

# A Note on Weighted Quasinormal and Hyponormal Composition Operators on the Fock Space over $\mathbb{C}$

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**Abstract** In this paper, we study quasinormal and Hyponormal composition operators on the Fock space and obtain simple characterization for the quasinormal and Hyponormal composition operators on the Fock space.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space whose elements are holomorphic functions on a domain  $\Omega$ . For a holomorphic map  $\phi : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  and a holomorphic function  $h$  on  $\Omega$ , the weighted composition operator is defined as  $W_{f,\phi}h = f \cdot h \circ \phi$ . The domain of  $W_{f,\phi}$  consists of all  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  for which  $f \cdot h \circ \phi$  belongs to  $\mathcal{H}$ . When the weighted function  $f$  is identically one, the operator  $W_{f,\phi}$  reduces to the composition operator  $C_\phi$ . Researchers are after interested in how the function theoretic properties of  $f$  and  $\phi$  affect the operator theoretic properties of  $W_{f,\phi}$ . The books [1], [5] are excellent references.

Recall that an operator  $A$  is called normal if  $A^*A = AA^*$ , and that it is called quasinormal if  $A$  and  $A^*A$  commute. Moreover, an operator  $A$  is called hyponormal if  $A^*A \geq AA^*$ , where  $\geq$  denotes the usual ordering on selfadjoint operators. The latter condition is easily seen to be equivalent to  $\|Ax\| \geq \|A^*x\|$  for all vectors  $x$ . It is also easy to see that the hyponormality of  $A$  implies the hyponormality of the translates  $A - \lambda I$ . Combining these observations, we see that if  $x$  is an eigenvector

for  $A$ , then  $x$  is also an eigenvector for  $A^*$ . An excellent reference for background on these ideas is Conway's book *The Theory of Subnormal Operators* [4]

The Fock space  $\mathcal{F}^2$ , also known as Segal - Bargmann space, consists of all entire functions on the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  that are square integrable with respect to the Gaussian measure  $d\mu(z) = \pi^{-1}e^{-|z|^2}dA(z)$ , where  $dA$  denotes the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

The inner product on  $\mathcal{F}^2$  is given by  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{C}} f(z)\overline{g(z)}e^{-|z|^2}dA(z)$ . Here  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the corresponding norm.

It is known that the set  $\{e_m(z) = \frac{z^m}{\sqrt{m!}}, m \geq 0\}$  forms an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{F}^2$ . It is also known that  $\mathcal{F}^2$  is a reproducing kernel Hilbert space with kernel  $K_z w = K(z, w) = e^{\bar{z}w}$ , that  $f(z) = \langle f, K_z \rangle$ , for all  $f \in \mathcal{F}^2$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Also  $\|K_z\|^2 = \langle K_z, K_z \rangle = K_z z = e^{|z|^2}$ . The book [7] is an excellent reference.

In [3], Carswell, Maccluer and Schuster studied boundedness and compactness of  $C_\phi$  on the Fock space over  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . In [8], Liankuo Zhao characterized unitary weighted composition operators and their spectrum on the Fock space over  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . In [9], Liankuo Zhao characterized the isometric weighted composition operator on the Fock space over  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . In [11], Trieu Le investigated boundedness and compactness using much simpler characterization than in [3]. In [10] Liankuo Zhao investigated the bounded invertible weighted composition operators on the Fock space over  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

In this paper we report simple characterization of quasinormal and hyponormal composition operators on the Fock space over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

## 2 Preliminary Results

In this section, we list the well - known lemmas and properties of weighted composition operators on Hilbert spaces of analytic functions with reproducing kernel functions.

**Lemma 2.1** *Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be analytic functions on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  be an analytic self-map on  $\mathbb{C}$ . If  $C_{f_1, \phi_1}, C_{f_2, \phi_2}, \dots, C_{f_n, \phi_n}$ , are bounded operators on  $\mathcal{F}^2$ , then  $C_{f_1, \phi_1} C_{f_2, \phi_2} \dots C_{f_n, \phi_n} = C_{f_1(f_2 \circ \phi_1) \dots (f_n \circ \phi_{n-1} \circ \dots \circ \phi_1), \phi_n \circ \phi_{n-1} \circ \dots \circ \phi_1}$ .*

**Lemma 2.2** *Let  $f$  be an analytic function on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\phi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{C}$ . If  $C_{f, \phi}$  is a bounded operator on  $\mathcal{F}^2$ , then for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $C_{f, \phi}^* K_z = \overline{f(z)} K_{\phi(z)}$*

**Theorem 2.3** ([11], **Theorem 2.2**) *Let  $f$  and  $\phi$  be entire functions on  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $f$  is not identically zero. Then  $W_{f, \phi}$  is bounded if and only if  $f$  belongs to  $\mathcal{F}^2$ ,  $\phi(z) = \phi(0) + \lambda z$  with  $|\lambda| \leq 1$  and  $M(f, \phi) := \sup\{|f|^2 \exp(|\phi(z)|^2 - |z|^2); z \in \mathbb{C}\} < \infty$ .*

**Theorem 2.4** ([11], **Theorem 3.2**) *Let  $f$ , and  $\phi$  be entire functions such that  $f$  is not identically zero. Then the operator  $W_{f,\phi}$  is a normal bounded operator on  $\mathcal{F}^2$  if and only if one of the following two cases occurs:*

- a.  $\phi(z) = \lambda z + b$  with  $|\lambda| = 1$  and  $f = f(0)K_{\bar{\lambda}b}$ . In this case,  $W_{f,\phi}$  is a constant multiple of a unitary operator.
- b.  $\phi(z) = \lambda z + b$  with  $|\lambda| < 1$  and  $f = f(0)K_c$ , where  $c = b(1 - \lambda)^{-1}(1 - \bar{\lambda})$ . In this case,  $W_{f,\phi}$  is unitarily equivalent to  $f(0)C_{\lambda z}$ .

### 3 Main Results

#### 3.1 Quasnormality of $C_\phi$

**Proposition 3.1** *Suppose  $\phi$  be an analytic self map on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $C_\phi$  be bounded operator on  $\mathcal{F}^2$ . If  $C_\phi$  is quasnormal then  $\phi(0) = 0$ .*

*Proof.*

Let  $C_\phi$  be quasnormal on  $\mathcal{F}^2$ . Since  $K_0 \equiv 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle C_\phi C_\phi^* C_\phi K_0, K_w \rangle &= \langle C_\phi C_\phi^* K_0, K_w \rangle \\ &= \langle C_\phi^* K_0, C_\phi^* K_w \rangle \\ &= \langle K_{\phi(0)}, K_{\phi(w)} \rangle \\ &= K_{\phi(0)} \phi(w) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle C_\phi^* C_\phi C_\phi K_0, K_w \rangle &= \langle C_\phi^* K_0, K_w \rangle \\ &= \langle K_{\phi(0)}, K_w \rangle \\ &= K_{\phi(0)} w \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Equating (1) and (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} K_{\phi(0)} \phi(w) &= K_{\phi(0)} w \\ e^{\overline{\phi(0)}\phi(w)} &= e^{\phi(0)w} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

for all  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Setting  $w = 0$ , we have

$$e^{\overline{\phi(0)}\phi(0)} = e^0$$

$$|\phi(0)|^2 = 0$$

Thus  $\phi(0) = 0$ .

**Proposition 3.2** *Suppose  $\phi$  be an analytic self map on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $C_\phi$  be bounded operator on  $\mathcal{F}^2$ . Then  $C_\phi$  is quasinormal implies  $\phi(z) = \lambda z$  with  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ . Moreover in this case  $C_\phi$  is quasinormal if and only if  $C_\phi$  is normal.*

*Proof*

Let  $C_\phi$  be quasinormal on  $\mathcal{F}^2$ .

By [[11], Theorem 2.2], boundedness of  $C_\phi$  implies  $\phi(z) = \phi(0) + \lambda z$  with  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ .

Combining above result with [Proposition 3.1] we get  $\phi(z) = \lambda z$  with  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ .

Moreover, by [[11], Theorem 3.2],  $C_\phi$  is normal.

Converse is obvious, since every normal operator is quasinormal.

**Lemma 3.3** ([6, Lemma 2.1])

Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be analytical functions on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  be self map of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

If  $W_{f_1, \phi_1}, W_{f_2, \phi_2}, \dots, W_{f_n, \phi_n}$  are bounded operators on  $\mathcal{F}^2$ , then  $W_{f_1, \phi_1} W_{f_2, \phi_2} \dots W_{f_n, \phi_n} = W_{f_1(f_2 \circ \phi_1) \dots (f_n \circ \phi_{n-1} \circ \dots \circ \phi_1), \phi_n \circ \phi_{n-1} \circ \dots \circ \phi_1}$ .

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $f, \phi$  be analytic functions on  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $f$  is not identically zero and  $W_{f, \phi}$  is bounded on  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $W_{f, \phi}$  is quasinormal operators on  $\mathcal{F}^2$  if and only if  $\phi(z) = \phi(0) + z$  and  $f(z) = \overline{f(0)}e^{-|\phi(0)|^2}$ .*

*Proof.*

Let  $W_{f, \phi}$  be quasinormal on  $\mathcal{F}^2$ . Since  $K_0 \equiv 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle W_{f, \phi} W_{f, \phi}^* W_{f, \phi} K_0, K_w \rangle &= \langle W_{f, \phi} W_{f, \phi}^* W_{f, \phi} K_0 w \rangle \\ &= f(0) W_{f, \phi} W_{f, \phi}^* K_0 w \\ &= f(0) \overline{f(w)} W_{f, \phi} K_{\phi(0)} w \\ &= f(0) \overline{f(w)} \langle W_{f, \phi} K_{\phi(0)}, K_w \rangle \\ &= f(0) \overline{f(w)} \langle K_{\phi(0)}, W_{f, \phi}^* K_w \rangle \\ &= f(0) \overline{f(w)} \langle K_{\phi(0)}, f(w) K_{\phi(w)} \rangle \\ &= f(0) \overline{f(w)}^2 \langle K_{\phi(0)}, K_{\phi(w)} \rangle \\ &= f(0) \overline{f(w)}^2 K_{\phi(0)} \phi(w) \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle W_{f,\phi}^* W_{f,\phi} W_{f,\phi} K_0, K_w \rangle &= f(0)^2 \langle W_{f,\phi}^* K_0, K_w \rangle \\
 &= f(0)^2 \overline{f(w)} \langle K_{\phi(0)}, K_w \rangle \\
 &= f(0)^2 \overline{f(w)} K_{\phi(0)} w
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5}$$

Equating (5) and (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(0) \overline{f(w)}^2 K_{\phi(0)} \phi(w) &= f(0)^2 \overline{f(w)} K_{\phi(0)} w \\
 f(0) \overline{f(w)}^2 e^{\overline{\phi(0)}\phi(w)} &= f(0)^2 \overline{f(w)} e^{\overline{\phi(0)}w} \\
 \overline{f(w)} e^{\overline{\phi(0)}\phi(w)} &= f(0) e^{\overline{\phi(0)}w}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{6}$$

for all  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Since  $W_{f,\phi}$  is a bounded operator on  $\mathcal{F}^2$ , by (7, Proposition 2.1)  $\phi(z) = \phi(0) + \lambda z$  for some  $\lambda \leq 1$ .

So equation (7) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{f(w)} e^{\overline{\phi(0)}(\phi(0)+\lambda w)} &= f(0) e^{\overline{\phi(0)}w} \\
 \overline{f(w)} e^{|\phi(0)|^2} e^{w\lambda\overline{\phi(0)}} &= f(0) e^{\overline{\phi(0)}w}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7}$$

Setting  $f(w) = \overline{f(0)} e^{-|\phi(0)|^2}$ , we get  $e^{(\lambda-1)w\overline{\phi(0)}} = 1$  for all  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Thus  $\lambda = 1$ .

This completes the proof.

Converse of this theorem is easy to verify.

### 3.2 Quasinormality of $C_\phi^*$

**Lemma 3.5** Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\lambda| = 1$  and  $\phi(z) = \lambda z$ , then  $C_\phi = C_\psi$  where  $\psi(z) = \overline{\lambda}z$ .

*Proof*

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_\phi^* K_w z &= K_{\phi(w)} z \\
 &= K(z, \phi(w)) \\
 &= \exp(\langle z, \phi(w) \rangle) \\
 &= \exp(\langle z, \lambda w \rangle) \\
 &= \exp(\langle \overline{\lambda}z, w \rangle) \\
 &= K_w(\overline{\lambda}z)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{8}$$

Letting,  $\psi(z) = \bar{\lambda}z$ , we have  $C_\phi^* = C_\psi$

**Proposition 3.6** *Let  $\phi$  be analytic self map on  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $C_\phi$  be bounded operator on  $\mathcal{F}^2$ . Then  $C_\phi^*$  is quasinormal.*

*Proof.*

By [[11], Theorem 2.2], with  $\phi(0) = 0$  we get,  $\phi(z) = \lambda z$ .

By [Lemma 3.5],  $\psi(z) = \bar{\lambda}z$  with  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \langle C_\psi C_\psi^* C_\psi K_0, K_w \rangle &= \langle C_\psi C_\psi^* K_0, K_w \rangle \\ &= \langle C_\psi^* K_0, C_\psi^* K_w \rangle \\ &= \langle K_{\psi(0)}, K_{\psi(w)} \rangle \\ &= K_{\psi(0)} \psi(w) \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle C_\psi^* C_\psi C_\psi K_0, K_w \rangle &= \langle C_\psi^* K_0, K_w \rangle \\ &= \langle K_{\psi(0)}, K_w \rangle \\ &= K_{\psi(0)} w \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Thus  $C_\psi$  is quasinormal. Hence  $C_\phi^*$  is quasinormal.

### 3.3 Hyponormality of $C_\phi$

**Proposition 3.7** *Let  $\phi$  be an analytic self map on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $C_\phi$  be bounded on  $\mathcal{F}^2$ . If  $C_\phi$  is hyponormal then  $\phi(0) = 0$*

*Proof*

Suppose  $C_\phi$  is hyponormal.

Consider  $C_\phi K_0 = K_0 \circ \phi = K_0$ ,  $K_0$  is an eigenvector of  $C_\phi$ . The hyponormality of  $C_\phi$  implies that  $K_0$  is also an eigenvector of  $C_\phi^*$ .

Thus  $C_\phi^* K_0 = K_{\phi(0)} = K_0$ , so we get  $\phi(0) = 0$ .

**Corollary 3.7.1** *Let  $C_\phi$  be a bounded hyponormal composition operator on  $\mathcal{F}^2$  and  $\phi$  be an analytic self map on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $\phi(z) = \lambda z$  with  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ .*

*Proof*

By [[11], Theorem 2.2] and [Proposition 3.7], we get the desired result.

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