

BOUNDED COMPOSITION OPERATORS FROM THE BERGMAN SPACE TO THE HARDY SPACE

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ABSTRACT. Let ϕ be an analytic self map of the open unit disc D . In this paper, we study the composition operator C_ϕ from the Bergman space on D to the Hardy space on D .

1. Introduction

Let D be the open unit disc in the complex plane. L_a^2 and H^2 denote the Bergman space and the Hardy space on D , respectively. Then H^2 is contained in L_a^2 . If H^∞ is a set of all bounded analytic functions, then H^∞ is contained in H^2 . For an analytic self map ϕ of D , the composition operator C_ϕ is defined by $(C_\phi f)(z) = f(\phi(z))$ ($z \in D$) for f in H , the set of all analytic functions on D . The Nevanlinna counting function of ϕ , is defined on $D \setminus \{\phi(0)\}$ by

$$N_\phi(w) = \sum_{\phi(z)=w} \log \frac{1}{|z|}.$$

T. Nakazi [4, Theorem 4] gives a necessary and sufficient condition for an isometric operator C_ϕ from L_a^2 to H^2 . That is, C_ϕ is isometric from L_a^2 to H^2 if and only if $N_\phi(w) = 2 \int_{|w|}^1 \log \frac{r}{|w|} r dr$ for nearly all $w \in D \setminus \{0\}$.

W. Smith [6, Theorem 1.1] gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a bounded composition operator C_ϕ from L_a^2 to H^2 . That is, C_ϕ is bounded from L_a^2 to H^2 if and only if $N_\phi(w) = O([\log 1/|w|]^2)$ ($|w| \rightarrow 1$). For given ϕ , we can use some times this result in order to show C_ϕ is bounded but it may not be easy to use it.

A function ϕ in H^∞ with $\|\phi\|_\infty = 1$ is called a Rudin's orthogonal function in H^2 if $\{\phi^n : n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ is a set of orthogonal functions in H^2 . It should be also called a Choe's function because B. R. Choe told W. Rudin about such a function. An inner function which has zeros at the origin is a Rudin's orthogonal function. Hence the Möbius transform of a Rudin's (Choe's)

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orthogonal function is a generalization of an inner function. There exists a Rudin's (Choe's) orthogonal function which is not an inner function ([1], [7]).

In Section 2, we study isometric C_ϕ from L_a^2 to H^2 . In Section 3, we study bounded C_ϕ from L_a^2 to H^2 . In Section 4, we give few examples using a theorem of W. Smith. In Section 5, we study bounded C_ϕ from L_a^2 onto H^2 .

2. Isometric composition operator from L_a^2 to H^2

Lemma 1. *Let ϕ be a Rudin's (Choe's) orthogonal function. Then, C_ϕ is isometric from L_a^2 to H^2 if and only if*

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |\phi|^{2j} d\theta / 2\pi = \frac{1}{j+1} \quad (j = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

Proof. Suppose $f = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j z^j$ and $f \in H$. If C_ϕ is isometric, then

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j+1} |a_j|^2 = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |a_j|^2 \int_0^{2\pi} |\phi|^{2j} d\theta / 2\pi$$

because $\|f\|_{L_a^2} = \|f \circ \phi\|_{H^2}$. Since f is arbitrary in L_a^2 , we can show

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |\phi|^{2j} d\theta / 2\pi = \frac{1}{j+1} \quad (j = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

The converse is clear. □

Theorem 1. *Let ϕ be an analytic self map of the open unit disc. Then, C_ϕ is an isometric composition operator if and only if ϕ is a Rudin's (Choe's) orthogonal function and*

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |\phi|^{2j} d\theta / 2\pi = \frac{1}{j+1} \quad (j = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

Proof. If C_ϕ is an isometric operator from L_a^2 to H^2 , then Theorem 4 in [4] shows $N_\phi(w) = 2 \int_{|w|}^1 \log \frac{r}{|w|} r dr$ for nearly all $w \in D \setminus \{0\}$. By Theorem 1 in [3] ϕ is a Rudin's (Choe's) orthogonal function. Now Lemma 1 shows the theorem. □

In Theorem 1, if C_ϕ is onto, then by Theorem 3 in [4] ϕ is inner. This contradicts Theorem 1. Hence there does not exist any isometric composition operator from L_a^2 onto H^2 .

3. Bounded composition operator from L_a^2 to H^2

In the following theorem, (1) is known in [6] and (2) is known in [2].

Theorem 2. *Let ϕ be an analytic self map of the open unit disc.*

(1) *C_ϕ is bounded from L_a^2 into H^2 if and only if*

$$N_\phi(z) = O\left(\left(\log \frac{1}{|z|}\right)^2\right) \text{ as } |z| \rightarrow 1.$$

(2) If ϕ has radial limits of modulus one on a set of positive measure, then C_ϕ does not map L_a^2 into H^2 .

Lemma 2. Let ϕ be a Rudin's (Choe's) orthogonal function. Then C_ϕ is bounded from L_a^2 to H^2 if and only if $\int_0^{2\pi} |\phi|^{2j} d\theta / 2\pi \leq \frac{\gamma}{j+1}$ ($j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) for some finite constant $\gamma > 0$.

Proof. It is clear by the proof of Lemma 1. \square

Theorem 3. Let ϕ be a polynomial of a Rudin's (Choe's) orthogonal function ϕ_0 with $\|\phi\|_\infty = 1$. If C_ϕ is bounded from L_a^2 into H^2 , then

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left| \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{j} \right|^2 \int_0^{2\pi} |\phi_0|^{2j} d\theta / 2\pi < \infty.$$

In order to prove the Theorem 3 we need to prove two lemmas.

Lemma 3. If p is a polynomial with $\|p\|_\infty = 1$, then $1 - p(z) = \prod_{j=1}^n (z - a_j)g(z)$, where $|a_j| = 1$ ($1 \leq j \leq n$) and $|g(z)| > 0$ on \bar{D} .

Proof. Obvious. \square

Lemma 4. For a with $|a| = 1$, $(z - a)^{-1/2}$ belongs to L_a^2 but does not belong to H^2 .

Proof. It is enough to show that $(1 - z)^{-1/2} \in L_a^2$ but $(1 - z)^{-1/2} \notin H^2$. This is a result of Wallis formula. \square

The proof of Theorem 3. Suppose $\|\phi\|_\infty = 1$. Let ϕ_0 be a Rudin's (Choe's) orthogonal function and p a polynomial and $\phi(z) = p(\phi_0(z))$ where $\|p\|_\infty = 1$. Suppose C_ϕ maps L_a^2 into H^2 . Then by the hypothesis and Lemma 4, $(1 - \phi)^{-1/2}$ belongs to H^2 . By Lemma 3

$$1 - \phi(z) = \prod_{j=1}^n (\phi_0(z) - a_j)g(\phi_0(z)).$$

Hence $(\phi_0(z) - a_j)^{-1/2} \in H^2$ and so $(1 - \phi_0(z))^{-1/2} \in H^2$. Since ϕ_0 is a Rudin's (Choe's) orthogonal function,

$$\|(1 - \phi_0)^{-1/2}\|_2^2 = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left| \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{j} \right|^2 \int_0^{2\pi} |\phi_0|^{2j} d\theta / 2\pi < \infty.$$

\square

By Theorem 3, if ϕ is a polynomial of an inner function ϕ_0 with zero at the origin, then C_ϕ is not bounded by Lemma 4. In general, it is clear that C_ϕ is bounded when $\|\phi\|_\infty < 1$. By (1) of Theorem 2, if ϕ is an inner function, then C_ϕ is not bounded.

4. Some special case

In this section, we study whether C_ϕ is not bounded from L_a^2 to H^2 when $\phi = (1+q)/2$ and q is inner. If $q(0) = 0$, then by Theorem 3 C_ϕ is not bounded because q is a Rudin's (Choe's) orthogonal function. Hence we have to study in case $q(0) \neq 0$. Our main tools are (1) of Theorem 2 and the following Lemma 5.

Lemma 5. *For nearly all w in D ,*

$$N_\phi(w) = \int_0^{2\pi} \log \left| \frac{w - \phi(e^{i\theta})}{1 - \bar{w}\phi(e^{i\theta})} \right| d\theta / 2\pi - \log \left| \frac{w - \phi(0)}{1 - \bar{w}\phi(0)} \right|.$$

Proof. This is well known (see [3]). □

Lemma 6.

$$\limsup_{\substack{|w| \rightarrow 1 \\ |w| \leq 1 \\ |2w-1| \leq 1}} \frac{-\log |2w-1|^2}{(\log |w|)^2} = \infty.$$

Proof. Put $w = r(x + iy)$, $0 \leq r < 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. Then $r \leq x$ when $|2w-1| \leq 1$. Hence

$$\limsup_{|w| \rightarrow 1, |2w-1| \leq 1} \frac{-\log |2w-1|^2}{(\log |w|)^2} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow 1, r \leq x} \frac{-\log(4r^2 - 4rx + 1)}{(\log r)^2} = \infty.$$

In fact, put $r = 1 - t$, $x = 1 - \frac{1}{2}t$ and $t \rightarrow 0$. □

Lemma 7.

$$\lim_{|w| \rightarrow 1} \frac{\log |1 + \bar{a}w|^2 - \log |w + a|^2}{(\log |w|)^2} = \infty.$$

Proof. Put $w = re^{i\alpha}$ and $a = be^{i\beta}$ where $r = |w|$ and $b = |a|$, then $1 + \bar{a}w = 1 + bre^{i(\alpha-\beta)}$ and $w + a = (re^{i(\alpha-\beta)} + b)e^{i\beta}$. Hence we may assume $w = re^{i\alpha} = r(x + iy)$ and $a = b$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{\log(1 + a^2r^2 + 2arx) - \log(r^2 + a^2 + 2arx)}{(\log r)^2} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \left\{ \frac{2a^2r + 2ax}{1 + a^2r^2 + 2arx} - \frac{2r + 2ax}{r^2 + a^2 + 2arx} \right\} \frac{2r}{\log r} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{(2a^3x - 2ax)r^2 + (2a^4 - 2)r + 2a^3x - 2ax}{(1 + a^2r^2 + 2arx)(r^2 + a^2 + 2arx)} \times \frac{2r}{\log r} = \infty. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Corollary 4. *If $\phi = (1+q^n)/2$, n is a positive integer and $q = (z-a)/(1-\bar{a}z)$ with $|a| < 1$, then C_ϕ is not bounded.*

Proof. By Lemma 5, for nearly all $re^{i\alpha}$

$$N_\phi(re^{i\alpha}) = \int_0^{2\pi} \log \left| (2re^{i\alpha} - 1) - \left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z} \right)^n \right| d\theta / 2\pi - \log |2re^{i\alpha} - 1 - (-a)^n|.$$

Put s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n are distinct n th roots of s and $s = 2re^{i\alpha} - 1$ when $|s| < 1$. Moreover put $b_j = \frac{s_j + a}{1 + \bar{a}s_j}$ ($1 \leq j \leq n$). Since $|b_j| < 1$ ($1 \leq j \leq n$), by Jensen's formula

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \log \left| (2re^{i\alpha} - 1) - \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z} \right)^n \right| d\theta / 2\pi = \sum_{j=1}^n \log \frac{1}{|b_j|} + \log |(2re^{i\alpha} - 1) - (-a)^n|.$$

Hence for nearly all $re^{i\alpha}$

$$N_\phi(re^{i\alpha}) = \begin{cases} -\sum_{j=1}^n \log |b_j| & (|2re^{i\alpha} - 1| < 1) \\ 0 & (|2re^{i\alpha} - 1| \geq 1). \end{cases}$$

By Lemma 7,

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{r \rightarrow 1, |s| < 1} \frac{N_\phi(re^{i\alpha})}{(\log r)^2} &= -\frac{1}{2} \liminf_{r \rightarrow 1, |s| < 1} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\log \left| \frac{s_j + a}{1 + \bar{a}s_j} \right|^2}{(\log r)^2} \\ &\geq -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \limsup_{r \rightarrow 1, |s| < 1} \frac{\log \left| \frac{s_j + a}{1 + \bar{a}s_j} \right|^2}{(\log r)^2} \\ &\geq -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \limsup_{r \rightarrow 1, |s| < 1} \frac{\log \left| \frac{s_j + a}{1 + \bar{a}s_j} \right|^2}{(\log |s_j|)^2} \frac{(\log |s_j|)^2}{(\log |s|)^2} \frac{(\log |s|)^2}{(\log r)^2} \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

because $\limsup_{r \rightarrow 1, |s| < 1} (\log |s|)^2 / (\log r)^2 = \infty$ by Lemma 6 and

$$(\log |s_j|)^2 / (\log |s|)^2 = 1/n^2 \quad (1 \leq j \leq n).$$

Hence (1) of Theorem 2 shows that C_ϕ is not bounded. \square

Now we are interested in the case

$$q = \frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z} \frac{z - b}{1 - \bar{b}z} \quad (z \in D, |a| < 1 \text{ and } |b| < 1).$$

We would like to prove if $\phi = (1 + q)/2$, then C_ϕ is not bounded. Unfortunately we could not prove it except two special cases.

Lemma 8. *Let x and y be complex numbers with $|x| < 1$ and $|y| < 1$. Fix x and as $|y| \rightarrow 1$, $\log |y| / (\log |y| + \log \left| \frac{x - y}{1 - \bar{y}x} \right|)$ converges to a finite constant $\gamma(x)$.*

Proof. As $|y| \rightarrow 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &\log |y| / \left(\log |y| + \log \left| \frac{x - y}{1 - \bar{y}x} \right| \right) \\ &= 1 / \left(1 + \log \left| \frac{x - y}{1 - \bar{y}x} \right| / \log |y| \right) \approx \frac{1 - \left| \frac{x - y}{1 - \bar{y}x} \right|^2}{1 - |y|} = \frac{1 - |x|^2}{|1 - \bar{y}x|}, \end{aligned}$$

where $A(x) \approx B(x)$ means $\text{const} \cdot A(x) \leq B(x) \leq \text{const} \cdot B(x)$. \square

Corollary 5. *If $\phi = (1 + q)/2$ and $q = \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z} \cdot \frac{z+a}{1+\bar{a}z}$ with $|a| < 1$, then C_ϕ is not bounded.*

Proof. As in Corollary 4, for nearly all $re^{i\alpha}$

$$N_\phi(re^{i\alpha}) = \int_0^{2\pi} \log \left| (2re^{i\alpha} - 1) - \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z} \cdot \frac{z+a}{1+\bar{a}z} \right| d\theta / 2\pi - \log |2re^{i\alpha} - 1 + a^2|.$$

Put $s = 2re^{i\alpha} - 1$ when $|s| < 1$. Moreover $b_j^2 = \frac{s+a^2}{1+\bar{a}^2s}$ ($j = 1, 2$) where b_1, b_2 are distinct roots of $\frac{s+a^2}{1+\bar{a}^2s}$. Since $|b_j| < 1$ ($j = 1, 2$), by Jensen's formula for nearly all $re^{i\alpha}$

$$N_\phi(re^{i\alpha}) = \begin{cases} -\sum_{j=1}^2 \log |b_j| & (|2re^{i\alpha} - 1| < 1) \\ 0 & (|2re^{i\alpha} - 1| \geq 1). \end{cases}$$

By Lemma 7

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{r \rightarrow 1, |s| < 1} \frac{N_\phi(re^{i\alpha})}{(\log r)^2} &= -\frac{1}{2} \liminf_{r \rightarrow 1, |s| < 1} \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{\log |b_j|^2}{(\log r)^2} \\ &\geq -\frac{1}{2} \limsup_{r \rightarrow 1, |s| < 1} \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{\log |b_j|^2}{(\log |s|)^2} \frac{(\log |s|)^2}{(\log r)^2} \\ &\geq -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^2 \limsup_{r \rightarrow 1, |s| < 1} \frac{\log |b_j|^2}{(\log |s|)^2} \frac{(\log |s|)^2}{(\log r)^2} = \infty. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Corollary 6. *If $\phi = (1 + q)/2$ and $q = \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z} \cdot \frac{z-b}{1-\bar{b}z}$ with $-1 < a < 1$ and $-1 < b < 1$, then C_ϕ is not bounded.*

Proof. Put $s = 2re^{i\delta} - 1$ when $|s| < 1$ and $\Phi(z) = s - \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z} \frac{z-b}{1-\bar{b}z}$. Let α and β such that $\Phi(\alpha) = \Phi(\beta) = 0$, $|\alpha| < 1$ and $|\beta| < 1$. Then

$$s = \frac{\alpha - a}{1 - a\alpha} \cdot \frac{\alpha - b}{1 - b\alpha} = \frac{\beta - a}{1 - a\beta} \cdot \frac{\beta - b}{1 - b\beta}.$$

Put $s_1 = (\alpha - a)/(1 - a\alpha)$, $s_2 = (\alpha - b)/(1 - b\alpha)$, $s_3 = (\beta - a)/(1 - a\beta)$ and $s_4 = (\beta - b)/(1 - b\beta)$. Then

$$\frac{b-a}{1-ab} = \frac{s_1 - s_2}{1 - s_1 s_2} = \frac{s_3 - s_4}{1 - s_3 s_4}.$$

As in Corollary 5, for nearly all $re^{i\alpha}$

$$N_\phi(re^{i\delta}) = \begin{cases} \log \frac{1}{|\alpha|} + \log \frac{1}{|\beta|} & (|2re^{i\delta} - 1| < 1) \\ 0 & (|2re^{i\delta} - 1| \geq 1). \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{N_\phi(re^{i\delta})}{(\log r)^2} &= \frac{-\log \left| \frac{s_1+a}{1+as_1} \right| \left| \frac{s_3+a}{1+as_3} \right|}{(\log r)^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{(\log r)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(-\log \left| \frac{s_1+a}{1+as_1} \right|^2 - \log \left| \frac{s_3+a}{1+as_3} \right|^2 \right) \\
&\geq \frac{1}{(\log r)^2} \left\{ \left(\log \left| \frac{s_1+a}{1+as_1} \right|^2 \right) \left(\log \left| \frac{s_3+a}{1+as_3} \right|^2 \right) \right\}^{1/2} \\
&= \frac{(\log |s_1|)(\log |s_3|)}{(\log r)^2} \left\{ \frac{-\log \left| \frac{s_1+a}{1+as_1} \right|^2}{(\log |s_1|)^2} \right\}^{1/2} \left\{ \frac{-\log \left| \frac{s_3+a}{1+as_3} \right|^2}{(\log |s_3|)^2} \right\}^{1/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 7

$$\lim_{\substack{|s_1| \rightarrow 1 \\ |s_2| \rightarrow 1}} \left\{ \frac{-\log \left| \frac{s_1+a}{1+as_1} \right|^2}{(\log |s_1|)^2} \right\}^{1/2} \left\{ \frac{-\log \left| \frac{s_3+a}{1+as_3} \right|^2}{(\log |s_3|)^2} \right\}^{1/2} = \infty.$$

Hence by Lemmas 7 and 8

$$\frac{\log |s_1|}{\log |s|} = \frac{\log |s_1|}{\log |s_1| + \log |s_2|} = \frac{\log |s_1|}{\log |s_1| + \log \left| \frac{x-s_1}{1-s_1x} \right|}$$

and so

$$\frac{(\log |s_1|)(\log |s_3|)}{(\log r)^2} = \frac{(\log |s|)^2}{(\log r)^2} \cdot \frac{\log |s_1|}{\log |s|} \cdot \frac{\log |s_3|}{\log |s|} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } |s| \rightarrow 1.$$

Therefore

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow 1, |s| < 1} \frac{N_\phi(re^{i\alpha})}{(\log r)^2} = \infty.$$

□

5. Bounded composition operator from L_a^2 onto H^2

We would like to prove that there does not exist any bounded composition operator from L_a^2 onto H^2 .

Proposition 1. *If C_ϕ is bounded and onto, then ϕ is one-to-one on D and $\phi(D) \subsetneq D$.*

Proof. If $C_\phi L_a^2 = H^2$, then there exists f in L_a^2 such that $f \circ \phi(z) = z$ and ϕ is one-to-one on D . If $\phi(D) = D$, then $\phi(z) = \alpha \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}$ when $|\alpha| = 1$ and $a \in D$, and $f(z) = \frac{\bar{\alpha}z+a}{1+\bar{\alpha}az}$. Then $\phi \circ f(z) = z$. Suppose $F \in L_a^2$ but $F \notin H^2$. Since $F \circ \phi \in H^2$, $F \circ \phi \circ f$ belongs to H^2 . It contradicts that $F = F \circ \phi \circ f$. Thus $C_\phi L_a^2 \neq H^2$. □

Lemma 9. *If $\phi(z) = \alpha z$ and $|\alpha| < 1$, then $C_\phi L_a^2 \subsetneq H^2$.*

Proof. It is easy to see $C_\phi L_a^2 \subseteq H^2$. If $C_\phi L_a^2 = H^2$, then $\|f \circ \phi\|_{H^2} \geq \delta \|f\|_{L_a^2}$ ($f \in L_a^2$). Hence

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha|^{2n} |a_n|^2 \geq \delta^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|^2}{(n+1)}$$

when $f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ and $f \in L_a^2$. If $f_\varepsilon = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)^{-\varepsilon} z^n$, then $\|f_\varepsilon \circ \phi\|_{H^2}^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha|^{2n} (n+1)^{-2\varepsilon}$ and $\|f_\varepsilon\|_{L_a^2}^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)^{-(1+2\varepsilon)}$. Hence $\|f_\varepsilon\|_{L_a^2}^2 \rightarrow \infty$ and $\|f_\varepsilon\|_{H^2}^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha|^{2n}$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. This contradiction shows $C_\phi L_a^2 \subsetneq H^2$. \square

Proposition 2. *If $\overline{\phi(D)} \subsetneq D$, then C_ϕ is bounded but not onto.*

Proof. If $\overline{\phi(D)} \subsetneq D$, then $\alpha = \|\phi\|_\infty < 1$. Put $\psi(z) = \phi(z)/\alpha$ and $\phi_\alpha(z) = \alpha z$. Then C_ψ is bounded from H^2 to H^2 and C_{ϕ_α} is not onto from L_a^2 to H^2 by Lemma 9. Suppose C_ϕ is bounded from L_a^2 onto H^2 . Since C_ϕ is bounded from L_a^2 to H^2 , there exist $0 < \varepsilon, \gamma < \infty$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \|f\|_{L_a^2}^2 &\leq \|C_\phi f\|_{H^2}^2 = \|C_\psi C_{\phi_\alpha} f\|_{H^2}^2 \\ &\leq \gamma \|C_{\phi_\alpha} f\|_{H^2}^2 \quad (f \in L_a^2). \end{aligned}$$

The inequality above contradicts Lemma 9. \square

If ϕ is inner it is known that C_ϕ is not bounded and onto. In fact, by (2) of Theorem 2 C_ϕ is not bounded. But we can give a direct simple proof. If ϕ is inner and C_ϕ is bounded and onto by Proposition 1 ϕ is one to one and so ϕ is a single Blaschke product. Hence $\phi(D) = D$ and this contradicts Proposition 1.

When $\phi = (1+q)/2$ and q is inner, we could not show whether C_ϕ is bounded or not in general (see Section 4). But C_ϕ is not onto in general. For, by Proposition 1, q is a single Blaschke product and by Corollary 4, C_ϕ is not bounded and so not onto.

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