

**SKEW N-NORMAL COMPOSITION AND  
WEIGHTED COMPOSITION OPERATORS ON  $L^2(\mu)$**

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**Abstract:** An operator  $T$  is called skew  $n$ -normal operator if  $(T^n T^*)T = T(T^* T^n)$ , for all natural number  $n$ . In this paper, the condition under which composition operators and weighted composition operators become skew  $n$ -normal operators have been obtained in terms of radon-nikodym derivative  $h_n$ . We investigate some basic properties of such operators and study the relation among non normal composition operators and the skew  $n$ -normal composition operators.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $H$  be the infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space and  $B(H)$  be the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $H$ . An operator  $T \in B(H)$  is said to be self-adjoint (see [3]) if  $T = T^*$ , normal (see [2]) if  $TT^* = T^*T$ , quasinormal (see [11]) if  $T(T^*T) = (T^*T)T$ . An operator  $T$  is called  $n$ -normal (see [2,6]) if

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$T^n T = T T^n$ ,  $n$ -quasinormal operator (see [1,9]) if  $T^n T T = T T T^n$ , skew  $n$ -normal operators (see [10]) if  $(T^n T)T = T(T T^n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space. A transformation  $T$  is said to be measurable if  $T^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}$  for  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ . A measurable transformation  $T$  is said to be non-singular if

$$\mu(T^{-1}(B)) = 0 \text{ whenever } \mu(B) = 0 \text{ for every } B \in \mathcal{A}.$$

If  $T$  is a measurable transformation then  $T^n$  is also a measurable transformation, for all natural number  $n$ . If  $T$  is non-singular, then we say that  $\mu(T^{-1})$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$  and hence  $\mu(T^{-1})^n$  becomes absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ . Hence, by Radon-Nikodym theorem there exists a unique non-negative essentially bounded measurable function  $h_n$  such that

$$\mu(T^{-1})^n(B) = \int_B h_n d\mu \quad \text{for } B \in \mathcal{A}$$

and  $h_n$  is called the Radon-Nikodym derivative and is denoted by  $\frac{d\mu(T^{-1})^n}{d\mu}$ .

Let  $\phi$  be an essentially bounded function. The multiplication operator  $M_\phi$  on the space  $L^2(\mu)$  induced by  $\phi$  is given by

$$M_\phi f = \phi f \quad \text{for } f \in L^2(\mu)$$

Let  $T$  be a measurable transformation on  $X$ . The composition operator  $C_T$  on the space  $L^2(\mu)$  is given by

$$C_T f = f \circ T \quad \text{for } f \in L^2(\mu)$$

Let  $\phi$  be a complex-valued measurable function. The weighted composition operator  $W_{\phi,T}$  on the space  $L^2(\mu)$  induced by  $\phi$  and  $T$  is given by

$$W_{\phi,T} f = \phi \cdot f \circ T \quad \text{for } f \in L^2(\mu).$$

For more on composition operators and weighted composition operators one may refer to [4-8,12].

**Proposition 1.** *Change of Variables: Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ . Let  $\mu$  and  $\mu T^{-1}$  be measures on  $\mathcal{A}$  and let  $h : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a measurable function. Then the following are equivalent:*

(i)  $\mu T^{-1}$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$  and  $h$  is Radon-Nikodym derivative of  $\mu T^{-1}$  with respect to  $\mu$ .

(ii) For every measurable function  $f : X \rightarrow [0; 1]$ , the equality

$$\int_X f d\mu T^{-1} = \int_X f h d\mu$$

holds.

The conditional expectation operator  $E(.|T^{-1}(\mathcal{A})) = E(f)$  is defined for each non-negative function  $f$  in  $L^p$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ) and is uniquely determined by the following set of conditions:

(i)  $E(f)$  is  $T^{-1}(\mathcal{A})$  measurable.

(ii) If  $B$  is any  $T^{-1}(\mathcal{A})$  measurable set for which  $\int_B f d\mu$  converges then we have

$$\int_B f d\mu = \int_B E(f) d\mu.$$

The conditional expectation operator  $E$  has the following properties:

(i)  $E(f.g \circ T) = (E(f))(g \circ T)$ .

(ii)  $E$  is monotonically increasing, i.e., if  $f \leq g$  a.e. then  $E(f) \leq E(g)$  a.e.

(iii)  $E(1) = 1$ .

(iv)  $E(f)$  has the form  $E(f) = g \circ T$  for exactly one  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable function  $g$  provided that the support of  $g$  lies in the support of  $h$  which is given by

$$\sigma(h) = \{x : h(x) \neq 0\}.$$

$E$  is the projection operator onto the closure of the range of the composition operator  $C_T$  on  $L^2(\mu)$ .

Motivated by the approach and direction of research by the mathematicians in [4,5,6,9,10], an effort has been made in the paper to discuss the behaviour of skew n-normal class of operators. In this paper, we study skew n-normal composition operators and weighted composition operators in terms of Radon-Nikodym derivative and expectation operators.

## 2. Skew n-Normal Composition Operators

Let  $C_T$  be the composition operator and  $C_T^*$  be its adjoint which is given by  $C_T^*f = h.E(f) \circ T^{-1}$ .

**Lemma 2.** [8, 12] *Let  $P$  be the projection on  $L^2(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  onto  $\overline{R(C_T)}$ . Then:*

(i)  $C_T C_T^* f = h f$  and  $C_T^* C_T f = (h \circ T) P f$  for all  $f \in L^2(\mu)$ .

(ii)  $\overline{R(C_T)} = \{f \in L^2(\mu) : f \text{ is } T^{-1}(\mathcal{A}) \text{ measurable}\}$ .

(iii) If  $f$  is  $T^{-1}(\mathcal{A})$  measurable and  $g$  and  $fg$  belong to  $L^2(\mu)$ , then  $P(fg) = fP(g)$ , ( $f$  need not be in  $L^2(\mu)$ ).

(iv)  $(C_T C_T)^k f = h^k f$  for all  $k \in \mathcal{N}$ .

(v)  $(C_T C_T)^k f = (h \circ T)^k P(f)$ .

(vi)  $E$  is the identity operator on  $L^2(\mu)$  if and if  $T^{-1}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $C_T$  be a composition operator on  $L^2(\mu)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $C_T$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator.

(ii)  $h \circ T^n = h \circ T$ .

*Proof.* For  $f \in L^2(\mu)$

$$\begin{aligned} (C_T^n C_T) C_T f &= (C_T^n C_T) f \circ T \\ &= C_T^n (h.E(f \circ T) \circ T^{-1}) \\ &= (h.E(f \circ T) \circ T^{-1}) \circ T^n \\ &= h \circ T^n . E(f \circ T^n). \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} C_T (C_T C_T^n) f &= C_T C_T (f \circ T^n) \\ &= C_T h.E(f \circ T^n) \circ T^{-1} \\ &= h.E(f \circ T^{n-1}) \circ T \\ &= h \circ T . (E(f \circ T^n)). \end{aligned}$$

If  $C_T$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator then

$$(C_T^n C_T) C_T = C_T (C_T C_T^n) \iff h \circ T^n = h \circ T.$$

□

**Corollary 4.** Let  $C_T$  be a composition operator on  $L^2(\mu)$ . then the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $C_T$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator.

(ii)  $\|\sqrt{h \circ T^n}\| = \|\sqrt{h \circ T}\|$ .

**Corollary 5.** An operator  $C_T$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator iff  $C_T$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator.

*Proof.* Let  $C_T$  be a skew n-normal operator therefore

$$(C_T^n C_T)C_T = C_T(C_T C_T^n).$$

Taking adjoint on both side, we have

$$C_T(C_T C_T^n) = (C_T^n C_T)C_T$$

Therefore  $C_T$  is skew n-normal operator. □

In this theorem we explain the condition under which the adjoint of  $C_T$  is skew n-normal operator.

**Theorem 6.** *An operator  $C_T \in L^2(\mu)$  is skew n-normal operator iff*

$$h_n.h = h_n.h \circ T^{-n+1}$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $C_T$  is skew n-normal operator. Since

$$C_T(C_T C_T^n) = (C_T^n C_T)C_T.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} C_T(C_T C_T^n)f &= C_T C_T(h_n.E(f) \circ T^{-n}) \\ &= C_T(h_n.E(f) \circ T^{-n} \circ T) \\ &= hE(h_n \circ TE(f) \circ T^{1-n}) \circ T^{-1} \\ &= hE(h_n.E(f) \circ T^{-n}) \\ &= h.h_n f \circ T^{-n}. \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} (C_T^n C_T)C_T f &= C_T^n C_T(h.E(f) \circ T^{-1}) \\ &= C_T^n(h \circ T.E(f) \circ T^{-1} \circ T) \\ &= h_n(h \circ T.E(f) \circ T^{-n}) \\ &= h_n h \circ T^{-n+1} f \circ T^{-n}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $C_T$  is skew n-normal operator then

$$C_T(C_T C_T^n) = (C_T^n C_T)C_T \iff h_n.h = h_n.h \circ T^{-n+1}.$$

□

**Theorem 7.** *If  $C_T$  is skew n-normal operator on  $L^2(\mu)$ . Then  $\alpha C_T$  is skew n-normal operator for every complex number  $\alpha$ .*

*Proof.* Consider

$$\begin{aligned} ((\alpha C_T)^n (\alpha C_T) )(\alpha C_T) &= \alpha^n \bar{\alpha} \alpha (C_T^n C_T) C_T. \\ &= \alpha^n \bar{\alpha} \alpha C_T (C_T C_T^n) \\ &= (\alpha C_T) ((\alpha C_T) (\alpha C_T)^n) \end{aligned}$$

so that  $\alpha C_T$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator. □

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $C_T$  be the skew  $n$ -normal composition operator on a Hilbert space  $L^2(\mu)$ . If  $(C_T)^{-1} = C_{T^{-1}}$  then  $C_{T^{-1}}$  is skew  $n$ -normal composition operator.*

*Proof.* Since  $C_T$  is skew  $n$ -normal composition operator, therefore

$$C_T (C_T C_T^n) = (C_T^n C_T) C_T.$$

Taking inverse on both sides, we get

$$C_{T^{-1}}^n C_{T^{-1}} C_{T^{-1}} = C_{T^{-1}} C_{T^{-1}} C_{T^{-1}}^n.$$

Hence  $C_{T^{-1}}$  is skew  $n$ -normal composition operator. □

A composition operator  $C_S$  is unitarily equivalent to  $C_T$  if  $C_S = UC_TU$  where  $U$  is some unitary operator.

**Theorem 9.** *If  $C_T$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $C_S$  is unitarily equivalent to  $C_T$ , then  $C_S$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator.*

*Proof.* Since  $C_S$  is unitarily equivalent to  $C_T$ , then there exists an unitary operator  $U$  such that  $C_S = UC_TU$  .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} (C_S^n C_S) C_S &= (UC_T^n U UC_T U) UC_T U \\ &= U(C_T^n C_T) C_T U \\ &= UC_T (C_T C_T^n) U \end{aligned}$$

because  $C_T$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator. On the other hand

$$C_S (C_S C_S^n) = UC_T U (UC_T U UC_T^n U) = UC_T (C_T C_T^n) U .$$

This implies that  $(C_S^n C_S) C_S = C_S (C_S C_S^n)$ . Hence  $C_S$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator. □

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $C_S$  be normal operator and  $C_T$  be skew  $n$ -normal operator. If  $C_S$  and  $C_T$  commute, then  $C_S C_T$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator.*

*Proof.* Cosider

$$((C_S C_T)^n (C_S C_T)) C_S C_T = (C_S^n C_T^n C_T C_S) C_S C_T.$$

Since  $C_S$  is normal operator which commutes with  $C_T$ , then by Fuglede-Putnam theorem,  $C_T$  commutes with  $C_S$  therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (C_S^n C_T^n C_T C_S) C_S C_T &= C_S^n (C_T^n C_T) C_T C_S C_S \\ &= C_S^n C_T (C_T C_T^n) C_S C_S \\ &= C_S C_T C_T C_S^{n-1} C_T^n C_S C_S \\ &= C_S C_T (C_T C_S C_S^{n-1} C_T^n C_S) \\ &= C_S C_T (C_T C_S C_S^n C_T^n) \\ &= C_S C_T ((C_S C_T) (C_S C_T)^n). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $C_S C_T$  is skew n-normal operator. □

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $C_T$  be the skew n-normal operator, then  $C_T$  is skew  $n + k(n - 1)$ -normal operator, for every natural number  $k$ .*

*Proof.* We prove this result by using the method of induction for every natural number  $k$ .

(Base case): when  $k = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} (C_T^{n+(n-1)} C_T) C_T &= C_T^{n-1} (C_T^n C_T) C_T \\ &= C_T^{n-1} C_T (C_T C_T^n) \\ &= (C_T^n C_T) C_T C_T^{n-1} \\ &= C_T (C_T C_T^n) C_T^{n-1} \\ &= C_T (C_T C_T^{n+(n-1)}). \end{aligned}$$

(Inductive step): Suppose the result is true for  $n = k$ .

To prove the result for  $n = k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} (C_T^{n+(k+1)(n-1)} C_T) C_T &= C_T^{n-1} (C_T^{n+k(n-1)} C_T) C_T \\ &= C_T^{n-1} C_T (C_T C_T^{n+k(n-1)}) \\ &= (C_T^n C_T) C_T C_T^{n+k(n-1)-1} \\ &= C_T (C_T C_T^n) C_T^{(n-1)(k+1)} \\ &= C_T (C_T C_T^{n+(k+1)(n-1)}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $C_T$  is skew  $n + k(n - 1)$ -normal operator. □

**Theorem 12.** *Every n-normal composition operator is skew n-normal composition operator.*

*Proof.* Let  $C_T$  be n-normal operator therefore  $(C_T^n C_T) = (C_T C_T^n)$  and since every n-normal operator is quasi n-normal operator therefore  $C_T(C_T C_T^n) = (C_T C_T^n)C_T$ . Then

$$C_T(C_T C_T^n) = (C_T C_T^n)C_T = (C_T^n C_T)C_T.$$

Thus  $C_T$  is skew n-normal operator. □

**Theorem 13.** *Every quasi normal composition operator is skew n-normal composition operator.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $C_T$  is quasi normal composition operator. Then

$$C_T(C_T C_T) = (C_T C_T)C_T$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} C_T^2(C_T C_T) &= C_T[(C_T C_T)C_T] \\ &= C_T(C_T C_T)C_T \\ &= (C_T C_T)C_T^2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $C_T^{n-1}$  commutes with  $C_T C_T$  for every n, so that

$$(C_T^n C_T)C_T = C_T C_T^{n-1}(C_T C_T) = C_T(C_T C_T)C_T^{n-1} = C_T C_T C_T^n.$$

Thus  $C_T$  is skew n-normal composition operator. □

### 3. skew n-Normal Weighted Composition Operator

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space and  $W = W_{\phi, T}$  be the weighted composition operator on  $L^2(\mu)$  induced by the complex valued function  $\phi$  and a measurable transformation  $T$ . The adjoint  $W^*$  of  $W$  is given by  $W^* f = hE(\phi f) \circ T^{-1}$  for  $f \in L^2(\mu)$ . We put  $\phi_n = \phi \cdot (\phi \circ T) \cdot (\phi \circ T^2) \cdots (\phi \circ T^{n-1})$  where n be any natural number. For  $f \in L^2(\mu)$ ,  $W^n f = \phi_n \cdot f \circ T^n$  and  $W^{*n} f = h_n \cdot E(\phi_n \cdot f) \circ T^{-n}$ .

**Theorem 14.** *Let  $W$  be a weighted composition operator on  $L^2(\mu)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $W$  is skew n-normal operator.
- (ii)  $\phi_n \cdot h \circ T^n E(\phi^2) = \phi \cdot h \circ T E(\phi \phi_n)$ .



*Proof.* For  $f \in L^2(\mu)$

$$\begin{aligned} (W^n W^{-n})Wf &= (W^n W^{-n})(\phi.f \circ T) \\ &= W^n(h.E(\phi^2.f \circ T) \circ T^{-1}) \\ &= \phi_n(h.E(\phi^2 f) \circ T^n) \\ &= \phi_n h \circ T^n E(\phi^2) f \circ T^n. \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} W(W^{-n} W^n)f &= W W^{-n} (\phi_n \circ T^n) \\ &= W(hE(\phi \phi_n.f \circ T^n) \circ T^{-1}) \\ &= \phi(h.E(\phi \phi_n)f \circ T^{n-1}) \circ T \\ &= \phi h \circ T E(\phi \phi_n) f \circ T^n. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $W$  is a skew  $n$ -normal operator then

$$(W^n W^{-n})Wf = W(W^{-n} W^n)f \iff \phi_n.h \circ T^n E(\phi^2) = \phi.h \circ T E(\phi \phi_n).$$

□

**Theorem 15.** *Let  $W$  be a weighted composition operator on  $L^2(\mu)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $W$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator.
- (ii)  $hE(\phi^2 h_n E(\phi_n f)) = h_n E(\phi_n \phi h \circ T^{-n+1} E(\phi f))$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} W^{-n} (W W^n)f &= W^{-n} W(h_n E(\phi_n f) \circ T^{-n}) \\ &= W^{-n} \phi(h_n E(\phi_n f) \circ T^{-n}) \circ T \\ &= hE(\phi.\phi h_n \circ T E(\phi_n f) \circ T^{-n+1}) \circ T^{-1} \\ &= hE(\phi^2 h_n E(\phi_n f)) \circ T^{-n}. \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} (W^{-n} W)W f &= (W^{-n} W)(hE(\phi f) \circ T^{-1}) \\ &= W^{-n}(\phi.h \circ T)E(\phi f) \\ &= h_n E(\phi_n \phi.h \circ T E(\phi f)) \circ T^{-n} \\ &= h_n E(\phi_n \phi h \circ T^{-n+1} E(\phi f) \circ T^{-n}). \end{aligned}$$

If  $W$  is a skew  $n$ -normal operator. Then

$$W(WW^n) = (W^nW)W \iff hE(\phi^2 h_n E(\phi_n f)) = h_n E(\phi_n \phi h \circ T^{-n+1} E(\phi f)).$$

□

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