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Coposinormal Weighted Composition Operators on $H^2(\mathbb{D})$

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Abstract. In this paper, we study coposinormal composition operators and posinormal weighted composition operators on the Hardy space $H^2(\mathbb{D})$. We show that if $W_{\psi, \varphi}$ is coposinormal on $H^2(\mathbb{D})$, then ψ never vanishes on \mathbb{D} also we prove that φ is univalent. Moreover, we study the commutant of a coposinormal weighted composition operator.

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1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Let $B(\mathcal{H})$ denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators on a complex Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . An operator $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be hyponormal if $T^*T \geq TT^*$. An operator $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be posinormal if there exists a positive operator $P \in B(\mathcal{H})$ such that $TT^* = T^*PT$, equivalently T is posinormal if $TT^* \leq \lambda^2 T^*T$ for some $\lambda \geq 0$ [14]. An operator T is coposinormal if T^* is posinormal. Hyponormal operators are necessarily posinormal, although they need not be coposinormal, e.g., the unilateral shift $U \in B(l^2)$ is hyponormal but not coposinormal (see [15, 16]).

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In a recent paper, Le and Rhaly [13] studied coposinormality of Cesàro matrices.

Let \mathbb{D} denote the open unit disk in the complex plane \mathbb{C} . The Hardy space $H^2(\mathbb{D})$ (also written H^2) consists of all analytic functions on \mathbb{D} having power series representations with square summable coefficients. The space $H^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ (also written H^∞) consists of all analytic and bounded functions on \mathbb{D} . If φ is an analytic map of \mathbb{D} into itself, the composition operator C_φ on H^2 is defined by $C_\varphi f = f \circ \varphi$ where $f \in H^2$. The boundedness of C_φ for any analytic map φ of \mathbb{D} into itself is a consequence of the Littlewood Subordination Theorem (see [5]).

Let φ be an holomorphic self map on the unit disc \mathbb{D} , and let ψ be an holomorphic map on \mathbb{D} . The weighted composition operator $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ on Hardy space H^2 induced by φ with weight ψ is given by

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

where $f \in H^2$. If ψ is bounded, then $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is bounded. For $\psi \in H^\infty$, the multiplication operator on H^2 is given by $M_\psi f = \psi f$ for all $f \in H^2$. Remark that $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ can be written by $W_{\psi,\varphi} = M_\psi C_\varphi$. We refer [11] and [7] for more details of weighted composition operators.

For $z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$, the function K_{z_0} defined by $K_{z_0}(z) = \frac{1}{1-\bar{z}_0 z}$ is called the reproducing kernel for z_0 in H^2 . It is well known that the linear span of the reproducing kernels $\{K_{z_0} : z_0 \in \mathbb{D}\}$ is dense in H^2 . Cowen [4] gave an adjoint formula of a composition operator whose symbol is a linear fractional selfmap of \mathbb{D} . If $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ is a linear fractional selfmap of \mathbb{D} , then $C_\varphi^* = M_g C_\sigma M_h^*$, where $g(z) = \frac{1}{-\bar{b}z+\bar{d}}$, $\sigma(z) = \frac{\bar{a}z-\bar{c}}{-\bar{b}z+\bar{d}}$, and $h(z) = cz+d$. The function σ is called the Krein adjoint of φ , while g , h are called the Cowen auxillary functions of φ . It follows from [4] that σ is a self-map of \mathbb{D} and $g \in H^\infty$. Note that

$$W_{\psi,\varphi}^* K_z = \overline{\psi(z)} K_{\varphi(z)} \quad (1)$$

when $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is bounded on H^2 and $z \in \mathbb{D}$.

Let φ be an automorphism of \mathbb{D} and let $\partial\mathbb{D}$ denote the unit circle. Then φ is of the form $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+\bar{b}}{bz+\bar{a}}$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$, where a and b in \mathbb{C} with $|a|^2 - |b|^2 = 1$. When $b \neq 0$, it is easy to calculate that $\frac{i\text{Im}(a) \pm \sqrt{|b|^2 - (\text{Im}(a))^2}}{b}$ are the fixed points of φ . If $|\text{Im}(a)| = |b|$, then φ is called parabolic, and we say that φ is hyperbolic if $|\text{Im}(a)| < |b|$. If

$|Im(a)| > |b|$, then φ is said to be elliptic. We note that φ is elliptic if and only if one of its fixed points is inside \mathbb{D} and another is outside \mathbb{D} . In this sense, this type also includes the case when $b = 0$, i.e., when 0 and ∞ are the fixed points of φ . Remark that φ is parabolic if and only if it has only one fixed point lying on $\partial\mathbb{D}$, while φ is hyperbolic if and only if it has two fixed points lying on $\partial\mathbb{D}$.

Let φ be an analytic selfmap of \mathbb{D} . For each positive integer n , we write $\varphi_1 := \varphi$ and $\varphi_{n+1} := \varphi \circ \varphi_n$, which is called the iterate of φ for n . If φ is not an elliptic automorphism of \mathbb{D} , then for each $z \in \mathbb{D}$ there is a (unique) point w in the closure of \mathbb{D} such that

$$w = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_n(z).$$

The point w called the Denjoy-Wolff point of φ and characterized as follows: if $|w| < 1$, then $\varphi(w) = w$ and $|\varphi'(w)| < 1$; if $w \in \partial\mathbb{D}$, then $\varphi(w) = w$ and $0 < \varphi'(w) \leq 1$.

Let $d\theta$ denote the usual arc length measure on the unit circle $\partial\mathbb{D}$. For $h \in L^\infty(\partial\mathbb{D}, d\theta)$, the Toeplitz operator with symbol h , denoted T_h , is the operator on H^2 defined by $T_h(f) = P(hf)$, where P denotes the orthogonal projection of $L^2(\partial\mathbb{D}, d\theta)$ onto H^2 .

In [7], Cowen and Ko characterized weighted composition operators on H^2 . In [1], Bourdan and Narayan studied several properties of normal weighted composition operators on H^2 . Normal and cohyponormal weighted composition studied in [6] by Cowen, Jung and Ko. In [10], Fatehi, Shaabani and Thompson has been studied quasinormal and hyponormal weighted composition operators on H^2 and Bergman space A_α^2 with linear fractional compositional symbol. In this note, we focus on coposinormality of weighted composition operators on H^2 .

2 Main Results

Throughout this section, $R(T)$ and $\ker(T)$ denote range and null space of $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$, respectively. Sadraoui [17, 18] studied hyponormality and cohyponormality of composition operators by using [8, Theorem 1]. The following result is due to [14].

Proposition 2.1. ([14, Theorem 2.1]) For $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) T is posinormal;
- (2) $R(T) \subseteq R(T^*)$;
- (3) $TT^* \leq \lambda^2 T^*T$ for some $\lambda \geq 0$; and
- (4) there exists a $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$ such that $T = T^*A$.

Let T_h denotes the Toeplitz operator on H^2 with symbol h . Let φ is a linear fractional transformation that maps the disk into the disk with $\varphi(1) = 1$, $\varphi'(1) = s$. Sadraoui [17, 18] proved that $\varphi(z) = \frac{(1+r+s)z+1-r-s}{(1+r-s)z+1+s-r}$, where $Re(r) \leq 0$ and $0 < s < 1$.

If $\varphi(z) = \frac{(1+r+s/2\sqrt{s})z+(1-r-s)/2\sqrt{s}}{(1+r-s/2\sqrt{s})z+(1+s-r)/2\sqrt{s}} = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ and $\psi(z) = \frac{\bar{a}z-\bar{c}}{-\bar{b}z+\bar{d}}$, then $A = C_{\psi^{-1} \circ \varphi} T_{-\bar{b}z+\bar{d}} T_{\bar{z}} T_{\bar{a}z-\bar{c}}$ is an operator on H^2 (see [17, Page 27]).

Theorem 2.2. Let $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ and $\psi(z) = \frac{\bar{a}z-\bar{c}}{-\bar{b}z+\bar{d}}$ are as above. Then C_φ is coposinormal.

Proof. By [18, Theorem 2.4.3], $C_\varphi = AC_\varphi^*$. Then by a similar argument as in the proof of [8, Theorem 1], we obtain that $C_\varphi^*C_\varphi = C_\varphi A^*AC_\varphi^* = \|A\|^2 C_\varphi C_\varphi^* - C_\varphi(\|A\|^2 - A^*A)C_\varphi^* \leq \|A\|^2 C_\varphi C_\varphi^*$. Hence the operator C_φ is coposinormal. \square

The following example considered by Fatehi, Shaabani and Thompson [10] to prove hyponormality $T_\psi C_\varphi$. This is a narrowed example of what Sadraoui [18] proved in section 2.5. Now we consider this example for the study posinormality of weighted composition operator $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ on H^2 .

Example 2.3. For $0 < s < 1$, let

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(z) &= \frac{1}{1-(1-s)z}, \\ \varphi(z) &= \frac{sz}{1-(1-s)z}, \\ \tau(z) &= \frac{sz+1-s}{sz(1-s)+1-s+s^2}, \\ \sigma(z) &= sz+1-s,\end{aligned}$$

and $\eta(z) = \frac{s}{sz(1-s)+1-s+s^2}$ (see Example 3.6 of [10]). From [10], we have $C_\sigma = (T_\psi C_\varphi)^*$ and $C_\sigma = T_\eta C_\tau T_\psi C_\varphi$. Let $A = (T_\eta C_\tau)^*$. Then, $W_{\psi,\varphi}^* = (T_\psi C_\varphi)^* = C_\sigma = T_\eta C_\tau T_\psi C_\varphi = A^*W_{\psi,\varphi}$. Hence by Proposition 2.1, it follows that $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is posinormal on H^2 .

Now we expand on Sadraoui's example to construct weights f so that $W_{f\psi,\varphi}$ is posinormal on H^2 .

Theorem 2.4. *Suppose $\varphi(z)$, $\psi(z)$, $\tau(z)$, $\sigma(z)$, and $\eta(z)$ are as in Example 2.3. Let f be such that $f, \frac{1}{f} \in H^\infty$. Suppose further that there exist $g \in H^\infty$ such that $g \circ \sigma = f$. Then $W_{f\psi,\varphi}$ is posinormal on H^2 .*

Proof. Suppose $\psi(z) = \frac{1}{1-(1-s)z}$, $\varphi(z) = \frac{sz}{1-(1-s)z}$, $\tau(z) = \frac{sz+1-s}{sz(1-s)+1-s+s^2}$, $\sigma(z) = sz + 1 - s$, and $\eta(z) = \frac{s}{sz(1-s)+1-s+s^2}$. If $A = (T_\eta C_\tau T_g^* T_{\frac{1}{f}})^*$, then $A^* W_{f\psi,\varphi} = T_\eta C_\tau T_g^* T_{\frac{1}{f}} T_f T_\psi C_\varphi$. Since $g \circ \sigma = f$ and $C_\sigma^* = (T_\psi C_\varphi)$, it follows that $A^* W_{f\psi,\varphi} = C_\sigma T_f^* = (T_f C_\sigma^*)^* = W_{f\psi,\varphi}^*$. Therefore, $W_{f\psi,\varphi}$ is posinormal by Proposition 2.1. \square

Example 2.5. Let $\varphi(z)$, $\psi(z)$, $\tau(z)$, $\sigma(z)$, and $\eta(z)$ are as in Example 2.3 with $s = \frac{1}{2}$. Take $f(z) = \frac{1}{z+2}$ and $g(z) = \frac{1}{2z+1}$. Then $W_{f\psi,\varphi}$ is posinormal. The inequality $\|f(z)\| \geq \|g(z)\|$ not true for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and so $W_{f\psi,\varphi}$ is not hyponormal by [10, Theorem 3.7].

Let φ be an analytic self-map of \mathbb{D} and $\psi = K_a$ for some $a \in \mathbb{D}$. If $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is hyponormal, then $|\varphi(0)| \leq |a|$ (see, [9, Proposition 3.4.]). Now we prove the following result in a similar manner for posinormal operator $W_{\psi,\varphi}$.

Theorem 2.6. *Let φ be an analytic self-map of \mathbb{D} and $\psi = K_{z_0}$ for some $z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$. If $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is posinormal, then $\lambda^2 - \lambda^2|\varphi(0)|^2 + |z_0|^2 - 1 \geq 0$ for some $\lambda \geq 0$.*

Proof. Suppose $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is posinormal. Since $K_0 \equiv 1$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1 - |\varphi(0)|^2} &= \langle \overline{\psi(0)} K_{\varphi(0)}, \overline{\psi(0)} K_{\varphi(0)} \rangle \\ &= \langle W_{\psi,\varphi} W_{\psi,\varphi}^* K_0, K_0 \rangle \\ &\leq \lambda^2 \langle W_{\psi,\varphi}^* W_{\psi,\varphi} K_0, K_0 \rangle \\ &= \lambda^2 \langle \psi, \psi \rangle \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2}{1 - |z_0|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

The following result is immediate.

Corollary 2.7. *Let φ be an analytic self-map of \mathbb{D} and $\psi = K_{z_0}$ for some $z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$. If $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is coposinormal, then $\lambda^2 - \lambda^2|z_0|^2 + |\varphi(0)|^2 - 1 \geq 0$ for some $\lambda \geq 0$.*

Let φ be a nonconstant analytic function on \mathbb{D} such that $\varphi(\mathbb{D}) \subset \mathbb{D}$ and let $\psi \in H^\infty$ be not identically zero on \mathbb{D} . If $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is cohyponormal on H^2 , then ψ never vanishes on \mathbb{D} and also φ is univalent (see [6]). Now we will prove similar result for coposinormal operators by the method of [1, Proposition 3],[6].

Lemma 2.8. *Let φ be a nonconstant analytic function on \mathbb{D} such that $\varphi(\mathbb{D}) \subset \mathbb{D}$ and let $\psi \in H^\infty$ be not identically zero on \mathbb{D} . If $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is coposinormal on H^2 , then ψ never vanishes on \mathbb{D} .*

Proof. Suppose that $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is coposinormal. Then from [14], we have $\ker(W_{\psi,\varphi}^*) \subseteq \ker(W_{\psi,\varphi})$. If $f \in \ker(W_{\psi,\varphi})$, then $\psi \cdot f \circ \varphi \equiv 0$ on \mathbb{D} . Since ψ is not identically zero on \mathbb{D} and φ is nonconstant analytic function on \mathbb{D} , by the open mapping theorem, we have $f \equiv 0$ on \mathbb{D} . Thus, $\ker(W_{\psi,\varphi}) = \{0\}$. Since $\ker(W_{\psi,\varphi}^*) \subseteq \ker(W_{\psi,\varphi}) = \{0\}$ and $\ker(M_\psi^*) \subseteq \ker(W_{\psi,\varphi}^*)$, we have

$$\ker(M_\psi^*) = \{0\}.$$

Therefore by [2, Theorem 2.19] and [2, Corollary 2.10], $\overline{R(M_\psi)} = H^2$. Hence it follows that ψ is cyclic on H^2 and hence ψ is an outer function by [12, Corollary 1.5]. In particular, ψ never vanishes on \mathbb{D} . \square

Theorem 2.9. *Let φ be a nonconstant analytic function on \mathbb{D} such that $\varphi(\mathbb{D}) \subset \mathbb{D}$ and let $\psi \in H^\infty$ be not identically zero on \mathbb{D} . If $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is coposinormal on H^2 , then φ is univalent.*

Proof. Suppose that $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is coposinormal. Assume that there are distinct points z_1 and z_2 in \mathbb{D} such that $\varphi(z_1) = \varphi(z_2)$. From Lemma 2.8, we obtain that $\psi(z_1) \neq 0$ and $\psi(z_2) \neq 0$. Set $h = \frac{K_{z_1}}{\psi(z_1)} - \frac{K_{z_2}}{\psi(z_2)}$. Then h is a nonzero vector on $H^2(\mathbb{D})$. By equation (1), we obtain that $W_{\psi,\varphi}^* h \equiv 0$. Since $W_{\psi,\varphi}^*$ is posinormal on $H^2(\mathbb{D})$, it holds $W_{\psi,\varphi} h = 0$. That is $\psi(z)h(\varphi(z)) = 0$ for each $z \in \mathbb{D}$. Since ψ never vanish on \mathbb{D} and since φ is nonconstant analytic function on \mathbb{D} such that $\varphi(\mathbb{D}) \subset \mathbb{D}$, by the open mapping theorem $h \equiv 0$ on \mathbb{D} , which is a contradiction. This completes the proof. \square

Cowen, Jung, and Ko[6] has been studied cyclic and commutant of cohyponormal weighted composition operators. Now we extend these results to coposinormal weighted composition operators by the method of [6].

Theorem 2.10. *Let φ be a nonconstant analytic function on \mathbb{D} such that $\varphi(\mathbb{D}) \subset \mathbb{D}$, not an elliptic automorphism of \mathbb{D} , with $\varphi(w) = w$ for some $w \in \mathbb{D}$, and let $\psi \in H^\infty \setminus \{0\}$. If $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is coposinormal on $H^2(\mathbb{D})$, then $W_{\psi,\varphi}^*$ is cyclic.*

Proof. Let $f \in H^2$ such that $f \perp \bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} (W_{\psi,\varphi}^*)^n K_{z_0}$ for an arbitrary point $z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$ not equal to w . By [20, Lemma 1] and [19, Section 5.2, Proposition 1], notice that the sequence $\{\varphi_n(z_0)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ consists of points in \mathbb{D} which converges to w . We have

$$0 = \langle f, (W_{\psi,\varphi}^*)^n K_{z_0} \rangle = \langle (W_{\psi,\varphi})^n f, K_{z_0} \rangle.$$

Since the equality $W_{\psi,\varphi}^n = W_{\psi,(\psi \circ \varphi) \circ (\psi \circ \varphi^2) \circ \dots \circ (\psi \circ \varphi_{n-1}), \varphi_n}$ holds for any positive integer n , the following equality

$$\psi(z_0)\psi(\varphi(z_0))\psi(\varphi^2(z_0))\dots\psi(\varphi_{n-1}(z_0))f(\varphi_n(z_0)) = 0$$

holds for any positive integer n . Since $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is coposinormal, ψ never vanishes on \mathbb{D} by Lemma 2.8. Hence we have $f(\varphi_n(z_0)) = 0$ for any positive integer n . Then by identity theorem we have $f \equiv 0$ and so $H^2 = \bigvee_{n=0}^{\infty} (W_{\psi,\varphi}^*)^n K_{z_0}$. This completes the proof. \square

Set of all operators which commute with a fixed operator T forms a weakly closed algebra which is called the commutant of T . Commutant of $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ is denoted by $\{T\}'$. Next we study the commutant of a coposinormal weighted composition operators.

Theorem 2.11. *Let φ be a nonconstant analytic function on \mathbb{D} such that $\varphi(\mathbb{D}) \subset \mathbb{D}$ with the Denjoy-Wolff point $w \in \mathbb{D}$ and let $\psi \in H^\infty$ be not identically zero on \mathbb{D} . Suppose that $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is coposinormal on $H^2(\mathbb{D})$. If ϕ is an analytic self map of \mathbb{D} and $\tau \in H^\infty$ such that $\tau(w) \neq 0$ and $W_{\tau,\phi} \in \{W_{\psi,\varphi}\}'$, then w is a fixed point of ϕ .*

Proof. Suppose that $W_{\tau,\phi} \in \{W_{\psi,\varphi}\}'$. From the equalities $W_{\tau,\phi}^* W_{\psi,\varphi}^* K_w = \overline{\psi(w)\tau(\varphi(w))} K_{\phi(\varphi(w))}$ and $W_{\psi,\varphi}^* W_{\tau,\phi}^* K_w = \overline{\tau(w)\psi(\phi(w))} K_{\varphi(\phi(w))}$, it

follows that

$$\overline{\psi(w)\tau(\varphi(w))}K_{\phi(\varphi(w))} = \overline{\tau(w)\psi(\phi(w))}K_{\phi(\phi(w))}.$$

Since $\varphi(w) = w$ and $\tau(w) \neq 0$ for $w \in \mathbb{D}$, we obtain that

$$\overline{\psi(w)}K_{\phi(w)} = \overline{\psi(\phi(w))}K_{\phi(\phi(w))}.$$

Thus, for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$, we have

$$\overline{\psi(w)} - \overline{\psi(w)\varphi(\phi(w))}z = \overline{\psi(\phi(w))} - \overline{\psi(\phi(w))\phi(w)}z.$$

Thus, $\psi(w) = \psi(\phi(w))$ and $\psi(w)\varphi(\phi(w)) = \psi(\phi(w))\varphi(\phi(w))$. From these equalities, we have $\psi(w)\varphi(\phi(w)) = \psi(w)\phi(w)$. Since $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is coposinormal on $H^2(\mathbb{D})$, ψ never vanishes on \mathbb{D} by Lemma 2.8. Hence, $\varphi(\phi(w)) = \phi(w) \in \mathbb{D}$. Now the iterates φ_n converges uniformly to w and φ_n converges uniformly to $\phi(w)$ by the Denjoy-Wolff Theorem and hence w is a fixed point of ϕ . \square

Corollary 2.12. *Let φ be a nonconstant analytic function on \mathbb{D} such that $\varphi(\mathbb{D}) \subset \mathbb{D}$ with the Denjoy Wolff point $w \in D$ and let $\psi \in H^\infty$ be not identically zero on D . Suppose that $W_{\psi,\varphi}$ is coposinormal on $H^2(\mathbb{D})$. If ϕ is an analytic self map of \mathbb{D} and $\tau \in H^\infty$ such that $\tau(z) \neq 0$ and $W_{\tau,\phi} \in \{W_{\psi,\varphi}\}'$, then $\{f \in H^2 : f(w) = 0\}$ is an invariant subspace for $W_{\tau,\phi}$.*

Proof. From Theorem 2.11, we have $\phi(w) = w$. Thus for all $f \in H^2$, $(W_{\tau,\phi}f)(w) = \tau(w)f(w)$. Hence, $\{f \in H^2 : f(w) = 0\}$ is a invariant subspace for $W_{\tau,\phi}$. \square

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