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# Norms and essential norms of composition operators from $H^\infty$ to general weighted Bloch spaces in the polydisk

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## Abstract

Let  $U^n$  be the unit polydisk of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\phi$  a holomorphic self-map of  $U^n$ .  $H^\infty(U^n)$  and  $\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$  denote the space of bounded holomorphic functions and the space of general weighted Bloch functions defined on  $U^n$ , respectively, where  $\alpha > 0$ . This paper gives some estimates of the norm and essential norm of the composition operator  $C_\phi$  induced by  $\phi$  from  $H^\infty(U^n)$  to  $\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$ . As applications, some characterizations of the boundedness and compactness of  $C_\phi$  from  $H^\infty(U^n)$  to  $\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$  are obtained. Moreover, we also characterize the weak compactness of the composition operator  $C_\phi$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $D$  be a bounded homogeneous domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $H(D)$  the class of all holomorphic functions on  $D$ . For  $\phi$ , a holomorphic self-map of  $D$ , the linear operator defined by

$$C_\phi(f) = f \circ \phi, \quad f \in H(D),$$

is called the composition operator with symbol  $\phi$ . The study of composition operators is fundamental in the study of Banach and Hilbert spaces of holomorphic functions. We refer to the books [1] and [2] for an overview of some classical results on the theory of composition operators.

Let  $K(z, z)$  be the Bergman kernel function of  $D$ , and the Bergman metric  $H_z(u, u)$  in  $D$  is defined by

$$H_z(u, u) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 \log K(z, z)}{\partial z_j \partial \bar{z}_k} u_j \bar{u}_k,$$

where  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in D$  and  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . A function  $f \in H(D)$  is said to be a Bloch function if  $\beta_f = \sup_{z \in D} Q_f(z)$  is finite, where

$$Q_f(z) = \sup_{u \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{0\}} \frac{|(\nabla f)(z)u|}{H_z^{1/2}(u, u)},$$

$(\nabla f)(z)u = \langle \nabla f(z), \bar{u} \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_k}(z) u_k$ . By fixing a base point  $z_0 \in D$ , the Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}(D)$  of all Bloch functions on  $D$  is a Banach space under the norm  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} = |f(z_0)| + \beta_f[3]$ . For convenience, we assume the bounded homogeneous domain  $D$  to contain the origin and take  $z_0 = 0$ . In [3], Timoney proved that the space  $H^\infty(D)$  of bounded holomorphic functions on a bounded homogeneous domain  $D$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{B}(D)$  and for each  $f \in H^\infty(D)$ ,  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq C_D \|f\|_\infty$ , where  $C_D$  is a constant depending only on the domain  $D$  and  $\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{z \in D} |f(z)|$ .

Let  $U^n$  be the unit polydisk of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Timoney [3] showed that  $f \in \mathcal{B}(D)$  if and only if

$$\sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2) < \infty,$$

and  $|f(0)| + \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)$  is equivalent to the Bloch norm  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}$ . This characterization was the starting point for introducing  $\alpha$ -Bloch spaces. For  $\alpha > 0$ , the  $\alpha$ -Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}^\alpha(U^n)$  is defined as follows.

$$\mathcal{B}^\alpha(U^n) = \left\{ f \in H(U^n) : \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha < \infty \right\}.$$

Recently, Li and Liu [4] introduced the notation of general weighted Bloch spaces (Stević called these the logarithmic Bloch-type spaces in [5]) in polydisk. For  $\alpha > 0$ , a function  $f \in H(U^n)$  is said to belong to the general weighted Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$  if

$$\sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} < \infty.$$

It is easy to show that  $\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$  is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha} = |f(0)| + \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2}.$$

Composition operators on various Bloch-type spaces have been studied extensively by many authors. For the unit disk  $U \subset \mathbb{C}$ , Madigan and Matheson [6] proved that  $C_\phi$  is always bounded on  $\mathcal{B}(U)$ . They also gave some sufficient and necessary conditions that  $C_\phi$  is compact on  $\mathcal{B}(U)$ . Since then, there were many authors generalizing the results in [6] to the unit ball, polydisk and other classical symmetric domains, see, for example, [7-17]. At the same time, there were also many papers dealing with the composition operators between Bloch-type spaces and bounded holomorphic function spaces, refer to [18,19] and the references therein for the details. Specially, Li and Liu [4] stated and proved the corresponding boundedness and compactness characterizations for  $C_\phi$  from  $H^\infty(U^n)$  to  $\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$ . But there is a little gap in the proof ([4], line 17, p. 1637). In this paper, we apply methods developed by Montes-Rodriguez [9] to give some estimates of the norm and essential norm of  $C_\phi$  from  $H^\infty(U^n)$  to  $\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$ . Recall that the essential norm  $\|T\|_e$  of a bounded operator  $T$  between Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  is defined as the distance from  $T$  to the space of compact operators from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Notice that  $\|T\|_e = 0$  if and only if  $T$  is compact, so that estimates on  $\|T\|_e$  lead to conditions for  $T$  to be

compact. For convenience, we define  $\|T\|_e = \|T\| = \infty$  for any unbounded linear operator  $T$ . As an application of our estimates, we obtain the main results in [4] with new proofs. In addition, we also show the equivalence of the compactness and weak compactness of  $C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$ .

Throughout the remainder of this paper,  $C$  will denote a positive constant, the exact value of which will vary from one occurrence to the others.

## 2 The norm of $C_\phi$

In this section, we give the following estimate of the norm of  $C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)$  be a holomorphic self-map of the unit polydisk  $U^n$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} &\lesssim \|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\| \\ &\lesssim 1 + \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Here and in the sequel, the symbol  $A \lesssim B$  (or  $B \gtrsim A$ ) means that  $A \leq CB$  for some positive constant  $C$  independent of  $A$  and  $B$ .  $A \sim B$  means that  $A \lesssim B$  and  $B \lesssim A$ .

**Proof.** For the lower estimate:  $\|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\| \gtrsim \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2}$ .

If  $\|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\| = \infty$ , then the result is trivially true. Now suppose  $C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$  is bounded. For any fixed  $w \in U^n$  and  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , take the following test function

$$f(z) = \frac{(1 - |\varphi_k(w)|^2)^\alpha}{(1 - \overline{\varphi_k(w)}z_k)^\alpha}, \quad z \in U^n.$$

Then,  $f \in H^\infty(U^n)$  and  $\|f\|_\infty \leq 2^\alpha$ . Fix any  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ . If  $|\phi_k(w)| \geq \delta$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \infty &> \|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\| \gtrsim \|C_\varphi f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha} \\ &\geq \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial(f \circ \varphi)}{\partial z_j}(z) \right| (1 - |z_j|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_j|^2} \\ &= \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_k}(\varphi(z)) \frac{\partial \varphi_k}{\partial z_j}(z) \right| (1 - |z_j|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_j|^2} \\ &= \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\alpha \overline{\varphi_k(w)}}{\alpha \varphi_k(w) - \overline{\varphi_k(w)}\varphi_k(z)} \frac{(1 - |\varphi_k(w)|^2)^\alpha}{(1 - \overline{\varphi_k(w)}\varphi_k(z))^{\alpha+1}} \frac{\partial \varphi_k}{\partial z_j}(z) \right| (1 - |z_j|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_j|^2} \\ &\geq \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha \left| \varphi_k(w) \right| \frac{(1 - |w_j|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_k(w)|^2} \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_k}{\partial z_j}(w) \right| \log \frac{2}{1 - |w_j|^2} \\ &\gtrsim \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_k}{\partial z_j}(w) \right| \frac{(1 - |w_j|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_k(w)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |w_j|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $|\phi_k(w)| < \delta$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_k}{\partial z_j}(w) \right| \frac{(1 - |w_j|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_k(w)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |w_j|^2} &\lesssim \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_k}{\partial z_j}(w) \right| (1 - |w_j|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |w_j|^2} \\ &\leq \|C_\varphi z_k\|_{\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha} \leq \|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\| \|z_k\|_\infty = \|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\| < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

That is, for any  $w \in U^n$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_k}{\partial z_j}(w) \right| \frac{(1 - |w_j|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_k(w)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |w_j|^2} \lesssim \|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\|.$$

Since  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  is arbitrary, so

$$\sup_{w \in U^n} \sum_{k,j=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_k}{\partial z_j}(w) \right| \frac{(1 - |w_j|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_k(w)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |w_j|^2} \lesssim \|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\|.$$

For the upper estimate:  $\|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\| \lesssim 1 + \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2}$ .

We also assume  $\sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} < \infty$ , since for the other case nothing needs to be proven. For any  $f \in H^\infty(U^n)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial(f \circ \varphi)}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \\ & \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_l}(\varphi(z)) \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \\ & \leq \sum_{l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_l}(\varphi(z)) \right| (1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2) \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \\ & \lesssim \left( \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \right) \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \\ & \lesssim \left( \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \right) \|f\|_\infty, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \lesssim \|f\|_\infty$  is used in the last line above.

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|C_\varphi f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha} &= |f(\varphi(0))| + \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial(f \circ \varphi)}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \\ &\lesssim \left( 1 + \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \right) \|f\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over all  $f \in H^\infty(U^n)$  with  $\|f\|_\infty \leq 1$ , we have

$$\|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\| \lesssim 1 + \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2},$$

which completes the proof.

The following corollary is obtained immediately from Theorem 1.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $\phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)$  be a holomorphic self-map of  $U^n$  and  $\alpha > 0$ . Then,  $C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$  is bounded if and only if

$$\sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} < \infty.$$

### 3 The essential norm of $C_\phi$

This section mainly gives the following estimate of the essential norm of  $C_\phi$  from  $H^\infty(U^n)$  to  $\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)$  be a holomorphic self-map of  $U^n$  and  $\alpha > 0$ , then

$$\|C_\phi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\|_e \sim \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\text{dist}(\phi(z), \partial U^n) < \delta} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \phi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\phi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2}.$$

**Proof.** For the lower estimate:

$$\|C_\phi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\|_e \gtrsim \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\text{dist}(\phi(z), \partial U^n) < \delta} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \phi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\phi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2}.$$

It is trivial when  $C_\phi$  is unbounded. So we assume that  $C_\phi$  is bounded. By Corollary 2,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \phi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\phi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \lesssim 1, \quad \forall l = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Take  $f_m(z) = z_1^m$  ( $m \geq 2$ ), then  $\|f_m\|_\infty = 1$  and  $f_m(z)$  converge to zero uniformly on any compact subset of  $U^n$ . So  $\|Kf_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha} \rightarrow 0$  for any compact operator  $K : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|C_\phi - K\| &\geq \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|(C_\phi - K)f_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha} = \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|C_\phi f_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha} \\ &\geq \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial(f_m \circ \phi)}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \\ &\geq \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{z \in A_m} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial(f_m \circ \phi)}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \\ &= \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{z \in A_m} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| m\phi_1^{m-1}(z) \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \\ &= \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{z \in A_m} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\phi_1(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} m |\phi_1(z)|^{m-1} (1 - |\phi_1(z)|^2) \\ &\geq \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{z \in A_m} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\phi_1(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \min_{z \in A_m} m |\phi_1(z)|^{m-1} (1 - |\phi_1(z)|^2), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $A_m = \{z \in U^n : r_m \leq |\phi_1(z)| \leq r_{m+1}\}$ ,  $r_m = (\frac{m-1}{m+1})^{1/2}$ . Since  $y = mx^{m-1}(1 - x^2)$ ,  $x \in [0, 1)$ , is increasing on  $[0, r_m]$  and decreasing on  $[r_m, 1)$ ,

$\min_{z \in A_m} m |\phi_1(z)|^{m-1} (1 - |\phi_1(z)|^2) = (\frac{m}{m+2})^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \frac{2m}{m+2} \rightarrow \frac{2}{e}$  (as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ). From (2), we have

$$\|C_\phi - K\| \gtrsim \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{z \in A_m} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\phi_1(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2}.$$

It is from (1) that

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\text{dist}(\phi(z), \partial U^n) < \delta} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \phi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\phi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} = a_l < \infty, \quad \forall l = 1, \dots, n.$$

Then, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is  $\delta_0 \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \phi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\phi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} > a_l - \varepsilon,$$

whenever  $\text{dist}(\phi(z), \partial U^n) < \delta_0$ . Again  $r_m \uparrow 1$ , so for  $m$  large enough,

$$\sup_{z \in A_m} \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_1(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} > a_1 - \varepsilon.$$

So  $\|C_\phi - K\| \geq a_1 - \varepsilon$ . Since  $K$  is arbitrary,

$$\|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\|_e \gtrsim a_1 - \varepsilon.$$

Similarly, considering the functions  $f(z) = z_l^m$ ,  $l = 2, \dots, n$ , we also have

$$\|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\|_e \gtrsim a_l - \varepsilon.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\|_e &\gtrsim \sum_{l=1}^n a_l - \varepsilon, \\ &= \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\text{dist}(\varphi(z), \partial U^n) < \delta} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} - \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Again  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, and we obtain the desired lower estimate.

For the upper estimate:

$$\|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\|_e \lesssim \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\text{dist}(\varphi(z), \partial U^n) < \delta} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2}.$$

If  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\text{dist}(\varphi(z), \partial U^n) < \delta} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} = \infty$ , then the estimate is trivial

too. Now we suppose  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\text{dist}(\varphi(z), \partial U^n) < \delta} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} = \infty$ , then

$C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$  is bounded by Corollary 2. Define the operators  $K_m (m \geq 2)$  as follows

$$K_m f(z) = f\left(\frac{m-1}{m}z\right).$$

It is easy to see that  $K_m : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow H^\infty(U^n)$  is compact since  $K_m$  maps every bounded sequence in  $H^\infty(U^n)$  converging to zero on compact subsets of  $U^n$  to the sequence converging to zero in norm of  $H^\infty(U^n)$ . In addition,  $\|I - K_m : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow H^\infty(U^n)\| \leq 2$ . Therefore,  $C_\varphi K_m : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$  is compact. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\|_e &\leq \|C_\varphi - C_\varphi K_m\| = \|C_\varphi(I - K_m)\| \\ &= \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} \|C_\varphi(I - K_m)f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha} = \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} |(I - K_m)f(\varphi(0))| \\ &\quad + \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial(I - K_m)f}{\partial w_l}(\varphi(z)) \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} = I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$I_1 = \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} |(I - K_m)f(\varphi(0))|$$

and

$$I_2 = \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} \sup_{z \in U^n} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial(I - K_m)f}{\partial w_l}(\varphi(z)) \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2}.$$

Fix  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  and let  $G_1 = \{z \in U^n : \text{dist}(\phi(z), \partial U^n) < \delta\}$ ,  $G_2 = U^n \setminus G_1 = \{z \in U^n : \text{dist}(\phi(z), \partial U^n) \geq \delta\}$ , which is a compact subset of  $U^n$ .

$$I_2 = \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} \sup_{z \in G_1} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial(I - K_m)f}{\partial w_l}(\varphi(z)) \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \\ + \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} \sup_{z \in G_2} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial(I - K_m)f}{\partial w_l}(\varphi(z)) \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| (1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} = J_1 + J_2.$$

Where

$$J_1 = \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} \sup_{z \in G_1} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \left| \frac{\partial(I - K_m)f}{\partial w_l}(\varphi(z)) \right| (1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2) \\ \lesssim \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} \sup_{z \in G_1} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \| (I - K_m)f \|_{\mathcal{B}} \\ \lesssim \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} \sup_{z \in G_1} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \| (I - K_m)f \|_\infty \\ \leq \sup_{z \in G_1} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \| I - K_m \| \\ \lesssim \sup_{z \in G_1} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2}.$$

And

$$J_2 = \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} \sup_{z \in G_2} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} \left| \frac{\partial(I - K_m)f}{\partial w_l}(\varphi(z)) \right| (1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2) \\ \lesssim \sum_{l=1}^n \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} \sup_{z \in G_2} \left| \frac{\partial(I - K_m)f}{\partial w_l}(\varphi(z)) \right|.$$

It is clear that the sequence of operators  $\{I - K_m\}_m$  satisfies  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (I - K_m)f = 0$  for each  $f \in H(U^n)$ , and the space  $H(U^n)$  endowed with the compact open topology  $\tau$  is a Fréchet space. Further,  $D_j: (H(U^n), \tau) \rightarrow (H(U^n), \tau)$  defined by  $D_j f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_j}$  is a continuous linear operator. Therefore, by the Banach-Steinhaus theorem, the sequence  $\{D_j^\circ (I - K_m)\}_m$  converges to zero uniformly on compact subsets of  $(H(U^n), \tau)$ . Since, by Montel's normal theorem, the closed unit ball of  $H^\infty(U^n)$  is a compact subset of  $(H(U^n), \tau)$ , we conclude that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} \sup_{z \in G_2} \left| \frac{\partial(I - K_m)f}{\partial w_l}(\varphi(z)) \right| = 0, \quad l = 1, \dots, n.$$

Thence,  $J_2 \rightarrow 0$  (as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ).

Similarly, we know that  $I_1 = \sup_{\|f\|_\infty \leq 1} |(I - K_m)f(\varphi(0))| \rightarrow 0$ , (as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ).

Consequently,

$$\|C_\varphi: H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\|_e \leq \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|C_\varphi(I - K_m)\| \\ \leq \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} I_1 + \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} J_1 + \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} J_2 \\ \lesssim \sup_{\text{dist}(\varphi(z), \partial U^n) < \delta} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2}.$$

Thus

$$\|C_\varphi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)\|_e \leq \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\text{dist}(\varphi(z), \partial U^n) < \delta} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2}.$$

The proof is complete.

As an application, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $\phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)$  be a holomorphic self-map of  $U^n$  and  $\alpha > 0$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $C_\phi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$  is compact.
- (2)  $C_\phi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$  is weakly compact.
- (3)  $\lim_{\varphi(z) \rightarrow \partial U^n} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k|^2} = 0$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is obvious, and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) follows immediately from Theorem 3. So it suffices to prove (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Now assume that  $C_\phi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$  is weakly compact. If (3) is not true, then there is a sequence  $\{z^j\} \subset U^n$  and  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that  $w^j = \phi(z^j) \rightarrow \partial U^n$  (as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ ) together with

$$\sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z^j) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k^j|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z^j)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k^j|^2} \geq \varepsilon_0, \quad (3)$$

for each  $j \geq 1$ . Since  $C_\phi$  is weakly compact,  $C_\phi$  is bounded. Then, by Corollary 2,

$$\sum_{k,l=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z^j) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k^j|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z^j)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k^j|^2} \lesssim 1.$$

Extracting a subsequence of  $\{z^j\}$ , if needed, we may assume that  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} |\varphi_l(z^j)|$  exists for every  $l$  and

$$\left| \frac{\partial \varphi_l}{\partial z_k}(z^j) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k^j|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_l(z^j)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k^j|^2} \rightarrow a_{lk} \in [0, \infty), \quad (\text{as } j \rightarrow \infty).$$

From (3), there are  $k_0$  and  $l_0$  such that  $a_{l_0 k_0} > 0$ , i.e.,

$$\left| \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_0}}{\partial z_{k_0}}(z^j) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_{k_0}^j|^2)^\alpha}{1 - |\varphi_{l_0}(z^j)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_{k_0}^j|^2} \rightarrow a_{l_0 k_0} > 0. \quad (4)$$

If  $|w_{l_0}^j| \rightarrow 1$ , define  $f_j(z) = \frac{1 - |w_{l_0}^j|^2}{1 - z_{l_0} w_{l_0}^j}$ . Then, the sequence  $\{f_j\}_j \subset H^\infty(U^n)$  is bounded

and converges to zero uniformly on any compact subset of  $U^n$ . That is,  $\{f_j\}$  weakly converges to zero in  $H^\infty(U^n)$ . Because  $H^\infty(U^n)$  has Dunford-Pettis property (See Theorem 5.3 in [20] for  $H^\infty(U)$ , and note the proof there works also for  $H^\infty(U^n)$ ), the weak compactness of  $C_\phi : H^\infty(U^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha(U^n)$  implies that  $\|C_\phi f_j\|_{\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha} \rightarrow 0$  (as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ ). But this is impossible since using (4) we may estimate that for each  $j \geq 1$ ,



$$\begin{aligned}
 \|C_{\varphi} f_j\|_{B_{\log}^{\alpha}} &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial(f_j \circ \varphi)}{\partial z_k}(z^j) \right| (1 - |z_k^j|^2)^{\alpha} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k^j|^2} \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial w_{l_0}}(\varphi(z^j)) \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_0}}{\partial z_k}(z^j) \right| (1 - |z_k^j|^2)^{\alpha} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k^j|^2} \\
 &= |w_{l_0}^j| \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(1 - |z_k^j|^2)^{\alpha}}{1 - |\varphi_{l_0}(z^j)|^2} \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_0}}{\partial z_k}(z^j) \right| \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k^j|^2} \\
 &\geq |w_{l_0}^j| \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_0}}{\partial z_{k_0}}(z^j) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_{k_0}^j|^2)^{\alpha}}{1 - |\varphi_{l_0}(z^j)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_{k_0}^j|^2} \rightarrow a_{l_0 k_0} > 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $|w_{l_0}^j| \rightarrow \rho < 1$ . Since  $w^j \rightarrow \partial U^n$ , there is  $l_1 \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{l_0\}$  such that  $|w_{l_1}^j| \rightarrow 1$ . If there exists  $k_1$  such that

$$\left| \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_1}}{\partial z_{k_1}}(z^j) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_{k_1}^j|^2)^{\alpha}}{1 - |\varphi_{l_1}(z^j)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_{k_1}^j|^2} \rightarrow a_{l_1 k_1} > 0,$$

then as in the last paragraph above we obtain the desired contradiction using the following test functions:

$$g_j(z) = \frac{1 - |w_{l_1}^j|^2}{1 - z_{l_1} w_{l_1}^j}.$$

Thus, we may assume that

$$\left| \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_1}}{\partial z_k}(z^j) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k^j|^2)^{\alpha}}{1 - |\varphi_{l_1}(z^j)|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k^j|^2} \rightarrow 0, \quad (\text{as } j \rightarrow \infty), \quad (5)$$

for each  $k$ . We now define the test functions  $h_j$  as follows

$$h_j(z) = (z_{l_0} + 2) \frac{1 - |w_{l_1}^j|^2}{1 - z_{l_1} w_{l_1}^j}.$$

Then,  $\|h_j\|_{\infty} \lesssim 1$  and  $h_j$  converge to zero uniformly on any compact subset of  $U^n$ . But for any  $j$  large enough

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|C_{\varphi} h_j\|_{B_{\log}^{\alpha}} &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial(h_j \circ \varphi)}{\partial z_k}(z^j) \right| (1 - |z_k^j|^2)^{\alpha} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k^j|^2} \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_0}}{\partial z_k}(z^j) + (w_{l_0}^j + 2) \overline{w_{l_1}^j} \frac{1}{1 - |w_{l_1}^j|^2} \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_1}}{\partial z_k}(z^j) \right| (1 - |z_k^j|^2)^{\alpha} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k^j|^2} \\
 &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n (1 - |z_k^j|^2)^{\alpha} \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_0}}{\partial z_k}(z^j) \right| \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k^j|^2} - \sum_{k=1}^n \left| w_{l_1}^j |w_{l_0}^j + 2| \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_1}}{\partial z_k}(z^j) \right| \frac{(1 - |z_k^j|^2)^{\alpha}}{1 - |w_{l_1}^j|^2} \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k^j|^2} \\
 &\gtrsim \sum_{k=1}^n (1 - |z_k^j|^2)^{\alpha} \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_0}}{\partial z_k}(z^j) \right| \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_k^j|^2} \\
 &\gtrsim (1 - |z_{k_0}^j|^2)^{\alpha} \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_0}}{\partial z_{k_0}}(z^j) \right| \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_{k_0}^j|^2} \\
 &\gtrsim \frac{(1 - |z_{k_0}^j|^2)^{\alpha}}{1 - |\varphi_{l_0}(z^j)|^2} \left| \frac{\partial \varphi_{l_0}}{\partial z_{k_0}}(z^j) \right| \log \frac{2}{1 - |z_{k_0}^j|^2} \rightarrow a_{l_0 k_0} > 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

the inequalities in the third and fourth lines above follow from (5), and the last line is due to  $|\varphi_{l_0}(z^j)| \rightarrow \rho < 1$ . This contradicts again  $\|C_\varphi h_j\|_{\mathcal{B}_{\log}^\alpha} \rightarrow 0$ , which completes the proof.

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