

## Weighted Composition Operators Between Different Weighted Bergman Spaces in Polydiscs

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**Abstract.** Let  $D^n$  be the unit polydiscs of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\varphi(z)=(\varphi_1(z), \dots, \varphi_n(z))$  be a holomorphic self-map of  $D^n$  and  $\psi(z)$  a holomorphic function on  $D^n$ . Necessary and sufficient conditions are established for the weighted composition operator  $\psi C_\varphi$  induced by  $\varphi(z)$  and  $\psi(z)$  to be bounded or compact between different weighted Bergman spaces in polydiscs.

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### 1. Introduction

We adopt the notation described in [4-6]. Denote by  $D^n$  the unit polydisc in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , by  $T^n$  the distinguished boundary of  $D^n$ , by  $A_\alpha^p(D^n)$  the weighted Bergman spaces of order  $p$  with weights  $\prod_{i=1}^n (1-|z_i|^2)^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > -1$ . We use  $m_n$  to denote the  $n$ -dimensional Lebesgue area measure on  $T^n$ , normalized so that  $m_n(T^n) = 1$ . By  $\sigma_n$  we shall denote the volume measure on  $\overline{D^n}$  given by  $\sigma_n(D^n) = 1$ , and by  $\sigma_{n,\alpha}$  we shall denote the weighted measure on  $\overline{D^n}$  given by  $\sigma_{n,\alpha} = \prod_{i=1}^n (1-|z_i|^2)^\alpha \sigma_n$ . If  $R$  is a rectangle on  $T^n$ , then  $S(R)$  denote the corona associated to

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$R$ . In particular, if  $R = I_1 \times I_2 \times \cdots \times I_n \subset T^n$ , with  $I_i$  being the intervals on  $T^n$  of length  $\delta_i$  and centered at  $e^{i(\theta_i^0 + \delta_i/2)}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , then  $S(R)$  is given by  $S(R) = S(I_1) \times S(I_2) \times \cdots \times S(I_n)$ , where

$$S(I_i) = \{re^{i\theta} \in D : 1 - \delta_i < r < 1, \theta_0^i < \theta < \theta_i^0 + \delta_i\}.$$

For  $\alpha > -1, 0 < p < \infty$ , recall that the weighted Bergman space  $A_\alpha^p(D^n)$  consists of all holomorphic functions on the polydisc satisfying the condition

$$\|f\|_{A_\alpha^p}^p = \int_{D^n} |f(z)|^p \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - |z_i|^2)^\alpha d\sigma_{n,\alpha} < +\infty.$$

Denoted by  $H(D^n)$  the class of all holomorphic functions with domain  $D^n$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a holomorphic self-map of  $D^n$ , the composition operator  $C_\varphi$  induced by  $\varphi$  is defined by  $(C_\varphi f)(z) = f(\varphi(z))$  for  $z$  in  $D^n$  and  $f \in H(D^n)$ . If, in addition,  $\psi$  is a holomorphic function defined on  $D^n$ , the weighted composition operators  $\psi C_\varphi$  induced by  $\psi$  and  $\varphi$  is defined by

$$(\psi C_\varphi f)(z) = \psi(z)f(\varphi(z))$$

for  $z$  in  $D^n$  and  $f \in H(D^n)$ .

It is interesting to characterize the composition operator on various analytic function spaces. The book [2] contains plenty of information. It is well known that composition operator is bounded on the Hardy space and the Bergman space in the unit disc. This result does not carry over to the case of several complex variables. Singh and Sharma has showed in [7] that not every holomorphic map from  $D^n$  to  $D^n$  induces a composition operator on  $H^p(D^n)$ . For example,  $\varphi(z_1, z_2) = (z_1, z_2)$  does not induce a bounded composition operator on  $H^2(D^n)$ .

Jafari studied the composition operator on Bergman spaces  $A_\alpha^p(D^n)$  in [6]. His results can be stated as follows.

**Theorem A.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty, \alpha > -1$  and let  $\varphi$  be a holomorphic self-map of  $D^n$ . Define  $\mu$  to be  $\mu(E) = \sigma_{n,\alpha}(\varphi^{-1}(E))(E \subset \overline{D^n})$ . Then  $C_\varphi$  is bounded (compact) on  $A_\alpha^p(D^n)$  if and only if  $\mu$  is an (compact)  $\alpha$  Carleson measure.*

**Theorem B.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $\alpha > -1$  and let  $\varphi$  be a holomorphic self-map of  $D^n$ . Then*

(i)  $C_\varphi$  is a bounded composition operator on  $A_\alpha^p(D^n)$  if and only if

$$\sup_{z_0 \in D^n} \int_{D^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1 - |(z_0)_i|^2}{|1 - (\overline{z_0})_i \varphi_i|^2} \right]^{2+\alpha} d\sigma_{n,\alpha} \leq M < \infty.$$

(ii)  $C_\varphi$  is a compact composition operator on  $A_\alpha^p(D^n)$  if and only if

$$\limsup_{z_0 \in D^n} \int_{D^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1 - |(z_0)_i|^2}{|1 - (\overline{z_0})_i \varphi_i|^2} \right]^{2+\alpha} d\sigma_{n,\alpha} = 0$$

as  $\|z_0\| \rightarrow 1$ .

In this paper, we study the weighted composition operators between different weighted Bergman spaces in polydiscs. Some measure characterizations and

function theoretic characterizations are given for the boundedness and compactness of the weighted composition operators.

Throughout the remainder of this paper  $C$  will denote a positive constant, the exact value of which may vary from one appearance to the next.

### 2. Measure Characterization of Weighted Composition Operators

In this section, we give the measure characterization of weighted composition operators between different weighted Bergman spaces. For this purpose, we should need some lemmas which will be stated as follows.

**Definition 1.** A finite, nonnegative, Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $\overline{D^n}$  is said to be a  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure if

$$\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(S(R)) \leq C \prod_{i=1}^n \delta_i^{2+\alpha}$$

for all  $R \subset T^n$ .

$\mu$  is said to be a compact  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure if

$$\lim_{\delta_i \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\theta \in T^n} \frac{\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(S(R))}{\prod_{i=1}^n \delta_i^{2+\alpha}} = 0.$$

*Remark.* When  $\eta = 1$ , the definition of Carleson measures for polydiscs is due to Chang(see [1]).

Modifying the proof of Theorem 2.5 in [5], we get the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** Suppose that  $1 < p < \infty, \alpha > -1, \eta \geq 1$ . Let  $I$  be the identity operator from  $A_\alpha^p(D^n)$  into  $L^{np}(D^n, \mu)$ . Then  $I$  is a bounded operator if and only if  $\mu$  is an  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure.

*Proof.* We prove that if  $f \in A_\alpha^p(D^n)$  then

$$\left\{ \int_{D^n} |f|^{np} d\mu \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \leq C \int_{D^n} |f|^p d\sigma_{n,\alpha} \tag{1}$$

if and only if

$$\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(S(R)) \leq C \prod_{j=1}^n \delta_j^{\alpha+2}. \tag{2}$$

For this purpose, suppose that (1) holds for all  $f \in A_\alpha^p(D^n)$ . Define

$$f(z) = \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - \overline{\alpha_j} z_j)^{-(\alpha+2)/p},$$

where  $\alpha_j = (1 - \delta_j) e^{i(\theta_j^0 + \delta_j/2)}$ . It is easy to see that  $f(z) \in A_\alpha^p(D^n)$ . In addition, since on  $S(R)$ ,

$$|f(z)|^{\eta p} > 2^{-\eta(\alpha+2)} \prod_{j=1}^n \delta_j^{-\eta(\alpha+2)},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \int_{D^n} |f(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} &\geq \left\{ \int_{S(R)} |f(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \\ &\geq 2^{-(\alpha+2)} \prod_{j=1}^n \delta_j^{-(\alpha+2)} \mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(S(R)). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Then the result follows from (1) and (3).

Conversely, suppose that (2) holds for all rectangles in  $T^n$ . Fix  $z \in D^n$  and let  $1 - |z_j|^2 = \delta_j$ , consider a polydisc  $W_z$  centered at  $z$  and of radius  $\delta_j/2$  in the  $z_j$  coordinate. If  $R = I_1 \times \dots \times I_n$  is the rectangle on  $T^n$  with  $I_j$  centered at  $z_j/|z_j|$  and  $|I_j| = 2\delta_j$ , then  $W_z \subset S(R)$  (see [5]). Therefore for any  $f \in A_\alpha^p(D^n)$ , by the sub mean value property for  $|f|$ , we get (see [5])

$$|f(z)| \leq \frac{C}{\prod_{j=1}^n \delta_j^{\alpha+2}} \int_{S(R)} |f| d\sigma_{n,\alpha}.$$

Since  $\sigma_{n,\alpha}(S(R)) = C \prod_{j=1}^n \delta_j^{\alpha+2}$ , then

$$|f(z)| \leq \frac{C}{\sigma_{n,\alpha}(S(R))} \int_{S(R)} |f| d\sigma_{n,\alpha}. \quad (4)$$

Now define

$$M(f) = \sup_R \frac{1}{\sigma_{n,\alpha}(S(R))} \int_{S(R)} |f| d\sigma_{n,\alpha}.$$

We get

$$|f(z)| \leq CM(f)(z). \quad (5)$$

We will show that there exists a constant  $C$  independent of  $s$  such that

$$\mu\{M(f) > s\} \leq C(s^{-1}\|f\|_{1,\alpha})^\eta. \quad (6)$$

Given (6), since  $M$  is a sublinear operator of type  $(\infty, \infty)$ , it is obvious that  $\|M(f)\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_\infty$ . If we define  $\frac{1}{p} = \theta$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{\theta}{\eta}$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$ , i.e.  $q = p\eta$ , by the Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem we obtain that

$$\left\{ \int_{D^n} |M(f)|^{\eta p} d\mu \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \leq C \int_{D^n} |f|^p d\sigma_{n,\alpha}. \quad (7)$$

Combining (5) and (7) we get

$$\left\{ \int_{D^n} |f(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \leq C \left\{ \int_{D^n} |M(f)(z)|^{\eta p} d\mu \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \leq C \int_{D^n} |f(z)|^p d\sigma_{n,\alpha}.$$

This prove (1).

To complete the proof we need to show that if  $\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(S(R)) \leq C\sigma_{n,\alpha}(S(R))$ , then (6) holds. Let  $R_z = I_1 \times \dots \times I_n$  denote rectangle on  $T^n$  with  $I_j$  denoting intervals centered at  $z_j/|z_j|$  and of radius  $(1 - |I_j|)/2$ . Let  $S_z$  denote the corona associated with  $R_z$ . Note that  $z \in S_z$ , define

$$A_s^\epsilon = \left\{ z \in D^n : \int_{S_z} |f| d\sigma_{n,\alpha} > s(\epsilon + \sigma_{n,\alpha}(S_z)) \right\}. \tag{8}$$

It is easily to check that the following equality holds

$$\Lambda = \{z \in D^n : M(f) > s\} = \bigcup_{\epsilon > 0} A_s^\epsilon,$$

i.e.  $\mu(\Lambda) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \mu(A_s^\epsilon)$ . Furthermore, if  $z \in A_s^\epsilon$  and  $S_z$  are disjoint for the different  $z \in \Lambda$ , then by (8) we have

$$s \sum_{z \in \Lambda} (\epsilon + \sigma_{n,\alpha}(S_z)) < \sum_{z \in \Lambda} \int_{S_z} |f| d\sigma_{n,\alpha} \leq \|f\|_{1,\alpha}.$$

Hence

$$s \sum_{z \in \Lambda} (\epsilon + \sigma_{n,\alpha}(S_z)) \leq \|f\|_{1,\alpha}. \tag{9}$$

Consider the last inequality (9), it shows that there are only finitely many  $z \in A_s^\epsilon$  so that their corresponding  $S_z$  are disjoint. From these extract the points,  $z_1, \dots, z_l$ , that in addition have the property that if their associated  $S_z$  radius are multiplied by five in each coordinate then the resulting sets cover  $A_s^\epsilon$ . This follows from covering lemma. Write the  $S_z$  associated with these points as  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_l$ . Since  $A_s^\epsilon \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^l 5S_k$ ,  $S_k$  are pairwise disjoint,

$$\mu(A_s^\epsilon) \leq 5^n \sum_{k=1}^l \mu(S_k), \tag{10}$$

(see [5]). Also, by hypothesis

$$\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(S_k) \leq C\sigma_{n,\alpha}(S_k), \tag{11}$$

combining (9), (10) and (11), we get

$$\mu(A_s^\epsilon) \leq 5^n \sum_{k=1}^l \mu(S_k) \leq C \sum_{k=1}^l (\epsilon + \sigma_{n,\alpha}(S_k))^\eta \leq C(s^{-1}\|f\|_{1,\alpha})^\eta.$$

Letting  $\epsilon$  tend to zero we obtain

$$\mu\{z \in D^n : M(f) > s\} \leq C(s^{-1}\|f\|_{1,\alpha})^\eta.$$

This completes the proof. ■

Using Lemma 1, we give a characterization of the boundedness of the weighted composition operator  $\psi C_\varphi : A_\alpha^p(D^n) \rightarrow A_\beta^{\eta p}(D^n)$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose that  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\beta, \alpha > -1$ ,  $\eta \geq 1$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a holomorphic self-map of  $D^n$  and  $\psi$  be a holomorphic function on  $D^n$ ,  $d\nu = |\psi|^{\eta p} d\sigma_{n,\beta}$ ,*

$\mu(E) = \nu(\varphi^{-1}(E))(E \subset \overline{D^n})$ . Then  $\psi C_\varphi : A_\alpha^p(D^n) \rightarrow A_\beta^{\eta p}(D^n)$  is bounded if and only if  $\mu$  is a  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure.

*Proof.* If  $\psi C_\varphi : A_\alpha^p(D^n) \rightarrow A_\beta^{\eta p}(D^n)$  is bounded, then there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\|\psi f \circ \varphi\|_{A_\beta^{\eta p}} \leq C \|f\|_{A_\alpha^p}$$

for all  $f \in A_\alpha^p(D^n)$ , i.e.

$$\left\{ \int_{D^n} |\psi f \circ \varphi|^{\eta p} d\sigma_{n,\beta}(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \leq C \int_{D^n} |f|^p d\sigma_{n,\alpha}(z).$$

By the definition of  $\mu$ , we have (see [3, p.163])

$$\int_{D^n} |\psi f \circ \varphi|^{\eta p} d\sigma_{n,\beta} = \int_{D^n} |f|^{\eta p} d\mu.$$

Hence

$$\left\{ \int_{D^n} |f|^{\eta p} d\mu \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \leq C \int_{D^n} |f|^p d\sigma_{n,\alpha}(z).$$

The assertion follows from Lemma 1.

Conversely, suppose that  $\mu$  is an  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure. By Lemma 1, there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\left\{ \int_{D^n} |f|^{\eta p} d\mu \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \leq C \int_{D^n} |f|^p d\sigma_{n,\alpha}(z)$$

for all  $f \in A_\alpha^p(D^n)$ . By the definition of  $\mu$ ,  $\|\psi f \circ \varphi\|_{A_\beta^{\eta p}} \leq C \|f\|_{A_\alpha^p}$ . Hence  $\psi C_\varphi : A_\alpha^p(D^n) \rightarrow A_\beta^{\eta p}(D^n)$  is bounded. We are done.  $\blacksquare$

To characterize the compactness of weighted composition operators between different weighted Bergman spaces, we will need the following lemma, whose proof is an easy modification of that Proposition 3.11 in [2], we omit the proof.

**Lemma 2.** *Suppose that  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\beta, \alpha > -1$ ,  $\eta \geq 1$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a holomorphic self-map of  $D^n$  and  $\psi$  be a holomorphic function on  $D^n$ . Then the weighted composition operator  $\psi C_\varphi : A_\alpha^p(D^n) \rightarrow A_\beta^{\eta p}(D^n)$  is compact if and only if for any bounded sequence  $\{f_k\}$  converging to zero in  $A_\alpha^p(D^n)$ ,  $\|\psi f_k \circ \varphi\|_{\eta p, \beta}^{\eta p} \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .*

**Theorem 2.** *Suppose that  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\beta, \alpha > -1$ ,  $\eta \geq 1$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a holomorphic self-map of  $D^n$  and  $\psi$  be a holomorphic function on  $D^n$ ,  $d\nu = |\psi|^{\eta p} d\sigma_{n,\beta}$ ,  $\mu(E) = \nu(\varphi^{-1}(E))(E \subset \overline{D^n})$ . Then  $\psi C_\varphi : A_\alpha^p(D^n) \rightarrow A_\beta^{\eta p}(D^n)$  is compact if and only if  $\mu$  is a compact  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\psi C_\varphi : A_\alpha^p(D^n) \rightarrow A_\beta^{\eta p}(D^n)$  is compact. Let

$$f_\delta(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\delta_i^{\beta - (\alpha + 2)/p}}{(1 - \bar{\eta}_i z_i)^\beta},$$

where  $0 < \delta_j < 1$ ,  $\beta > (\alpha + 2)/p$  and  $\eta_j = (1 - \delta_j)e^{i(\theta_j^0 + \delta_j/2)}$ . These functions are bounded in  $A_\alpha^p(D^n)$ , and tend to zero weakly as  $\delta_i \rightarrow 0$ . Since on regions  $S(R)$ ,  $|1 - \bar{\eta}_i z_i| < 2\delta_i$ , we have

$$|f_\delta(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)|^p > \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\delta_i^{(\beta - (\alpha + 2)/p)p}}{(2^\beta \delta_i^\beta)^p} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\delta_i^{\alpha + 2} 2^{p\beta}},$$

then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon(\delta) &= \|\psi f_\delta \circ \varphi\|_{\eta p, \beta}^{\eta p} = \int_{D^n} |\psi f_\delta \circ \varphi|^{\eta p} d\sigma_{n, \beta} \\ &\geq \int_{D^n} |f_\delta|^{\eta p} d\mu \geq \frac{\mu(S(R))}{\prod_{i=1}^n \delta_i^{\eta(\alpha + 2)} 2^{\eta p \beta}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\epsilon(\delta) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta_i \rightarrow 0$  for some  $i$ . Hence  $\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(S) \leq \epsilon(\delta) 2^{n\beta p} \prod_{i=1}^n \delta_i^{\alpha + 2}$ , i.e.

$$\limsup_{\delta_i \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\theta \in T^n} \frac{\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(S(R))}{\prod_{i=1}^n \delta_i^{\alpha + 2}} = 0.$$

Therefore  $\mu$  is a compact  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure.

Conversely, suppose that  $\mu$  is a compact  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure, then for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $\delta$  such that

$$\sup_{\theta \in T^n} \frac{\mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(S(R))}{\prod_{i=1}^n \delta_i^{\alpha + 2}} \leq \epsilon$$

for all  $\delta_i < \delta$ . Let  $f_k \subset A_\alpha^p(D^n)$  converge uniformly to 0 on each compact subsets of  $D^n$ . It just only need to show that  $\|\psi f_k \circ \varphi\|_{\eta p, \beta} \rightarrow 0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi f_k \circ \varphi\|_{\eta p, \beta}^{\eta p} &= \int_{D^n} |\psi f_k \circ \varphi|^{\eta p} d\sigma_{n, \beta} = \int_{D^n} |f_k|^{\eta p} d\mu \\ &= \int_{\overline{D^n} \setminus (1 - \delta)\overline{D^n}} |f_k|^{\eta p} d\mu + \int_{(1 - \delta)\overline{D^n}} |f_k|^{\eta p} d\mu \\ &= I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

Write  $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ , where  $\mu_1$  is the restriction of  $\mu$  to  $(1 - \delta)\overline{D^n}$  and  $\mu_2$  lies on the complement of this set in  $\overline{D^n}$ . Then, since  $\mu_2 \leq \mu$ , we get

$$\sup \frac{\mu_2(S(R))}{t^{n(\alpha + 2)}} \leq \sup \frac{\mu(S(R))}{t^{n(\alpha + 2)}},$$

where the supremums are extended over all  $\theta \in T^n$  and for all  $0 < t < \delta$ . Then it is clearly that  $\mu_2$  is a compact  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure. Hence

$$I_1 = \int_{\overline{D^n} \setminus (1 - \delta)\overline{D^n}} |f_k|^{\eta p} d\mu \leq \sup \frac{\mu_2(S(R))}{t^{\eta n(\alpha + 2)}} \|f_k\|_{A_\alpha^p}^{\eta p} \leq C\epsilon \|f_k\|_{A_\alpha^p}^{\eta p}.$$

Because  $\{f_k\}$  converges uniformly to 0 on  $(1 - \delta)\overline{D^n}$ ,  $I_2$  can be made arbitrarily small by choosing large  $k$ . Since  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary, we have  $\psi C_\varphi f_k \rightarrow 0$  in  $A_\beta^{\eta p}(D^n)$ , that is  $\psi C_\varphi : A_\alpha^p(D^n) \rightarrow A_\beta^{\eta p}(D^n)$  is compact. This completes the proof. ■

### 3. Function Theoretic Characterization of Weighted Composition Operators

In this section, we give some function theoretic characterizations of weighted composition operators. For this purpose, we should first modify the Proposition 8 and Proposition 12 of [6] and give the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $\mu$  be a nonnegative, Borel measure on  $\overline{D^n}$ . Then*

(i)  *$\mu$  is an  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure if and only if*

$$\sup_{z_0 \in D^n} \int_{D^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1 - |(z_0)_i|^2}{|1 - (\overline{z_0}_i z_i)|^2} \right]^{(2+\alpha)\eta} d\mu \leq C < \infty. \tag{12}$$

(ii)  *$\mu$  is a compact  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure if and only if*

$$\lim_{z_0 \in D^n} \sup_{z_0 \in D^n} \int_{D^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1 - |(z_0)_i|^2}{|1 - (\overline{z_0}_i z_i)|^2} \right]^{(2+\alpha)\eta} d\mu = 0 \tag{13}$$

as  $\|z_0\| \rightarrow 1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that (12) holds, we show that  $\mu$  is an  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure. Note that

$$R = \{(e^{i\theta_1}, \dots, e^{i\theta_n}) \in T^n : |\theta_i - (\theta_0)_i| < \delta_i\}$$

and

$$S = S(R) = \{(r_1 e^{i\theta_1}, \dots, r_n e^{i\theta_n}) \in D^n : 1 - \delta_i < r_i < 1, |\theta_i - (\theta_0)_i| < \delta_i\}.$$

Hence if  $z_0 = 0$ , (12) implies that  $\mu(\overline{D^n}) \leq M < \infty$ . Therefore we can assume that  $\delta_i < \frac{1}{4}$  for all  $i$ . Take  $(z_0)_i = (1 - \frac{\delta_i}{2} e^{i(\theta_0)_i})$ , then for all  $z \in S$ , we have

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{C}{(1 - |(z_0)_i|^2)^{2+\alpha}} \leq \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1 - |(z_0)_i|^2}{|1 - (\overline{z_0}_i z_i)|^2} \right)^{2+\alpha}.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^{\frac{1}{\eta}}(S) &= \left\{ \int_S d\mu \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \\ &= C \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - |(z_0)_i|^2)^{2+\alpha} \left\{ \int_S \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1 - |(z_0)_i|^2}{|1 - (\overline{z_0}_i z_i)|^2} \right]^{(2+\alpha)\eta} d\mu \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \\ &\leq CM^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \prod_{i=1}^n \delta_i^{2+\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu$  is an  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure.

Conversely, suppose that  $\mu$  is an  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure. Let  $z_0 \in D^n$ , if  $\|z_0\| \leq 1$ , it is obviously that (12) holds, since the integrand can be bounded uniformly. Also, if  $|(z_0)_i| < \frac{3}{4}$ , the term corresponding to this  $i$  in the integrand in (12) can be bounded. So let us suppose  $|(z_0)_i| > \frac{3}{4}$  for all  $i$ , and let



$$E_k = \left\{ z \in D^n : \max_i \frac{|z_i - \frac{(z_0)_i}{|(z_0)_i|}|}{1 - |(z_0)_i|} < 2^k \right\}.$$

Note that if  $z \in E_1$ , then

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{C}{(1 - |(z_0)_i|^2)^{2+\alpha}} \geq \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1 - |(z_0)_i|^2}{|1 - (\overline{(z_0)_i} z_i)|^2} \right)^{2+\alpha}$$

and for  $k \geq 2$  if  $z \in E_k - E_{k-1}$ , then

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{C}{(1 - |(z_0)_i|^2)^{2+\alpha}} \geq \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1 - |(z_0)_i|^2}{|1 - (\overline{(z_0)_i} z_i)|^2} \right)^{2+\alpha}.$$

Since  $\mu$  is an  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{D^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1 - |(z_0)_i|^2}{|1 - (\overline{(z_0)_i} z_i)|^2} \right]^{(2+\alpha)\eta} d\mu \\ & \leq \int_{E_1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \int_{E_k - E_{k-1}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1 - |(z_0)_i|^2}{|1 - (\overline{(z_0)_i} z_i)|^2} \right]^{(2+\alpha)\eta} d\mu \\ & \leq C \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(E_k - E_{k-1})}{\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - |(z_0)_i|)^{(2+\alpha)\eta}} \\ & \leq C \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(E_k)}{\prod_{i=1}^n \delta_i^{(2+\alpha)\eta}} \leq C < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of (i). With the same manner of (i) and the proof of Proposition 8 (ii) in [6] we can give the proof of (ii), we omit the details. ■

**Theorem 3.** Suppose that  $1 < p < \infty, \beta, \alpha > -1, \eta \geq 1$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a holomorphic self-map of  $D^n$  and  $\psi$  be a holomorphic function on  $D^n$ . Then

(i)  $\psi C_\varphi : A_\alpha^p(D^n) \rightarrow A_\beta^{\eta p}(D^n)$  is bounded if and only if

$$\sup_{z_0 \in D^n} \int_{D^n} |\psi(z)|^{\eta p} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1 - |(z_0)_i|^2}{|1 - (\overline{(z_0)_i} \varphi_i)|^2} \right]^{(2+\alpha)\eta} d\sigma_{n,\beta} < \infty.$$

(ii)  $\psi C_\varphi : A_\alpha^p(D^n) \rightarrow A_\beta^{\eta p}(D^n)$  is compact if and only if

$$\lim_{z_0 \in D^n} \sup_{z \in D^n} \int_{D^n} |\psi(z)|^{\eta p} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1 - |(z_0)_i|^2}{|1 - (\overline{(z_0)_i} \varphi_i)|^2} \right]^{(2+\alpha)\eta} d\sigma_{n,\beta} = 0$$

as  $\|z_0\| \rightarrow 1$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 2, we know that  $\psi C_\varphi$  is bounded or compact if and only if  $\mu$  is a bounded or compact  $\eta - \alpha$  Carleson measure. Then by Lemma 3 we get the desired results. ■

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