

COMPOSITION OPERATORS BETWEEN WEIGHTED HARDY TYPE SPACES

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Abstract: Let φ be an analytic self-map of the open unit disc \mathbb{D} in the finite complex plane \mathbb{C} . Let C_φ, D be the composition and differentiation operators defined by $C_\varphi f = f \circ \varphi$, $Df = f'$ respectively. In this paper, we shall consider the operators $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ defined by $C_\varphi Df = f' \circ \varphi$ and $DC_\varphi f = (f \circ \varphi)'$ respectively and we shall discuss the boundedness and compactness of the operators $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ on weighted Hardy spaces by using the orthonormal basis of the weighted Hardy spaces.

1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, by \mathbb{D} we shall denote the open unit disc of the finite complex plane \mathbb{C} ; by $\partial\mathbb{D}$ the boundary of \mathbb{D} ; by $H(\mathbb{D})$ the set of all complex valued analytic functions on \mathbb{D} and by φ , the analytic self-map of \mathbb{D} .

Let $\beta = \{\beta_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ be the sequence of positive numbers such that $\beta_0 = 1$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\beta_{n+1}}{\beta_n} = 1$. Then the weighted Hardy spaces $H^2(\beta)$ is the Banach space of all analytic functions f on the open unit disk \mathbb{D} :

$$H^2(\beta) = \left\{ f : z \rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad s.t. \quad \|f\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 \beta_n^2 < \infty \right\}$$

where $\|\cdot\|_{H^2(\beta)}$ is a norm on $H^2(\beta)$.

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If $\beta \equiv 1$, then $H^2(\beta)$ becomes the classical Hardy space $H^2(D)$. Also, $H^2(\beta)$ is a Hilbert space w.r.t the inner product defined as

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot \bar{b}_n \beta_n^2$$

where $f, g \in H^2(\beta)$. For a detailed discussion on $H^2(\beta)$, we refer [11] and references therein.

Associated with φ , the classical linear operator $C_\varphi : H(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow H(\mathbb{D})$ is defined by $f \rightarrow f \circ \varphi$ and this operator is called the composition operator induced by self-map φ . Let ψ be an analytic function from the open unit disc \mathbb{D} to \mathbb{C} , then associated with ψ the multiplication operator $M_\psi f$ is defined by ψf . It has been known that the composition operator C_φ is bounded on almost all spaces of analytic functions see, for example [1,2,3], and D is usually unbounded on spaces of analytic functions. Recently, the above defined operator has received the attention of many researcher see, for example [5,7,8,9,14]. In [5], Hirschweiles and Portony defined the product $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ and studied the boundedness and compactness of these operators between Bergman and Hardy spaces by using the carleson-type measure, whereas in [9], the author studied the boundedness and compactness of $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ between Hardy type spaces.

This paper is organised as follows. In the second section, we shall discuss the boundedness of the operators $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ on weighted Hardy spaces $H^2(\beta)$. In the third section, we shall study the compactness of the operators $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ on weighted Hardy spaces $H^2(\beta)$ and in the final section, we shall give necessary and sufficient condition for the operators $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ to be the Hilbert-Schmidt operator on weighted Hardy spaces $H^2(\beta)$.

2. Boundedness of $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ

In this section, we shall establish the necessary and sufficient condition for the operators $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ to be bounded on weighted Hardy spaces $H^2(\beta)$.

Recall that a linear operator T on a Hilbert space X is bounded if it takes every bounded set in X into itself.

Theorem 1. *Let $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ be analytic self-map such that $\{\varphi^n : n \geq 0\}$ be an orthogonal family. Then $C_\varphi \mathbb{D} : H^2(\beta) \rightarrow H^2(\beta)$ is bounded iff*

$$\|\varphi^{n-1}\|_{H^2(\beta)} \leq \frac{M}{n} \beta_n.$$

Proof. First, suppose that $C_\varphi D : H^2(\beta) \rightarrow H^2(\beta)$ is bounded. Then $\exists M > 0$ such that

$$\|C_\varphi Df\|_{H^2(\beta)} \leq M\|f\|_{H^2(\beta)} \quad \forall f \in H^2(\beta). \tag{2.1}$$

Let $f(z) = z^n \quad \forall z \in D$.

Then

$$\|f\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 \beta_n^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|z^n\|^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|z\|^{2n} = \frac{1}{1 - \|z\|^2} < \infty$$

Thus, $f \in H^2(\beta)$.

From equation (2.1), we have

$$\|C_\varphi D z^n\|_{H^2(\beta)} \leq M\|z^n\|_{H^2(\beta)} = M\beta_n.$$

This implies that

$$\|n\varphi^{n-1}\|_{H^2(\beta)} \leq M\beta(n),$$

that is

$$\|\varphi^{n-1}\|_{H^2(\beta)} \leq \frac{M}{n}\beta_n.$$

Conversely, suppose that

$$\|\varphi^{n-1}\|_{H^2(\beta)} \leq \frac{M}{n}\beta_n.$$

To prove that $C_\varphi D$ is bounded, let $f \in H^2(\beta)$ be such that

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \in H^2(\beta).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|C_\varphi Df\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 &= \left\| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n n \varphi^{n-1} \right\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 n^2 \|\varphi^{n-1}\|^2 \\ &\leq n^2 \frac{M^2}{n^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 \beta_n^2 \\ &= M^2 \|f\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\|C_\varphi Df\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 \leq M\|f\|_{H^2(\beta)} \quad \forall f \in H^2(\beta)$.

Therefore, $C_\varphi D$ is bounded on $H^2(\beta)$. □

Corollary 2. *If $\beta \equiv 1$ and $\varphi(z) = \frac{z}{2}$, then $C_\varphi D : H^2(\beta) \rightarrow H^2(\beta)$ is bounded.*

Proof. Since

$$\left\| \frac{n\varphi^{n-1}}{\beta_n} \right\| \leq 1 \quad \forall \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Therefore, from the theorem (2.1), it follows that the operator $C_\varphi D$ is bounded. □

Theorem 3. *Let $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ be analytic map and $\{\varphi^n : n \geq 0\}$ be an orthogonal family. Then $DC_\varphi : H^2(\beta) \rightarrow H^2(\beta)$ is bounded iff*

$$\|\varphi^{n-1}\varphi'\| \leq \frac{M}{n}\beta_n.$$

Proof. Suppose that $DC_\varphi : H^2(\beta) \rightarrow H^2(\beta)$ is bounded. Then $\exists M > 0$ such that

$$\|DC_\varphi f\|_{H^2(\beta)} \leq M\|f\|_{H^2(\beta)} \quad \forall \quad f \in H^2(\beta) \tag{2.2}.$$

Let $f(z) = z^n$, then clearly as in theorem (2.1), we have $f \in H^2(\beta)$.

From equation (2.2), we have

$$\|DC_\varphi z^n\|_{H^2(\beta)} \leq M\|z^n\|_{H^2(\beta)} = M\beta_n.$$

This implies that

$$\|n\varphi^{n-1}\varphi'\|_{H^2(\beta)} \leq M\beta_n.$$

that is

$$\|\varphi^{n-1}\varphi'\|_{H^2(\beta)} \leq \frac{M}{n}\beta_n.$$

Conversely, assume that $\|\varphi^{n-1}\varphi'\|_{H^2(\beta)} \leq \frac{M}{n}\beta_n$.

To prove that DC_φ is bounded. Let $f \in H^2(\beta)$ be such that $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n z^n$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|DC_\varphi f\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 &= \left\| \sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n n \varphi^{n-1} \varphi' \right\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty |a_n|^2 n^2 \|\varphi^{n-1} \varphi'\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 \\ &\leq n^2 \frac{M^2}{n^2} \sum_{n=0}^\infty |a_n|^2 \beta_n^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= M^2 \|f\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2.$$

This implies that

$$\|DC_\varphi f\|_{H^\beta}^2 \leq M \|f\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2$$

and so the operator DC_φ is bounded. □

Corollary 4. *If $\beta \equiv 1$ and if $\varphi(z) = \frac{z}{2}$, then $DC_\varphi : H^2(\beta) \rightarrow H^2(\beta)$ is bounded.*

Proof. Since

$$\left\| \frac{n\varphi^{n-1}\varphi'}{\beta_n} \right\|_{H^2(\beta)} \leq 1 \quad \forall \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Therefore from the theorem (2.2), it follows that the operator DC_φ is bounded. □

3. Compactness of the Operators $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ

In this section, we shall study the compactness of the operators $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ on weighted Hardy spaces $H^2(\beta)$. For this, we shall need the following Lemma.

Lemma 5. *Let $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ be analytic self-map of \mathbb{D} . Then the composition operators $C_\varphi D$ (or DC_φ) : $H^2(\beta) \rightarrow H^2(\beta)$ is compact iff for any bounded sequence $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ converges locally uniformly on \mathbb{D} , we have*

$$\|C_\varphi D f_n \text{ (or } DC_\varphi f_n)\|_{H^2(\beta)} \rightarrow 0.$$

Proof. The proof of this lemma can be written by using the similar argument as in [2, p.128] so, we omit its proof. □

Theorem 6. *Let $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ be analytic map such that $\{\varphi^n : n \geq 0\}$ be an orthogonal family. Then $C_\varphi D : H^2(\beta) \rightarrow H^2(\beta)$ is compact iff*

$$\frac{n}{\beta_n} \|\varphi^{n-1}\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Proof. Suppose that $C_\varphi D : H^2(\beta) \rightarrow H^2(\beta)$ is compact and $\{\frac{z^n}{\beta_n}\}_{n=0}^\infty$ converges uniformly to zero.

Then, by using the Lemma (3.1), we have

$$\|C_\varphi D \left\{ \frac{z^n}{\beta_n} \right\}\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

that is $\frac{n}{\beta_n} \|\varphi^{n-1}\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Conversely, suppose that

$$\frac{n}{\beta_n} \|\varphi^{n-1}\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists positive integer m such that $\frac{n}{\beta_n} \|\varphi^{n-1}\| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m$.

Let $f \in H^2(\beta)$ be such that $f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$.

Define

$$T_k f = \sum_{n=0}^k a_n C_\varphi D z^n = \sum_{n=0}^k a_n n \varphi^{n-1}.$$

Then T_k is finite rank operator on $H^2(\beta)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now} \quad \|(C_\varphi D - T_k)f\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 &= \left\| \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} a_n \cdot C_\varphi D z^n \right\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 \\ &= \left\| \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \varphi^{n-1} \right\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 \\ &= \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 \cdot n^2 \|\varphi^{n-1}\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^2 |a_n|^2 \|\varphi^{n-1}\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 \varepsilon^2 \beta_n^2 \\ &= \varepsilon^2 \|f\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\|C_\varphi D - T_k\| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m$.

This proves that $C_\varphi D$ is compact operator. □

Theorem 7. Let $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ be analytic map such that $\{\varphi^n : n \geq 0\}$ be an orthogonal family. Then $DC_\varphi : H^2(\beta) \rightarrow H^2(\beta)$ is compact iff

$$\frac{n}{\beta_n} \|\varphi^{n-1}\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

proof. By using the similar argument as in theorem (3.2), we can write the proof of this theorem and so we omit its details.

4. Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for Operators $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ to be Hilbert-Schmidt Operators on $H^2(\beta)$

In this section, we shall give necessary and sufficient condition for the operator $C_\varphi D$ (or DC_φ) to be Hilbert-Schmidt operator on $H^2(\beta)$.

Recall that a linear operator T on a Hilbert space H is said to be Hilbert-Schmidt operator if $\sum_{n=0}^\infty \|Te_n\|^2 < \infty$ for some orthonormal basis $\{e_n : n \geq 0\}$ of Hilbert spaces H .

Theorem 8. *Let φ be an analytic self-map of \mathbb{D} . Then $C_\varphi D$ is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator on $H^2(\beta)$ iff*

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty (n + 1) \|\varphi^n\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 < \infty.$$

Proof. Assume that $C_\varphi D$ is Hilbert-Schmidt operator. Then for any orthonormal basis $\{z^n : n \geq 0\}$ of $H^2(\beta)$, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty \|C_\varphi D z^n\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 < \infty.$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \|n\varphi^{n-1}\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^2 \|\varphi^{n-1}\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^\infty (n + 1)^2 \|\varphi^n\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 \\ &< \infty \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\sum_{n=0}^\infty (n + 1)^2 \|\varphi^n\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 < \infty$.

Conversely, suppose that $\sum_{n=0}^\infty (n + 1)^2 \|\varphi^n\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 < \infty$.

To prove that $C_\varphi D$ is Hilbert-Schmidt operator on $H^2(\beta)$. Let $\{z^n : n \geq 0\}$ be an orthonormal basis, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \|C_\varphi D z^n\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \|n\varphi^{n-1}\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^\infty (n + 1)^2 \|\varphi^n\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This proves that $C_\varphi D$ is Hilbert-Schmidt operator on $H^2(\beta)$.

By using the similar argument, we can prove the following theorem and so, we omit the detail of its proof. \square

Theorem 9. *Let φ be an analytic self-map of \mathbb{D} . Then DC_φ is Hilbert-Schmidt operator on $H^2(\beta)$ iff*

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)^2 \|\varphi^n \cdot \varphi'\|_{H^2(\beta)}^2 < \infty.$$

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