

## WEIGHTED COMPOSITION OPERATORS AND DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS ON WEIGHTED SPACES OF HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS ON BANACH SPACES

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ABSTRACT. Let  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$  be the open unit balls of the Banach Spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be two countable families of weights on  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$ , respectively. Let  $HV(B_X)$  (or  $HV_0(B_X)$ ) and  $HW(B_Y)$  (or  $HW_0(B_Y)$ ) be the weighted Fréchet spaces of holomorphic functions. In this paper, we investigate the holomorphic mappings  $\phi : B_X \rightarrow B_Y$  and  $\psi : B_X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  which characterize continuous weighted composition operators between the spaces  $HV(B_X)$  (or  $HV_0(B_X)$ ) and  $HW(B_Y)$  (or  $HW_0(B_Y)$ ). Also, we obtained a (linear) dynamical system induced by multiplication operators on these weighted spaces.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Weighted composition operators have been appearing in a natural way on different spaces of analytic functions. For example, it is well known that isometries on most of the spaces of analytic functions are described as weighted composition operators. For details on isometries and weighted composition operators, we refer to the monographs of Fleming and Jamison (see [11, 12]). In recent years, the theory of weighted composition operators on different spaces of analytic functions is gaining more importance as it includes two nice classes of operators such as composition operators and multiplication operators. A detailed account of composition operators can be found in three monographs (see Cowen and MacCluer [10], Shapiro [21] and Singh and Manhas [22]).

In the last few years many authors are engaged in studying the behaviour of these operators between the weighted spaces of holomorphic functions  $H_v(B)$

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whenever  $B$  is the unit disk of  $\mathbb{C}$  or, more in general, an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}^N$ . We refer to [3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 13, 23] for more information on composition operators on these weighted spaces. Also, Contreras and Hernández-Díaz [9], Montes-Rodríguez [18] and Manhas [17] has made a study of weighted composition operators on weighted spaces of analytic functions. Recently, García, Maestre and Sevilla-Peris [15, 16] have explored a study of composition operators on the weighted spaces  $H_v(B_X)$  and  $HV(B_X)$  where  $B_X$  is the open unit ball of a Banach space  $X$ . In this paper, strongly inspired by the work of García, Maestre and Sevilla-Peris [15, 16], we study weighted composition operators between the weighted spaces  $H_v(B_X)$  and  $H_w(B_Y)$  and between the spaces  $H_{v_0}(B_X)$  and  $H_{w_0}(B_Y)$ . Also, we characterize weighted composition operators between the weighted Fréchet spaces  $HV(B_X)$  and  $HW(B_Y)$  and between the spaces  $HV_0(B_X)$  and  $HW_0(B_Y)$ , where  $V$  and  $W$  are two countable families of weights on  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$ , respectively.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $X$  be a complex Banach space and let  $U_X$  be a balanced open subset of  $X$ . By a weight we mean an upper semicontinuous function  $v : U_X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ . A set of weights  $V$  is called a Nachbin family if for every  $v_1, v_2 \in V$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , there exists  $v \in V$  such that  $\lambda v_1 \leq v$  and  $\lambda v_2 \leq v$  on  $U_X$ . In what follows  $V$  denotes a Nachbin family of continuous weight functions such that for every  $x \in U_X$ , there exists  $v \in V$  for which  $v(x) > 0$ . A subset  $B \subseteq U_X$  is  $U_X$ -bounded if it is bounded and its distance to  $X \setminus U_X$  is greater than zero. A function  $f : U_X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is said to vanish at infinity outside  $U_X$ -bounded sets if for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $U_X$ -bounded set  $B$  such that  $f(x) < \epsilon$ , for every  $x \in U_X \setminus B$ . Let  $V$  and  $W$  be two Nachbin families of continuous weight functions on  $U_X$ . Then we say that  $V \leq W$  if for every  $v \in V$ , there exists  $w \in W$  such that  $v \leq w$ . Let  $H(U_X)$  be the space of all holomorphic functions  $f : U_X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

Now, the weighted spaces of holomorphic functions associated with  $V$  are defined as follows:

$$HV(U_X) = \left\{ f \in H(U_X) : \|f\|_v = \sup \{v(x) |f(x)| : x \in U_X\} < \infty, \right. \\ \left. \text{for every } v \in V \right\},$$

and

$$HV_0(U_X) = \left\{ f \in HV(U_X) : v|f| \text{ vanishes at infinity outside } \right. \\ \left. U_X\text{-bounded sets for every } v \in V \right\}.$$

Both spaces are endowed with the weighted topology  $\tau_V$  generated by the family  $\{\|\cdot\|_v : v \in V\}$  of seminorms. The family of closed absolutely convex neighbourhoods of the form

$$B_v = \{f \in HV(U_X) \text{ (resp. } HV_0(U_X)) : \|f\|_v \leq 1\}$$

is a basis of these spaces. It is observed that if  $X$  is a Banach space of finite dimension the elements  $B$  in the definition of  $HV_0(U_X)$  are considered to be compact, but any compact subset of an infinite-dimensional Banach space has empty interior, hence every  $f : U_X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  continuous on  $U_X$  and vanishing at

infinity outside compact subsets of  $U_X$  is identically zero. By  $H_b(U_X)$  we denote the subspace of  $H(U_X)$  of those functions which are bounded on  $U_X$ -bounded subsets of  $U_X$ . If  $V$  is a countable family of continuous weights, then  $HV(U_X)$  and  $HV_0(U_X)$  are weighted Fréchet spaces. If the family of continuous weights has a unique element  $V = \{v\}$  such that  $v(x) > 0$ , for all  $x \in U_X$ , then  $HV(U_X)$  and  $HV_0(U_X)$  endowed with  $\|\cdot\|_v$  are Banach spaces and are denoted by  $H_v(U_X)$  and  $H_{v_0}(U_X)$ , respectively. The space of bounded holomorphic functions is denoted by  $H^\infty(U_X)$ .

Following [14, Definition 1], we say that a family  $V$  of weights defined on  $U_X$  satisfies Condition-I if for each  $U_X$ -bounded subset  $B$  of  $U_X$ , there exists  $v \in V$  such that  $\inf \{v(x) : x \in B\} > 0$ . If  $V$  satisfies Condition-I, then  $HV(U_X) \subseteq H_b(U_X)$  ([14, Proposition 2]). Also, if  $V = \{v\}$  and  $U_X = B_X$ , the open unit ball of a Banach space  $X$ , then in this setting, a set  $A \subseteq B_X$  is said to be  $B_X$ -bounded if there exists  $0 < \gamma < 1$  such that  $A \subseteq \gamma B_X$ . Also, a weight  $v$  satisfies Condition-I if  $\inf \{v(x) : x \in \gamma B_X\} > 0$  for every  $0 < \gamma < 1$ . If  $X$  is finite dimensional, then all weights on  $B_X$  satisfy Condition-I. By  $B_v$  we denote the closed unit ball of  $H_v(B_X)$ . It is well-known that in  $H_v(B_X)$  the  $\tau_V$  (norm) topology is finer than the  $\tau_0$  (compact-open) topology ([19, Section 3]) and that  $B_v$  is  $\tau_0$ -compact ([19, p. 349]).

A weight  $v$  is said to be radial if  $v(\lambda x) = v(x)$  for every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\lambda| = 1$  and every  $x \in B_X$  ([1, 3]). Given any weight  $v$ , following [2], we consider an associated growth condition  $u : B_X \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  defined by  $u(x) = \frac{1}{v(x)}$ . With this new function we can rewrite

$$B_v = \{f \in H_v(B_X) : |f| \leq u\}.$$

From this,  $\tilde{u} : B_X \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  is defined by

$$\tilde{u}(x) = \sup \{|f(x)| : f \in B_v\}$$

and a new associated weight  $\tilde{v} = \frac{1}{\tilde{u}}$ . All these functions are defined by Bierstedt, Bonet and Taskinen for open subsets of  $\mathbb{C}^N$  in [2]. In ([2], Proposition 1.2) the following relations between weights for open sets in  $\mathbb{C}^N$  are proved. The same arguments work for the unit ball of a Banach space.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $v$  a weight defined on  $B_X$ . Then the following hold:*

- (i)  $0 < v \leq \tilde{v}$  and  $\tilde{v}$  is bounded and continuous i.e.,  $\tilde{v}$  is a weight.
- (ii)  $\tilde{u}$  (respectively  $\tilde{v}$ ) is radial and decreasing or increasing whenever  $u$  (respectively  $v$ ) is so.
- (iii)  $\|f\|_v \leq 1$  if and only if  $\|f\|_{\tilde{v}} \leq 1$ .
- (iv) For each  $x \in B_X$ , there exists  $f_x \in B_v$  such that  $f_x(x) = \frac{1}{\tilde{v}(x)}$ .

Also, we use the property of the associated weight:  $v(x) \leq \tilde{v}(x)$ , for every  $x \in B_X$ , the element  $\delta_x$ , the point evaluation functional of  $(H_v(B_X))^*$  defined

by  $\delta_x(f) = f(x)$ , for every  $f \in H_v(B_X)$  satisfies  $\|\delta_x\|_v = \frac{1}{\tilde{v}(x)}$ . A weight  $v$  is said to be essential if there exists  $c > 0$  such that  $v(x) \leq \tilde{v}(x) \leq cv(x)$ , for all  $x \in B_X$  [23]. For more details on weighted spaces of holomorphic functions defined on open subsets of  $\mathbb{C}^N$ , we refer to [1, 2]. Also, we refer to [14, 19] for more information on weighted spaces of holomorphic functions defined on the unit ball of a Banach space.

### 3. CHARACTERIZATIONS OF WEIGHTED COMPOSITION OPERATORS

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces. Let  $U_X$  and  $U_Y$  be balanced open subsets of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Let  $\phi : U_X \rightarrow U_Y$  and  $\psi : U_X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic mappings. Then the weighted composition operator  $W_{\phi,\psi} : (H(U_Y), \tau_0) \rightarrow (H(U_X), \tau_0)$ , defined by  $W_{\phi,\psi}f = \psi \cdot f \circ \phi$ , for every  $f \in H(U_Y)$ , is clearly linear and continuous with respect to the compact-open topology  $\tau_0$ . Now, we shall discuss the continuity of the weighted composition operators between the weighted spaces  $HV(U_X)$  and  $HW(U_Y)$  and between the spaces  $HV_0(U_X)$  and  $HW_0(U_Y)$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $V$  and  $W$  be Nachbin families of weights on  $U_X$  and  $U_Y$ , respectively. Let  $\phi : U_Y \rightarrow U_X$  and  $\psi : U_Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic mappings. Then  $W_{\phi,\psi} : HV(U_X) \rightarrow HW(U_Y)$  is continuous if  $W|\psi| \leq V \circ \phi$ .*

*Proof.* To show that  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is continuous, it is enough to show that  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is continuous at the origin. For, let  $w \in W$  and  $B_w$  be a neighbourhood of the origin in  $HW(U_Y)$ . Then by the given condition, there exists  $v \in V$  such that  $w|\psi| \leq v \circ \phi$ . That is,  $w(x)|\psi(x)| \leq v(\phi(x))$ , for every  $x \in U_Y$ . We claim that  $W_{\phi,\psi}(B_w) \subseteq B_w$ . Let  $f \in B_w$ . Then  $\|f\|_v \leq 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|W_{\phi,\psi}f\|_w &= \sup \{w(x)|\psi(x)||f(\phi(x))| : x \in U_Y\} \\ &\leq \sup \{v(\phi(x))|f(\phi(x))| : x \in U_Y\} \\ &\leq \sup \{v(y)|f(y)| : y \in U_X\} \\ &= \|f\|_v \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

This proves our claim and  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is continuous.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $V$  and  $W$  be Nachbin families of weights on  $U_X$  and  $U_Y$ , respectively such that  $V$  satisfies Condition-I. Let  $\phi : U_Y \rightarrow U_X$  and  $\psi : U_Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic mappings. Then  $W_{\phi,\psi} : HV_0(U_X) \rightarrow HW_0(U_Y)$  is continuous if*

- (i)  $W|\psi| \leq V \circ \phi$ ;
- (ii) for every  $w \in W, \epsilon > 0$  and  $U_X$ -bounded set  $A$ , the set  $\phi^{-1}(A) \cap F(w|\psi|, \epsilon)$  is  $U_Y$ -bounded, where  $F(w|\psi|, \epsilon) = \{y \in U_Y : w(y)|\psi(y)| \geq \epsilon\}$ .

*Proof.* According to Proposition 3.1, condition (i) implies that  $W_{\phi,\psi} : HV(U_X) \rightarrow HW(U_Y)$  is continuous. To show that  $W_{\phi,\psi} : HV_0(U_X) \rightarrow HW_0(U_Y)$  is continuous, it is enough to show that  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is an into map. Let  $f \in HV_0(U_X)$ . To show that  $W_{\phi,\psi}f \in HW_0(U_Y)$ , we need to show that for  $w \in W$ , the function  $w \cdot |\psi \cdot f \circ \phi|$  vanishes at infinity outside  $U_Y$ -bounded sets. Let  $w \in W$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then consider the set  $K = \{y \in U_Y : w(y)|\psi(y)||f(\phi(y))| \geq \epsilon\}$ . We shall show that  $K$  is  $U_Y$ -bounded set. By Condition (i), there exist  $v \in V$

such that  $w(y)|\psi(y)| \leq v(\phi(y))$ , for every  $y \in U_Y$ . Since  $f \in HV_0(U_X)$ , there exists a set  $B \subseteq U_X$  which is  $U_X$ -bounded such that  $v(x)|f(x)| < \epsilon$ , for every  $x \in U_X \setminus B$ . Also, since  $V$  satisfies Condition-I,  $f \in H_b(U_X)$ . Let  $\alpha = \sup \{|f(x)| : x \in B\}$ . Clearly  $\phi(K) \subseteq B$ . Also,  $K \subseteq F\left(w|\psi|, \frac{\epsilon}{\alpha}\right)$  and hence  $K \subseteq \phi^{-1}(B) \cap F\left(w|\psi|, \frac{\epsilon}{\alpha}\right)$ . By Condition (ii), the set  $\phi^{-1}(B) \cap F\left(w|\psi|, \frac{\epsilon}{\alpha}\right)$  is  $U_Y$ -bounded and hence  $K$  being a subset of  $U_Y$ -bounded set is also  $U_Y$ -bounded. This shows that  $w(y)|\psi(y)||f(\phi(y))| < \epsilon$ , for every  $y \in U_Y \setminus K$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $V$  and  $W$  be Nachbin families of weights on  $U_X$  and  $U_Y$ , respectively. Let  $\phi : U_Y \rightarrow U_X$  be a holomorphic mapping.*

*Then*

(i)  $W_{\phi,\psi} : HV(U_X) \rightarrow HW(U_Y)$  is continuous if  $\psi \in H^\infty(U_Y)$  and  $W \leq Vo\phi$ .

(ii)  $W_{\phi,\psi} : HV_0(U_X) \rightarrow HW_0(U_Y)$  is continuous if  $\psi \in HW_0(U_Y)$  and  $W|\psi| \leq Vo\phi$ , where  $V$  satisfies condition-I.

*Remark 3.4.* If  $U_X = U_Y = G$  is an open connected subset of  $\mathbb{C}^N$  ( $N \geq 1$ ), then Proposition 3.1 and Proposition 3.2 reduce to Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2 of [17].

Next, for given single weights  $v$  and  $w$ , our efforts are to obtain necessary and sufficient conditions for the weighted composition operator  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  to be continuous on the weighted Banach spaces and then using these results we shall establish the characterization of the continuity of  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  on the weighted Fréchet spaces.

*Remark 3.5.* Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two Banach spaces of holomorphic functions whose topologies are stronger than the pointwise convergence topology. Then by the closed graph theorem  $W_{\phi,\psi} : H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  is continuous if it is well-defined.

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $\phi : U_X \rightarrow U_Y$  be a holomorphic mapping such that  $\phi(U_X)$  is  $U_Y$ -bounded set, and let  $\psi \in H^\infty(U_X)$ . Let  $v$  and  $w$  be continuous weights on  $U_X$  and  $U_Y$ , respectively such that  $w$  satisfies Condition-I and  $v$  is bounded. Then  $W_{\phi,\psi} : H_w(U_Y) \rightarrow H_v(U_X)$  is continuous*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in H_w(U_Y)$ . Then  $f \in H_b(U_Y)$  because  $w$  satisfies Condition-I and so  $H_w(U_Y) \subseteq H_b(U_Y)$ . Since  $\phi(U_X)$  is  $U_Y$ -bounded set, there exists  $m > 0$  such that  $\sup \{|f(\phi(x))| : x \in U_X\} \leq m$ . Also, since  $\psi \in H^\infty(U_X)$ , there exists  $k > 0$  such that  $\sup \{|\psi(x)| : x \in U_X\} \leq k$ . Since  $v$  is bounded, there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $\sup \{v(x) : x \in U_X\} \leq \alpha$ . Now, consider,

$$\begin{aligned} \|W_{\phi,\psi}f\|_v &= \sup \{v(x)|\psi(x)||f(\phi(x))| : x \in U_X\} \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in U_X} v(x) \cdot \sup_{x \in U_X} |\psi(x)| \cdot \sup_{x \in U_X} |f(\phi(x))| \\ &\leq \alpha km. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $W_{\phi,\psi}f \in H_v(U_X)$ . Thus  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is well defined and hence by Remark 3.5,  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$  be the open unit balls of the Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Let  $\phi : B_X \rightarrow B_Y$  and  $\psi : B_X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic mappings. Let  $w$  and  $v$  be continuous weights on  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$ , respectively. Then the following are equivalent:*

(i)  $W_{\phi,\psi} : H_v(B_Y) \rightarrow H_w(B_X)$  is continuous;

(ii)  $\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_X \right\} < \infty$ ;

(iii)  $\sup \left\{ \frac{\tilde{w}(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_X \right\} < \infty$ .

Moreover, the following holds

$$\|W_{\phi,\psi}\| = \sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_X \right\}.$$

If  $v$  is an essential weight, then  $W_{\phi,\psi} : H_v(B_Y) \rightarrow H_w(B_X)$  is continuous if and only if  $\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{v(\phi(x))} : x \in B_X \right\} < \infty$ .

*Proof.* Since  $w \leq \tilde{w}$ , clearly (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Now, assume that (ii) holds. Let  $M = \sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_X \right\}$  and let  $f \in H_v(B_Y)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|W_{\phi,\psi}f\|_w &= \sup \{w(x) |\psi(x) f(\phi(x))| : x \in B_X\} \\ &= \sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} \tilde{v}(\phi(x)) |f(\phi(x))| : x \in B_X \right\} \\ &\leq \sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_X \right\} \sup \{\tilde{v}(\phi(x)) |f(\phi(x))| : x \in B_X\} \\ &\leq M \|f\|_{\tilde{v}} = M \|f\|_v. \end{aligned}$$

This proves that the operator  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is continuous and hence establishes Condition (i). Now suppose that  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is continuous. Assume that Condition (iii) does not hold. Then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq B_X$  such that  $\frac{\tilde{w}(x_n) |\psi(x_n)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x_n))} > n$ , for all  $n$ . For each  $\phi(x_n)$ , there exists  $f_n \in B_v$  such that  $|f_n(\phi(x_n))| > \frac{1}{2\tilde{v}(\phi(x_n))}$ . But for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|W_{\phi,\psi}f_n\|_w &= \|W_{\phi,\psi}f_n\|_{\tilde{w}} \geq \tilde{w}(x_n) |\psi(x_n)| |f_n(\phi(x_n))| \\ &> \frac{\tilde{w}(x_n) |\psi(x_n)|}{2\tilde{v}(\phi(x_n))} > \frac{n}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the fact that  $W_{\phi,\psi}(B_v)$  is bounded. Finally, we estimate  $\|W_{\phi,\psi}\|$ . If we put  $M = \sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_X \right\}$ , then we have already seen in the proof that

$$\|W_{\phi,\psi}f\|_w \leq M \|f\|_v, \text{ for every } f \in H_v(B_Y).$$

From this it clearly follows that

$$\|W_{\phi,\psi}\| \leq \sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_X \right\}.$$

Now, for each  $x \in B_X$ , the point evaluation functional  $\delta_x \in (H_w(B_X))^*$ . Also, since  $(W_{\phi,\psi})^*(\delta_x) = \psi(x) \delta_{\phi(x)}$ , for each  $x \in B_X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|W_{\phi,\psi}\| &= \|(W_{\phi,\psi})^*\| \geq \frac{\|(W_{\phi,\psi})^*(\delta_x)\|_v}{\|\delta_x\|_w} \\ &= \frac{|\psi(x)| \|\delta_{\phi(x)}\|_v}{\|\delta_x\|_w} \\ &= \frac{|\psi(x)| \tilde{w}(x)}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))}, \\ &\geq \frac{|\psi(x)| w(x)}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))}, \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x \in B_X$ . This proves that

$$\|W_{\phi,\psi}\| = \sup \left\{ \frac{|\psi(x)| w(x)}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_X \right\}.$$

With this the proof of the theorem is completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$  be the open unit balls of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Let  $\phi : B_X \rightarrow B_Y$  and  $\psi : B_X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic mappings. Let  $w$  and  $v$  be continuous weights on  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$ , respectively, such that  $v$  is bounded and satisfies Condition-I. Then  $W_{\phi,\psi} : H_v(B_Y) \rightarrow H_w(B_X)$  is continuous if and only if  $\psi \in H_w(B_X)$  and*

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : \|\phi(x)\| > \gamma_0 \right\} < \infty, \text{ for some } 0 < \gamma_0 < 1.$$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is continuous. Since the constant function 1 belongs to  $H_v(B_Y)$ , we have  $W_{\phi,\psi}1 = \psi \in H_w(B_X)$ . Also, from Theorem 3.7, it follows that  $\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_X \right\} < \infty$ . Clearly it implies that

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : \|\phi(x)\| > \gamma_0 \right\} < \infty, \text{ for some } 0 < \gamma_0 < 1.$$

Conversely, suppose that given conditions hold. Let

$$M = \sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : \|\phi(x)\| > \gamma_0 \right\} < \infty.$$

Since  $\psi \in H_w(B_X)$ , we have

$$k = \sup \{w(x) |\psi(x)| : x \in B_X\} < \infty. \text{ Let } f \in H_v(B_Y)$$

Then we show that

$$\|W_{\phi,\psi}f\|_w = \sup \{w(x) |\psi(x) f(\phi(x))| : x \in B_X\} < \infty.$$

Let  $x \in B_X$  be such that  $\|\phi(x)\| > \gamma_0$ . Then

$$w(x) |\psi(x)| |f(\phi(x))| = \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} \cdot \tilde{v}(\phi(x)) |f(\phi(x))| \leq M \|f\|_{\tilde{v}} = M \|f\|_v.$$

Let  $x \in B_X$  be such that  $\|\phi(x)\| \leq \gamma_0$ . Since  $v$  satisfies Condition-I,  $f \in H_b(B_Y)$  and hence there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $\sup \{|f(y)| : y \in \gamma_0 \bar{B}_Y\} \leq \alpha$ . Further, it implies that

$$\begin{aligned} w(x) |\psi(x)| |f(\phi(x))| &\leq \sup \{w(x) |\psi(x)| : x \in B_X\} \sup \{|f(y)| : y \in \gamma_0 \bar{B}_Y\} \\ &\leq k\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Thus it follows that

$$\|W_{\phi,\psi} f\|_w = \sup \{w(x) |\psi(x)| |f(\phi(x))| : x \in B_X\} < \infty.$$

This shows that  $W_{\phi,\psi} f \in H_w(B_X)$ , for every  $f \in H_v(B_Y)$ . Hence by Remark 3.5,  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is continuous.  $\square$

*Remark 3.9.* (i) If  $\psi(x) = 1$ , for every  $x \in B_X$ , then it is already seen in [15, Example 2.4] that Condition-I for the weight  $v$  in Theorem 3.8 is necessary to prove that  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is a continuous operator if  $\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : \|\phi(x)\| > \gamma_0 \right\} < \infty$ , for some  $0 < \gamma_0 < 1$ .

(ii) If  $\psi(x) = 1$ , for every  $x \in B_X$ , then Theorem 3.7 and Theorem 3.8 reduce to Proposition 2.3 of [15].

(iii) If  $B_X = B_Y = D$ , the open unit disk in the complex plane, then Theorem 3.7 reduces to Proposition 3.1 of [9] and the boundedness results given in Theorem 2.1 of [18].

(iv) If  $\psi(x) = 1$ , for every  $x \in B_X$  and  $B_X = B_Y = D$ , then Theorem 3.7 reduces to Proposition 2.1 and Corollary 2.2 of [6].

In the following Corollary 3.10, we record a special case of Theorem 3.7 which characterizes multiplication operators  $M_\psi : H_v(B_X) \rightarrow H_w(B_X)$ , which we defined as  $M_\psi f = \psi \cdot f$ , for every  $f \in H_v(B_X)$ .

**Corollary 3.10.** *Let  $\psi : B_X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a holomorphic mapping. Let  $w$  and  $v$  be continuous weights defined on  $B_X$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

(i)  $M_\psi : H_v(B_X) \rightarrow H_w(B_X)$  is continuous; (ii)  $\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(x)} : x \in B_X \right\} < \infty$ ;

(iii)  $\sup \left\{ \frac{\tilde{w}(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(x)} : x \in B_X \right\} < \infty$ .

Moreover, the following holds  $\|M_\psi\| = \sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(x)} : x \in B_X \right\}$ .

If  $v$  is an essential weight, then  $M_\psi : H_v(B_X) \rightarrow H_w(B_X)$  is continuous if and only if  $\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{v(x)} : x \in B_X \right\} < \infty$ .

*Remark 3.11.* If  $B_X = D$ , the open unit disk in the complex plane and  $v = w$  with  $v$  essential, then Corollary 3.10 reduces to Proposition 2.1 of [5].



*Theorem 3.12.* Let  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$  be the open unit balls of the Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Let  $\phi : B_X \rightarrow B_Y$  and  $\psi : B_X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic mappings. Let  $w$  and  $v$  be continuous weights on  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$ , respectively, such that  $v$  satisfies Condition-I and vanishes at infinity outside  $B_Y$ -bounded sets. Then the operator  $W_{\phi,\psi} : H_{v_0}(B_Y) \rightarrow H_{w_0}(B_X)$  is continuous if and only if (i)  $\psi \in H_{w_0}(B_X)$  and (ii)  $\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x)|\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_X \right\} < \infty$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that given conditions are satisfied. Since  $\psi \in H_{w_0}(B_X)$ ,  $w|\psi|$  vanishes at infinity outside  $B_X$ -bounded sets. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then there exists a  $B_X$ -bounded set  $S$  of  $B_X$  such that  $w(x)|\psi(x)| < \epsilon$ , for every  $x \in B_X \setminus S$ . Clearly the set  $F(w|\psi|, \epsilon) = \{x \in B_X : w(x)|\psi(x)| \geq \epsilon\}$  is  $B_X$ -bounded and hence the condition (ii) of Proposition 3.2 is satisfied. Thus from Proposition 3.2, it follows that  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is continuous. Conversely, suppose that  $W_{\phi,\psi}$  is continuous. Then using the same arguments of Theorem 3.7, it can be proved that  $\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x)|\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_X \right\} < \infty$ . Also, since the constant 1 function belongs to  $H_{v_0}(B_Y)$ , we have  $W_{\phi,\psi}(1) = \psi \in H_{w_0}(B_X)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 3.13.* If  $B_X = B_Y = D$ , the open unit disk in  $\mathbb{C}$ , then Theorem 3.12 reduces to Proposition 3.2 of [9].

#### 4. WEIGHTED COMPOSITION OPERATORS ON WEIGHTED FRÉCHET SPACES

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be two countable families of continuous bounded weights on  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$ , respectively. Then we consider the weighted composition operators  $W_{\phi,\psi} : HV(B_X) \rightarrow HW(B_Y)$ . García, Maestre and Sevilla-Peris [16, Proposition 10] proved a general result which allows them to give conditions on the continuity of the composition operators ([16, Proposition 11]), on these weighted Fréchet spaces. The same general result also permits us to give a characterization of the continuity of the weighted composition operators on these weighted Fréchet spaces. First we state this general result. Let  $(H, \tau)$  and  $(G, \tau')$  be Hausdorff locally convex spaces. For each  $n$ , let  $E_n$  and  $F_n$  be Banach spaces with closed unit balls  $B_n$  and  $C_n$  and norms  $\|\cdot\|_n$  and  $|\cdot|_n$ . Suppose that  $E_{n+1} \subseteq E_n \subseteq E_1 \subseteq H$ ,  $B_{n+1} \subseteq B_n$  and  $F_{n+1} \subseteq F_n \subseteq F_1 \subseteq G$ ,  $C_{n+1} \subseteq C_n$ , for every  $n$ . Suppose that for each  $n$ , both  $B_n$  and  $C_n$  are compact in  $(H, \tau)$  and  $(G, \tau')$ , respectively. Let  $E$  be the projective limit of  $(E_n)_n$  and  $F$  be the projective limit of  $(F_n)_n$ . Let us assume that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $x \in E_n$ , there exists a sequence  $\{y_k\}_k \subseteq E$  converging to  $x$  in  $(H, \tau)$  such that  $\|y_k\|_n \leq \|x\|_n$ , for all  $k$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $T : (H, \tau) \rightarrow (G, \tau')$  be a continuous linear operator:

(a) The following are equivalent:

(i)  $TE \subseteq F$ ;

(ii)  $T \in L(E, F)$ ;

(iii) For each  $m$ , there is  $n$  such that  $TE_n \subseteq F_n$ ;

(iv) For each  $m$ , there is  $n$  such that  $T : E_n \rightarrow F_n$  is well defined and continuous.

(b) The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is bounded;
- (ii) There exists  $n$  such that for all  $m$ ,  $TE_n \subseteq F_m$ ;
- (iii) There exists  $n$  such that for all  $m$ ,  $T : E_n \rightarrow F_m$  is well defined and continuous.

(c) The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is compact (resp. weakly compact);
- (ii) There exists  $n$  such that for all  $m$ ,  $T : E_n \rightarrow F_m$  is compact (resp. weakly compact).

Let  $(H, \tau) = (H(B_X), \tau_0)$  and  $(G, \tau') = (H(B_Y), \tau_0)$ . Then the weighted composition operator  $W_{\phi, \psi} : (H(B_X), \tau_0) \rightarrow (H(B_Y), \tau_0)$  is linear and continuous, where  $\phi : B_Y \rightarrow B_X$  and  $\psi : B_Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are holomorphic mappings. Let  $V = \{v_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $W = \{w_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be two increasing families of continuous bounded weights satisfying Condition-I on  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$ , respectively. Let  $E_n = H_{v_n}(B_X)$  (or  $H_{(v_n)_0}(B_X)$ ) and  $F_n = H_{w_n}(B_Y)$  (or  $H_{(w_n)_0}(B_Y)$ ). Then each of them is a Banach space and they satisfy  $H_{v_{n+1}}(B_X) \subseteq H_{v_n}(B_X) \subseteq H_{v_1}(B_X) \subseteq H(B_X)$ , the closed unit ball  $\bar{B}_{v_n}$  is  $\tau_0$ -compact ([6, 19]) and  $\bar{B}_{v_{n+1}} \subseteq \bar{B}_{v_n}$  for all  $n$  (the same is true for  $H_{w_n}(B_Y)$ ,  $H_{(w_n)_0}(B_Y)$  and  $H_{(v_n)_0}(B_X)$ ). Let  $E = HV(B_X)$  (or  $HV_0(B_X)$ ) and  $F = HW(B_Y)$  (or  $HW_0(B_Y)$ ).

For  $f \in H(B_X)$ , consider its Taylor series expansion at zero,  $f = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_m f$ . For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the  $k$ -th Cesàro mean ([14, Proposition 4] or [1, section 1]) is defined by

$$C_k f(x) = \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{l=0}^k \left( \sum_{m=0}^l P_m f(x) \right) = \sum_{m=0}^k \left( 1 - \frac{m}{k+1} \right) P_m f(x).$$

Since every weight is bounded on  $B_X$ , every polynomial belongs to  $HV(B_X)$ . In particular, for every  $f \in H(B_X)$ , the sequence  $(C_k f)_k$  is in  $HV(B_X)$ . Also,  $C_k f \rightarrow f$  in  $\tau_0$  (see [1, 14]). If  $v$  is a radial weight then for all  $f \in H_v(B_X)$ ,

$$\sup \{v(x) |C_k f(x)| : x \in B_X\} \leq \sup \{v(x) |f(x)| : x \in B_X\}$$

(see [1, Proposition 1.2 (b)] also [14]). Hence, if every  $v \in V$  is radial, then the spaces and the weighted composition operator satisfy all the above conditions to apply Theorem 4.1 in a very similar way to that used by García, Maestre and Sevilla–Peris to obtain the following generalizations of [16, Proposition 11].

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $\phi : B_Y \rightarrow B_X$  and  $\psi : B_Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic mappings. Let  $V = \{v_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $W = \{w_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be increasing countable families of continuous bounded weights satisfying Condition-I on  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$ , respectively such that each  $v_n$  is radial. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $W_{\phi, \psi} : HV(B_X) \rightarrow HW(B_Y)$  is continuous;
- (ii) For each  $w \in W$ , there exists  $v \in V$  such that  $W_{\phi, \psi} : H_v(B_X) \rightarrow H_w(B_Y)$  is continuous;
- (iii) For each  $w \in W$ , there exists  $v \in V$  such that

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_Y \right\} < \infty.$$

*Proof.* Follows from Theorem 4.1 and Theorem 3.7. □

**Corollary 4.3.** *Let  $\psi : B_X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a holomorphic mapping. Let  $V = \{v_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $W = \{w_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be increasing countable families of continuous bounded weights satisfying Condition-I on  $B_X$  such that each  $v_n$  is radial. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $M_\psi : HV(B_X) \rightarrow HW(B_X)$  is continuous;
- (ii) For each  $w \in W$ , there exists  $v \in V$  such that  $M_\psi : H_v(B_X) \rightarrow H_w(B_Y)$  is continuous;
- (iii) For each  $w \in W$ , there exists  $v \in V$  such that

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(x)} : x \in B_X \right\} < \infty.$$

*Proof.* Follows from Theorem 4.1 and Theorem 3.8. □

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $\phi : B_Y \rightarrow B_X$  and  $\psi : B_Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic mappings. Let  $V = \{v_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $W = \{w_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be increasing countable families of bounded continuous radial weights satisfying Condition-I on  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$ , respectively such that each  $v_n$  vanishes at infinity outside  $B_X$ -bounded sets. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $W_{\phi,\psi} : HV_0(B_X) \rightarrow HW_0(B_Y)$  is continuous;
- (ii) For each  $w \in W$ , there exists  $v \in V$  such that  $W_{\phi,\psi} : H_{v_0}(B_X) \rightarrow H_{w_0}(B_Y)$  is continuous;
- (iii) For each  $w \in W$ , there exists  $v \in V$  such that

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{w(x) |\psi(x)|}{\tilde{v}(\phi(x))} : x \in B_Y \right\} < \infty$$

and  $\psi \in H_{w_0}(B_Y)$ .

*Proof.* Follows from Theorem 4.1 and Theorem 3.12. □

**Corollary 4.5.** *Let  $U_X$  be a balanced open subset of a Banach space  $X$ . Then every  $\psi \in H^\infty(U_X)$  induces a multiplication operator  $M_\psi$  on  $HV(U_X)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in HV(U_X)$  and let  $v \in V$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_\psi f\|_v &= \sup \{v(x) |\psi(x)| |f(x)| : x \in B_X\} \\ &\leq \|\psi\|_\infty \|f\|_v. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $M_\psi$  is a multiplication operator. □

## 5. DYNAMICAL SYSTEM INDUCED BY MULTIPLICATION OPERATORS

Let  $g : U_X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a bounded analytic function. Then for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we define  $\psi_t : U_X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  as  $\psi_t(x) = e^{tg(x)}$ , for every  $x \in U_X$ . Clearly each  $\psi_t$  is bounded analytic function on  $U_X$ . Thus according to Corollary 4.5, each  $\psi_t$  induces a multiplication operator  $M_{\psi_t}$  on  $HV(U_X)$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $h_n$  be a sequence converging to  $h$  in  $H^\infty(U_X)$  and let  $f_n$  be a sequence converging to  $f$  in  $HV(U_X)$ . Then the product of  $f_n$  and  $h_n$  converges to  $fh$  in  $HV(U_X)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $v \in V$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_n h_n - f h\|_v &= \sup \{v(x) |f_n(x) h_n(x) - f(x) h(x)| : x \in U_X\} \\ &= \sup \left\{ v(x) \left| \begin{array}{c} f_n(x) h_n(x) - f_n(x) h(x) + f_n(x) h(x) \\ -f(x) h(x) \end{array} \right| : x \in U_X \right\} \\ &\leq \sup \{v(x) |f_n(x)| |h_n(x) - h(x)| : x \in U_X\} \\ &\quad + \sup \{v(x) |h(x)| |f_n(x) - f(x)| : x \in U_X\} \\ &\leq \|f_n\|_v \|h_n - h\|_\infty + \|h\|_\infty \|f_n - f\|_v \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as  $\|h_n - h\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$  and  $\|f_n - f\|_v \rightarrow 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let  $V$  be a countable family of continuous weights on  $U_X$ . Let  $\prod : \mathbb{R} \times HV(U_X) \rightarrow H(U_X)$  be defined as  $\prod(t, f) = M_{\psi_t} f$ , for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f \in HV(U_X)$ . Then  $\prod$  is a (linear) dynamical system on  $HV(U_X)$ .*

*Proof.* Since for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $M_{\psi_t}$  is a multiplication operator on  $HV(U_X)$ , it follows that  $\prod(t, f) \in HV(U_X)$ , for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f \in HV(U_X)$ . Thus  $\prod$  is a function from  $\mathbb{R} \times HV(U_X) \rightarrow HV(U_X)$ . Now, it can be easily seen that  $\prod$  is linear and  $\prod(0, f) = f$ , for every  $f \in HV(U_X)$ . Also, it is obvious that  $\prod(t + s, f) = \prod(t, \prod(s, f))$ , for every  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f \in HV(U_X)$ . In order to show that  $\prod$  is a dynamical system on  $HV(U_X)$ , it is enough to show that  $\prod$  is jointly continuous. Let  $\{(t_n, f_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence in  $\mathbb{R} \times HV(U_X)$  such that  $(t_n, f_n) \rightarrow (t, f)$  in  $\mathbb{R} \times HV(U_X)$ . We shall show that  $\prod(t_n, f_n) \rightarrow \prod(t, f)$  in  $HV(U_X)$ . That is, we have to prove that  $\psi_{t_n} f_n$  converges to  $\psi_t f$  in  $HV(U_X)$ . But this follows from a more general fact that we have proved in Theorem 5.1. Hence  $\prod$  is a linear dynamical system on  $HV(U_X)$ .  $\square$

*Remark 5.3.* (i) Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{M_{\psi_t} : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  be the family of multiplication operators defined above. Then the following observations are straightforward:

- (a)  $M_{\psi_{t+s}} f = M_{\psi_t} (M_{\psi_s} f)$ , for every  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f \in HV(U_X)$ .
- (b)  $M_{\psi_0} f = f$ , for every  $f \in HV(U_X)$ .
- (c)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} M_{\psi_t} f = f$ , for every  $f \in HV(U_X)$ .

Thus the family  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $C_0$ -group of multiplication operators on  $HV(U_X)$ .

(ii) Also, we show that the family  $\mathcal{F}$  is locally equicontinuous in  $B(HV(U_X))$ . That is, for every fixed  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , the subfamily  $\mathcal{F}_s = \{M_{\psi_t} : -s \leq t \leq s\}$  is equicontinuous on  $HV(U_X)$ . Since the map  $t \rightarrow M_{\psi_t}$  is continuous, where  $B(HV(U_X))$  is the space of all continuous linear operators on  $HV(U_X)$  with the strong operator topology, we conclude that for each  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , the family  $\mathcal{F}_s = \{M_{\psi_t} : -s \leq t \leq s\}$  is a bounded set in  $B(HV(U_X))$ . Also, for each  $f \in HV(U_X)$ , the set  $\mathcal{F}_s(f) = \{M_{\psi_t} f : -s \leq t \leq s\}$  is bounded in  $HV(U_X)$ . Now, from a Corollary of the Banach–Steinhaus Theorem ([20, Theorem 2.6]), it follows that the family  $\mathcal{F}$  is locally equicontinuous.

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