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## Operators between different weighted Fréchet and (LB)-spaces of analytic functions

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**Abstract:** We study some classical operators defined on the weighted Bergman Fréchet space  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  (resp. weighted Bergman (LB)-space  $A_{\alpha-}^p$ ) arising as the projective limit (resp. inductive limit) of the standard weighted Bergman spaces into the growth Fréchet space  $H_{\alpha+}^{\infty}$  (resp. growth (LB)-space  $H_{\alpha-}^{\infty}$ ), which is the projective limit (resp. inductive limit) of the growth Banach spaces. We show that, for an analytic self map  $\varphi$  of the unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$ , the continuities of the weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}$ , the Volterra integral operator  $T_g$ , and the pointwise multiplication operator  $M_g$  defined via the identical symbol function are characterized by the same condition determined by the symbol's state of belonging to a Bloch-type space. These results have consequences related to the invertibility of  $W_{g,\varphi}$  acting on a weighted Bergman Fréchet or (LB)-space. Some results concerning eigenvalues of such composition operators  $C_{\varphi}$  are presented.

**Key words:** Weighted composition operator, Volterra operator, multiplication operator, Fréchet spaces, (LB)-spaces, weighted spaces of analytic functions

### 1. Introduction

Let  $H(\mathbb{D})$  denote the Fréchet space of all analytic functions  $f: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  equipped with the topology of uniform convergence on the compact subsets of the unit disc  $\mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self map on  $\mathbb{D}$ , and let  $g: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be an analytic map. The main focus of this note is, when they are defined between projective (or inductive) limits of different well-known Banach spaces of analytic functions, to give a relation between the continuity of the Volterra integral operator

$$T_g(f)(z) = \int_0^z f(t)g'(t)dt, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad (1.1)$$

the pointwise multiplication operator

$$M_g(f)(z) = g(z)f(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad (1.2)$$

and the weighted composition operator

$$W_{g,\varphi}(f)(z) = (M_g \circ \varphi \circ f)(z) = g(z)f(\varphi(z)), \quad z \in \mathbb{D} \quad (1.3)$$

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in terms of conditions formulated for  $g$  and  $\varphi$ . For  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $-1 < \alpha < \infty$ , the Bergman space of standard weight  $A_\alpha^p = A_\alpha^p(\mathbb{D})$  of the unit disc is given by

$$A_\alpha^p := \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \|f\|_{p,\alpha} = \left( (\alpha + 1) \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(z)|^p ds_\alpha(z) \right)^{1/p} < \infty\}, \tag{1.4}$$

where  $ds_\alpha(z) = (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha ds(z)$ , and  $ds(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} dx dy$ . Each  $A_\alpha^p$  is a closed subspace of  $L^p(\mathbb{D}, ds(z))$  in which the polynomials are dense [18, Section 1.1]. The weighted Bergman space  $A_\alpha^p$  is a Banach space with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{p,\alpha}$ . Classical Bergman space  $A^p(\mathbb{D})$  corresponds to the case  $\alpha = 0$ . If  $p = \infty$  we obtain the growth Banach space

$$H_\alpha^\infty := \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \|f\|_{-\alpha} := \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha < \infty\}, \tag{1.5}$$

endowed with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{-\alpha}$ . These Banach spaces, as well as their intersections and unions, play a significant role in connection with the interpolation and sampling of analytic functions. See [18, Section 4.3]. They arise as special cases of weighted Banach spaces  $H_v^\infty$  of analytic functions on  $\mathbb{D}$ , which was pioneered by the work of Shields and Williams [25], and then have been investigated by many authors, e.g. [7, 8, 23]. An analytic function  $f$  said to belong to the Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  if

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_\alpha} = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f'(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha < \infty.$$

Indeed,  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}_\alpha}$  defined above is a seminorm. We shall use the notation  $A \lesssim B$  if there is a constant  $c > 0$  not depending on  $A$  or  $B$  such that  $A \leq cB$ . We write  $A \asymp B$  whenever  $A \lesssim B$  and  $B \lesssim A$ . The Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  is a Banach space when normed with  $\|f\| := |f(0)| + \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_\alpha}$ . By [18, Proposition 1.13], given  $\alpha > 0$  for every  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$  one has

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha \asymp \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f'(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+1}. \tag{1.6}$$

We refer the reader to [28] for a detailed treatment of Bloch spaces. It is also possible to define these spaces with the weight  $(1 - |z|)^\alpha$  instead of  $(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha$ . Since  $1 - |z| \leq 1 - |z|^2 \leq 2(1 - |z|)$ , these spaces coincide and the norms are equivalent. In this paper, the operators we shall investigate will be defined on weighted Bergman Fréchet and (LB)-spaces, which arise as intersections and unions of standard weighted Bergman spaces. For  $1 < p < \infty$ , and  $0 < \alpha < \infty$  they are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\alpha+}^p &:= \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \left( \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(z)|^p ds_\mu(z) \right)^{1/p} < \infty, \forall \mu > \alpha\} \\ &= \bigcap_{\mu > \alpha} A_\mu^p = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_{(\alpha + \frac{1}{n})}^p = \text{proj}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_{(\alpha + \frac{1}{n})}^p, \end{aligned} \tag{1.7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\alpha-}^p &:= \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \left( \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(z)|^p ds_\mu(z) \right)^{1/p} < \infty, \text{ for some } \mu < \alpha\} \\ &= \bigcup_{\mu < \alpha} A_\mu^p = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_{(\alpha - \frac{1}{n})}^p = \text{ind}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_{(\alpha - \frac{1}{n})}^p, \end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

where the inductive limit is taken over all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(\alpha - \frac{1}{n}) > 0$ . The paper [20] gives a description of intersections and unions of weighted Bergman spaces of order  $0 < p < \infty$ . Unlike those, we treat the space

$A_{\alpha+}^p$  as a Fréchet space when equipped with the locally convex topology generated by the increasing system of norms

$$\|f\|_{p,\alpha,n} := \left( \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(z)|^p ds_{(\alpha+\frac{1}{n})}(z) \right)^{1/p}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \tag{1.9}$$

for  $f \in A_{\alpha+}^p$  and each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We note that for  $0 < \mu < \gamma < \infty$ , the natural inclusion map  $\iota_{\mu,\gamma}: A_{\mu}^p \rightarrow A_{\gamma}^p$  is compact. See e.g. [21, Proposition 3.1]. Hence,  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  is a *Fréchet-Schwartz* space. The space  $A_{\alpha-}^p$  is a complete (DFS)-space endowed with the finest locally convex topology, such that  $\iota_{\mu,\gamma}$  is continuous. It is also a *regular* (LB)-space, since every bounded set  $B \subseteq A_{\alpha-}^p$  is contained and bounded in the Banach space  $A_{\mu}^p$ , for some  $0 < \mu < \alpha$ . Let us also remark that, for  $\alpha > 0$  we have  $A_{\alpha-}^p \subset A_{\alpha}^p \subset A_{\alpha+}^p$  with continuous inclusions. Some other properties of  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  and  $A_{\alpha-}^p$  were given in author’s work [21] where these spaces were first introduced in locally convex setup. The Volterra integral operator defined between different weighted Bergman Fréchet or (LB)-spaces has been investigated by the author in [22]. Given  $0 < \alpha < \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\alpha+}^{\infty} &:= \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\mu} < \infty, \forall \mu > \alpha\} \\ &= \text{proj}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_{(\alpha+\frac{1}{n})}^{\infty} \end{aligned} \tag{1.10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\alpha-}^{\infty} &:= \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\mu} < \infty, \text{ for some } \mu < \alpha\} \\ &= \text{ind}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_{(\alpha-\frac{1}{n})}^{\infty}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.11}$$

Then  $H_{\alpha+}^{\infty}$  is a Fréchet space when endowed with the locally convex topology generated by the increasing sequence of norms

$$\|f\|_n := \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{(\alpha+\frac{1}{n})}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

for  $f \in H_{\alpha+}^{\infty}$ . For any pair  $0 < \mu < \alpha < \infty$ , the canonical inclusion map  $\iota_{\mu,\alpha}: H_{\mu}^{\infty} \rightarrow H_{\alpha}^{\infty}$  is compact [10, Theorem 3.3]. Hence, both  $H_{\alpha+}^{\infty}$ , and  $H_{\alpha-}^{\infty}$  are Schwartz spaces. The regular (LB)-space  $H_{\alpha-}^{\infty}$  is endowed with the finest locally convex topology making  $\iota_{\mu,\alpha}$  continuous. Several important properties of growth Fréchet and (LB)-spaces can be found in [2, 11, 12]. The Volterra integral operator acting on a growth Fréchet or (LB)-space has been investigated by Bonet [9] in terms of continuity, compactness, and spectrum. For a study of weighted composition operators acting on these spaces, see [17].

In Section 2, we first deal with operators defined from  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  (resp.  $A_{\alpha-}^p$ ) into  $H_{\beta+}^{\infty}$  (resp.  $H_{\beta-}^{\infty}$ ). If we pick the symbol function  $g: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  in such a way that it belongs to the Bloch-type space  $\mathcal{B}_{\tau}$ , for every positive  $\tau > \beta + 1 - (2 + \alpha)/p$ , we show that the continuity of Volterra integral operator  $T_g: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta+}^{\infty}$  is equivalent to the continuity of pointwise multiplication operator  $M_g: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta+}^{\infty}$ , and the continuity of the weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta+}^{\infty}$  provided that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ . When we take another weighted Bergman Fréchet space (resp. (LB)-space) as the range space, we show that the symbol function  $g$  belonging to the growth Fréchet space  $H_{\gamma+}^{\infty}$ , where  $\gamma = (2 + \beta)/q - (2 + \alpha)/p$ , characterizes the continuity of the pointwise multiplication operator  $M_g: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta+}^q$  as well as the Volterra integral operator  $T_g: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta+}^q$ . The same condition is also valid for the (LB)-space case. On the other hand, the continuity criterion for the weighted composition operator in between is different in this case. We give this condition in Section 3 as a

straightforward generalization of the well-known characterizations of Čučković and Zhao [26] related to Carleson measures. Fortunately, resting on the arguments of Bourdon [13], the condition  $g \in H_{\gamma+}^{\infty}$ , which is equivalent to continuity of pointwise multiplication and Volterra integral operators between  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  and  $A_{\beta+}^q$  answers the question of invertibility for the weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}$  acting on  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  (in this case,  $\gamma = 0$ ), whenever  $\varphi$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Finally, we give some results concerning the eigenvalues of composition operators  $C_{\varphi}$  acting on  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  or  $A_{\alpha-}^p$  in connection with their essential spectral radius defined on the Banach space  $A_{\alpha}^p$ .

## 2. Continuous Volterra, multiplication, and weighted composition operators between weighted Fréchet and (LB)-spaces

Let us note that the continuity and compactness of  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta}^{\infty}$  was described in [24, Theorem 3.1], and in [27, Theorem 2.2] for more general weights, that is,  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_w^p \rightarrow H_v^{\infty}$ . In [14] and [15] weighted composition operators  $W_{g,\varphi}: X \rightarrow H_v^{\infty}$  are investigated in a uniform approach covering a large family of Banach spaces of analytic functions concerning the space  $X$ . Before we start our discussion on operators between Fréchet or (LB)-spaces, we need to prove the following result concerning related Banach spaces.

**Proposition 2.1** *Let  $g$  be an analytic function. Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self map on  $\mathbb{D}$  satisfying  $\varphi(0) = 0$ . Given  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $-1 < \alpha, \beta < \infty$ , let  $\gamma := \beta + 1 - \frac{2+\alpha}{p}$  be nonnegative. Then, the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) *The symbol  $g$  belongs to the Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}_{\gamma}$ .*
- (2) *The Volterra operator  $T_g: A_{\alpha}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta}^{\infty}$  is continuous.*
- (3) *The pointwise multiplication operator  $M_g: A_{\alpha}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta}^{\infty}$  is continuous.*
- (4) *The weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta}^{\infty}$  is continuous.*

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Note that for  $1 < p < \infty$  for any  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$ , we have (see e.g. [18, p. 39])

$$|f(z)|^p(1 - |z|^2)^t \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(w)|^p(1 - |w|^2)^{t-2} ds(w), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{2.1}$$

We also mention that (see e.g. [5, Lemma 2]) for every  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$  we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(z)|^p(1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha} ds(z) \lesssim |f(0)|^p + \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f'(z)|^p(1 - |z|^2)^{p+\alpha} ds(z). \tag{2.2}$$

Now let  $g \in \mathcal{B}_\gamma$ . Then, for any  $f \in A_\alpha^p$  by (2.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_g f\|_{-\beta}^p &= \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \left| \int_0^z f(\xi)g'(\xi)d\xi \right|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{p\beta} \\ &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{D}} \left| \int_0^w f(\xi)g'(\xi)d\xi \right|^p (1 - |w|^2)^{p\beta-2} ds(w) \\ &\lesssim |f(0)|^p + \int_{\mathbb{D}} \left| \left( \int_0^w f(\xi)g'(\xi)d\xi \right)' \right|^p (1 - |w|^2)^{p\beta-2+p} ds(w) \\ &= |f(0)|^p + \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(w)g'(w)|^p (1 - |w|^2)^{p\beta-2+p} ds(w) \\ &\leq |f(0)|^p + \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(w)|^p |g'(w)|^p (1 - |w|^2)^{p\beta-2+p+\alpha-\alpha} ds(w) \\ &\leq |f(0)|^p + \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} |g'(w)|^p (1 - |w|^2)^{p(\beta+1)-(2+\alpha)} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(w)|^p (1 - |w|^2)^\alpha ds(w) \\ &= |f(0)|^p + \frac{1}{\alpha + 1} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_\gamma}^p \|f\|_{p,\alpha}^p < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality is due to (2.2). Hence  $T_g : A_\alpha^p \rightarrow H_\beta^\infty$  is continuous.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). For  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ , let us pick

$$f_w(z) := \left( \frac{1 - |w|^2}{(1 - \bar{w}z)^2} \right)^{\frac{2+\alpha}{p}}.$$

A canonical calculation yields (see e.g. [28, p. 52])  $\|f_w\|_{p,\alpha}^p = 1$ . Since  $T_g : A_\alpha^p \rightarrow H_\beta^\infty$  is continuous, by (1.6) we obtain

$$\|f_w\|_{p,\alpha} \gtrsim \|T_g f_w\|_{-\beta} \simeq \|T_g f_w\|_{\mathcal{B}_{\beta+1}}.$$

Then, for any  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ , the latter yields,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\gtrsim \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |(T_g f_w)'(z)| (1 - |z|^2)^{\beta+1} \geq |(T_g f_w)'(w)| (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta+1} \\ &= \left| \left( \int_0^w f_w(\xi)g'(\xi)d\xi \right)' \right| (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta+1} \\ &= |f_w(w)g'(w)| (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta+1} \\ &= |g'(w)| \left( \frac{1 - |w|^2}{|1 - \bar{w}w|^2} \right)^{\frac{2+\alpha}{p}} (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta+1} \\ &= |g'(w)| (1 - |w|^2)^\gamma. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

Since  $w \in \mathbb{D}$  was arbitrary, by (2.3),  $\|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_\gamma} \lesssim 1$ . This proves (1).

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3). Follows by (1.6) and the previous result in [24, Corollary 3.3].

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). We make use of the following well-known estimate. For any  $f \in A_\alpha^p$ ,

$$|f(z)| \lesssim \frac{\|f\|_{p,\alpha}}{(1 - |z|^2)^{\frac{2+\alpha}{p}}}, \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{D}. \tag{2.4}$$

Note that, by Schwartz's lemma, one has  $|\varphi(z)| \leq |z|$ . Hence,

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \frac{1 - |z|^2}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} < \infty. \tag{2.5}$$

Let  $g \in \mathcal{B}_\gamma$ . Then, by (1.6), for any  $f \in A_\alpha^p$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|W_{g,\varphi}f\|_{-\beta} &= \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |W_{g,\varphi}f(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^\beta \\ &= \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |g(z)f(\varphi(z))|(1 - |z|^2)^\beta \\ &\asymp \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |g(z)||f(\varphi(z))|(1 - |z|^2)^{\gamma-1+\frac{2+\alpha}{p}} \\ &\leq \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_\gamma} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(\varphi(z))|(1 - |z|^2)^{\frac{2+\alpha}{p}} \\ &\leq \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_\gamma} \|f\|_{p,\alpha} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \left( \frac{1 - |z|^2}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right)^{\frac{2+\alpha}{p}} < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality is due to (2.4), and the last one is by (2.5).

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $W_{g,\varphi} : A_\alpha^p \rightarrow H_\beta^\infty$  be continuous. Given  $w = \varphi(z_0) \in \mathbb{D}$  for a fixed  $z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$ , let us define

$$h_w(z) := \left( \frac{1 - |w|^2}{(1 - \bar{w}z)^2} \right)^{\frac{2+\alpha}{p}},$$

for which  $\|h_w\|_{p,\alpha} = 1$ . Then, continuity of  $W_{g,\varphi} : A_\alpha^p \rightarrow H_\beta^\infty$  and (1.6) imply

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \|h_w\|_{p,\alpha} \gtrsim \|W_{g,\varphi}h_w\|_{-\beta} = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |g(z)h_w(\varphi(z))|(1 - |z|^2)^\beta \\ &\asymp \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |g(z)||h_w(\varphi(z))|(1 - |z|^2)^{\gamma-1+\frac{2+\alpha}{p}} \\ &= |g(z_0)|(1 - |z_0|^2)^{\gamma-1} h_w(\varphi(z_0))(1 - |z_0|^2)^{\frac{2+\alpha}{p}} \\ &= |g(z_0)|(1 - |z_0|^2)^{\gamma-1} \left( \frac{1 - |w|^2}{|1 - \bar{w}\varphi(z_0)|^2} (1 - |z_0|^2) \right)^{\frac{2+\alpha}{p}} \\ &\geq |g(z_0)|(1 - |z_0|^2)^{\gamma-1} \left( \frac{1 - |z_0|^2}{1 - |\varphi(z_0)|^2} \right)^{\frac{2+\alpha}{p}} \asymp |g(z_0)|(1 - |z_0|^2)^{\gamma-1}, \end{aligned}$$

for an arbitrary  $z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$ , by (2.5). Hence,  $g \in \mathcal{B}_\gamma$ . □

The following result is well-known. For a proof, see e.g. [3, Lemma 25].

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $E = \text{proj}_m E_m$  and  $F = \text{proj}_n F_n$  be Fréchet spaces such that  $E$  (resp.  $F$ ) is the intersection of the sequence of Banach spaces  $E_m$  (resp.  $F_n$ ),  $E$  is dense in  $E_m$  and  $E_{m+1} \subset E_m$  with continuous inclusion for each  $m$  (resp.  $F$  is dense in  $F_n$  and  $F_{n+1} \subset F_n$  with continuous inclusion for each  $n$ ). Let  $T: E \rightarrow F$  be a linear operator. Then

- (i)  $T$  is continuous if and only if for each  $n$ , there is  $m$  such that  $T$  has a unique continuous linear extension  $T_{m,n}: E_m \rightarrow F_n$ .
- (ii) Assume  $T$  is continuous. Then,  $T$  is bounded if and only if there is  $m$  such that for each  $n$ ,  $T$  has a unique continuous linear extension  $T_{m,n}: E_m \rightarrow F_n$ .

The following lemma for (LB)-spaces is also known. A proof can be seen in [4, Lemma 4.1].

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $E = \text{ind}_m E_m$  and  $F = \text{ind}_n F_n$  be (LB)-spaces such that  $E$  (resp.  $F$ ) is the union of the sequence of Banach spaces  $E_m$  (resp.  $F_n$ ). Let  $T: E \rightarrow F$  be a linear operator. Then

- (i)  $T$  is continuous if and only if, for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $T(E_m) \subset F_n$  and  $T: E_m \rightarrow F_n$  is continuous.
- (ii) Let  $T$  be continuous and let  $F$  be regular. Then,  $T$  is bounded if and only if there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $m$ ,  $T(E_m) \subset F_n$  and  $T: E_m \rightarrow F_n$  is continuous.

With the help of Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3 we extend Proposition 2.1 to the setup of Fréchet and (LB)-spaces.

**Proposition 2.4** Given  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha, \beta < \infty$ , let  $\gamma := \beta + 1 - \frac{2+\alpha}{p}$  be non-negative. Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self map on  $\mathbb{D}$  satisfying  $\varphi(0) = 0$ . Then, the following statements are equivalent.

- (1) The symbol  $g \in H(\mathbb{D})$  satisfies

$$g \in \bigcap_{\tau > \gamma} \mathcal{B}_\tau. \tag{2.6}$$

- (2) The Volterra operator  $T_g: A^p_{\alpha+} \rightarrow H^\infty_{\beta+}$  is continuous.
- (3) The Volterra operator  $T_g: A^p_{\alpha-} \rightarrow H^\infty_{\beta-}$  is continuous.
- (4) The pointwise multiplication operator  $M_g: A^p_{\alpha+} \rightarrow H^\infty_{\beta+}$  is continuous.
- (5) The pointwise multiplication operator  $M_g: A^p_{\alpha-} \rightarrow H^\infty_{\beta-}$  is continuous.
- (6) The weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A^p_{\alpha+} \rightarrow H^\infty_{\beta+}$  is continuous.
- (7) The weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A^p_{\alpha-} \rightarrow H^\infty_{\beta-}$  is continuous.

**Proof** (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4). By Lemma 2.2, the Volterra operator  $T_g: A^p_{\alpha+} \rightarrow H^\infty_{\beta+}$  (resp. the pointwise multiplication operator  $M_g: A^p_{\alpha+} \rightarrow H^\infty_{\beta+}$ ) is continuous if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\tilde{\delta} \in (0, \varepsilon]$



such that  $T_g: A_{\alpha+\delta}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta+\varepsilon}^\infty$  (resp.  $M_g: A_{\alpha+\delta}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta+\varepsilon}^\infty$ ) is continuous. By Proposition 2.1 this is equivalent to say that

$$g \in \mathcal{B}_{\gamma+\varepsilon-\delta}, \tag{2.7}$$

where  $\delta := \frac{\tilde{\delta}}{p} < \varepsilon$ . Clearly (2.7) is equivalent to (2.6).

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Suppose (2.6) holds. Then, for every  $\varepsilon \in (0, \min\{\frac{\alpha+1}{p^2}, \frac{\beta}{p-1}\})$  we have  $g \in \mathcal{B}_{\gamma+\varepsilon}$ . Then, given  $-1 < \mu := \alpha - p^2\varepsilon$  pick  $\eta := \beta - (p-1)\varepsilon$ . We see that  $\gamma + \varepsilon = \eta + 1 - \frac{2+\mu}{p}$ , which yields  $g \in \mathcal{B}_{\eta+1-\frac{2+\mu}{p}}$ . By Proposition 2.1 this is equivalent that  $T_g: A_\mu^p \rightarrow H_\eta^\infty$  is continuous. In the light of Lemma 2.3,  $T_g: A_{\alpha-}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta-}^\infty$  is continuous.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $T_g: A_{\alpha-}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta-}^\infty$  be continuous. Then, for every  $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{\alpha+1}{p})$ , there exists  $\delta \in (0, \min\{\varepsilon, \frac{\beta}{p}\})$  such that  $T_g: A_{\alpha-\varepsilon}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta-\delta}^\infty$  is continuous. Without loss of any generality, let  $\gamma + \frac{\varepsilon}{p} - \delta \geq 0$ , since otherwise  $g$  is constant so there is nothing to prove. By Proposition 2.1 this is equivalent that  $g \in \mathcal{B}_{\gamma+\frac{\varepsilon}{p}-\delta} \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{\gamma+\varepsilon-\delta}$ . Hence  $g$  satisfies (2.7), equivalently (2.6).

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5). Identical to (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3).

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (6). Suppose that  $\varphi$  satisfies (2.5). The symbol function  $g$  satisfying (2.6) is equivalent to say that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\tilde{\delta} \in (0, \varepsilon]$  such that  $g \in \mathcal{B}_{\gamma+\varepsilon-\tilde{\delta}}$ . Equivalently, by Proposition 2.1, the weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha+\delta}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta+\varepsilon}^\infty$  is continuous, for  $\delta = \frac{\tilde{\delta}}{p}$ . By Lemma 2.2, this is equivalent to say that  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta+}^\infty$  is continuous.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (7). If  $g$  satisfies (2.6), for every  $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{2+\alpha}{p})$  one has  $g \in \mathcal{B}_{\gamma+\varepsilon} \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{\beta+1-\varepsilon}$ , since  $\frac{2+\alpha}{p} > 2\varepsilon$ . Then, by (1.6)  $g \in H_{\beta-\varepsilon}^\infty$  and the rest follows very similar to Fréchet case.

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). The weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha-}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta-}^\infty$  is continuous if and only if, for every  $\varepsilon \in (0, \alpha+1)$ , there exists  $\delta \in (0, \min\{\varepsilon, \beta\}]$  such that  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha-\varepsilon}^p \rightarrow H_{\beta-\delta}^\infty$  is continuous if and only if  $g \in \mathcal{B}_{\gamma+\frac{\varepsilon}{p}-\delta} \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{\gamma+\varepsilon-\delta}$ , by Proposition 2.1. This is equivalent to (2.7) hence to (2.6).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5** *Let  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$ , and  $0 < \alpha, \beta < \infty$ . Let  $\gamma := \frac{2+\beta}{q} - \frac{2+\alpha}{p}$  be non-negative. Then, for an analytic map  $g: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) *The symbol  $g$  belongs to the growth Fréchet space  $H_{\gamma+}^\infty$ .*
- (2) *The pointwise multiplication operator  $M_g: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta+}^q$  is continuous.*
- (3) *The pointwise multiplication operator  $M_g: A_{\alpha-}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta-}^q$  is continuous.*
- (4) *The Volterra operator  $T_g: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta+}^q$  is continuous.*
- (5) *The Volterra operator  $T_g: A_{\alpha-}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta-}^q$  is continuous.*

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $M_g: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta+}^q$  be continuous. Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  given  $\mu := \beta + q\varepsilon$  there exists

$\alpha < \eta < \alpha + q\varepsilon$  such that  $M_g: A_\eta^p \rightarrow A_\mu^q$  is continuous. Hence, for every  $z \in \mathbb{D}$

$$\begin{aligned} |g(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\gamma+\varepsilon} &= |g(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\frac{2+\mu}{q} - \frac{2+\alpha}{p}} \\ &< |g(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\frac{2+\mu}{q} - \frac{2+\eta}{p}} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

So by [26, Theorem 9],  $g \in H_{\gamma+\varepsilon}^\infty$ . Hence,  $g \in H_{\gamma+}^\infty$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $g \in H_{\gamma+}^\infty$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta \in (0, \varepsilon]$  such that we have  $g \in H_{\gamma+\varepsilon-\delta}^\infty$ . Given  $\mu := \beta + q\varepsilon$ , define  $\eta := \alpha + p\delta$ . Observe that for every  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,

$$|g(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\frac{2+\mu}{q} - \frac{2+\eta}{p}} = |g(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\gamma+\varepsilon-\delta} < \infty.$$

So  $g \in H_{\frac{2+\mu}{q} - \frac{2+\eta}{p}}^\infty$ . By [26, Theorem 9],  $M_g: A_\eta^p \rightarrow A_\mu^q$  is continuous. Therefore,  $M_g: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta+}^q$  is continuous.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $M_g: A_{\alpha-}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta-}^q$  be continuous. Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , given  $-1 < \mu := \alpha - p\varepsilon$  there exists  $-1 < \beta - p\varepsilon < \eta < \beta$  such that  $M_g: A_\mu^p \rightarrow A_\eta^q$  is continuous. Then, for every  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,

$$|g(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\gamma+\varepsilon} < |g(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\frac{2+\eta}{q} - \frac{2+\mu}{p}} < \infty.$$

So, by [26, Theorem 9],  $g$  belongs to  $H_{\gamma+\varepsilon}^\infty$  and hence to  $H_{\gamma+}^\infty$ .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Suppose that  $g \in H_{\gamma+}^\infty$ . Let  $x = \min\{(\alpha + 1)\frac{q-1}{pq}, (\beta + 1)\frac{q-1}{q}\}$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon \in (0, x)$  we have  $g \in H_{\gamma+\varepsilon}^\infty$ . Given  $-1 < \mu := \alpha - \frac{pq}{q-1}\varepsilon$ , pick  $-1 < \eta := \beta - \frac{q}{q-1}\varepsilon$ . Then, for every  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |g(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\frac{2+\eta}{q} - \frac{2+\mu}{p}} &= |g(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\gamma + \frac{q}{q-1}\varepsilon - \frac{1}{q-1}\varepsilon} \\ &= |g(z)|(1 - |z|^2)^{\gamma+\varepsilon} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $g \in H_{\frac{2+\eta}{q} - \frac{2+\mu}{p}}^\infty$ . By [26, Theorem 9],  $M_g: A_\mu^p \rightarrow A_\eta^q$  is continuous. Therefore,  $M_g: A_{\alpha-}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta-}^q$  is continuous.

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5). Follows by (1.6), Proposition 2.5, and [22, Proposition 2.2]. □

Proposition 2.5 will help us characterize the invertibility of a weighted composition operator acting on a weighed Bergman Fréchet or a weighted Bergman (LB)-space. See Proposition 3.7. The following statement is derived from [26, Theorem 11] via Lemma 2.2. Its (LB)-space version can be produced in an analogue way.

**Proposition 2.6** *Let  $g$  be an analytic function on  $\mathbb{D}$ . Let  $1 \leq q < p < \infty$ , and  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Then, the following statements are equivalent.*

(1) *The multiplication operator  $M_g: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta+}^q$  is continuous.*

(2) *For every  $\mu > \beta$ , there exists  $\nu \in (\alpha, \alpha + \mu - \beta)$  such that  $g \in A_\eta^s$ , where  $\frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}$  and  $\eta = s\left(\frac{\mu}{q} - \frac{\nu}{p}\right)$ .*

### 3. Weighted composition operators between weighted Bergman Fréchet and (LB)-spaces

#### 3.1. Continuous weighted composition operators between different weighted Bergman Fréchet or (LB)-spaces

An operator  $T$  on a Fréchet space  $X$  into itself is called bounded (resp. compact) if there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of the origin of  $X$  such that  $TU$  is a bounded (resp. relatively compact) set in  $X$ . The following result is a

consequence of [26, Theorem 1] along with Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3.

**Proposition 3.1** *Let  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha, \beta < \infty$ . Let  $g: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be an analytic function and let  $\varphi: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  be an analytic self map. Then,*

- (1) *The weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta+}^q$  is continuous if and only if for every  $\mu > \beta$  there exists  $\eta \in (\alpha, \alpha + \mu - \beta)$  such that*

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} \left( \frac{1 - |z|^2}{|1 - \bar{z}\varphi(w)|^2} \right)^{\frac{2+\eta}{p}q} |g(w)|^q ds_{\mu}(w) < \infty. \tag{3.1}$$

- (2) *The weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha-}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta-}^q$  is continuous if and only if for every  $\zeta \in (0, \alpha)$  there exists  $\theta \in [\zeta, \alpha)$  such that*

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} \left( \frac{1 - |z|^2}{|1 - \bar{z}\varphi(w)|^2} \right)^{\frac{2+\zeta}{p}q} |g(w)|^q ds_{\theta}(w) < \infty. \tag{3.2}$$

Similarly, we obtain the following proposition via Lemma 2.2 and [26, Theorem 3]. An (LB)-space version can be easily derived.

**Proposition 3.2** *Let  $1 < q < p < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha, \beta < \infty$ . Let  $g: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be an analytic function and let  $\varphi: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  be an analytic self map. Then, the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) *The weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta+}^q$  is continuous.*  
 (2) *For every  $\mu > \beta$  there exists  $\nu \in (\alpha, \alpha + \mu - \beta)$  such that for  $s := \frac{p}{p-q}$  we have*

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{2+\nu}}{|1 - \bar{z}\varphi(w)|^{4+2\nu}} |g(w)|^q ds_{\mu}(w) \in A_{\nu}^s.$$

**Lemma 3.3** (i) *Let  $E = \text{proj}_m E_m$  and  $F = \text{proj}_n F_n$  be Fréchet spaces such that  $E$  (resp.  $F$ ) is the intersection of the sequence of Banach spaces  $E_m$  (resp.  $F_n$ ),  $E$  is dense in  $E_m$  and  $E_{m+1} \subset E_m$  with continuous inclusion for each  $m$  (resp.  $F$  is dense in  $F_n$  and  $F_{n+1} \subset F_n$  with continuous inclusion for each  $n$ ). Let  $T: E \rightarrow F$  be a linear operator. Assume  $T$  is continuous. Then  $T$  is bounded if and only if there is  $m$  such that for each  $n$ ,  $T$  has a unique continuous linear extension  $T_{m,n}: E_m \rightarrow F_n$ .*

- (ii) *Let  $X = \text{ind } X_n$  and  $Y = \text{ind } Y_m$  be two (LB)-spaces which are increasing unions of Banach spaces  $X = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$  and  $Y = \cup_{m=1}^{\infty} Y_m$ . Let  $T: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous linear map. Assume that  $Y$  is a regular (LB)-space. Then,  $T$  is bounded if and only if there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $T(X_n) \subset Y_m$  and  $T: X_n \rightarrow Y_m$  is continuous for all  $n \geq m$ .*

The following proposition is a consequence of [26, Corollary 1] and Lemma 3.3.

**Proposition 3.4** *Let  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha, \beta < \infty$ . Let  $g: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be an analytic function and let  $\varphi: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  be an analytic self map. Then,*

- (1) The weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta+}^q$  is compact if and only if it is continuous and there exists  $\mu > \alpha$  such that for each  $\eta \in (\alpha, \mu]$  we have

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} \left( \frac{1 - |z|^2}{|1 - \bar{z}\varphi(w)|^2} \right)^{\frac{2+\mu}{p}q} |g(w)|^q ds_{\eta}(w) < \infty. \tag{3.3}$$

- (2) The weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha-}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta-}^q$  is compact if and only if it is continuous and there exists  $\zeta \in (0, \alpha)$  such that for each  $\theta \in [\zeta, \alpha)$  we have

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} \left( \frac{1 - |z|^2}{|1 - \bar{z}\varphi(w)|^2} \right)^{\frac{2+\theta}{p}q} |g(w)|^q ds_{\zeta}(w) < \infty. \tag{3.4}$$

**Proof**

(1) Given  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ , let  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\beta+}^q$  be bounded. Since  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  is a Schwartz space, this is equivalent to assume that  $W_{g,\varphi}$  is compact. Lemma 3.3(i) applied to  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  this is equivalent that there exists  $\mu > \alpha$  such that for all  $\beta < \eta < \beta + \mu - \alpha$ , the weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\mu}^p \rightarrow A_{\eta}^q$  is continuous. This is equivalent, by [26, Theorem 1], that (3.3) holds.

(2) Very similar to part (1) if we apply Lemma 3.3(ii) and [26, Theorem 1].

□

**3.2. Invertible weighted composition operators acting on a weighted Bergman Fréchet or (LB)-space**

The characterizations of invertible weighted composition operators on the Fréchet space  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  and on the (LB)-space  $A_{\alpha-}^p$  are consequences of the following results by Bourdon [13, Theorem 2.2; Corollary 2.3]. These arguments were also used to characterize invertible weighted composition operators acting on the growth Fréchet space  $H_{\alpha+}^{\infty}$  and the growth (LB)-space  $H_{\alpha-}^{\infty}$  in [17, Proposition 4].

**Theorem 3.5** *Suppose that  $E$  is a space of analytic functions on  $\mathbb{D}$  such that*

- (i)  $W_{g,\varphi}$  maps  $E$  to  $E$ .
- (ii)  $E$  contains a nonzero constant function.
- (iii)  $E$  contains a function of the form  $z \rightarrow z + c$  for some constant  $c$ .
- (iv) There is a dense subset  $S$  of the unit circle such that, for each point in  $S$ , there is a function in  $E$  that does not extend analytically to a neighborhood of that point.

If  $W_{g,\varphi}: E \rightarrow E$  is invertible, then  $\varphi$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{D}$ .

**Theorem 3.6** *If  $E, g$  and  $\varphi$  satisfy the hypotheses of Lemma 3.5, and for each  $f \in E$  we have  $f \circ h \in E$  for all automorphism  $h$  of  $\mathbb{D}$ , then  $W_{g,\varphi}$  is invertible on  $E$  if and only if  $\varphi$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{D}$  and both  $g$  and  $1/g$  map  $E$  into  $E$ .*

Whenever it is continuous, that is, (3.1) or (3.2) is satisfied,  $W_{g,\varphi}$  fulfills hypothesis (i) of Theorem 3.5. Hypotheses (ii) and (iii) are verified by both  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  and  $A_{\alpha-}^p$ , since they contain the constants and polynomials. For hypothesis (iv), let us consider the function  $f_{w,s}: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by  $f_{w,s} := \frac{1}{(w-z)^s}$ , for  $w \in \partial\mathbb{D}$  and  $s > 0$ . It is easy to see that  $f_{w,s} \in A_{\alpha+}^p$  and  $f_{w,s} \in A_{\alpha-}^p$ . However, in any neighborhood  $U$  of  $w$ , we see that  $f_{a,s} \notin H(\mathbb{D})$  for any  $a \in U$ . So it does not extend analytically to any neighborhood of  $w$  (cf. [17, Remark 2]).

**Proposition 3.7** *Let  $g, \varphi \in H(\mathbb{D})$  and  $\varphi(D) \subset \mathbb{D}$ . Let  $1 < p < \infty$ , and  $0 < \alpha < \infty$ . Then, the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $g \in H_{0+}^\infty$ , and  $1/g \in H_{0+}^\infty$ .
- (2) The weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\alpha+}^p$  is invertible.
- (3) The weighted composition operator  $W_{g,\varphi}: A_{\alpha-}^p \rightarrow A_{\alpha-}^p$  is invertible.

**Proof** Since both  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  and  $A_{\alpha-}^p$  satisfy all hypotheses of Theorem 3.5, we apply Theorem 3.6 to reach that  $W_{g,\varphi}$  is invertible if and only if  $\varphi$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $M_g$  and  $M_{1/g}$  are continuous on  $A_{\alpha+}^p$  (resp.  $A_{\alpha-}^p$ ). Hence the conclusion follows from proposition 2.5.  $\square$

### 3.3. Some results on eigenvalues of composition operators acting on a weighted Bergman Fréchet or (LB)-space

For  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ , the *resolvent set*  $\rho(T; E)$  of  $T$  consists of all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $R(\lambda, T) := (\lambda I - T)^{-1}$  exists in  $\mathcal{L}(E)$ . The set  $\sigma(T; E) := \mathbb{C} \setminus \rho(T)$  is called the *spectrum* of  $T$ . The *point spectrum*  $\sigma_{pt}(T; X)$  of  $T$  consists of all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $(\lambda I - T)$  is not injective. The *essential norm*  $\|T\|_{e,X}$  of an operator  $T$  on a Banach space  $X$  is the distance of the operator to the set of compact operators on  $X$ . The *essential spectral radius* is given by  $r_e(T; X) = \lim_n \|T^n\|_{e,X}^{1/n}$ . The following lemma is well known. For a proof, see [19, Lemma 2.4] and [17, Lemma 3.4].

**Lemma 3.8** *Let  $X \subset H(\mathbb{D})$  be a continuously included subspace of holomorphic functions containing the polynomials. Let  $\varphi, g \in H(\mathbb{D})$  with  $\varphi(\mathbb{D}) \subset \mathbb{D}$  and  $\varphi(0) = 0$ . Suppose that  $\varphi$  is not a constant function. Then,*

$$\sigma_{pt}(W_{g,\varphi}; X) \subseteq \{g(0)\varphi'(0)^j\}_{j=0}^\infty.$$

The following lemma is due to [19, Lemma 2.3].

**Lemma 3.9** *Let  $X \subset H(\mathbb{D})$  be a continuously included subspace of holomorphic functions containing the polynomials. Let  $g, \varphi \in H(\mathbb{D})$  with  $\varphi(\mathbb{D}) \subset \mathbb{D}$ ,  $g \not\equiv 0$ , and  $\varphi(0) = 0$ . Then,*

- (i)  $g(0) \in \sigma(W_{g,\varphi}; X)$ .
- (ii) For every  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $g(0)\varphi'(0)^j \in \sigma(W_{g,\varphi}; X)$ .

**Proposition 3.10** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ , and  $0 < \alpha < \infty$ . Suppose that  $\varphi \in H(\mathbb{D})$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbb{D}) \subset \mathbb{D}$ ,  $0 < |\varphi'(0)| < 1$ , and  $\varphi$  is not a rotation. Then,*

(1) The point spectrum of the composition operator  $C_\varphi: A_{\alpha+}^p \rightarrow A_{\alpha+}^p$  satisfies the inclusions

$$\{\varphi'(0)^j\}_{j=0}^\infty \setminus \overline{B}(0, r_e(C_\varphi, A_\alpha^p)) \subset \sigma_{pt}(C_\varphi; A_{\alpha+}^p) \subset \{\varphi'(0)^j\}_{j=0}^\infty.$$

(2) The point spectrum of the composition operator  $C_\varphi: A_{\alpha-}^p \rightarrow A_{\alpha-}^p$  satisfies the inclusions

$$\{\varphi'(0)^j\}_{j=0}^\infty \setminus \overline{B}(0, r_e(C_\varphi, A_\alpha^p)) \subset \sigma_{pt}(C_\varphi; A_{\alpha-}^p) \subset \{\varphi'(0)^j\}_{j=0}^\infty.$$

**Proof**

(1) By Lemma 3.8 we immediately obtain  $\sigma_{pt}(C_\varphi; A_{\alpha+}^p) \subset \{\varphi'(0)^j\}_{j=0}^\infty$ . So the inclusion on the right hand side follows. For the other inclusion, first let us note that the essential spectral radius  $r_e(C_\varphi; A_\alpha^p) < 1$ , by [6, Theorem 2.8]. In the light of that, we are allowed to fix a  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|\varphi'(0)^j| > r_e(C_\varphi; A_\alpha^p)$  so that  $\varphi'(0)^j \notin \sigma_{ess}(C_\varphi; A_\alpha^p)$ . Then, by Lemma 3.9 we obtain  $\varphi'(0)^j \in \sigma(C_\varphi; A_\alpha^p)$ . If we apply [1, Theorem 7.44] this implies  $\varphi'(0)^j \in \sigma_{pt}(C_\varphi; A_\alpha^p)$ . This means there exists  $f_0 \in A_\alpha^p$  such that  $C_\varphi f_0 = \varphi'(0)^j f_0$ , in  $A_\alpha^p$ . But since  $A_\alpha^p \subset A_{\alpha+}^p$ , the latter holds also in  $A_{\alpha+}^p$ . Therefore  $\varphi'(0)^j \in \sigma_{pt}(C_\varphi; A_{\alpha+}^p)$ , as well.

(2) Similar to part (1), the right hand side inclusion follows immediately by Lemma 3.8. For the other inclusion, fix  $0 < \beta < \alpha < \beta + 1 < \infty$  so that by [16, Proposition 3.6; 3.8],

$$\begin{aligned} r_e(C_\varphi; A_\beta^p) &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \limsup_{s \rightarrow 1, |z| \geq s} \left( \frac{1 - |z|^2}{1 - |\varphi_n(z)|^2} \right)^{\beta+1} \right)^{1/n} \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \limsup_{s \rightarrow 1, |z| \geq s} \left( \frac{1 - |z|^2}{1 - |\varphi_n(z)|^2} \right)^{\alpha+2} \right)^{1/n} \\ &\leq r_e(C_\varphi; A_\alpha^p). \end{aligned}$$

Then let us first fix  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|\varphi'(0)^j| > r_e(C_\varphi; A_\alpha^p)$ . Then we find  $\beta < \alpha$  satisfying  $|\varphi'(0)^j| > r_e(C_\varphi; A_\beta^p)$  to immediately apply Lemma 3.9 and [1, Theorem 7.44] to get  $|\varphi'(0)^j| \in \sigma(C_\varphi; A_\beta^p)$  and  $|\varphi'(0)^j| \in \sigma_{pt}(C_\varphi; A_\beta^p)$ , respectively. That implies there exists  $g_0 \in A_\beta^p$  such that  $C_\varphi g_0 = |\varphi'(0)^j| g_0$  in  $A_\beta^p$ . But since  $A_\beta^p \subset A_{\alpha-}^p$ , the same holds in  $A_{\alpha-}^p$  as well. Therefore  $|\varphi'(0)^j| \in \sigma_{pt}(C_\varphi; A_{\alpha-}^p)$ .

□

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