WEIGHTED COMPOSITION OPERATORS FROM LOGARITHMIC BLOCH SPACES TO A CLASS OF WEIGHTED-TYPE SPACES IN THE UNIT BALL

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Abstract

The boundedness and compactness of the weighted composition operator from logarithmic Bloch spaces to a class of weighted-type spaces are studied in this paper.

1. Introduction

Let B be the unit ball of \mathbb{C}^n and H(B) the space of all holomorphic functions in B. Let $\Re f(z) = \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_j}(z)$ be the radial derivative of $f \in H(B)$. The Bloch space $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}(B)$, is the space consisting of all $f \in H(B)$ such that $\sup_{z \in B} (1 - |z|^2) |\Re f(z)| < \infty$. Let $\mathcal{LB} = \mathcal{LB}(B)$ denote the class of all $f \in H(B)$ such that

$$\beta(f) = \sup_{z \in B} (1 - |z|^2) \left(\ln \frac{e}{1 - |z|^2} \right) |\Re f(z)| < \infty.$$
 (1)

It is easy to check that \mathcal{LB} is a Banach space with the norm $||f||_{\mathcal{LB}} = |f(0)| + \beta(f)$. \mathcal{LB} is called the logarithmic Bloch space. We would like to point out that the constant e appearing in (1) is introduced in [21], instead of usual constant 2, for avoiding many technical problems (see, e.g., [23]). Namely, the function $h(x) = (1 - x^2) \ln \frac{e}{1 - x^2}$ is decreasing in x on the interval [0, 1), which is not the case with the function $(1 - x^2) \ln \frac{2}{1 - x^2}$.

Let \mathcal{LB}_0 stand for the class of $f \in \mathcal{LB}$ such that

$$\lim_{|z| \to 1} (1 - |z|^2) \left(\ln \frac{e}{1 - |z|^2} \right) |\Re f(z)| = 0.$$
 (2)

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In [24] (see also [25, Theorem 3.21]) was shown that f is a multiplier of \mathcal{B} if and only if $f \in H^{\infty}$ and $f \in \mathcal{LB}$. Hence the space \mathcal{LB} is appeared naturally.

A positive continuous function μ on [0,1) is called normal, if there exist positive numbers α and β , $0 < \alpha < \beta$, and $\delta \in [0,1)$ such that (see [14])

$$\frac{\mu(r)}{(1-r)^{\alpha}} \ \text{is decreasing on} \ [\delta,1) \ \text{and} \ \lim_{r\to 1} \frac{\mu(r)}{(1-r)^{\alpha}} = 0;$$

$$\frac{\mu(r)}{(1-r)^{\beta}}$$
 is increasing on $[\delta,1)$ and $\lim_{r\to 1} \frac{\mu(r)}{(1-r)^{\beta}} = \infty$.

Let μ be a normal function on [0,1). An $f \in H(B)$ is said to belong to the weighted-type space ([3, 17, 18]), denoted by $H^{\infty}_{\mu} = H^{\infty}_{\mu}(B)$, if

$$||f||_{H^\infty_\mu} = \sup_{z \in B} \mu(|z|) |f(z)| < \infty.$$

 H^{∞}_{μ} is a Banach space with the norm $\|\cdot\|_{H^{\infty}_{\mu}}$.

Let $H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$ denote the subspace of H^{∞}_{μ} consisting of those $f \in H^{\infty}_{\mu}$ for which $\lim_{|z| \to 1} \mu(|z|) |f(z)| = 0$. When $\mu(r) = (1 - r^2)^{\alpha}$, the induced spaces H^{∞}_{μ} and $H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$ are the space H^{∞}_{α} and $H^{\infty}_{\alpha,0}$ respectively. For more information on the spaces H^{∞}_{α} and $H^{\infty}_{\alpha,0}$ in the unit disk, we refer to [4, 11].

Let $\psi \in H(B)$ and φ be a holomorphic self-map of B. The weighted composition operator ψC_{φ} on H(B), induced by ψ and φ , is defined as follows $(\psi C_{\varphi} f)(z) = \psi(z)(f \circ \varphi)(z)$. The weighted composition operator is a generalization of the multiplication operator and the composition operator. The book [2] contains much information on this topic. In the setting of the unit ball, some necessary and sufficient conditions for the weighted composition operator to be bounded and compact between the Bloch space and H^{∞} are given in [10]. In the setting of the unit polydisk, some necessary and sufficient conditions for the weighted composition operator to be bounded and compact between the Bloch space and H^{∞} are given in [7, 8] (see also [15] for the case of composition operators). For some closely related results see also [1, 3, 5, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26] and the references therein.

In this paper, we study the weighted composition operator from \mathcal{LB} and \mathcal{LB}_0 to H^{∞}_{μ} and $H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$. The sufficient and necessary conditions for the weighted composition operator ψC_{φ} to be bounded and compact are given.

Throughout the paper, constants are denoted by C, they are positive and may not be the same in every occurrence.

2. AUXILIARY RESULTS

In this section we state some auxiliary results, which are used in the proofs of our main results.

Lemma 1. Assume $\psi \in H(B)$, φ is a holomorphic self-map of B. Then $\psi C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{LB}(\text{or } \mathcal{LB}_0) \to H_{\mu}^{\infty}$ is compact if and only if $\psi C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{LB}(\text{or } \mathcal{LB}_0) \to H_{\mu}^{\infty}$ is bounded and for any bounded sequence $(f_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $\mathcal{LB}(\text{or } \mathcal{LB}_0)$ converging to zero uniformly on compacts of B as $k \to \infty$, we have $\lim_{k \to \infty} \|\psi C_{\varphi} f_k\|_{H_{\mu}^{\infty}} = 0$.

Proof. The result follows by standard arguments similar to those outlined in Proposition 3.11 of [2] or in Lemma 2 in [15]. We omit the details. \Box

The next lemma is from [3] (one-dimensional case is Lemma 2.1 in [12]).

Lemma 2. A closed set K in $H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$ is compact if and only if it is bounded and satisfies

$$\lim_{|z|\to 1}\sup_{f\in K}\mu(|z|)|f(z)|=0.$$

A proof of the following estimate can be found in [21, Lemma 1].

Lemma 3. Let $f \in \mathcal{LB}$. Then there exists a positive constant C such that

$$|f(z)| \le |f(0)| + C||f||_{\mathcal{LB}} \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |z|^2}.$$

Lemma 4. Let $f \in \mathcal{LB}_0$. Then

$$\lim_{|z| \to 1} \frac{|f(z)|}{\ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |z|^2}} = 0. \tag{3}$$

Proof. We follow the lines of the proof of Lemma 2.3 in [6]. Since $f \in \mathcal{LB}_0$, it follows that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta \in (1/2, 1)$ such that when $\delta < |z| < 1$

$$(1-|z|)\ln\frac{e}{1-|z|^2}|\Re f(z)|<\varepsilon. \tag{4}$$

From (4) and since the function $h_1(x) = x \ln \frac{e}{x}$ is increasing on the interval (0,1], when $1/2 < \delta < |z| < 1$, we have that

$$\begin{split} |f(z)| &= \left| f(z/2|z|) + \int_{1/(2|z|)}^{1} \Re f(tz) \frac{dt}{t} \right| \\ &\leq \ M_{\infty}(f,1/2) + 2 \int_{1/(2|z|)}^{\frac{\delta}{|z|}} |\Re f(tz)| \, |z| dt + 2 \int_{\frac{\delta}{|z|}}^{1} |\Re f(tz)| \, |z| dt \\ &\leq \ M_{\infty}(f,1/2) + 2 \|f\|_{\mathcal{LB}} \int_{0}^{\frac{\delta}{|z|}} \frac{|z| dt}{(1-t|z|) \ln \frac{e}{1-t|z|}} + 2\varepsilon \int_{\frac{\delta}{|z|}}^{1} \frac{|z| dt}{(1-t|z|) \ln \frac{e}{1-t|z|}} \\ &\leq \ M_{\infty}(f,1/2) + 2 \|f\|_{\mathcal{LB}} \ln \ln \frac{e}{1-\delta} + 2\varepsilon \ln \ln \frac{e}{1-|z|} - 2\varepsilon \ln \ln \frac{e}{1-\delta}, \end{split}$$

where $M_{\infty}(f,r) = \sup_{z \in B} |f(rz)|$. Dividing the above inequality by $\ln \ln \frac{e}{1-|z|}$, using the fact that the quantity $M_{\infty}(f, 1/2)$ is finite, and letting $|z| \to 1$, we get

$$\limsup_{|z|\to 1} |f(z)| \Big(\ln \ln \frac{e}{1-|z|} \Big)^{-1} \le 2\varepsilon$$

from which the lemma follows. \square

3. Main results and proofs

In this section, we consider the boundedness and compactness of the weighted composition operator from logarithmic Bloch spaces to weightedtype spaces.

Theorem 1. Assume that $\psi \in H(B)$, φ is a holomorphic self-map of B and μ is a normal function on [0,1). Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (a) $\psi C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{LB} \to H_{\mu}^{\infty}$ is bounded; (b) $\psi C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{LB}_0 \to H_{\mu}^{\infty}$ is bounded; (c) $\psi \in H_{\mu}^{\infty}$ and

$$M = \sup_{z \in B} \mu(|z|)|\psi(z)| \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} < \infty.$$
 (5)

Proof. (a) \Rightarrow (b) is clear.

 $(b)\Rightarrow (c)$. Assume that $\psi C_{\varphi}:\mathcal{LB}_{0}\to H_{\mu}^{\infty}$ is bounded. Taking the function f(z) = 1, we see that $\psi \in H^{\infty}_{\mu}$. For $a \in B$, set

$$f_a(z) = \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - \langle z, a \rangle}.$$
(6)

It is known that $K_1 := \sup_{a \in B} ||f_a||_{\mathcal{LB}} < \infty$ (see [21]). In addition,

$$\lim_{|z|\to 1} (1-|z|) \ln \frac{e}{1-|z|} |\Re f_a(z)| \le \lim_{|z|\to 1} (1-|z|) \ln \frac{e}{1-|z|} \frac{1}{\ln(e/2)} \frac{1}{1-|a|} = 0.$$

Therefore $f_a \in \mathcal{LB}_0$. For any $\lambda \in B$, we have

$$\infty > \|\psi C_{\varphi} f_{\varphi(\lambda)}\|_{H^{\infty}_{\mu}} = \sup_{z \in B} \mu(|z|) |(\psi C_{\varphi} f_{\varphi(\lambda)})(z)|$$

$$= \sup_{z \in B} \mu(|z|) |\psi(z)| |f_{\varphi(\lambda)}(\varphi(z))|$$

$$\geq \mu(|\lambda|) |\psi(\lambda)| \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(\lambda)|^{2}}, \qquad (7)$$

which implies (5).

 $(c) \Rightarrow (a)$. Assume that $\psi \in H^{\infty}_{\mu}$ and (5) holds. For any $f \in \mathcal{LB}$, using Lemma 3 we have

$$\mu(|z|)|(\psi C_{\varphi}f)(z)| = \mu(|z|)|\psi(z)||f(\varphi(z))|$$

$$\leq \mu(|z|)|\psi(z)||f(\varphi(0))| + C\mu(|z|)|\psi(z)|\ln\ln\frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2}||f||_{\mathcal{LB}}. (8)$$

In view of $\psi \in H^{\infty}_{\mu}$ and (5), the boundedness of $\psi C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{LB} \to H^{\infty}_{\mu}$ follows by taking the supremum in (8) over B. The proof is completed.

Theorem 2. Assume that $\psi \in H(B)$, φ is a holomorphic self-map of B and μ is a normal function on [0,1). Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (a) $\psi C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{L}\mathcal{B} \to H_{\mu}^{\infty}$ is compact; (b) $\psi C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{L}\mathcal{B}_0 \to H_{\mu}^{\infty}$ is compact; (c) $\psi \in H_{\mu}^{\infty}$ and

$$\lim_{|\varphi(z)| \to 1} \mu(|z|) |\psi(z)| \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} = 0.$$
 (9)

Proof. $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$ is clear.

 $(b)\Rightarrow (c)$. Assume that $\psi C_{\varphi}:\mathcal{LB}_0\to H^{\infty}_{\mu}$ is compact. Then $\psi\in H^{\infty}_{\mu}$ by the boundedness of $\psi C_{\varphi}:\mathcal{LB}_0\to H^{\infty}_{\mu}$. Let $(z_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in Bsuch that $\lim_{k\to\infty} |\varphi(z_k)| = 1$. Take

$$f_k(z) = \left(\ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - \langle z, \varphi(z_k) \rangle}\right)^2 \left(\ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z_k)|^2}\right)^{-1}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$
 (10)

It is not difficult to see that $f_k \in \mathcal{LB}_0$, $\sup_k \|f_k\|_{\mathcal{LB}} < \infty$. Moreover, $f_k \to 0$ uniformly on compact subsets of B as $k \to \infty$. By Lemma 1,

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \|\psi C_{\varphi} f_k\|_{H^{\infty}_{\mu}} = 0. \tag{11}$$

On the other hand,

$$\|\psi C_{\varphi} f_k\|_{H^{\infty}_{\mu}} = \sup_{z \in B} \mu(|z|) |f_k(\varphi(z))\psi(z)| \ge \mu(|z_k|) \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z_k)|^2} |\psi(z_k)|, (12)$$

which together with (11) imply that

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}\mu(|z_k|)|\psi(z_k)|\ln\ln\frac{e}{1-|\varphi(z_k)|^2}=0.$$

This proves that (9) holds.

(c) \Rightarrow (a). Assume that $\psi \in H^{\infty}_{\mu}$ and (9) holds. Let $(f_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in \mathcal{LB} with $\sup_{k\in\mathbb{N}}\|f_k\|_{\mathcal{LB}}\leq L$ and suppose $f_k\to 0$ uniformly on compact subsets of B as $k \to \infty$.

By (9) we have that if given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a constant δ (0 < δ < 1), such that when $\delta < |\varphi(z)| < 1$ we have

$$\mu(|z|)|\psi(z)|\ln\ln\frac{e}{1-|\varphi(z)|^2}<\varepsilon. \tag{13}$$

Inequality (13) along with the fact that $\psi \in H_n^{\infty}$ shows that

$$\|\psi C_\varphi f_k\|_{H^\infty_\mu} = \sup_{z \in B} \mu(|z|) |(\psi C_\varphi f_k)(z)| = \sup_{z \in B} \mu(|z|) |\psi(z) f_k(\varphi(z))|$$

$$\leq \left(\sup_{|\varphi(z)| \leq \delta} + \sup_{z \in B: \ \delta \leq |\varphi(z)| < 1}\right) \mu(|z|) |\psi(z)| |f_k(\varphi(z))|$$

$$\leq \|\psi\|_{H^{\infty}_{\mu}} \sup_{|w| \leq \delta} |f_{k}(w)| + C \sup_{\{z \in B: \ \delta \leq |\varphi(z)| < 1\}} \mu(|z|) |\psi(z)| \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^{2}} \|f_{k}\|$$

$$\leq \|\psi\|_{H^{\infty}_{\mu}} \sup_{\|w\| \leq \delta} |f_k(w)| + CL\varepsilon.$$

The assumption gives that $\lim_{k\to\infty}\sup_{|w|\leq\delta}|f_k(w)|=0$. By letting $k\to\infty$ in the last inequality, we obtain $\limsup_{k\to\infty}\|\psi C_\varphi f_k\|_{H^\infty_\mu}\leq CL\varepsilon$. Since ε is an arbitrary positive number, it follows that the last limit is equal to zero. Therefore, $\psi C_\varphi:\mathcal{LB}\to H^\infty_\mu$ is compact by Lemma 1. \square

Theorem 3. Assume that $\psi \in H(B)$, φ is a holomorphic self-map of B and μ is a normal function on [0,1). Then the following statements hold.

- (a) $\psi C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{LB} \to H_{\mu,0}^{\infty}$ is compact;
- (b) $\psi C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{LB}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$ is compact;
- (c) $\psi \in H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$ and

$$\lim_{|z| \to 1} \mu(|z|) |\psi(z)| \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} = 0.$$
 (14)

Proof. (a) \Rightarrow (b). It is obvious.

(b) \Rightarrow (c). By the assumption, it is clear that $\psi C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{LB}_0 \to H_{\mu,0}^{\infty}$ is bounded. Taking f(z) = 1 we obtain $\psi \in H_{\mu,0}^{\infty}$. If $\|\varphi\|_{\infty} < 1$, we have

$$\lim_{|z| \to 1} \mu(|z|) |\psi(z)| \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \le \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - \|\varphi\|_{\infty}^2} \lim_{|z| \to 1} \mu(|z|) |\psi(z)| = 0, \quad (15)$$

which implies (14).

Now we assume that $\|\varphi\|_{\infty}=1$. By the assumption we see that $\psi C_{\varphi}:\mathcal{LB}_0\to H^{\infty}_{\mu}$ is compact. From Theorem 2 we have

$$\lim_{|\varphi(z)| \to 1} \mu(|z|) |\psi(z)| \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} = 0.$$
 (16)

According to (16), for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists an $r \in (0,1)$, such that

$$\mu(|z|)|\psi(z)|\ln\ln\frac{e}{1-|\varphi(z)|^2}<\varepsilon$$

when $r<|\varphi(z)|<1.$ By the fact that $\psi\in H^\infty_{\mu,0}$, there exists a $\delta\in(0,1)$, such that

$$\mu(|z|)|\psi(z)| \le \frac{\varepsilon}{\ln \ln \frac{e}{1-r^2}}$$

when $\delta < |z| < 1$. Therefore, if $\delta < |z| < 1$ and $r < |\varphi(z)| < 1$, we obtain

$$\mu(|z|)|\psi(z)|\ln\ln\frac{e}{1-|\varphi(z)|^2}<\varepsilon. \tag{17}$$

If $\delta < |z| < 1$ and $|\varphi(z)| \le r$, we have

$$\mu(|z|)|\psi(z)| \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} < \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - r^2} \mu(|z|)|\psi(z)| < \epsilon.$$
 (18)

Combining (17) with (18), we get (14).

 $(c) \Rightarrow (a)$. Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{LB}$. From Lemma 3 it follows that

$$\mu(|z|)|(\psi C_{\varphi}f)(z)| \leq \mu(|z|)|\psi(z)||f(\varphi(0))| + C\mu(|z|)|\psi(z)| \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} ||f||_{\mathcal{LB}}.$$

Taking the supremum in this inequality over all $f \in \mathcal{LB}$ such that $||f||_{\mathcal{LB}} \leq 1$, by (14) and $\psi \in H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$, letting $|z| \to 1$, we obtain

$$\lim_{|z|\to 1} \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{LB}} \le 1} \mu(|z|) |(\psi C_{\varphi}(f))(z)| = 0.$$

By Lemma 2 it follows that $\psi C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{LB} \to H_{\mu,0}^{\infty}$ is compact, as desired. \square

Theorem 4. Assume that $\psi \in H(B)$, φ is a holomorphic self-map of B and μ is a normal function on [0,1). Then $\psi C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{LB}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$ is bounded if and only if $\psi C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{LB}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\mu}$ is bounded and $\psi \in H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$.

Proof. Assume that $\psi C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{LB}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$ is bounded. It is clear that $\psi C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{LB}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\mu}$ is bounded. Taking f(z)=1, we see that $\psi \in H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$. Conversely, assume that $\psi C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{LB}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\mu}$ is bounded and $\psi \in H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$.

Conversely, assume that $\psi C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{LB}_0 \to H_{\mu}^{\infty}$ is bounded and $\psi \in H_{\mu,0}^{\infty}$. Suppose $f \in \mathcal{LB}_0$, then by Lemma 4 we have that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an $r_0 \in (0,1)$, such that

$$\frac{|f(\varphi(z))|}{\ln \ln \frac{e}{1-|\varphi(z)|^2}} < \varepsilon$$

whenever $|\varphi(z)| > r_0$. Hence

$$\mu(|z|)|(\psi C_{\varphi}f)(z)| = \mu(|z|)|\psi(z)|\ln\ln\frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \frac{|f(\varphi(z))|}{\ln\ln\frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2}} \le M\varepsilon, \quad (19)$$

whenever $|\varphi(z)| > r_0$, where M is defined in Theorem 1. On the other hand, when $|\varphi(z)| \le r_0$, by the fact that $\psi \in H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$, we have

$$\mu(|z|)|(\psi C_{\varphi} f)(z)|
\leq \mu(|z|)|\psi(z)| \left(|f(\varphi(0))| + C||f||_{\mathcal{L}B} \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right)
\leq \left(|f(\varphi(0))| + C||f||_{\mathcal{L}B} \ln \ln \frac{e}{1 - |r_0|^2} \right) \mu(|z|)|\psi(z)| \to 0$$
(20)

as $|z| \to 1$. From (19) an (20) we have that $\psi C_{\varphi} f \in H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$. Hence $\psi C_{\varphi}(\mathcal{LB}_0) \subseteq H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$, which implies the boundedness of $\psi C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{LB}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\mu,0}$, as desired. \square

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