

## Weighted composition operators on weighted Bergman spaces of bounded symmetric domains

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we study the weighted composition operators on weighted Bergman spaces of bounded symmetric domains. The necessary and sufficient conditions for a weighted composition operator  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  to be bounded and compact are studied by using the Carleson measure techniques. In the last section, we study the Schatten  $p$ -class weighted composition operators.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded symmetric domain in  $\mathbf{C}^n$  with Bergman kernel  $K(z, \omega)$ . We assume that  $\Omega$  is in its standard representation and the volume measure  $dV$  of  $\Omega$  is normalised so that  $K(z, 0) = K(0, \omega)$ , for all  $z$  and  $\omega$  in  $\Omega$ . By Theorem 5.7 of [11] and using the polar coordinates representation, there exists a positive number  $\varepsilon_\Omega$  such that for  $\lambda < \varepsilon_\Omega$ , we have

$$C_\lambda = \int_{\Omega} K(z, z)^\lambda dV(z) < \infty.$$

For each  $\lambda < \varepsilon_\Omega$ , define  $dV_\lambda(z) = C_\lambda^{-1} K(z, z)^\lambda dV(z)$ . Then  $\{dV_\lambda\}$  defines a weighted family of probability measures on  $\Omega$ . Also, throughout the paper  $\lambda < \varepsilon_\Omega$  is fixed. We define the weighted Bergman spaces  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ , on  $\Omega$ , as the set of all holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $\Omega$  so that

$$\|f\|_{A_\lambda^p} = \left( \int_{\Omega} |f|^p dV_\lambda \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty.$$

Note that  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  is a closed subspace of  $L^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ . For  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  is just the usual Bergman space. For  $p = 2$ , there is an orthogonal projection  $P_\lambda$  from  $L^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  onto  $A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  given by

$$P_\lambda f(z) = \int_{\Omega} K_\lambda(z, \omega) f(\omega) dV_\lambda(\omega),$$

where  $K_\lambda(z, \omega) = K(z, \omega)^{1-\lambda}$  is the reproducing kernel for  $A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ .

Suppose,  $\varphi, \psi$  are holomorphic mappings defined on  $\Omega$  such that  $\varphi(\Omega) \subseteq \Omega$ . Then the weighted composition operator  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  is defined as

$$W_{\varphi, \psi} f(z) = \psi(z) f(\varphi(z)), \text{ for all } f \text{ holomorphic in } \Omega, \text{ and } z \in \Omega.$$

For the study of weighted composition operators one can refer to [4, 6, 13, 15] and references therein. Recently, Smith [16] has made a nice connection between the Brennan’s conjecture and weighted composition operators. He has shown that Brennan’s conjecture is equivalent to the existence of self-maps of unit disk that make certain weighted composition operators compact.

We know that the bounded symmetric domain  $\Omega$  in its standard representation with normalised volume measure, the kernel function  $K(\cdot, \cdot)$  has the following special properties:

- (1)  $K(0, a) = 1 = K(a, 0)$ .
- (2)  $K(z, a) \neq 0$  (for all  $z$  in  $\Omega$  and  $a$  in  $\overline{\Omega}$ ).
- (3)  $\lim_{a \rightarrow \partial\Omega} K(a, a) = \infty$ .
- (4)  $K(z, a)^{-1}$  is a smooth function on  $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n$ . Here  $\overline{\Omega}$  denotes the closure of  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\partial\Omega$  is the topological boundary, see [8] and [10] for details.

For any  $a$  in  $\Omega$ , let

$$k_a(z) = \frac{K(z, a)}{\sqrt{K(a, a)}}.$$

The  $k_a$ ’s are called normalised reproducing kernels for  $A^2(\Omega, dV)$ . They are unit vectors in  $A^2(\Omega, dV)$ . Moreover,  $k_a^{1-\lambda}$  is a unit vector of  $A^2_\lambda(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  for any  $a$  in  $\Omega$ .

Let  $\mu$  be a finite complex Borel measure on  $\Omega$ . Then the Berezin transform of measure  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\tilde{\mu}_\lambda$ , is defined as

$$\tilde{\mu}_\lambda(z) = \int_\Omega |k_z(\omega)|^{2(1-\lambda)} d\mu(\omega), \quad z \in \Omega.$$

We will denote by  $\beta(z, \omega)$  the Bergman distance function on  $\Omega$ . For  $z \in \Omega$  and  $r > 0$ , let

$$E(z, r) = \{\omega \in \Omega: \beta(z, \omega) < r\}.$$

We denote by  $|E(z, r)|$  the normalised volume of  $E(z, r)$ , that is,

$$|E(z, r)| = \int_{E(z, r)} dV(\omega).$$

Given a finite complex Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $\Omega$ , we define a function  $\hat{\mu}_r$  on  $\Omega$  by

$$\hat{\mu}_r(z) = \frac{\mu(E(z, r))}{|E(z, r)|^{1-\lambda}}, \quad z \in \Omega.$$

**Theorem 1.1 [17].** *Take  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Let  $\mu$  be a finite positive Borel measure on  $\Omega$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *The inclusion map  $i: A^p_\lambda(\Omega, dV_\lambda) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  is bounded.*
- (2) *The Berezin transform  $\tilde{\mu}_\lambda$  is bounded.*

- (3)  $\hat{\mu}_r$  is bounded on  $\Omega$  for all (or some)  $r > 0$ .
- (4)  $\{\hat{\mu}_r(a_n)\}$  is a bounded sequence, where  $\{a_n\}$  is some bounded sequence in  $\Omega$  independent of  $\mu$ .

A positive Borel measure  $\mu$  satisfying any one of the conditions of Theorem 1.1 is called a Carleson measure on the weighted Bergman space  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$

**Theorem 1.2 [17].** Take  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Let  $\mu$  be a finite positive Borel measure on  $\Omega$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) The inclusion map  $i: A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  is compact.
- (2) The Berezin transform  $\tilde{\mu}_\lambda(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow \partial\Omega$ .
- (3)  $\hat{\mu}_r(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow \partial\Omega$  for all (or some)  $r > 0$ .
- (4)  $\hat{\mu}_r(a_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

A positive Borel measure  $\mu$  satisfying any one of the conditions of Theorem 1.2 is called a vanishing Carleson measure on the weighted Bergman space  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ .

A positive compact operator  $T$  on  $A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  is in the trace class if

$$\text{tr}(T) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle T e_n, e_n \rangle < \infty,$$

for some (or all) orthonormal basis  $\{e_n\}$  of  $A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ .

Take  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , and  $T$  be a compact linear operator on  $A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ . Then we say that  $T$  belongs to the Schatten  $p$ -class  $S_p$  if  $(T^*T)^{p/2}$  is in the trace class. Also, the  $S_p$  norm of  $T$  is given as

$$\|T\|_{S_p} = [\text{tr}((T^*T)^{p/2})]^{1/p}.$$

Moreover,  $S_p$  is a two-sided ideal of the full algebra  $B(A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda))$  of bounded linear operators on  $A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

To make the paper self-contained we state the following lemmas.

*Lemma 2.1 [12].* The Bergman kernel  $K(z, \omega)$  is conjugate symmetric. That is,

$$K(z, \omega) = \overline{K(\omega, z)};$$

and it is the function of  $z$  in  $A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ .

*Lemma 2.2 [17].* Let  $T$  be a trace class operator or a positive operator on  $A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ . Then

$$\text{tr}(T) = \int_{\Omega} \langle T K_z^{1-\lambda}, K_z^{1-\lambda} \rangle_{A_\lambda^2} d\sigma(z),$$

where  $d\sigma(z) = K(z, z)dV(z)$ .

**Lemma 2.3** [9]. Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded symmetric domain in  $\mathbf{C}^n$  and let  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  be a weighted composition operator on  $A_{\lambda}^2(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$ . Then

$$\|W_{\varphi, \psi}^*\|_{A_{\lambda}^2} = |\psi(z)| \left[ \frac{K(\varphi(z), \varphi(z))}{K(z, z)} \right]^{\frac{(1-\lambda)}{2}}.$$

**Lemma 2.4** [1]. Suppose  $T$  is a positive operator on a Hilbert space  $H$  and  $x$  is a unit vector in  $H$ . Then

- (1)  $\langle T^p x, x \rangle \geq \langle T x, x \rangle^p$  for all  $p \geq 1$ .
- (2)  $\langle T^p x, x \rangle \leq \langle T x, x \rangle^p$  for all  $0 < p \leq 1$ .

**Lemma 2.5** (Theorem 18.11(f), p. 89 of [5]). Suppose  $T$  is a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ . If  $T \in S_p$ , then

$$\text{tr}(|T|^p) = \text{tr}(|T^*|^p).$$

**Lemma 2.6** [17]. Take  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Suppose  $\mu \geq 0$  is a finite Borel measure on  $\Omega$ . Then  $\mu$  is a Carleson measure on  $A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$  if and only if  $\mu(E(z, r))/|E(z, r)|^{1-\lambda}$  is bounded on  $\Omega$  (as a function of  $z$ ) for all (or some)  $r > 0$ . Moreover, the following quantities are equivalent for any fixed  $r > 0$  and  $p \geq 1$ :

$$\|\hat{\mu}_r\|_{\infty} = \sup \left\{ \frac{\mu(E(z, r))}{|E(z, r)|^{1-\lambda}} : z \in \Omega \right\}$$

and

$$\|\mu\|_p = \sup \left\{ \frac{\int_{\Omega} |f(z)|^p d\mu(z)}{\int_{\Omega} |f(z)|^p dV_{\lambda}(z)} : f \in A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda}) \right\}.$$

**Lemma 2.7** [2]. For any  $r > 0$ , there exists a constant  $C$  (depending only on  $r$ ) such that

$$C^{-1} \leq |E(a, r)| |k_a(z)|^2 \leq C,$$

for all  $a \in \Omega$  and  $z \in E(a, r)$ .

Note that if we take  $z = a$  in the above estimate, then we get

$$C^{-1} \leq |E(a, r)| K(a, a) \leq C,$$

for all  $a \in \Omega$ .

**Lemma 2.8** [2]. For any  $r > 0, s > 0, R > 0$ , there exists a constant  $C$  (depending on  $r, s, R$ ) such that

$$C^{-1} \leq \frac{|E(a, r)|}{|E(a, s)|} \leq C$$

for all  $a, b$  in  $\Omega$  with  $\beta(a, b) \leq R$ .

**Lemma 2.9** [3]. For any  $r > 0$ , there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $\Omega$  satisfying the following two conditions:

- (1)  $\Omega = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E(a_n, r)$ ;
- (2) There is a positive integer  $N$  such that each point  $z$  in  $\Omega$  belongs to at most  $N$  of the sets  $E(a_n, 2r)$ .

Lemma 2.10 [3]. For any  $r > 0$  and  $p \geq 1$ , there exists a constant  $C$  (depending only on  $r$ ) such that

$$|f(a)|^p \leq \frac{C}{|E(a, r)|} \int_{E(a, r)} |f(z)|^p dV(z),$$

for all  $f$  holomorphic and  $a$  in  $\Omega$ .

### 3. Bounded and compact weighted composition operators

By using [7], we can prove the following lemma.

Lemma 3.1. Take  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded symmetric domain in  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , and  $\lambda < \varepsilon_{\Omega}$ . Suppose  $\varphi, \psi$  be holomorphic functions defined on  $\Omega$  such that  $\varphi(\Omega) \subseteq \Omega$ . Also, suppose that the weighted composition operator  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  is bounded on  $A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$ . Then  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  is compact on  $A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$  if and only if for any norm bounded sequence  $\{f_n\}$  in  $A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $\Omega$ , then we have  $\|W_{\varphi, \psi} f_n\|_{A_{\lambda}^p} \rightarrow 0$ .

Lemma 3.2. Suppose  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence in  $A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  weakly in  $A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$ . Then  $\{f_n\}$  is a norm bounded sequence and  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on each compact subsets of  $\Omega$ .

Let  $\varphi$  be a holomorphic function defined on  $\Omega$  such that  $\varphi(\Omega) \subseteq \Omega$ . Suppose  $\psi \in A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$  and  $\lambda < \varepsilon_{\Omega}$ . Then the nonnegative measure  $\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}$  is defined as

$$\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(E) = \int_{\varphi^{-1}(E)} |\psi|^p dV_{\lambda},$$

where  $E$  is a measurable subset of  $\Omega$ .

Using Lemma 2.1 of [4], we can prove the following result.

Lemma 3.3. Take  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded symmetric domain in  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , and  $\lambda < \varepsilon_{\Omega}$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a holomorphic mapping from  $\Omega$  into  $\Omega$  and  $\psi \in A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$ . Then

$$\int_{\Omega} g d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p} = \int_{\Omega} |\psi|^p (g \circ \varphi) dV_{\lambda},$$

where  $g$  is an arbitrary measurable positive function on  $\Omega$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Take  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded symmetric domain in  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , and  $\lambda < \varepsilon_{\Omega}$ . Suppose  $\varphi, \psi$  are holomorphic functions defined on  $\Omega$  such that  $\varphi(\Omega) \subseteq \Omega$ . Then the weighted composition operator  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  is bounded on  $A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$  if and only if the measure  $\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}$  is a Carleson measure.

*Proof.* Suppose  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  is bounded on  $A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$ . Then there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\|W_{\varphi, \psi} f\|_{A_{\lambda}^p} \leq M \|f\|_{A_{\lambda}^p},$$

for all  $f \in A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$ .

Take

$$g(\omega) = |k_z(\omega)|^{\frac{2(1-\lambda)}{p}}.$$

From Lemma 2.1 and using the fact that  $K(\omega, z) \neq 0$  for any  $z$  and  $\omega$  in  $\Omega$ , we get that  $g \in A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |k_z(\omega)|^{2(1-\lambda)} d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega) &= \int_{\Omega} |g(\omega)|^p d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega) \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} |\psi(\omega)|^p |g(\varphi(\omega))|^p dV_{\lambda}(\omega) \\ &= \|W_{\varphi, \psi} g\|_{A_{\lambda}^p}^p < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.7, there exists a constant  $C > 0$  (depending only on  $r$ ) such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(E(z, r))}{|E(z, r)|^{1-\lambda}} &= \frac{1}{|E(z, r)|^{1-\lambda}} \int_{E(z, r)} d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega) \\ &\leq C \int_{E(z, r)} |k_z(\omega)|^{2(1-\lambda)} d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

for any  $z \in \Omega$ .

Thus, by using Lemma 2.6, we get that  $\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}$  is a Carleson measure on  $A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}$  is a Carleson measure on  $A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$ . Then by Theorem 1.1, there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} |f(z)|^p d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(z) \leq M^p \|f\|_{A_{\lambda}^p}^p,$$

for all  $f \in A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$ .

Hence, using Lemma 3.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|W_{\varphi, \psi} f\|_{A_{\lambda}^p} &= \int_{\Omega} |\psi(z)|^p |f(\varphi(z))|^p dV_{\lambda}(z) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} |f(\omega)|^p d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega) \\ &\leq M^p \int_{\Omega} |f(\omega)|^p dV_{\lambda}(\omega) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $f \in A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$ .

Hence,  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  is a bounded operator on  $A_{\lambda}^p(\Omega, dV_{\lambda})$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** *Take  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded symmetric domain in  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , and  $\lambda < \varepsilon_\Omega$ . Suppose  $\varphi, \psi$  are holomorphic functions defined on  $\Omega$  such that  $\varphi(\Omega) \subseteq \Omega$ . Then the weighted composition operator  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  is compact on  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  if and only if the measure  $\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}$  is a vanishing Carleson measure.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  is compact on  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ . Since,  $k_z^{1-\lambda} \rightarrow 0$  weakly in  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  as  $z \rightarrow \partial\Omega$ , by Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2, we have

$$\|W_{\varphi, \psi} k_z^{1-\lambda}\|_{A_\lambda^p} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } z \rightarrow \partial\Omega. \tag{3.1}$$

Again, by using Lemma 2.7, we get a constant  $C > 0$  (depending only on  $r$ ) such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(E(z, r))}{|E(z, r)|^{1-\lambda}} &= \frac{1}{|E(z, r)|^{1-\lambda}} \int_{E(z, r)} d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega) \\ &\leq C \int_{E(z, r)} |k_z(\omega)|^{2(1-\lambda)} d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega) \\ &\leq C \int_{E(z, r)} |\psi(\omega)|^2 |k_z(\varphi(\omega))|^{2(1-\lambda)} d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega) \\ &\leq C \|W_{\varphi, \psi} k_z^{1-\lambda}\|_{A_\lambda^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, condition (3.1) implies that  $\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}$  is a vanishing Carleson measure on  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}$  is a vanishing Carleson measure on  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ . Then, by Theorem 1.2, we have

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \partial\Omega} \frac{\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(E(z, r))}{|E(z, r)|^{1-\lambda}} = 0 \tag{3.2}$$

for all (or some)  $r > 0$ .

So, from Theorem 3.4, we conclude that  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  is bounded on  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ . We will prove that  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  is a compact operator.

Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence in  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  and  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  weakly. By Lemma 3.2,  $f_n$  is a norm bounded sequence and  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on each compact subsets of  $\Omega$ .

By Lemmas 2.7 and 2.10, there exists a constant  $C > 0$  (depending only on  $r$ ) such that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)|^p &\leq \frac{C}{|E(z, r)|} \int_{E(z, r)} |f(\omega)|^p dV(\omega) \\ &= \frac{CC_\lambda}{|E(z, r)|} \int_{E(z, r)} |f(\omega)|^p \frac{dV_\lambda(\omega)}{K(\omega, \omega)^\lambda} \\ &\leq \frac{C'}{|E(z, r)|} \int_{E(z, r)} |f(\omega)|^p \frac{dV_\lambda(\omega)}{|E(\omega, r)|^{-\lambda}} \\ &\leq C'' \frac{1}{|E(z, r)|^{1-\lambda}} \int_{E(z, r)} |f(\omega)|^p dV_\lambda(\omega), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $z \in \Omega$ , where the last inequality is obtained by using Lemma 2.8. By combining the above inequality with Lemma 2.8, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sup\{|f(z)|^p: z \in E(a, r)\} &\leq \sup\left\{\frac{C_1}{|E(z, r)|^{1-\lambda}} \int_{E(a, 2r)} |f(\omega)|^p dV_\lambda(\omega): z \in E(a, r)\right\} \\ &\leq \frac{C_2}{|E(a, r)|^{1-\lambda}} \int_{E(a, 2r)} |f(\omega)|^p dV_\lambda(\omega), \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are constants depending only on  $\lambda$  and  $r$ . Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|W_{\varphi, \psi} f_n\|_{A_\lambda^p} &= \int_{\Omega} |\psi(z)|^p |f_n(\varphi(z))|^p dV_\lambda(\omega) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} |f_n(\omega)|^p d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{E(a_i, r)} |f_n(\omega)|^p d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(E(a_i, r)) \sup\{|f_n(\omega)|^p: \omega \in E(a_i, r)\} \\ &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(E(a_i, r))}{|E(a_i, r)|^{1-\lambda}} \int_{E(a_i, 2r)} |f_n(\omega)|^p dV_\lambda(\omega), \end{aligned}$$

where the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is the same as in Lemma 2.9.

From condition (3.2), for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  ( $0 < \delta < 1$ ) such that

$$\frac{\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(E(z, r))}{|E(z, r)|^{1-\lambda}} < \epsilon,$$

whenever  $d(z, \partial\Omega) < \delta$ .

Take

$$\Omega_1 = \{\omega \in \Omega: d(z, \partial\Omega) \geq \delta, \beta(z, \omega) \leq r\}.$$

Then,  $\Omega_1$  is a compact subset of  $\Omega$  (as  $0 < 2r < \frac{\delta}{2}$ ). Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |W_{\varphi, \psi} f_n(z)|^p dV_\lambda(z) &= \int_{\Omega} |f_n(\omega)|^p d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega) \\ &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(E(a_i, r))}{|E(a_i, r)|^{1-\lambda}} \int_{E(a_i, 2r)} |f_n(\omega)|^p dV_\lambda(\omega) \\ &\leq C \sum_{d(a, \partial\Omega) \geq \delta} \frac{\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(E(a_i, r))}{|E(a_i, r)|^{1-\lambda}} \int_{E(a_i, 2r)} |f_n(\omega)|^p dV_\lambda(\omega) \\ &\quad + C \sum_{d(a, \partial\Omega) < \delta} \frac{\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(E(a_i, r))}{|E(a_i, r)|^{1-\lambda}} \int_{E(a_i, 2r)} |f_n(\omega)|^p dV_\lambda(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq CN \sum_{d(a, \partial\Omega) \geq \delta} \int_{E(a_i, 2r)} |f_n(\omega)|^p dV_\lambda(\omega) \\ &\quad + C\epsilon \sum_{d(a, \partial\Omega) < \delta} \int_{E(a_i, 2r)} |f_n(\omega)|^p dV_\lambda(\omega) \\ &\leq CNK \int_\Omega |f_n(\omega)|^p dV_\lambda(\omega) + C\epsilon K \int_\Omega |f_n(\omega)|^p dV_\lambda(\omega), \end{aligned}$$

where the constant  $N$  is the same as in Lemma 2.9. Since,  $f_n$  is a norm bounded sequence and  $f_n$  converges to zero uniformly on compact subsets of  $\Omega$ , we have  $\|W_{\varphi, \psi} f_n\|_{A_\lambda^p} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

The following theorem follows by combining Theorems 1.1, 1.2, 3.4 and 3.5.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Take  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and let  $\lambda < \varepsilon_\Omega$ . Suppose  $\varphi, \psi$  be holomorphic functions defined on  $\Omega$  such that  $\varphi(\Omega) \subseteq \Omega$ . Then*

(1) *The weighted composition operator  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  is bounded on  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  if and only if*

$$\sup_{z \in \Omega} \int_\Omega |k_z(\omega)|^{2(1-\lambda)} d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega) < \infty.$$

(2) *The weighted composition operator  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  is compact on  $A_\lambda^p(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$  if and only if*

$$\lim_{z \in \partial\Omega} \int_\Omega |k_z(\omega)|^{2(1-\lambda)} d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega) = 0.$$

#### 4. Schatten class weighted composition operators

**Theorem 4.1.** *Take  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and let  $\lambda < \varepsilon_\Omega$ . Suppose  $\varphi, \psi$  are holomorphic functions defined on  $\Omega$  such that  $\varphi(\Omega) \subseteq \Omega$ . Let  $W_{\varphi, \psi}$  be compact on  $A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ . Then  $W_{\varphi, \psi} \in S_p$  if and only if the Berezin symbol of measure  $\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}$  belongs to  $L^{p/2}(\Omega, d\sigma)$ , where  $d\sigma(z) = K(z, z)dV(z)$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $f, g \in A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (W_{\varphi, \psi})^*(W_{\varphi, \psi})f, g \rangle_{A_\lambda^2} &= \langle (W_{\varphi, \psi})f, (W_{\varphi, \psi})g \rangle_{A_\lambda^2} \\ &= \int_\Omega f(\varphi(z)) \overline{g(\varphi(z))} |\psi(z)|^2 dV_\lambda(z) \\ &= \int_\Omega f(\omega) \overline{g(\omega)} |\psi(z)|^2 d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega). \end{aligned}$$

Consider the Toeplitz operator

$$T_{\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}} f(z) = \int_\Omega f(\omega) K_\lambda(z, \omega) d\mu_{\varphi, \psi, p}(\omega).$$

Then, by using Fubini’s theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_{\mu_{\varphi,\psi,p}} f, g \rangle_{A_\lambda^2} &= \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} f(\omega) K_\lambda(z, \omega) d\mu_{\varphi,\psi,p}(\omega) \overline{g(z)} dV_\lambda(z) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f(\omega) \int_{\Omega} \overline{g(z) K_\lambda(\omega, z)} dV_\lambda(z) d\mu_{\varphi,\psi,p}(\omega) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f(\omega) \overline{g(\omega)} d\mu_{\varphi,\psi,p}(\omega). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $T_{\mu_{\varphi,\psi,p}} = (W_{\varphi,\psi})^*(W_{\varphi,\psi})$ . Also, by definition an operator  $T \in S_p$  if and only if  $(T^*T)^{p/2}$  is in the trace class, and this is equivalent to saying that  $T^*T \in S_{p/2}$  (Lemma 1.4.6, p. 18 of [18]). Thus  $W_{\varphi,\psi} \in S_p$  if and only if  $T_{\mu_{\varphi,\psi,p}} \in S_{p/2}$ . Again, by Theorem C of [17],  $T_{\mu_{\varphi,\psi,p}} \in S_{p/2}$  if and only if the Berezin symbol of the measure  $\mu_{\varphi,\psi,p}$  belongs to  $L^{p/2}(\Omega, d\sigma)$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Take  $2 \leq p < \infty$  and let  $\lambda < \varepsilon_\Omega$ . Take  $W_{\varphi,\psi}$  the weighted composition operator on  $A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ . If  $W_{\varphi,\psi} \in S_p$ , then

$$\int_{\Omega} |\psi(z)| \left[ \frac{K(\varphi(z), \varphi(z))}{K(z, z)} \right]^{\frac{p(1-\lambda)}{2}} d\sigma(z) < \infty,$$

where  $d\sigma(z) = K(z, z)dV(z)$ .

*Proof.* By using Lemmas 2.2–2.5, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(|W_{\varphi,\psi}|^p) &= \text{tr}(|W_{\varphi,\psi}^*|^p) = \text{tr}(|W_{\varphi,\psi} W_{\varphi,\psi}^*|)^{p/2} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \langle (W_{\varphi,\psi} W_{\varphi,\psi}^*)^{p/2} k_z^{1-\lambda}, k_z^{1-\lambda} \rangle_{A_\lambda^2} d\sigma(z) \\ &\geq \int_{\Omega} \langle (W_{\varphi,\psi} W_{\varphi,\psi}^*) k_z^{1-\lambda}, k_z^{1-\lambda} \rangle_{A_\lambda^2}^{p/2} d\sigma(z) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \|W_{\varphi,\psi}^* k_z^{1-\lambda}\|_{A_\lambda^2}^p d\sigma(z) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} |\psi(z)| \left[ \frac{K(\varphi(z), \varphi(z))}{K(z, z)} \right]^{\frac{p(1-\lambda)}{2}} d\sigma(z). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.3.** Take  $0 < p < 2$  and let  $\lambda < \varepsilon_\Omega$ . Take  $W_{\varphi,\psi}$  the weighted composition operator  $W_{\varphi,\psi}$  on  $A_\lambda^2(\Omega, dV_\lambda)$ . If

$$\int_{\Omega} |\psi(z)| \left[ \frac{K(\varphi(z), \varphi(z))}{K(z, z)} \right]^{\frac{p(1-\lambda)}{2}} d\sigma(z) < \infty,$$

where  $d\sigma(z) = K(z, z)dV(z)$ , then  $W_{\varphi,\psi} \in S_p$ .

*Proof.* By using Lemmas 2.2–2.5, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \operatorname{tr}(|W_{\varphi,\psi}|^p) &= \int_{\Omega} \langle (W_{\varphi,\psi} W_{\varphi,\psi}^*)^{p/2} k_z^{1-\lambda}, k_z^{1-\lambda} \rangle_{A_\lambda^2} d\sigma(z) \\
 &\geq \int_{\Omega} \langle (W_{\varphi,\psi} W_{\varphi,\psi}^*) k_z^{1-\lambda}, k_z^{1-\lambda} \rangle_{A_\lambda^2}^{p/2} d\sigma(z) \\
 &= \int_{\Omega} \|W_{\varphi,\psi}^* k_z^{1-\lambda}\|_{A_\lambda^2}^p d\sigma(z) \\
 &= \int_{\Omega} |\psi(z)| \left[ \frac{K(\varphi(z), \varphi(z))}{K(z, z)} \right]^{\frac{p(1-\lambda)}{2}} d\sigma(z) < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $W_{\varphi,\psi} \in S_p$ .

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