  $T$  is the set  $orb(T, x) = \{Sx : S \in \mathcal{F}\}$ . A vector  $x$  is called a hypercyclic vector for  $T$  if  $orb(T, x)$  is dense in  $X$  and in this case the tuple  $T$  is called hypercyclic. The vector  $x$  is called supercyclic for  $T$  if  $\mathbf{Corb}(T, x)$  is dense in  $X$ . Also a supercyclic tuple is one that has a supercyclic vector. When  $n = 1$ , then orbits of single operators have been studied widely. For some works on the topics of hypercyclicity and supercyclicity we refer to [1 – 4].

## 2. Main Results

In this section we give some sufficient conditions for the adjoint of a combination of weighted composition operators, acting on a Hilbert space of analytic functions, satisfying the hypercyclicity criterion. First, we state the hypercyclicity criterion in the weak form due to Gethner and Shapiro ([2]):

**Theorem 2.1.** (Hypercyclicity Criterion) *Let  $X$  be a separable Frechet space and  $T$  a continuous linear operator on  $X$ . If there exist dense subsets  $X_0, Y_0$  of  $X$ , an increasing sequence  $\{n_k\}_k$  of positive integers and mapping  $S : Y_0 \rightarrow X$  such that  $T^{n_k} x \rightarrow 0$  and  $S^{n_k} y \rightarrow 0$  for every  $x \in X_0, y \in Y_0$ , and  $T \circ S = I_{Y_0}$ , the identity on  $Y_0$ , then the operator  $T$  is hypercyclic.*

In the following, we give the hypercyclicity criterion for a 2-tuples that can be extended similarly to any  $k$ -tuple.

**Theorem 2.2.** (The Hypercyclicity Criterion for Tuples) *Suppose  $X$  is a separable Banach space and  $T = (T_1, T_2)$  is a pair of continuous linear mappings on  $X$ . If there exist two dense subsets  $Y$  and  $Z$  in  $X$  and two strictly increasing sequences  $\{n_j\}$  and  $\{k_j\}$  such that:*

1.  $T_1^{n_j} T_2^{k_j} y \rightarrow 0$  for every  $y \in Y$ , and

2. There exist functions  $S_j : Z \rightarrow X$  such that for every  $z \in Z, S_j z \rightarrow 0$ , and  $T_1^{n_j} T_2^{k_j} S_j z \rightarrow z$ , then  $T$  is hypercyclic.

As earlier, we suppose that  $\mathcal{H}$  is a separable Hilbert space of analytic functions on the open unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$  such that  $\mathcal{H}$  contains constants and the functional of evaluation at  $\lambda$  is bounded for all  $\lambda$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ , and  $\mathcal{H}$  is automorphism invariant. The proof of the following theorem follows by the same method used in the proof of Theorem 3.3 in [4].

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $k \geq 2$  and  $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_k$  be elliptic automorphisms with common interior fixed point  $p$  and let the multipliers  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_k : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfy the inequality:*

$$\prod_{j=1}^k |\varphi_j(p)| < 1 < \lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1^-} \inf \prod_{j=1}^k |\varphi_j(z)|.$$

Then the adjoint of the operator  $C_{\varphi_1, \psi_1} C_{\varphi_2, \psi_2} \dots C_{\varphi_k, \psi_k}$  satisfies the hypercyclicity criterion.

*Proof.* Without loss of generality suppose that  $p = 0$ . Then

$$\prod_{j=1}^k |\varphi_j(0)| < 1 < \lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1^-} \inf \prod_{j=1}^k |\varphi_j(z)|.$$

Therefore, there exist a constant  $\lambda$  and a positive number  $\delta < 1$  such that  $\prod_{j=1}^k |\varphi_j(z)| < \lambda < 1$  when  $|z| < \delta$ , and  $\prod_{j=1}^k |\varphi_j(z)| > 1$  when  $|z| > 1 - \delta$ . Set

$$W = \prod_{j=1}^k \varphi_j \circ \psi_{j-1} \circ \dots \circ \psi_1 \circ \psi_0,$$

and

$$H = \psi_k \circ \psi_{k-1} \circ \dots \circ \psi_1 \circ \psi_0.$$

Then  $|W(z)| > 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $|z| > 1 - \delta$ . Also,  $|W(z)| < \lambda < 1$  when  $|z| < \delta$ . Set

$$\mathcal{H}_1 = \text{span}\{k_z : |z| < \delta\}$$

and  $\mathcal{H}_2 = \text{span}\{k_z : |z| > 1 - \delta\}$ , where  $\text{span}\{.\}$  is the set of finite linear combinations of  $\{.\}$ . So  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  are dense subsets of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Put  $L = C_{\varphi_k, \psi_k}^* C_{\varphi_{k-1}, \psi_{k-1}}^* \dots C_{\varphi_1, \psi_1}^*$ . Then for every  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , we get  $L(k_z) = \overline{W(z)} k_{H(z)}$ .

Define the linear map  $S : \mathcal{H}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  by  $S(k_z) = \overline{(W \circ H^{-1}(z))^{-1}} k_{H^{-1}(z)}$  for every  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Now by the same method used in [4] we can see that:  $L^n k_z \rightarrow 0$ ,  $S^n k_y \rightarrow 0$ ,  $LS(k_y) = k_y$  for all  $k_z \in \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $k_y \in \mathcal{H}_2$ . Therefore  $L$  satisfies the hypothesis of hypercyclicity criterion and so the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 2.3, if*

$$\varphi_m \cdot \varphi_n \circ \psi_m = \varphi_n \cdot \varphi_m \circ \psi_n$$

for all  $m, n \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ , then the  $k$ -tuple  $(C_{\varphi_1, \psi_1}^*, C_{\varphi_2, \psi_2}^*, \dots, C_{\varphi_k, \psi_k}^*)$  satisfies the hypercyclicity criterion.

*Proof.* First note that by the assumption

$$\varphi_m \cdot \varphi_n \circ \psi_m = \varphi_n \cdot \varphi_m \circ \psi_n; \quad m, n \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\},$$

$C_{\varphi_i, \psi_i}^*$  commutes with  $C_{\varphi_j, \psi_j}^*$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ , and indeed  $T$  is a  $k$ -tuple. Now clearly the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $k \geq 2$  and  $\varphi_m \cdot \varphi_n \circ \psi_m = \varphi_n \cdot \varphi_m \circ \psi_n$  for all  $m, n \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . If the  $k$ -tuple  $(C_{\varphi_1, \psi_1}, C_{\varphi_2, \psi_2}, \dots, C_{\varphi_k, \psi_k})$  is hypercyclic, then  $\varphi_j(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  and all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Also,  $|\varphi_j(p)| > 1$  for at least some  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  whenever  $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_k$  are elliptic or dilation types with common fixed point  $p$ .*

*Proof.* For all  $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ), set

$$L = C_{\varphi_1, \psi_1}^{*n_1} C_{\varphi_2, \psi_2}^{*n_2} \dots C_{\varphi_k, \psi_k}^{*n_k}.$$

if there exists  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  such that  $\varphi_j(z) = 0$  for some  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , then  $C_{\varphi_j, \psi_j}^* k_z = \overline{\varphi_j(z)} k_{\psi_j(z)} = 0$ . This implies that  $L_n(k_z) = 0$  that is a contradiction since it is well-known that every nonzero orbit of the adjoint of a hypercyclic tuple should be unbounded. Also, note that

$$L(k_p) = \left[ \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \overline{w_i(z)} \right] k_p = \left[ \prod_{i=1}^k (\overline{\varphi_i(p)})^{n_i} \right] k_p.$$

Now if  $|\varphi_i(p)| \leq 1$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ , then we get a contradiction. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $\psi_i(p) = p$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . If  $\prod_{i=1}^k \varphi_i(p) \neq 0$ , then  $\prod_{i=1}^k \overline{\varphi_i(p)}$  is an eigenvalue for the adjoint of the multiple  $C_{\varphi_1, \psi_1} C_{\varphi_2, \psi_2} \dots C_{\varphi_k, \psi_k}$ . Hence,  $C_{\varphi_1, \psi_1} C_{\varphi_2, \psi_2} \dots C_{\varphi_k, \psi_k}$  is not hypercyclic.*

*Proof.* Put  $M = C_{\varphi_1, \psi_1} C_{\varphi_2, \psi_2} \dots C_{\varphi_k, \psi_k}$ . Then

$$M^*(k_p) = \left[ \prod_{i=1}^k \overline{\varphi_i(p)} \right] k_p,$$

and so  $\prod_{i=1}^k \overline{\varphi_i(p)}$  is an eigenvalue of  $M^*$ , as desired. But it is well known that the adjoint of a hypercyclic operator can not have an eigenvector, hence the operator  $M$  fails to be hypercyclic and so the proof is complete.  $\square$

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