Weighted Composition Operators on the Bloch Space on a Bounded Homogeneous Domain

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Motivation

In their 2004 paper, Ohno & Zhao characterized the bounded and compact weighted composition operators

$$W_{\psi,\varphi}(f) = \psi(f \circ \varphi)$$

on the Bloch space and little Bloch space of the unit disk $\mathbb{D}$.

**Theorem (Ohno & Zhao, 2004)**

Let $\psi \in H(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{C})$ and $\varphi \in H(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{D})$. Then $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is bounded on the Bloch space $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{D})$ if and only if the following are satisfied:

(i) $$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |z|^2) |\psi'(z)| \log \left( \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right) < \infty;$$

(ii) $$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \frac{1 - |z|^2}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} |\psi(z)\varphi'(z)| < \infty.$$
We are investigating multiplication, composition and weighted composition operators on the Bloch space on a class of domains in $\mathbb{C}^n$ which include $B_n$ and $D^n$.

In particular, we are trying to answer the fundamental questions:

1. What symbols induce bounded operators?
2. What are estimates on the norm of the bounded operators?
3. What symbols induce compact operators?
4. What symbols induce isometric operators?
5. What are the spectra of the bounded operators?
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The normalized unit ball of \( \mathcal{B}(D) \) (or \( \mathcal{B}_0(D) \)) is defined as

\[
\mathcal{B}_1(D) = \{ f \in \mathcal{B}(\text{or } \mathcal{B}_0) : f(0) = 0 \text{ and } \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq 1 \}.
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Theorem (Ohno & Zhao, 2004)

If $\psi \in H(D, \mathbb{C})$, then the following are equivalent:

1. $M_\psi$ is a compact operator on $B(D)$.
2. $M_\psi$ is a compact operator on $B_0(D)$.
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Multiplication Operators on Bounded Homogeneous Domains

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3. If $D = \mathbb{B}_n$, then $\omega(z) = \rho(0, z) = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1+||z||}{1-||z||}$ for all $z \in \mathbb{B}_n$. 
If $D$ is a bounded homogeneous domain in $\mathbb{C}^n$ and $\psi \in H(D, \mathbb{C})$, then

1. $M_\psi$ is bounded on $\mathcal{B}(D)$ if and only if $\psi \in H^\infty(D)$ and $\sigma_\psi < \infty$.

2. $\max\{||\psi||_B, ||\psi||_\infty\} \leq ||M_\psi|| \leq \max\{||\psi||_B, ||\psi||_\infty + \sigma_\psi\}$.

3. $\sigma(M_\psi) = \overline{\psi(D)}$. 
Results for Multiplication Operators on Bounded Homogeneous Domains

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2. \( M_\psi \) is an isometry on \( B(D) \) if and only if \( \psi \) is a constant function of modulus 1.
Composition Operators on Bounded Homogeneous Domains

**Definition**

For \( z \in D \), \( \varphi \in H(D, D) \), and \( J\varphi \) the Jacobian matrix of \( \varphi \),

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If \( D \) is a bounded homogeneous domain in \( \mathbb{C}^n \) and \( \varphi \in H(D, D) \), then \( C_{\varphi} \) is bounded on \( \mathcal{B}(D) \) and

\[
\max\{1, \omega(\varphi(0))\} \leq \| C_{\varphi} \| \leq \max\{1, \omega(\varphi(0)) + B_{\varphi}\}.
\]
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We feel that more investigation into the quantities $\omega(z)$ and/or $B_\varphi(z)$ will allow for the conjecture to be proved.
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