

## Compact Composition Operators Mapping into the $E_0(p, q)$ Spaces \*

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**Abstract:** Composition operators are used to study the  $E_0(p, q)$  spaces, which coincide with the space  $Q_{q,0}$  for  $p = 2$  and the little Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}_0$  for  $p > 0$  and  $q > 1$ . The compactness of these operators is also considered. The criteria for these operators to be compact are given in terms of the Carleson measure.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  be the unit disk of complex plane,  $H(D)$  be the space of all analytic functions on  $D$ . Denote Lebesgue measure on  $D$  by  $dm$ , normalized so that  $m(D) = 1$ . For  $a \in D$ ,  $\sigma_a(z) = \frac{a-z}{1-\bar{a}z}$  is the Mobius transformation of  $D$  to itself and  $g(z, a) = \log|\frac{1-\bar{a}z}{a-z}|$  is the Green function of  $D$  with singularity at  $a$ . Every analytic self-map  $\varphi : D \rightarrow D$  of the unit disk induces through composition a linear composition operator  $C_\varphi$  from  $H(D)$  to itself. It is a well-known consequence of Littlewood's subordination principle that  $\varphi$  induces through composition a bounded linear operator on the classical Hardy and Bergman spaces ([1],[2]). That is, if we define  $C_\varphi$  by  $C_\varphi(f) = f \circ \varphi$  for  $f \in H(D)$ , then  $C_\varphi : H^p \rightarrow H^p$  and  $C_\varphi : A^p \rightarrow A^p$  are bounded operators. A problem that has received much attention recently is to relate function theoretic properties of  $\varphi$  to operator theoretic properties of the restriction of  $C_\varphi$  to various Banach spaces of analytic function. In this paper we study this problem in the context of what are known as the  $E_0(p, q)$  spaces, which were recently studied by Tan Haiou in [3].

We have  $E_0(2, q) = Q_{q,0}$ , and specially  $E_0(2, 1) = \text{VMOA}$  and for  $p > 0$  and  $q > 1$ ,  $E_0(p, q) = \mathcal{B}_0$ , due to [4]. For  $0 < q < \infty$ , we say that a positive measure  $\mu$  defined on  $D$

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is a compact  $q$ -Carleson measure provided  $\mu(S(I)) = o(|I|^q)$  for all subarcs  $I$  of  $\partial D$ , where  $|I|$  denotes the arc length of  $I$  and  $S(I)$  denotes the usual Carleson box based on  $I$ . We denote the set of meromorphic functions on  $D$  by  $M$ . Aulaskari R. and Zhao R. proved in [5], for  $p > 2, q > 1$  and  $f \in M$ , then  $f \in B_0^\#(p, q)$  if and only if  $d\mu_{f,p,q}$  is a compact  $q$ -Carleson measure. Tan H. and Xiao J. proved in [6], for  $p > 2, 0 < q \leq 1$  and  $f \in M$ , then  $f \in B_0^\#(p, q)$  if and only if  $d\mu_{f,p,q}$  is a compact  $q$ -Carleson measure. If  $p = 2, q \geq 1$  and  $f \in M$ , then  $f \in B_0^\#(p, q)$  if and only if there is a  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_{D(a, \delta)} \left( \frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2} \right)^q d\mu_{f,p,q}(z) = 0.$$

where  $D(a, \delta) = \{z \in D : |\sigma_a(z)| < \delta\}$ . Our work involves hyperbolic version of the  $E_0(p, q)$  spaces. These spaces are defined by using the hyperbolic derivative  $\frac{|f'(z)|}{1 - |f(z)|^2}$  in place of the spherical derivative in the definition of  $B_0^\#(p, q)$ . Defined the hyperbolic  $E_0^h(p, q)$  as follows

$$E_0^h(p, q) = \{f : f \in H(D) \text{ and } \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D \frac{|f'(z)|^p}{(1 - |f(z)|^2)^p} (1 - |z|^2)^{p-2} g^q(z, a) dm(z) = 0\}.$$

For  $\varphi$  an analytic self-map of  $D$ , we define

$$d\mu_{\varphi,p,q}^h(z) = \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1 - |\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1 - |z|^2)^{p+q-2} dm(z),$$

$$d\lambda_{\varphi,p,q}^h(z) = \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1 - |\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1 - |z|^2)^{p-2} g^q(z, 0) dm(z).$$

As usually, the letter  $\mathcal{B}$  denotes Bloch space consisting of those functions  $f \in H(D)$  such that  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} = \sup_{z \in D} (1 - |z|^2) |f'(z)| < \infty$ .

Our main result is the following :

**Theorem** Suppose  $p > 0, q > 0$ ,  $p + q > 1$ , and  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of  $D$ . Then the following statements are equivalent :

- (1)  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow E_0(p, q)$  is bounded.
- (2)  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow E_0(p, q)$  is compact.
- (3)  $\varphi \in E_0^h(p, q)$ .
- (4)  $d\mu_{\varphi,p,q}^h(z)$  is a compact  $q$ -Carleson measure.
- (5)  $d\lambda_{\varphi,p,q}^h(z)$  is a compact  $q$ -Carleson measure.
- (6)  $\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1 - |\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1 - |z|^2)^{p+q-2} |\sigma_a'(z)|^q dm(z) = 0$ .

Using our result, we can get the following corollary, which is Theorem 1.6 in [7].

**Corollary** Let  $0 < q < \infty$  and suppose  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of  $D$ . Then the following statements are equivalent :

- (1)  $\varphi \in Q_{q,0}^h$ ;
- (2)  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow Q_{q,0}$  is bounded;

- (3)  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow Q_{q,0}$  is compact;  
 (4)  $d\mu_\varphi^h$  is a compact  $q$ -Carleson measure.

The approach to the problem considered in this paper comes from Smith's work ([7]) on the compactness problem for  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow Q_{q,0}$ . Throughout this paper, the letter  $C$  denotes a positive constant which may vary at each occurrence but it is independent of the essential variables.

## 2. Some Lemmas

Here we collect some lemmas which will be used in the main results.

**Lemma 1** If  $f \in \mathcal{B}$ , then

$$|f(z)| \leq |f(0)| + \frac{\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}}{2} \log \frac{1+|z|}{1-|z|}, \quad \forall z \in D.$$

**Lemma 2**<sup>[8]</sup> For  $0 < q < \infty$ , a positive measure  $\mu$  on  $D$  is a compact  $q$ -Carleson measure if and only if

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D \left( \frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2} \right)^q d\mu(z) = 0.$$

**Lemma 3**<sup>[9]</sup> There exist  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{B}$  such that

$$|f_1'(z)| + |f_2'(z)| \geq \frac{1}{1-|z|^2}, \quad \forall z \in D.$$

**Lemma 4**<sup>[10]</sup> For  $0 < r < 1$  and  $0 < k < \infty$ , then

$$I(r, k) = 2\pi \int_0^r t(1-t^2)^{-2} \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)^k dt < \infty.$$

**Lemma 5**<sup>[3]</sup> If  $\varphi \in H(D)$ ,  $p > 0$ ,  $q > 0$  and  $p+q > 1$ , then  $\varphi \in E_0(p, q)$  if and only if

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D |\varphi'(z)|^p (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} (g(z, a))^q dm(z) = 0.$$

## 3. The proofs of main result

In this section we prove our main theorem, the proofs of the theorem are based on above several lemmas.

**Proof** (3)  $\rightarrow$  (4). If  $\varphi \in E_0^h(p, q)$ , then applying the equality  $1-|\sigma_a(z)|^2 = \frac{(1-|a|^2)(1-|z|^2)}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D \left( \frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2} \right)^q d\mu_{\varphi, p, q}^h(z) \\ &= \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} (1-|\sigma_a(z)|^2)^q dm(z) \\ &\leq C \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} g^q(z, a) dm(z) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2, we show that  $d\mu_{\varphi,p,q}^h(z)$  is a compact  $q$ -Carleson measure.

(4)  $\rightarrow$  (2). If  $d\mu_{\varphi,p,q}^h(z)$  is a compact  $q$ -Carleson measure, then  $d\mu_{\varphi,p,q}^h(z)$  is a bounded  $q$ -Carleson measure. It is easy to show that  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow E(p, q)$  is bounded. For  $f \in \mathcal{B}$ , we have  $C_\varphi f \in E(p, q)$ . Since  $|(f \circ \varphi)'(z)| \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \frac{|\varphi'(z)|}{1-|\varphi(z)|^2}$ , Lemma 2 implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D |(f \circ \varphi)'(z)|^p (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} (1-|\sigma_a(z)|^2)^q dm(z) \\ & \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}^p \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D \left( \frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2} \right)^q d\mu_{\varphi,p,q}^h(z) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $C_\varphi f \in E_0(p, q)$ , so that  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow E_0(p, q)$  is bounded. To show this operator is compact, we let  $\{f_n\} \subset \mathcal{B}$  be such that  $\|f_n\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq 1$  for  $n \geq 1$ , we must show that  $\{C_\varphi f_n\}$  has a subsequence that converges in  $E_0(p, q)$ . By Lemma 1 there is a subsequence of  $\{f_n\}$  that converges uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$  to an analytic function  $f$ . By passing to a subsequence, we may assume that the sequence  $\{f_n\}$  itself converges uniformly on compact subset of  $D$  to  $f \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq 1$ . Thus  $C_\varphi f \in E_0(p, q)$ . Set

$$\|f\|_{p,q}^p = \sup_{a \in D} \int_D |f'(z)|^p (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} (1-|\sigma_a(z)|^2)^q dm(z).$$

To complete the proof, it suffices to show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|C_\varphi f_n - C_\varphi f\|_{p,q} = 0$ .  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , by (\*) and Lemma 2, we can choose  $r \in (0, 1)$  such that when  $r < |a| < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_D |(f_n \circ \varphi)'(z) - (f \circ \varphi)'(z)|^p (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} (1-|\sigma_a(z)|^2)^q dm(z) \\ & \leq C \int_D \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} (1-|\sigma_a(z)|^2)^q dm(z) < C\varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

thus

$$\sup_{r < |a| < 1} \int_D |(f_n \circ \varphi)'(z) - (f \circ \varphi)'(z)|^p (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} (1-|\sigma_a(z)|^2)^q dm(z) < C\varepsilon.$$

Since  $\{a : |a| \leq r\}$  is a compact set, there is a  $t_0 \in (0, 1)$  such that, uniformly in  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{|a| \leq r} \int_{D-t_0 D} |(f_n \circ \varphi)'(z) - (f \circ \varphi)'(z)|^p (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} (1-|\sigma_a(z)|^2)^q dm(z) \\ & \leq C \sup_{|a| \leq r} \int_{D-t_0 D} \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} (1-|\sigma_a(z)|^2)^q dm(z) < C\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Also, by the uniformly converges of  $\{(f'_n \circ \varphi - f' \circ \varphi)(1-|\varphi|^2)\}$  to 0 on compact subsets of  $D$ , there exists  $N_0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{t_0 D} |(f_n \circ \varphi)'(z) - (f \circ \varphi)'(z)|^p (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} (1-|\sigma_a(z)|^2)^q dm(z) \\ & \leq C\varepsilon \int_D \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} (1-|\sigma_a(z)|^2)^q dm(z) < C\varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

provided  $n > N_0$ . Thus for any such  $n$ , we have

$$\sup_{|a| \leq r} \int_{t_0 D} |(f_n \circ \varphi)'(z) - (f \circ \varphi)'(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{p-2} (1 - |\sigma_a(z)|^2)^q dm(z) < C\varepsilon.$$

Hence, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $N_0$  such that  $\|C_\varphi f_n - C_\varphi f\|_{p,q} < C\varepsilon, \forall n > N_0$ , as required, and the proof is complete.

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (1). It is easy.

(1)  $\rightarrow$  (3). Let  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ , be the two functions from Lemma 3, then

$$\frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1 - |\varphi(z)|^2)^p} \leq C(|(f_1 \circ \varphi)'(z)|^p + |(f_2 \circ \varphi)'(z)|^p), \forall z \in D,$$

by Lemma 5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1 - |\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1 - |z|^2)^{p-2} g^q(z, a) dm(z) \\ & \leq C \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D |(f_1 \circ \varphi)'(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{p-2} g^q(z, a) dm(z) + \\ & C \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D |(f_2 \circ \varphi)'(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{p-2} g^q(z, a) dm(z) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that if  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow E_0(p, q)$  is bounded, then  $\varphi \in E_0^h(p, q)$ .

(5)  $\rightarrow$  (4). Since  $1 - |z|^2 \leq 2 \log \frac{1}{|z|}$ , we have

$$(1 - |z|^2)^q \leq 2^q \left(\log \frac{1}{|z|}\right)^q = 2^q g^q(z, 0),$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D \left(\frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2}\right)^q \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1 - |\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1 - |z|^2)^{p+q-2} dm(z) \\ & \leq C \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D \left(\frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2}\right)^q \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1 - |\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1 - |z|^2)^{p-2} g^q(z, 0) dm(z). \end{aligned}$$

(4)  $\rightarrow$  (5). For  $a \in D$ , we write

$$\int_D \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1 - |\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1 - |z|^2)^{p-2} g^q(z, 0) \left(\frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2}\right)^q dm(z) = I_1(a) + I_2(a).$$

Because  $\frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(z)|^2)^p} \left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2}\right)^q$  is subharmonic in  $z$ , using Lemma 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(a) &= \int_{|z| \leq 1/4} \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} \left(\log \frac{1}{|z|}\right)^q \left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2}\right)^q dm(z) \\ &\leq \sup_{|z| \leq 1/4} \left\{ \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(z)|^2)^p} \left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2}\right)^q \right\} \int_{|z| \leq 1/4} \left(\log \frac{1}{|z|}\right)^q (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} dm(z) \\ &\leq C \sup_{|z| \leq 1/4} \int_{|u-z| < 1/4} \frac{|\varphi'(u)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(u)|^2)^p} (1-|u|^2)^{p+q-2} \left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}u|^2}\right)^q dm(u) \\ &\leq C \int_D \left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2}\right)^q d\mu_{\varphi,p,q}^h(z). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|z| \in (1/4, 1)$ ,  $\log \frac{1}{|z|} \leq 8(1-|z|^2)$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} I_2(a) &= \int_{\frac{1}{4} < |z| < 1} \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} \left(\log \frac{1}{|z|}\right)^q \left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2}\right)^q dm(z) \\ &\leq C \int_{\frac{1}{4} < |z| < 1} \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1-|z|^2)^{p+q-2} \left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2}\right)^q dm(z) \\ &\leq C \int_D \left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2}\right)^q d\mu_{\varphi,p,q}^h(z), \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\int_D \left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2}\right)^q d\lambda_{\varphi,p,q}^h(z) \leq C \int_D \left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2}\right)^q d\mu_{\varphi,p,q}^h(z). \quad (1)$$

The implication (4)  $\rightarrow$  (5) follows.

(3)  $\leftrightarrow$  (6). Since  $|\sigma'_a(z)|(1-|z|^2) = 1 - |\sigma_a(z)|^2 \leq 2\log \frac{1}{|\sigma_a(z)|} = 2g(z, a)$ , (3)  $\rightarrow$  (6) is true. Conversely, set  $a = 0$  in (1), we have

$$\int_D \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} g(z, 0)^q dm(z) \leq C \int_D \frac{|\varphi'(z)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(z)|^2)^p} (1-|z|^2)^{p+q-2} dm(z),$$

substitute  $\varphi(z)$  by  $\varphi \circ \sigma_a(z)$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_D \frac{|\varphi'(\sigma_a(z))|^p}{(1-|\varphi(\sigma_a(z))|^2)^p} |\sigma'_a(z)|^p (1-|z|^2)^{p-2} g(z, 0)^q dm(z) \\ &\leq C \int_D \frac{|\varphi'(\sigma_a(z))|^p}{(1-|\varphi(\sigma_a(z))|^2)^p} |\sigma'_a(z)|^p (1-|z|^2)^{p+q-2} dm(z), \end{aligned}$$

let  $z = \sigma_a(u)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_D \frac{|\varphi'(u)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(u)|^2)^p} (1-|u|^2)^{p-2} g(u, a)^q dm(u) \\ &\leq C \int_D \frac{|\varphi'(u)|^p}{(1-|\varphi(u)|^2)^p} (1-|u|^2)^{p+q-2} |\sigma'_a(u)|^q dm(u), \end{aligned}$$

we see that (6)  $\rightarrow$  (3) is also true.

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## 映人 $E_0(p, q)$ 的紧复合算子

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**摘 要:** 应用复合算子研究  $E_0(p, q)$  空间, 当  $p = 2$  时, 它就是  $Q_{q,0}$ , 当  $p > 0$  且  $q > 1$  时, 它就是小 Bloch 空间  $B_0$ . 讨论了复合算子的紧性并利用 Carleson 测度给出复合算子是紧的判别准则.