

# Weighted Composition Operators between Bergman-Type Spaces

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**Abstract** Let  $g_1, g_2$  be normal functions. For all  $0 < p, q < \infty$ , the necessary and sufficient conditions for weighted composition operators  $T_{\psi, \varphi} : A_{g_1}^p \rightarrow A_{g_2}^q$  to be bounded or compact between Bergman type spaces on the unit ball of  $C^n$  are given.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $B_n$  denote the unit ball of  $C^n$ ,  $dv$  be the Lebesgue measure on the unit ball  $B_n$  normalized so that  $v(B_n) = 1$ , and  $d\sigma$  be the normalized rotation invariant measure on the boundary  $\partial B_n$  of  $B_n$  so that  $\sigma(\partial B_n) = 1$ . The class of all holomorphic functions on  $B_n$  is denoted by  $H(B_n)$  and  $H^\infty$  denotes the class of all bounded holomorphic function on  $B_n$ .

A positive continuous function  $g$  on  $[0, 1)$  is normal, if there are constants  $0 < a < b$  such that

$$\frac{g(r)}{(1-r)^a} \text{ is decreasing for } r \in [0, 1) \text{ and } \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{g(r)}{(1-r)^a} = 0;$$

$$\frac{g(r)}{(1-r)^b} \text{ is increasing for } r \in [0, 1) \text{ and } \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{g(r)}{(1-r)^b} = \infty.$$

For  $0 < p < \infty$ , let  $g$  be normal on  $[0, 1)$ . The Bergman type space  $A_g^p$  is the space of functions  $f$  that are holomorphic on  $B_n$  and satisfy

$$\|f\|_{g,p}^p = \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^p g(|z|)^p (1-|z|)^{-1} dv(z) < \infty.$$

For  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$ ,  $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$  in  $C^n$ , let  $\langle z, w \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \bar{w}_j$ . Let  $\beta(\cdot, \cdot)$  denote the Bergman metric on  $B_n$ . The Bergman ball  $E(z, r)$  with center  $z \in B_n$  and radius  $r > 0$  is defined as  $E(z, r) = \{w \in B_n : \beta(z, w) < r\}$ .

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Let  $\varphi: B_n \rightarrow B_n$  be holomorphic and  $\psi \in H(B_n)$ . The weighted composition operators  $T_{\psi,\varphi}$  on  $H(B_n)$  is defined as

$$T_{\psi,\varphi}(f) = \psi(f \circ \varphi) \quad (f \in H(B_n)).$$

Recently several authors have studied the boundedness and compactness of composition operator  $T_{1,\varphi}$  or weighted composition operators  $T_{\psi,\varphi}$  on Hardy spaces, Bergman spaces and Bloch spaces. For example, in [1], Lou and Shi considered the composition operators from Bergman space  $A_\alpha^p$  to  $A_\beta^q$  on the bounded symmetric domains in  $C^n$ , and characterized the boundedness and compactness of  $T_{1,\varphi}$  in terms of Carleson measures for  $0 < p \leq q < \infty$ . In [2], Xu and Liu characterized the boundedness and compactness of  $T_{\psi,\varphi}$  from  $H^p$  to  $H^q$  ( $0 < p \leq q < \infty$ ). This paper will give the necessary and sufficient conditions for  $T_{\psi,\varphi}: A_{g_1}^p \rightarrow A_{g_2}^q$  to be bounded or compact between Bergman type spaces on the unit ball of  $C^n$  for all  $p > 0, q > 0$  and normal functions  $g_1, g_2$ .

We will use the symbol  $C$  or  $C'$  to denote a positive constant which does not depend on variables  $z, w$  and maybe depend on some parameters, not necessarily the same at each occurrence.

## 2. Some lemmas

**Lemma 2.1**<sup>[3]</sup> For each  $r > 0$ , there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that

$$C^{-1} \leq \frac{1 - |z|^2}{1 - |w|^2} \leq C \text{ and } C^{-1} \leq \frac{1 - |z|^2}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|} \leq C$$

for all  $z$  and  $w$  in  $B_n$  with  $\beta(z, w) < r$ .

**Lemma 2.2**<sup>[3]</sup> Suppose  $r_1 > 0, r_2 > 0$  and  $r_3 > 0$ . Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$C^{-1} \leq \frac{v(E(z, r_1))}{v(E(w, r_2))} \leq C$$

for all  $z, w \in B_n$  with  $\beta(z, w) < r_3$ .

**Lemma 2.3**<sup>[3]</sup> Suppose  $r > 0, 0 < p < \infty$ . Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|f(z)|^p \leq \frac{C}{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1}} \int_{E(z,r)} |f(w)|^p dv(w)$$

for all  $f \in H(B_n)$  and all  $z \in B_n$ .

**Lemma 2.4**<sup>[1]</sup> There exists a positive integer  $N$  such that for any  $r > 0$ , there are sequences  $\{w_j\}$  in  $B_n$  with the following properties:

- (i)  $B_n = \bigcup_{j=1}^\infty E(w_j, r)$ ;
- (ii) Each point  $z \in B_n$  belongs to at most  $N$  of the sets  $E(w_j, 2r)$ ;
- (iii) Specially, some sequence  $\{w_j\}$  exists such that  $w_j \rightarrow \partial B_n$  ( $j \rightarrow \infty$ ) and satisfies (i) and (ii).

**Lemma 2.5** Let  $r > 0, 0 < p < \infty$ , and  $g$  be normal on  $[0, 1)$ . Then there exists a constant

$C > 0$  such that

$$|f(z)|^p \leq \frac{C}{(1 - |z|^2)^n g^p(|z|)} \int_{E(z,r)} |f(w)|^p g^p(|w|)(1 - |w|)^{-1} dv(w)$$

for all  $f \in H(B_n)$  and all  $z \in B_n$ .

**Proof** For  $w \in E(z, r)$ , by the definition of normal function, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1 - |z|}{1 - |w|}\right)^a &\leq \frac{g(|z|)}{g(|w|)} \leq \left(\frac{1 - |z|}{1 - |w|}\right)^b \quad (|z| \leq |w|), \\ \left(\frac{1 - |z|}{1 - |w|}\right)^b &\leq \frac{g(|z|)}{g(|w|)} \leq \left(\frac{1 - |z|}{1 - |w|}\right)^a \quad (|z| > |w|). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.1, there exists a constant  $C' > 0$  such that  $C'^{-1}g(|z|) \leq g(|w|) \leq C'g(|z|)$  for  $w \in E(z, r)$ . Then the desired results can be obtained by using Lemma 2.3.

**Lemma 2.6**<sup>[4]</sup> Let  $0 < q < p < \infty, r > 0$ . If  $\mu$  is a positive Borel measure on  $B_n$ , and  $g$  is normal on  $[0, 1)$ , then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $\int_{B_n} \hat{\mu}^s(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} g^p(|z|) dv(z) < \infty$  where  $s = \frac{p}{p-q}, \hat{\mu} = \frac{\mu(E(z,r))}{(1 - |z|^2)^n g^p(z)}$ ;
- (ii) There exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\left\{ \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^q d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq C \left\{ \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for all  $f \in A_g^p$ .

**Lemma 2.7** Let  $0 < p < \infty, \psi \in A_g^p, \varphi$  be a holomorphic self-map of  $B_n$ . If  $f$  is a nonnegative Lebesgue measurable function on  $B_n$ , then

$$\int_{B_n} f(z) d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, g, p}(z) = \int_{B_n} f(\varphi(z)) |\psi(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z)$$

where  $\mu_{\varphi, \psi, g, p}(A) = \int_{\varphi^{-1}(A)} |\psi(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z)$  for a given Borel set  $A \subset B_n$ .

**Proof** First assume that  $f$  is a nonnegative simple Lebesgue measurable function. Let  $f(z) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \chi_{A_i}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B_n} f(z) d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, g, p}(z) &= \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mu_{\varphi, \psi, g, p}(A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \int_{A_i} d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, g, p}(z) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \int_{\varphi^{-1}(A_i)} |\psi(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z) \\ &= \int_{B_n} |\psi(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \chi_{\varphi^{-1}(A_i) \cap B_n} \right) dv(z) \\ &= \int_{B_n} (f(\varphi(z)) |\psi(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1}) dv(z). \end{aligned}$$

If  $f$  is a nonnegative Lebesgue measurable function, then there exists a monotone increasing simple measurable function sequence  $\{f_j\}$ , such that  $f_j(z) \rightarrow f(z) (j \rightarrow \infty), z \in B_n$ . Therefore,

$$\int_{B_n} f_j(z) d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, g, p}(z) \rightarrow \int_{B_n} f(z) d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, g, p}(z) \quad (j \rightarrow \infty),$$

and  $\{f_j(\varphi(z))|\psi(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1}\}$  is a monotone increasing simple measurable function sequence. Moreover

$$\{f_j(\varphi(z))|\psi(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1}\} \rightarrow \{f(\varphi(z))|\psi(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1}\} \quad (j \rightarrow \infty), \quad z \in B_n.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B_n} f(z) d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, g, p}(z) &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{B_n} f_j(z) d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, g, p}(z) \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{B_n} f_j(\varphi(z))|\psi(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z) \\ &= \int_{B_n} f(\varphi(z))|\psi(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the lemma. □

### 3. Boundedness

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $r > 0$ ,  $1 \leq \eta < \infty$ . If  $\mu$  is a positive Borel measure on  $B_n$ , and  $g$  is normal on  $[0, 1)$ , then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\sup_{z \in B_n} \frac{\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(E(z, r))}{(1 - |z|^2)^n g^p(|z|)} < \infty$ ;
- (ii) *There exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\left\{ \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^{np} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \leq C \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z)$$

for all  $f \in A_g^p$ .

**Proof** (i)  $\implies$  (ii). Suppose  $\sup_{z \in B_n} \frac{\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(E(z, r))}{(1 - |z|^2)^n g^p(|z|)} = M$ . Then choosing the sequence  $\{w_j\}$  in Lemma 2.4 gives

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^{np} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} &\leq \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{E(w_j, r)} |f(z)|^{np} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \\ &\leq \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sup\{|f(z)|^{np} : z \in E(w_j, r)\} \mu(E(w_j, r)) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}}, \end{aligned}$$

by Lemmas 2.1, 2.5 and the normality of  $g$  we get

$$\sup\{|f(z)|^{np} : z \in E(w_j, r)\} \leq \left\{ \frac{C}{(1 - |w_j|^2)^n g^p(|w_j|)} \int_{E(w_j, 2r)} |f(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z) \right\}^{\eta}.$$

Thus, by Lemma 2.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^{np} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{C \mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(E(w_j, r))}{(1 - |w_j|^2)^n g^p(|w_j|)} \int_{E(w_j, 2r)} |f(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z) \\ &\leq MNC \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^p \frac{g^p(|z|)}{1 - |z|} dv(z). \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $\implies$  (i). Assume  $f \in A_g^p$  and

$$\left\{ \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^{np} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \leq C \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z).$$

Let  $f_a(z) = \left\{ \frac{(1-|a|^2)^{\beta+1}}{g^p(|a|)(1-\langle z, a \rangle)^{n+1+\beta}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$ , where  $\beta > pb - 1$ ,  $a \in B_n$ . By the definition of nomoral function and Lemma 2.1 of [7], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_a\|_{A_g^p} &= \int_{B_n} |f_a(z)|^p \frac{g^p(|z|)}{1-|z|} dv(z) = \frac{(1-|a|^2)^{\beta+1}}{g^p(|a|)} \int_{B_n} \frac{g^p(|z|)}{|1-\langle z, a \rangle|^{n+1+\beta}(1-|z|)} dv(z) \\ &\leq C \frac{(1-|a|^2)^{\beta+1}}{g^p(|a|)} \int_0^1 \frac{g^p(r)}{1-r} \int_{\partial B} \frac{d\sigma(\xi)}{|1-\langle r\xi, a \rangle|^{n+1+\beta}} dr \\ &\leq C' \frac{(1-|a|^2)^{\beta+1}}{g^p(|a|)} \int_0^1 \frac{g^p(r)}{(1-r)(1-r|a|)^{1+\beta}} dr \\ &\leq C' \frac{(1-|a|^2)^{\beta+1}}{g^p(|a|)} \left\{ \int_0^{|a|} + \int_{|a|}^1 \right\} \frac{g^p(r)}{(1-r)(1-r|a|)^{1+\beta}} dr \\ &\leq C' \frac{(1-|a|^2)^{\beta+1}}{g^p(|a|)} \left\{ \frac{g^p(|a|)}{(1-|a|)^{bp}} \int_0^{|a|} \frac{(1-r)^{bp-1}}{(1-r|a|)^{1+\beta}} dr + \frac{g^p(|a|)}{(1-|a|)^{ap}} \int_{|a|}^1 \frac{(1-r)^{ap-1}}{(1-r|a|)^{1+\beta}} dr \right\} \\ &\leq C''. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f_a \in A_g^p$  and  $\|f_a\|_{A_g^p} \leq C''$  ( $C''$  is independent of  $a$ ). Thus

$$\begin{aligned} CC'' &\geq C \|f_a\|_{A_g^p} \geq \left\{ \int_{B_n} \frac{(1-|a|^2)^{(\beta+1)\eta}}{g^{p\eta}(|a|)|1-\langle z, a \rangle|^{(n+1+\beta)\eta}} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \\ &\geq \left\{ \int_{E(a,r)} \frac{(1-|a|^2)^{(\beta+1)\eta}}{g^{p\eta}(|a|)|1-\langle z, a \rangle|^{(n+1+\beta)\eta}} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \\ &\geq \frac{C'}{(1-|a|^2)^n g^p(|a|)} \left\{ \int_{E(a,r)} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \geq \frac{C' \mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(E(a,r))}{(1-|a|^2)^n g^p(|a|)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\sup_{z \in B_n} \frac{\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(E(z,r))}{(1-|z|^2)^n g^p(|z|)} < \infty$ .

This completes the proof of the theorem. □

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $0 < p, q < \infty$ ,  $\psi \in A_{g_2}^q$ ,  $r > 0$ . If  $g_1, g_2$  are normal on  $[0, 1)$ , and  $\varphi$  is a holomorphic self-map of  $B_n$ , then  $T_{\psi, \varphi}$  is a bounded operator from  $A_{g_1}^p$  to  $A_{g_2}^q$  if and only if:

(i) When  $0 < p \leq q < \infty$ ,

$$\sup_{z \in B_n} \frac{\mu_{\psi, \varphi, q, g_2}^{p/q}(E(z, r))}{(1-|z|^2)^n g_1^p(|z|)} < \infty.$$

(ii) When  $0 < q < p < \infty$ ,

$$\int_{B_n} \hat{\mu}^s(|z|)(1-|z|)^{-1} g_1^p(|z|) dv(z) < \infty,$$

where  $s = \frac{p}{p-q}$ ,  $\hat{\mu} = \frac{\mu_{\psi, \varphi, q, g_2}(E(z, r))}{(1-|z|^2)^n g_1^p(z)}$ ,  $\mu_{\psi, \varphi, q, g_2}(A) = \int_{\varphi^{-1}(A)} \frac{|\psi(z)|^q g_2^q(|z|)}{1-|z|} dv(z)$ ,  $A \subset B_n$ .

**Proof** (i) When  $0 < p \leq q < \infty$ , if

$$\sup_{z \in B_n} \frac{\mu_{\psi, \varphi, q, g_2}^{p/q}(E(z, r))}{(1-|z|^2)^n g_1^p(|z|)} < \infty$$

From Theorem 3.1, we can find a constant  $C$  such that

$$\left\{ \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^q d\mu_{\psi, \varphi, q, g_2}(z) \right\}^{\frac{p}{q}} \leq C \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^p g_1^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z)$$

for all  $f \in A_{g_1}^p$ .

By the definition of  $\mu_{\psi, \varphi, q, g_2}$  and Lemma 2.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi f \circ \varphi\|_{A_{g_2}^q} &= \left\{ \int_{B_n} |\psi(z)|^q |f(\varphi(z))|^q g_2^q(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left\{ \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^q d\mu_{\psi, \varphi, q, g_2}(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq C^{\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{A_{g_1}^p}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the operator  $T_{\psi, \varphi}$  is a bounded operator from  $A_{g_1}^p$  to  $A_{g_2}^q$ .

If  $T_{\psi, \varphi}$  is a bounded operator from  $A_{g_1}^p$  to  $A_{g_2}^q$ , then there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\left\{ \int_{B_n} |\psi(z)|^q |f(\varphi(z))|^q g_2^q(|z|) dv(z) \right\}^{\frac{p}{q}} \leq C^p \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^p g_1^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z)$$

for all  $f \in A_{g_1}^p$ . By the definition of  $\mu_{\psi, \varphi, q, g_2}$  and Lemma 2.7, we have

$$\left\{ \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^q d\mu_{\psi, \varphi, q, g_2}(z) \right\}^{\frac{p}{q}} \leq C^p \int_{B_n} |f(z)|^p g_1^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z).$$

Using the Theorem 3.1 again, we get

$$\sup_{z \in B_n} \frac{\mu_{\psi, \varphi, q, g_2}^{p/q}(E(z, r))}{(1 - |z|^2)^n g_1^p(|z|)} < \infty.$$

(ii) When  $0 < q < p < \infty$ , we can prove the results similar to the proof of case (i) by using Lemmas 2.6 and 2.7.

### 4. Compactness

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $r > 0$ ,  $1 \leq \eta < \infty$ . If  $\mu$  is a positive Borel measure on  $B_n$ , and  $g$  is normal on  $[0, 1)$ , then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1} \frac{\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(E(z, r))}{(1 - |z|^2)^n g^p(|z|)} = 0$ ;
- (ii)  $\left\{ \int_{B_n} |f_m(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \rightarrow 0$  ( $m \rightarrow \infty$ ), for any bounded sequence  $\{f_m\}$  of  $A_g^p$  converge to 0 uniformly on compact subsets of  $B_n$ .

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Suppose  $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1} \frac{\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(E(z, r))}{(1 - |z|^2)^n g^p(|z|)} = 0$  for some fixed  $r > 0$ . Choosing the sequence  $\{w_j\}$  satisfying the case (iii) of Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(E(w_j, r))}{(1 - |w_j|^2)^n g^p(|w_j|)} = 0.$$

Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a positive integer number  $j_0 > 0$ , when  $j > j_0$ , we have

$$\frac{\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(E(w_j, r))}{(1 - |w_j|^2)^n g^p(|w_j|)} < \epsilon. \tag{4.1}$$

Suppose  $\{f_m\}$  is a bounded sequence of  $A_g^p$  which converges to 0 uniformly on compact subsets

of  $B_n$ . Then there exists a constant  $K > 0$  such that

$$\int_{B_n} |f_m(z)|^p g^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z) \leq K \tag{4.2}$$

for all  $m$ .

Using the method similar to that in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \int_{B_n} |f_m(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} &\leq \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{E(w_j, r)} |f_m(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{j_0} \left\{ \int_{E(w_j, r)} |f_m(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} + \sum_{j=j_0+1}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_{E(w_j, r)} |f_m(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{j_0} \left\{ \int_{E(w_j, r)} |f_m(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} + \sum_{j=j_0+1}^{\infty} \frac{C_r \mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(E(w_j, r))}{(1 - |w_j|^2)^n g^p(|w_j|)} \\ &\quad \int_{E(w_j, 2r)} |f_m(z)|^p g^p(z)(1 - |z|)^{-1} dv(z). \end{aligned}$$

By (4.1), (4.2) and Lemma 2.3, we get

$$\left\{ \int_{B_n} |f_m(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{j_0} \left\{ \int_{E(w_j, r)} |f_m(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} + \epsilon K N C_r. \tag{4.3}$$

Since  $f_m$  converges to 0 uniformly on  $\overline{E(w_j, r)}$  for  $(m = 1, 2, \dots, j_0)$ , (4.3) means

$$\left\{ \int_{B_n} |f_m(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \rightarrow 0 \quad (m \rightarrow \infty).$$

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). If  $\left\{ \int_{B_n} |f_m(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \rightarrow 0$  ( $m \rightarrow \infty$ ), for any bounded sequence  $\{f_m\}$  of  $A_g^p$  which converges to 0 uniformly on compact subsets of  $B_n$ . Let  $\{a_m\}$  be a sequence in  $B_n$  such that  $|a_m| \rightarrow 1$  ( $m \rightarrow \infty$ ) and let  $f_m(z) = \left\{ \frac{(1 - |a_m|^2)^{\beta+1}}{g^p(|a_m|)(1 - \langle z, a_m \rangle)^{n+1+\beta}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$  ( $\beta > pb - 1$ ). Then  $\{f_m\} \in A_g^p$ ,  $\|f_m\|_{A_g^p} \leq C$  ( $C$  is independent of  $m$ ) and  $\{f_m\}$  converges to 0 uniformly on compact subsets of  $B_n$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leftarrow \left\{ \int_{B_n} \frac{(1 - |a_m|^2)^{(\beta+1)\eta}}{g^{p\eta}(|a_m|)|1 - \langle z, a_m \rangle|^{(n+1+\beta)\eta}} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \\ &\geq \left\{ \int_{E(a_m, r)} \frac{(1 - |a_m|^2)^{(\beta+1)\eta}}{g^{p\eta}(|a_m|)|1 - \langle z, a_m \rangle|^{(n+1+\beta)\eta}} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \\ &\geq \frac{C_r}{(1 - |a_m|^2)^n g^p(|a_m|)} \left\{ \int_{E(a_m, r)} d\mu(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \geq \frac{C_r \mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(E(a_m, r))}{(1 - |a_m|^2)^n g^p(|a_m|)}. \end{aligned}$$

This means (i)  $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1} \frac{\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(E(z, r))}{(1 - |z|^2)^n g^p(|z|)} = 0$ .

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $0 < p, q < \infty$ ,  $\psi \in A_{g_2}^q$ ,  $r > 0$ . If  $g_1, g_2$  are normal on  $[0, 1)$ , and  $\varphi$  is a holomorphic self-map of  $B_n$ , then  $T_{\psi, \varphi}$  is a compact operator from  $A_{g_1}^p$  to  $A_{g_2}^q$  if and only if:

(i) When  $0 < p \leq q < \infty$

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1} \frac{\mu_{\psi, \varphi, q, g_2}^{p/q}(E(z, r))}{(1 - |z|^2)^n g_1^p(|z|)} = 0.$$

(ii) When  $0 < q < p < \infty$

$$\int_{B_n} \hat{\mu}^s(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1}g_1^p(|z|)dv(z) < \infty,$$

where  $s = \frac{p}{p-q}$ ,  $\hat{\mu} = \frac{\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(E(z,r))}{(1-|z|^2)^ng_1^q(|z|)}$ ,  $\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(A) = \int_{\varphi^{-1}(A)} \frac{|\psi(z)|^qg_2^q(|z|)}{1-|z|}dv(z)$ ,  $A \in B_n$ .

**Proof** Case (i) can be easily obtained by the definition of  $\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}$  and Theorem 4.1, and we omite the details here.

(ii) Suppose  $\int_{B_n} \hat{\mu}^s(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1}g_1^p(|z|)dv(z) < \infty$  as  $0 < q < p < \infty$ . Let  $\{f_k\}$  be a bounded sequence of  $A_{g_1}^p$  which converges to 0 uniformly on compact subsets of  $B_n$ . By Lemmas 2.5 and 2.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{\psi,\varphi}(f_k)\|_{A_{g_2}^q}^q &= \int_{B_n} |\psi(z)|^q|f_k(\varphi(z))|^qg_2^q(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1}dv(z) \\ &= \int_{B_n} |f_k(z)|^qd\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(z) \\ &\leq C \int_{B_n} \left\{ \frac{1}{(1 - |z|^2)^ng_1^q(|z|)} \int_{E(z,r)} \frac{|f_k(w)|^qg_1^q(|w|)}{(1 - |w|)}dv(w) \right\} d\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(z) \\ &= C \int_{B_n} \left\{ \int_{B_n} \frac{\chi_{E(z,r)}(w)|f_k(w)|^qg_1^q(|w|)}{(1 - |z|^2)^ng_1^q(|z|)(1 - |w|)}dv(w) \right\} d\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(z). \end{aligned}$$

Applying Fubini's theorem, using that  $\chi_{E(z,r)}(w) = \chi_{E(w,r)}(z)$  ( $\forall z, w \in B_n$ ), Lemma 2.1 and the proof of Lemma 2.5, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &C \int_{B_n} \left\{ \int_{B_n} \frac{\chi_{E(z,r)}(w)|f_k(w)|^qg_1^q(|w|)}{(1 - |z|^2)^ng_1^q(|z|)(1 - |w|)}dv(w) \right\} d\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(z) \\ &= C \int_{B_n} \left\{ \int_{B_n} \frac{\chi_{E(z,r)}(w)}{(1 - |z|^2)^ng_1^q(|z|)(1 - |w|)^{\frac{p-q}{p}}}d\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(z) \right\} \frac{|f_k(w)|^qg_1^q(|w|)}{(1 - |w|)^{\frac{q}{p}}}dv(w) \\ &\leq C \int_{B_n} \left\{ \int_{E(w,r)} \frac{1}{(1 - |w|^2)^ng_1^q(|w|)(1 - |w|)^{\frac{p-q}{p}}}d\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(z) \right\} \frac{|f_k(w)|^qg_1^q(|w|)}{(1 - |w|)^{\frac{q}{p}}}dv(w) \\ &= C \int_{B_n} \left( \frac{\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(E(w,r))}{(1 - |w|^2)^ng_1^p(|w|)} \frac{g_1^{p-q}(|w|)}{(1 - |w|)^{\frac{p-q}{p}}} \right) \frac{|f_k(w)|^qg_1^q(|w|)}{(1 - |w|)^{\frac{q}{p}}}dv(w). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\int_{B_n} \hat{\mu}^s(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1}g_1^p(|z|)dv(z) < \infty$  and  $\{f_k\}$  is a bounded sequence of  $A_{g_1}^p$ , there is a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\left\{ \int_{B_n} |f_k(z)|^pg_1^p(|z|)(1 - |z|)^{-1}dv(z) \right\}^{\frac{q}{p}} \leq M; \tag{4.4}$$

$$\left\{ \int_{B_n} \left( \frac{\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(E(w,r))}{(1 - |w|^2)^ng_1^p(|w|)} \right)^{\frac{p}{p-q}} (1 - |w|)^{-1}g_1^p(|w|)dv(w) \right\}^{\frac{p-q}{p}} \leq M. \tag{4.5}$$

For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a number  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\left\{ \int_{B_n - \delta B_n} \left( \frac{\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(E(w,r))}{(1 - |w|^2)^ng_1^p(|w|)} \right)^{\frac{p}{p-q}} (1 - |w|)^{-1}g_1^p(|w|)dv(w) \right\}^{\frac{p-q}{p}} \leq \epsilon. \tag{4.6}$$

Because  $\{f_k\}$  converges to 0 uniformly on compact subsets of  $B_n$ , for above  $\epsilon$ , there is a constant



$N > 0$  such that

$$\left\{ \int_{\delta B_n} |f_k(z)|^p g_1^p(|z|)(1-|z|)^{-1} dv(z) \right\}^{\frac{q}{p}} < \epsilon \quad (4.7)$$

as  $k > N$ . So for  $k > N$ , applying Hölder inequality and (4.4)–(4.7) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \|T_{\psi,\varphi}(f_k)\|_{A_{g_2}^q}^q \\ & \leq C \left\{ \int_{\delta B_n} \left( \frac{\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(E(w,r))}{(1-|w|^2)^n g_1^p(|w|)} \right)^{\frac{p}{p-q}} \frac{g_1^p(|w|)}{1-|w|} dv(w) \right\}^{\frac{p-q}{p}} \left\{ \int_{\delta B_n} \frac{|f_k(w)|^p g_1^p(|w|)}{1-|w|} dv(w) \right\}^{\frac{q}{p}} + \\ & C \left\{ \int_{B_n-\delta B_n} \left( \frac{\mu_{\psi,\varphi,q,g_2}(E(w,r))}{(1-|w|^2)^n g_1^p(|w|)} \right)^{\frac{p}{p-q}} \frac{g_1^p(|w|)}{1-|w|} dv(w) \right\}^{\frac{p-q}{p}} \left\{ \int_{B_n-\delta B_n} \frac{|f_k(w)|^p g_1^p(|w|)}{1-|w|} dv(w) \right\}^{\frac{q}{p}} \\ & \leq 2CM\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

This means  $\|T_{\psi,\varphi}(f_k)\|_{A_{g_2}^q}^q \rightarrow 0$  ( $k \rightarrow \infty$ ). So  $T_{\psi,\varphi} : A_{g_1}^p \rightarrow A_{g_2}^q$  is a compact operator.

If  $T_{\psi,\varphi} : A_{g_1}^p \rightarrow A_{g_2}^q$  is a compact operator, then  $T_{\psi,\varphi} : A_{g_1}^p \rightarrow A_{g_2}^q$  must be a bounded operator, and the results can be obtained from Theorem 3.2 clearly.

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