

Product of composition and differentiation operators on a space of entire functions

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Abstract: The product of composition operator C_φ and differentiation operator D is written as $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ which are defined as $C_\varphi Df = f' \circ \varphi$ and $DC_\varphi f = (f \circ \varphi)'$ respectively. In this paper, we characterize the continuity of the operators $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ on \mathcal{E} , the space of entire functions.

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1 Introduction

Let X be a non-empty set and $V(X)$ be a vector space of complex valued functions on X . If $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$ is a mapping such that $f \circ \varphi \in V(X)$ for all $f \in V(X)$, then the composition transformation $C_\varphi : V(X) \rightarrow V(X)$ is defined as

$$C_\varphi f = f \circ \varphi \quad \forall f \in V(X)$$

If $V(X)$ is a topological vector space and C_φ is continuous on $V(X)$, then we call C_φ as composition operator induced by φ . Further, let $\psi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a function, then the multiplication transformation $M_\psi : V(X) \rightarrow V(X)$ defined as

$$M_\psi f = \psi \cdot f \quad \forall f \in V(X)$$

If $V(X)$ is a topological vector space and M_ψ is continuous on $V(X)$, then M_ψ is called the multiplication operator induced by ψ . Let D be the differentiation operator defined on $V(X)$ as $Df = f'$. The generalized composition operators $C_\varphi D$ and DC_φ on $V(X)$ are defined as $C_\varphi Df = f' \circ \varphi$ and $DC_\varphi f = (f \circ \varphi)'$ for all $f \in V(X)$ respectively. A complex valued function $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is called entire function if it is analytic in the whole complex plane \mathbb{C} . If f is an entire function, then the power series representation of f can be written as

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n z^n \quad (1)$$

where $\{\hat{f}_n\}$ a sequence of complex numbers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\hat{f}_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0$. Conversely on every sequence $\{\hat{f}_n\}$ of complex numbers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\hat{f}_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0$, there is an entire function f represented by (1.1). A metric d on the class of entire functions is defined by $d(f, g) = \sup\{|\hat{f}_0 - \hat{g}_0|, |\hat{f}_n - \hat{g}_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} : n \geq 1\}$. The class of entire functions topologized by this metric is denoted by \mathcal{E} . It has been shown in Iyer [8] that \mathcal{E} is a non-normable complex metrizable locally convex

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topological vector space. In the space \mathcal{E} of entire functions, the convergence of a sequence of entire functions is equivalent to the uniform convergence of entire functions in any circle of finite radius and this convergence is called the strong convergence in \mathcal{E} .

The continuous linear functional F on \mathcal{E} is given by $F(f) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n a_n$ where $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ and $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of complex numbers such that $\{|f_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}\}$ be a bounded sequence. The set of all bounded linear continuous functional on \mathcal{E} is denoted by \mathcal{E}^* . For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we define $e_n : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ as $e_n(z) = z^n \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$. Then the sequence $\{e_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is called a basis for \mathcal{E} . A sequence $\{\alpha_n\}$ in \mathcal{E} is called a basis for \mathcal{E} if for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}$, there exists a unique sequence $\{f_n(\alpha)\}$ of complex nos such that $\alpha = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(\alpha) \cdot \alpha_n$. For $R > 0$, we denote by \mathbb{D}_R , the open unit disc in \mathbb{C} defined as $\mathbb{D}_R = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < R\}$. The space \mathcal{E} of entire functions has been studied extensively by Iyer [8, 9, 10] and [11].

In this paper, we initiated the study of generalized composition operators on the space \mathcal{E} of entire functions. Much of the work on composition operators is done on Hardy space. For more about composition operator on Hardy space, we refer to Schwartz [19] and Shapiro [20].

This paper is organised as follows. In the first section, we give introduction of the work done here. We study the boundedness of the operator $C_\varphi D$ in the second section and in the third section, we study the boundedness of the operator DC_φ on the space \mathcal{E} .

2 Boundedness of the operator $C_\varphi D$

In this section, we shall characterize the boundedness of generalized composition operator $C_\varphi D$ on space \mathcal{E} of entire functions. For this purpose, we need the following Lemma.

Lemma 1. *Let $f \in \mathcal{E}$. Then for each $z \in \mathbb{D}_R$*

$$|f'(z)| \leq \frac{M(R, f) \cdot R}{(R - |z|)^2}$$

Proof. By the Cauchy integral formula for derivative, we have

$$f'(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_R} \frac{f(w)}{(w-z)^2} dw \quad \text{where } C_R : |z| = R.$$

This implies that

$$|f'(z)| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{C_R} \frac{|f(w)|}{|w-z|^2} |dw| \leq \frac{M(R, f)}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(R - |z|)^2} \int_{C_R} |dw| = \frac{M(R, f)}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(R - |z|)^2} 2\pi R = \frac{M(R, f) \cdot R}{(R - |z|)^2}$$

Therefore

$$|f'(z)| \leq \frac{M(R, f) \cdot R}{(R - |z|)^2}, \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{D}_R.$$

Theorem 1. *Let $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a mapping and $D : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ be the differentiation operator. Then the generalized composition operator $C_\varphi D : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ is continuous (bounded) iff φ is an entire function.*

Proof. Assume that the operator $C_\varphi D : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ is continuous. Then $C_\varphi Df = f' \circ \varphi$ is an entire function. In particular for $f = \frac{e_2}{2} \in \mathcal{E}$, where $e_2(z) = z^2$, we have $f' \circ \varphi = e_1 \circ \varphi = \varphi$ is an entire function.

Conversely, assume that φ is an entire function. In order to prove that $C_\varphi D$ is a continuous operator, it is sufficient to show that $C_\varphi D$ is continuous at origin.

Let $R > 0$ be given, then $\overline{\mathbb{D}}_R$ is a compact subset of \mathbb{C} , but φ is a continuous map, therefore $\varphi(\overline{\mathbb{D}}_R)$ is compact subset of \mathbb{C} and so we can find $K > M(R, \varphi)$ such that $\varphi(\overline{\mathbb{D}}_R) \subset \mathbb{D}_K$. Now, convergence in \mathcal{E} is equivalent to the uniform convergence in any circle of finite radius. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence in \mathcal{E} s.t $f_n \rightarrow 0$. Then for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $M(K, f_n) < \varepsilon \cdot \frac{K_0^2}{K}$ for $n \geq n_0$, where $K_0 = K - M(K, \varphi)$.

From Lemma 1, we have

$$|f'_n(\varphi(z))| \leq \frac{M(K, f_n)K}{(K - |\varphi(z)|)^2} \leq \frac{M(K, f_n)K}{(K - M(K, \varphi))^2} < \varepsilon, \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{D}_R, \quad n \geq n_0.$$

Therefore

$$C_\varphi D f_n = f'_n \circ \varphi \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

This proves that the operator $C_\varphi D$ is continuous.

Theorem 2. Let $T \in C(\mathcal{E})$. Then T is a generalized composition operator of the type $C_\varphi D$ for some entire function $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ iff

$$T e_n = n \left[T \left(\frac{e_2}{2} \right) \right]^{n-1}.$$

Proof. Suppose, there exists an entire function $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $T = C_\varphi D$. Now

$$T e_n = C_\varphi D e_n = e'_n \circ \varphi = n \varphi^{n-1} = n [e_1 \circ \varphi]^{n-1} = n [C_\varphi D \frac{e_2}{2}]^{n-1} = n \left[T \left(\frac{e_2}{2} \right) \right]^{n-1}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Conversely, assume that $T e_n = n \left[T \left(\frac{e_2}{2} \right) \right]^{n-1}$.

Setting $T \left(\frac{e_2}{2} \right) = \varphi$, then φ is an entire function and so $C_\varphi D$ is a generalized composition operator. Now

$$\begin{aligned} T f &= T \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n e_n \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n T e_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n \cdot n \left[T \left(\frac{e_2}{2} \right) \right]^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n \cdot n \varphi^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n \cdot e'_n \circ \varphi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n \cdot C_\varphi D e_n \\ &= C_\varphi D \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n e_n \right] = C_\varphi D f, \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{E} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $T = C_\varphi D$ and so T is a generalized composition operator.

Theorem 3. Let $T \in C(\mathcal{E})$. Then T is generalized composition operator of the type $C_\varphi D$ iff $T^* A \subset B$, where $A = \{E_z : z \in \mathbb{C}\}$ and $B = \{E_z \circ D : z \in \mathbb{C}\}$

Proof. Firstly, suppose that T be a generalized composition operator. Then \exists an entire function $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $T = C_\varphi D$.

Now, for $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $E_z \in \mathcal{E}^*$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (T^* E_z) f &= E_z(T f) = E_z(C_\varphi D f) = E_z(f' \circ \varphi) = (f' \circ \varphi)(z) = f'(\varphi(z)) = E_{\varphi(z)} f' = (E_{\varphi(z)} \circ D) f, \quad \text{for all } f \in \mathcal{E} \text{ and } z \in \mathbb{C}. \\ &\Rightarrow T^* E_z f = (E_{\varphi(z)} \circ D) f = (E_w \circ D) f, \quad \text{where } \varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ is defined by } \varphi(z) = w. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $T^* E_z = E_w \circ D$, for some $w \in \mathbb{C}$.

$$\therefore T^* A \subset B.$$

Conversely, suppose that $T^*A \subset B$, where $A = \{E_z : z \in \mathbb{C}\}$ and $B = \{E_z \circ D : z \in \mathbb{C}\}$. Now for $f \in \mathcal{E}$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}$, we have

$$(Tf)(z) = E_z(Tf) = (T^*E_z)f = (E_w \circ D)f \quad \text{for some } w \in \mathbb{C}$$

Now define $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ as $\varphi(z) = w$. Then

$$(Tf)(z)E_{\varphi(z)}f' = f'(\varphi(z)) = (C_\varphi Df)(z)$$

This implies that $T = C_\varphi D$. Hence T is a generalized composition operator.

Theorem 4. Let $T = C_\varphi D \in C(\mathcal{E})$. Then $T^* : \mathcal{E}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^*$ is a generalized composition operator if $\varphi(z) = \alpha z$.

Proof. Let $F \in \mathcal{E}^*$, $f \in \mathcal{E}$ and $\varphi(z) = \alpha z$. Define $\psi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $\psi(z) = \alpha z$. Then

$$F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_n z^n, \quad f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n z^n.$$

Therefore

$$F'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n F_n z^{n-1}, \quad f'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \hat{f}_n z^{n-1}.$$

Now

$$(f' \circ \varphi)(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\widehat{f' \circ \varphi})(n) \cdot z^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\widehat{f' \circ \varphi})(n-1) z^{n-1} \quad (2)$$

and

$$(f' \circ \varphi)(z) = f'(\varphi(z)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \hat{f}_n (\varphi(z))^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \hat{f}_n \alpha^{n-1} z^{n-1}. \quad (3)$$

From (1) and (2), we get

$$(\widehat{f' \circ \varphi})(n-1) = n \hat{f}_n \alpha^{n-1} = n z^{n-1} \alpha^{n-1} \quad \text{where } \hat{f}_n = z^{n-1}.$$

Also

$$F'(\psi(z)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n F_n (\psi(z))^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n F_n \alpha^{n-1} z^{n-1}.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} (C_\varphi D^* F)(f) &= F[C_\varphi Df] = F(f' \circ \varphi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_n (f' \circ \varphi)(n) \\ &= F_0 (f' \circ \varphi)(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n (f' \circ \varphi)(n-1) \quad [\because F_0 (f' \circ \varphi)(0) = 0] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n F_n \hat{f}_n \alpha^{n-1} = F'(\psi(f)) = (C_\psi DF)(f). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $C_\varphi D^* = C_\psi D$ for some entire function ψ .

3 Boundedness of the operator DC_φ .

In this section, we characterize the boundedness of the generalized composition operators DC_φ on the space \mathcal{E} of entire functions.

Theorem 5. *Let $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a mapping such that φ' is bounded and $D : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ be the differentiation operator. Then the generalized composition operator $DC_\varphi : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ is continuous iff φ' is constant.*

Proof. Suppose that the operator $DC_\varphi : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ is continuous. Then $DC_\varphi f = (f \circ \varphi)'$ is entire for all $f \in \mathcal{E}$.

In particular for $f = z \in \mathcal{E}$, we have $DC_\varphi f = f'(\varphi) \cdot \varphi' = 1 \cdot \varphi' = \varphi'$ is an entire function. Therefore φ' being a bounded entire function must be constant.

Conversely, suppose that φ' is constant. Then φ is differentiable and hence continuous. To prove that DC_φ is continuous in \mathcal{E} , it is enough to prove that DC_φ is continuous at origin. Let $R > 0$ be given, then $\overline{\mathbb{D}}_R$ is a compact subset of \mathbb{C} , but φ is a continuous map, therefore $\varphi(\overline{\mathbb{D}}_R)$ is compact subset of \mathbb{C} and so we can find $K > M(R, \varphi)$ such that $\varphi(\overline{\mathbb{D}}_R) \subset \mathbb{D}_K$. Now, convergence in \mathcal{E} is equivalent to the uniform convergence in any circle of finite radius.

Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence in \mathcal{E} s.t $f_n \rightarrow 0$. Then for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $M(K, f_n) < \varepsilon \cdot \frac{K_0^2}{K|\varphi'(z)|}$, where $K_0 = K - M(K, \varphi)$ for $n \geq n_0$.

From Lemma (1), we have

$$|f'_n(\varphi(z)) \cdot \varphi'(z)| = |f'_n(\varphi(z))| \cdot |\varphi'(z)| \leq \frac{KM(K, f_n) \cdot |\varphi'(z)|}{(K - |\varphi(z)|)^2} < \varepsilon, \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{D}_R, n \geq n_0.$$

Hence $DC_\varphi f_n = (f_n \circ \varphi)' \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem 6. *Let $T \in C(\mathcal{E})$. Then T be a generalized composition operator of type DC_φ iff*

$$Te_n = Te_1^n \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Proof. Let T be a generalized composition operator of the type DC_φ . Then \exists an entire function $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $T = DC_\varphi$. Now

$$Te_n = DC_\varphi e_n = (e_n \circ \varphi)' = [\varphi^n]' = [(e_1 \circ \varphi)^n]' = [e_1^n \circ \varphi]' = DC_\varphi e_1^n = Te_1^n \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Conversely, suppose that $Te_n = Te_1^n$. Then set $Te_1^n = (\varphi^n)'$. Clearly φ is an entire function. Now

$$\begin{aligned} Tf &= T \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n e_n \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n Te_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n Te_1^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n (\varphi^n)' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n (e_n \circ \varphi)' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n DC_\varphi e_n \\ &= DC_\varphi \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n e_n \right] = (DC_\varphi)f, \text{ for every } f \in \mathcal{E}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $T = DC_\varphi$ and so T be generalized composition operator.

Theorem 7. *Let $T \in C(\mathcal{E})$. Then T be a generalized composition operator of the type DC_φ iff $T^*A \subset B$, where $A = \{E_z : z \in \mathbb{C}\}$ and $B = \{E_w DC_\varphi : w \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \varphi \text{ an entire function}\}$*

Proof. First suppose that $T \in C(\mathcal{E})$ be a generalized composition operator. Then \exists an entire function $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $T = DC_\varphi$. Now

$$(T^*E_z)f = E_z(Tf) = E_z(DC_\varphi f) = E_z(f \circ \varphi)' = (E_z D)(f \circ \varphi) = (E_z D)(C_\varphi f) = (E_z DC_\varphi)f.$$

Thus $T^*A \subset B$.

Conversely, suppose that $T^*A \subset B$. Now for $f \in \mathcal{E}$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}$, we have

$$(Tf)(z) = E_z(Tf) = T^*(E_z f) = (T^*E_z)(f) = (E_w DC_{\varphi_1})(f),$$

where $w \in \mathbb{C}$ and φ_1 an entire function. Now define $\varphi_2 : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ as $\varphi_2(z) = w$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (Tf)(z) &= (E_{\varphi_2(z)} DC_{\varphi_1})(f) = E_{\varphi_2(z)}(DC_{\varphi_1} f) = (DC_{\varphi_1} f)(\varphi_2(z)) = (Df \circ \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2)(z) \\ &= D(f \circ \varphi)(z), \text{ where } \varphi = \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2 \text{ is an entire function.} \\ &= (DC_\varphi f)(z) \Rightarrow T = DC_\varphi \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

Theorem 8. Let $T = DC_\varphi \in C(\mathcal{E})$. Then $T^* : \mathcal{E}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^*$ be a generalized composition operator if $\varphi(z) = z$.

Proof. Let $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is defined by $\varphi(z) = z$. Now, let $F \in \mathcal{E}^*$, $f \in \mathcal{E}$. Then we have

$$F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_n z^n, \quad f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n z^n, \quad F'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n F_n z^{n-1}, \quad f'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \hat{f}_n z^{n-1}.$$

Define $\psi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $\psi(z) = z$. Then clearly ψ is an entire function. Now

$$\begin{aligned} (f \circ \varphi)'(z) &= f'(\varphi(z))\varphi'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \hat{f}_n (\varphi(z))^{n-1} 1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \hat{f}_n z^{n-1} \quad \text{and} \\ (f \circ \varphi)'(z) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\widehat{f \circ \varphi})'(n) z^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\widehat{f \circ \varphi})'(n-1) z^{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $(f \circ \varphi)'(z)$ has a unique representation. Therefore, we have

$$(\widehat{f \circ \varphi})'(n-1) = n \hat{f}_n = n z^{n-1}, \quad \text{where } \hat{f}_n = z^{n-1}.$$

Also, we have

$$F'(\psi(z))\psi'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n F_n (\psi(z))^{n-1} 1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n F_n z^{n-1}.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} (T^*F)(f) &= F(Tf) = F(DC_\varphi f) = F(f \circ \varphi)' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\widehat{f \circ \varphi})'(n) F_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\widehat{f \circ \varphi})'(n-1) F_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n F_n z^{n-1} \\ &= F'(\psi(z))\psi'(z) = (DC_\varphi F)(f) = (TF)(f). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $T^* = T$ and so T^* be a generalized composition operator.

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