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Product of Extended Cesàro Operator and Composition Operator from Lipschitz Space to F(p,q,s) **Space on the Unit Ball**

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This paper characterizes the boundedness and compactness of the product of extended Cesàro operator and composition operator from Lipschitz space to F(p,q,s) space on the unit ball of \mathbb{C}^n .

1. Introduction

Let \mathbb{B} be the unit ball in the *n*-dimensional complex space \mathbb{C}^n , the closure of \mathbb{B} will be written as $\overline{\mathbb{B}}$. By dv we denote the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{B} normalized so that $v(\mathbb{B}) = 1$ and by $d\sigma$ the normalized rotation invariant measure on the boundary $S = \partial \mathbb{B}$ of \mathbb{B} . Let $H(\mathbb{B})$ be the class of all holomorphic functions on \mathbb{B} and $S(\mathbb{B})$ the collection of all the holomorphic selfmappings of \mathbb{B} . Denote by $A(\mathbb{B})$ the unit ball algebra of all continuous functions on \mathbb{B} that are holomorphic on \mathbb{B} .

For $f \in H(\mathbb{B})$, let

$$\Re f(z) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} z_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_j}(z)$$
(1.1)

be the radial derivative of f.

We recall that the α -Bloch space \mathcal{B}^{α} for $\alpha \geq 0$ consists of all $f \in H(\mathbb{B})$ such that

$$\mathcal{B}_{\alpha}(f) = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{B}} \left(1 - |z|^2 \right)^{\alpha} \left| \Re f(z) \right| < \infty.$$
(1.2)

The expression $\mathcal{B}_{\alpha}(f)$ defines a seminorm while the natural norm is given by $||f||_{\mathcal{B}^{\alpha}} = |f(0)| + \mathcal{B}_{\alpha}(f)$. This norm makes \mathcal{B}^{α} into a Banach space. When $\alpha = 1$, $\mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{B}$ is the well known Bloch space.

For $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B})$ denotes the holomorphic Lipschitz space of order α which is the set of all $f \in H(\mathbb{B})$ such that, for some C > 0,

$$\left|f(z) - f(w)\right| \le C|z - w|^{\alpha} \tag{1.3}$$

for every $z, w \in \mathbb{B}$. It is clear that each space $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B})$ contains the polynomials and is contained in the ball algebra $A(\mathbb{B})$. It is well known that $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B})$ is endowed with a complete norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}}$ that is given by

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}} = |f(0)| + \sup_{z \neq w; z, w \in \mathbb{B}} \left\{ \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|}{|z - w|^{\alpha}} \right\}.$$
 (1.4)

See [1, 2] for more information of the Lipschitz spaces on \mathbb{B} .

For $a \in \mathbb{B}$, let $g(z, a) = \log |\varphi_a(z)|^{-1}$ be Green's function on \mathbb{B} with logarithmic singularity at a, where φ_a is the Möbius transformation of \mathbb{B} with $\varphi_a(0) = a$, $\varphi_a(a) = 0$, and $\varphi_a = \varphi_a^{-1}$.

Let $0 < p, s < \infty, -n - 1 < q < \infty$, a function $f \in H(\mathbb{B})$ is said to belong to F(p, q, s) if (see, e.g., [3–5])

$$\|f\|_{F(p,q,s)}^{p} = |f(0)|^{p} + \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} |\Re f(z)|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{q} g^{s}(z,a) d\upsilon(z) < \infty.$$
(1.5)

If *X* is a Banach space of holomorphic functions on a domain Ω and if φ is a (holomorphic) self-map of Ω , the composition operator of symbol φ is defined by $C_{\varphi}(f) = f \circ \varphi$. The study of composition operators consists in the comparison of the properties of the operator C_{φ} with that of the function φ itself, which is called the symbol of C_{φ} . One can characterize boundedness and compactness of C_{φ} and many other properties. We refer to the books in [6, 7] and to some recent papers in [4, 5, 8] to learn much more on this subject.

Let $h \in H(\mathbb{B})$, the following integral-type operator was first introduced in [9]

$$T_h f(z) = \int_0^1 f(tz) \Re h(tz) \frac{dt}{t}, \quad f \in H(\mathbb{B}), \ z \in \mathbb{B}.$$
 (1.6)

This operator is called generalized Cesàro operator. It has been well studied in many papers, see, for example, [3, 9–24] as well as the related references therein.

It is natural to discuss the product of extended Cesàro operator and composition operator. For $h \in H(\mathbb{B})$ and $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{B})$, the product can be expressed as

$$T_h C_{\varphi} f(z) = \int_0^1 f(\varphi(tz)) \Re h(tz) \frac{dt}{t}, \quad f \in H(\mathbb{B}), \ z \in \mathbb{B}.$$
 (1.7)

It is interesting to characterize the boundedness and compactness of the product operator on all kinds of function spaces. Even on the disk of \mathbb{C} , some properties are not easily managed; see some recent papers in [18, 25–28].

Building on those foundations, the present paper continues this line of research and discusses the operator in high dimension. The remainder is assembled as follows: in Section 2, we state a couple of lemmas. In Section 3, we characterize the boundedness and compactness of the product $T_h C_{\varphi}$ of extended Cesàro operator and composition operator from Lipschitz spaces to F(p, q, s) spaces on the unit ball of \mathbb{C}^n .

Throughout the remainder of this paper, *C* will denote a positive constant, the exact value of which will vary from one appearance to the next. The notation $A \approx B$ means that there is a positive constant *C* such that $B/C \leq A \leq CB$.

2. Some Lemmas

To begin the discussion, let us state a couple of lemmas, which are used in the proofs of the main results.

Lemma 2.1. *Suppose that* $f, h \in H(\mathbb{B})$ *. Then,*

$$\Re[T_h C_{\varphi}(f)](z) = f(\varphi(z)) \Re h(z).$$
(2.1)

Proof. The proof of this Lemma follows by standard arguments (see, e.g., [9, 29, 30]).

Lemma 2.2 (see [2, 31]). If $0 < \alpha < 1$, then $\mathcal{B}^{1-\alpha} = \mathcal{L}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B})$; furthermore,

$$\left\|f\right\|_{B^{1-\alpha}} \asymp \left\|f\right\|_{\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}} \tag{2.2}$$

as f varies through $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B})$.

The following criterion for compactness follows from standard arguments similar to the corresponding lemma in [6]. Hence, we omit the details.

Lemma 2.3. Assume that $h \in H(\mathbb{B})$ and $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{B})$. Suppose that X or Y is one of the following spaces $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B})$, F(p,q,s). Then, $T_hC_{\varphi}: X \to Y$ is compact if and only if $T_hC_{\varphi}: X \to Y$ is bounded, and for any bounded sequence $\{f_k\}_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$ in X which converges to zero uniformly on compact subsets of \mathbb{B} as $k \to \infty$, one has $\|T_hC_{\varphi}f_k\|_Y \to 0$ as $k \to \infty$.

Lemma 2.4 (see [4, 5]). If $f \in \mathcal{B}^{\alpha}$, then

$$|f(z)| \le C ||f||_{B^{\alpha}}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1,$$
(2.3)

$$|f(z)| \le C ||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \ln \frac{e}{1-|z|^2}, \quad \alpha = 1,$$
 (2.3')

$$|f(z)| \le C \frac{\|f\|_{B^{\alpha}}}{\left(1 - |z|^2\right)^{\alpha - 1}}, \qquad \alpha > 1.$$
 (2.3")

The next lemma was obtained in [32].

Lemma 2.5. If a > 0, b > 0, then the elementary inequality holds

$$(a+b)^{p} \leq \begin{cases} a^{p} + b^{p}, & 0 (2.4)$$

It is obvious that Lemma 2.5 holds for the sum of finite number *k*, that is,

$$(a_1 + \dots + a_k)^p \le C\left(a_1^p + \dots + a_k^p\right),\tag{2.5}$$

where $a_1, \ldots, a_k > 0$ and *C* is a positive constant.

Lemma 2.6 (see [4, 5]). For 0 < p, $s < +\infty$, $-n - 1 < q < +\infty$, q + s > -1, there exists C > 0 such that

$$\sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}}\int_{\mathbb{B}}\frac{\left(1-|w|^{2}\right)^{p}}{\left|1-\langle z,w\rangle\right|^{n+1+q+p}}\left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{q}g^{s}(z,a)d\nu(z)\leq C$$
(2.6)

for every $\omega \in \mathbb{B}$.

Lemma 2.7 (see [4]). There is a constant C > 0 so that, for all t > -1 and $z \in \mathbb{B}$, one has

$$\int_{\mathbb{B}} \left| \ln \frac{1}{1 - \langle z, w \rangle} \right|^2 \frac{\left(1 - |w|^2 \right)^t}{\left| 1 - \langle z, w \rangle \right|^{n+1+t}} d\nu(z) \le C \left(\ln \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \right)^2.$$
(2.7)

Lemma 2.8 (see [4,5]). Suppose that $0 < p, s < \infty, -n-1 < q < \infty$, and q+s > -1. If $f \in F(p,q,s)$, then $f \in \mathcal{B}^{(n+1+q)/p}$, and $||f||_{\mathcal{B}^{(n+1+q)/p}} \leq C ||f||_{F(p,q,s)}$.

Lemma 2.9. Let $\{f_k\}_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$ be a bounded sequence in F(p,q,s) which converges to zero uniformly on compact subsets of the unit ball \mathbb{B} , where (n + 1 + q)/p < 1. Then, $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sup_{z\in\mathbb{B}} |f_k(z)| = 0$.

Proof. It follows from Lemma 2.8 that $F(p, q, s) \subseteq \mathcal{B}^{(n+1+q)/p}$ and $||f||_{\mathcal{B}^{(n+1+q)/p}} \leq C ||f||_{F(p,q,s)}$ for any $f \in F(p, q, s)$. So, when (n + 1 + q)/p < 1, the proof of this lemma is similar to that of Lemma 3.6 of [33], hence the proof is omitted.

3. The Boundedness and Compactness of the Operator $T_hC_{\varphi} : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}) \to F(p,q,s)$

Theorem 3.1. Assume that $\alpha \in (0,1)$, 0 < p, $s < \infty$, $-n - 1 < q < \infty$, q + s > -1, $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{B})$, and $h \in H(\mathbb{B})$. Then, $T_hC_{\varphi} : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$ is bounded if and only if $h \in F(p,q,s)$.

Proof. Assume that $h \in F(p, q, s)$. Since $0 < 1 - \alpha < 1$, by Lemmas 2.2 and 2.4, for any $f \in \mathcal{L}_{\alpha}$, we have

$$|f(z)| \le C ||f||_{\mathcal{B}^{1-\alpha}} \le C ||f||_{\mathcal{L}_{\epsilon}}.$$
 (3.1)

Since $|T_h C_{\varphi} f(0)| = 0$, by using Lemma 2.1 and relations (2.3) and (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\|T_{h}C_{\varphi}f\right\|_{F\left(p,q,s\right)}^{p} &= \sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}}\int_{\mathbb{B}}\left|f\left(\varphi(z)\right)\Re h(z)\right|^{p}\left(1-\left|z\right|^{2}\right)^{q}g^{s}(z,a)d\nu(z) \\ &\leq C\sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}}\int_{\mathbb{B}}\left|\Re h(z)\right|^{p}\left(1-\left|z\right|^{2}\right)^{q}g^{s}(z,a)d\nu(z)\left\|f\right\|_{B^{1-\alpha}}^{p} \\ &\leq C\|h\|_{F\left(p,q,s\right)}^{p}\left\|f\right\|_{\mathcal{L}^{\alpha}}^{p} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.2)$$

Thus $T_h C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$ is bounded.

Conversely, suppose that $T_hC_{\varphi} : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$ is bounded. Taking the function $f(z) = 1 \in \mathcal{L}_{\alpha}$, then

$$\|T_{h}C_{\varphi}f\|_{F(p,q,s)}^{p} = |T_{h}C_{\varphi}f(0)|^{p} + \sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}}\int_{\mathbb{B}}|\Re(T_{h}C_{\varphi}f)(z)|^{p}(1-|z|^{2})^{q}g^{s}(z,a)d\nu(z)$$

$$= \sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}}\int_{\mathbb{B}}|f(\varphi(z))\Re h(z)|^{p}(1-|z|^{2})^{q}g^{s}(z,a)d\nu(z)$$

$$= \sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}}\int_{\mathbb{B}}|\Re h(z)|^{p}(1-|z|^{2})^{q}g^{s}(z,a)d\nu(z) = \|h\|_{F(p,q,s)}^{p}.$$

(3.3)

From which, the boundedness of T_hC_{φ} implies that $h \in F(p, q, s)$. This completes the proof of this theorem.

Next, we characterize the compactness of $T_h C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$.

Theorem 3.2. Assume that $\alpha \in (0,1)$, 0 < p, $s < \infty$, $-n - 1 < q < \infty$, q + s > -1, $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{B})$, and $h \in H(\mathbb{B})$. Then, $T_hC_{\varphi} : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$ is compact if and only if $T_hC_{\varphi} : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$ is bounded, and

$$\lim_{r \to 1} \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\{|\varphi(z)| > r\}} |\Re h(z)|^p \left(1 - |z|^2\right)^q g^s(z, a) d\nu(z) = 0.$$
(3.4)

Proof. Assume that $T_hC_{\varphi} : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$ is bounded and (3.4) holds. It follows from Theorem 3.1 that $h \in F(p,q,s)$.

Now, let $\{f_j\}_{j\in N}$ be a bounded sequence of functions in \mathcal{L}_{α} such that $f_j \to 0$ uniformly on the compact subsets of \mathbb{B} as $j \to \infty$. Suppose that $\sup_{j\in N} ||f_j||_{\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}} \leq L$. It follows from (3.4) that, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $r_0 \in (0, 1)$ such that, for every $r_0 < r < 1$,

$$\sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}}\int_{\{|\varphi(z)|>r\}}|\Re h(z)|^p \left(1-|z|^2\right)^q g^s(z,a)d\nu(z)<\varepsilon.$$
(3.5)

Set $r_0 < r < 1$, then

$$\begin{split} \|T_{h}C_{\varphi}f_{j}\|_{F(p,q,s)}^{p} &= \sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \left|f_{j}(\varphi(z))\right|^{p} |\Re h(z)|^{p} \left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{q} g^{s}(z,a) d\nu(z) \\ &\leq \sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}} \int_{\{|\varphi(z)|\leq r\}} \left|f_{j}(\varphi(z))\right|^{p} |\Re h(z)|^{p} \left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{q} g^{s}(z,a) d\nu(z) \\ &+ \sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}} \int_{\{|\varphi(z)|>r\}} \left|f_{j}(\varphi(z))\right|^{p} |\Re h(z)|^{p} \left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{q} g^{s}(z,a) d\nu(z) \\ &= I_{1}+I_{2}, \end{split}$$
(3.6)

where

$$I_{1} := \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\{|\varphi(z)| \le r\}} |f_{j}(\varphi(z))|^{p} |\Re h(z)|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{q} g^{s}(z, a) d\nu(z),$$

$$I_{2} := \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\{|\varphi(z)| > r\}} |f_{j}(\varphi(z))|^{p} |\Re h(z)|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{q} g^{s}(z, a) d\nu(z).$$
(3.7)

Let $K = \{w : |w| \le r\}$, then K is a compact subset of \mathbb{B} . Since $f_j \to 0$ uniformly on compact subsets of \mathbb{B} as $j \to \infty$ and $h \in F(p, q, s)$, we get

$$I_{1} \leq \sup_{w \in K} |f_{j}(w)|^{p} \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\{|\varphi(z)| \leq r\}} |\Re h(z)|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{q} g^{s}(z, a) d\nu(z)$$

$$\leq \|h\|_{F(p,q,s)}^{p} \sup_{w \in K} |f_{j}(w)|^{p} \leq C \sup_{w \in K} |f_{j}(w)|^{p} \longrightarrow 0, \quad j \longrightarrow \infty.$$

$$(3.8)$$

On the other hand, by (3.5) and Lemmas 2.2 and 2.4, it follows that

$$I_{2} \leq C \|f_{j}\|_{\mathcal{B}^{1-\alpha}}^{p} \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\{|\varphi(z)| > r\}} |\Re h(z)|^{p} \left(1 - |z|^{2}\right)^{q} g^{s}(z, a) d\nu(z)$$

$$\leq C \|f_{j}\|_{\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}}^{p} \varepsilon \leq C L^{p} \varepsilon.$$
(3.9)

Since ε is arbitrary, from the above inequalities, we get

$$\lim_{j \to \infty} \|T_h C_{\varphi} f_j\|_{F(p,q,s)} = 0.$$
(3.10)

Hence, by (3.10) and Lemma 2.3, we conclude that $T_hC_{\varphi} : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$ is compact. For the converse direction, we suppose that $T_hC_{\varphi} : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$ is compact. It is obvious that $T_h C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$ is bounded.

Now, we prove (3.4). Setting the test functions $f_l^{(m)}(z) = z_l^m$ for fixed $l \in \{1, ..., n\}$, where $z = (z_1, ..., z_n)$ and m = 1, 2, ... It is easy to check that $||f_l^{(m)}||_{\mathcal{L}_a} \leq C$, and $f_l^{(m)} \to 0$

uniformly on the compact subsets of \mathbb{B} as $m \to \infty$. Write $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$, since $T_h C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p, q, s)$ is compact, by Lemma 2.3, it follows that, as $m \to \infty$,

$$\left\|T_{h}C_{\varphi}f_{l}^{(m)}\right\|_{F(p,q,s)}^{p} = \sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}}\int_{\mathbb{B}}\left|\varphi_{l}(z)\right|^{mp}|\Re h(z)|^{p}\left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{q}g^{s}(z,a)d\nu(z)\longrightarrow 0.$$
(3.11)

Note that $|\varphi(z)|^2 = |\varphi_1(z)|^2 + \dots + |\varphi_n(z)|^2 \le (|\varphi_1(z)| + \dots + |\varphi_n(z)|)^2$; by the relation (3.11) and Lemma 2.5, we have

$$\sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}}\int_{\mathbb{B}}\left|\varphi(z)\right|^{mp}|\Re h(z)|^{p}\left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{q}g^{s}(z,a)d\nu(z)$$

$$\leq \sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}}\int_{\mathbb{B}}\left(\sum_{l=1}^{n}|\varphi_{l}(z)|\right)^{mp}|\Re h(z)|^{p}\left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{q}g^{s}(z,a)d\nu(z)$$

$$\leq C\sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}}\int_{\mathbb{B}}\left(\sum_{l=1}^{n}|\varphi_{l}(z)|^{mp}\right)|\Re h(z)|^{p}\left(1-|z|^{2}\right)^{q}g^{s}(z,a)d\nu(z)\longrightarrow 0, \quad m\longrightarrow \infty.$$
(3.12)

This means that, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there is $m_0 \in N$ such that, for every $r \in (0, 1)$,

$$r^{m_{0}p} \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\{|\varphi(z)| > r\}} |\Re h(z)|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{q} g^{s}(z, a) d\nu(z)$$

$$= \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\{|\varphi(z)| > r\}} r^{m_{0}p} |\Re h(z)|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{q} g^{s}(z, a) d\nu(z)$$

$$\leq \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\{|\varphi(z)| > r\}} |\varphi(z)|^{m_{0}p} |\Re h(z)|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{q} g^{s}(z, a) d\nu(z)$$

$$\leq \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} |\varphi(z)|^{m_{0}p} |\Re h(z)|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{q} g^{s}(z, a) d\nu(z)$$

$$\leq \varepsilon.$$
(3.13)

Thus, when $r > 2^{-(1/m_0p)}$, by the above inequality, we obtain

$$\sup_{a\in\mathbb{B}}\int_{\{|\varphi(z)|>r\}}|\Re h(z)|^p \left(1-|z|^2\right)^q g^s(z,a)d\nu(z)<2\varepsilon.$$
(3.14)

From which, the desired result (3.4) holds. This completes the proof of this theorem.

Remark 3.3. When $\varphi(z) = z$, the product of extended Cesàro operator T_hC_{φ} is the generalized extended Cesàro operator T_h ; thus, by Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, we have the following two corollaries.

Corollary 3.4. Assume that $\alpha \in (0,1)$, 0 < p, $s < \infty$, $-n - 1 < q < \infty$, q + s > -1, and $h \in H(\mathbb{B})$. Then, $T_h : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$ is bounded if and only if $h \in F(p,q,s)$. **Corollary 3.5.** Assume that $\alpha \in (0,1)$, 0 < p, $s < \infty$, $-n - 1 < q < \infty$, q + s > -1, and $h \in H(\mathbb{B})$. Then, $T_h : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$ is compact if and only if $T_h : \mathcal{L}_{\alpha} \to F(p,q,s)$ is bounded, and

$$\lim_{r \to 1} \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{|z| > r} |\Re h(z)|^p \left(1 - |z|^2 \right)^q g^s(z, a) = 0.$$
(3.15)

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