



## The Operators of Composition-Differentiation on the Hardy Space

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### Abstract.

Suppose  $\varphi_j$  be a nonconstant analytic self-map of the open unit disk in  $\mathbb{C}$ , with  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_\infty < 1$ . Regard the operators  $D_{\varphi_j}$ , acting on the Hardy space  $H^2$ , given by differentiation followed by composition with  $\varphi_j$ . Mahsa Fatehi and Christopher N. B. Hammond. Obtain results relating to the adjoint, norm, and spectrum of such an operator.

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### 1. Preliminaries

Suppose  $\mathbb{D}$  denote the open unit disk in the complex plane. The Hardy space  $H^2$  is the Hilbert space consisting of every analytic function  $\sum f_j(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum a_n^j z^n$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  such that

$$\sum \|f_j\|^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum |a_n^j|^2 < \infty.$$

For  $\sum f_j(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum a_n^j z^n$  and  $\sum g^j(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum b_n^j z^n$  in  $H^2$ , their inner product is defined

$$\sum \langle f_j, g^j \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum a_n^j \overline{b_n^j}.$$

Write  $H^\infty$  to denote the space of every bounded analytic function on  $\mathbb{D}$ , with  $\sum \|f_j\|_\infty = \sup \{ \sum |f_j(z)| : z \in \mathbb{D} \}$ .

For an analytic map  $\varphi_j: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ , the composition operators  $C_{\varphi_j}$  are defined

$$C_{\varphi_j}(f_j) = f_j \circ \varphi_j.$$

Every composition operators are bounded on  $H^2$ , with  $\sum \sqrt{\frac{1}{1-|\varphi_j(0)|^2}} \leq \sum \|C_{\varphi_j}\| \leq \sum \sqrt{\frac{1+|\varphi_j(0)|}{1-|\varphi_j(0)|}}$ .

(See, for example, [2, Corollary 3.7].) For a function  $\psi_j$  in  $H^\infty$ , the Toeplitz operators  $T_{\psi_j}^j$  are defined  $T_{\psi_j}^j(f_j) = \psi_j \cdot f_j$ .

Every such operators are bounded on  $H^2$ , with  $\|T_{\psi_j}^j\| = \|\psi_j\|_\infty$  (see [6, Theorem 5]).

Abusing notation somewhat, we will write  $T_z^j$  to indicate the operators  $T_{\psi_j}^j$  for  $\psi_j(z) = z$ . Observe that  $T_z^j$  is an isometry on  $H^2$ .

In the context of analytic functions on  $\mathbb{D}$ , it also appears reasonable to peeking operators defined in terms of differentiation. It is easy to see that the differentiation operators  $D(f_j) = \dot{f}_j$  are unbounded on the Hardy space:  $\|D(z^n)\|/\|z^n\| = n$  for any natural number  $n$ . Nevertheless, for many analytic maps  $\varphi_j: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ , the operators

$$f_j(z) \mapsto \dot{f}_j(\varphi_j(z)) \quad (1.1)$$

is bounded on  $H^2$ . Some authors, following the example of [4] and [5], have used the notation  $C_{\varphi_j}D$  to denote such operators. Because of the unboundedness of  $D$ , it makes sense to write (1.1) as a single operator, specifically when that operator is bounded on  $H^2$ . Write  $D_{\varphi_j}$  to denote the operators on  $H^2$  given by  $D_{\varphi_j}(f_j) = \dot{f}_j \circ \varphi_j$



In this paper we will refer to such an operator as a composition–differentiation operator. The Closed Graph Theorem exhibits that  $D_{\varphi_j}$  are bounded on  $H^2$  whenever  $D_{\varphi_j}$  takes  $H^2$  into itself.

Ohno [5] established a basic set of results relating to when the operators we are calling  $D_{\varphi_j}$  are bounded or compact on  $H^2$ . We will only be considering  $\varphi_j$  with  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_{\infty} < 1$ , in which case  $D_{\varphi_j}$  is guaranteed to be Hilbert–Schmidt on  $H^2$ , and therefore both bounded and compact (see [5, Theorem 3.3]). There are cases of bounded or compact  $D_{\varphi_j}$  with  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_{\infty} = 1$ , but they are beyond the scope of the current investigation.

The purpose of this note is to explore the operators  $D_{\varphi_j}$  in more detail. In specific, we find a representation for the adjoint  $D_{\varphi_j}^*$  when  $\varphi_j$  is linear fractional (Theorem 1). In the particular case where  $\rho_j(z) = r_j z$  for  $0 < |r_j| < 1$ , we compute the norm  $\|D_{\rho_j}\|$  explicitly (Theorem 2) and exhibit that  $D_{\rho_j}$  is quasinilpotent (Proposition 3). Applying established results relating to composition operators, also obtain estimates for the norm of  $D_{\varphi_j}$  whenever  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_{\infty} < 1$  (Proposition 4).

For any point  $w_j$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ , define  $K_{w_j}(z) = \frac{1}{1-\overline{w_j}z}$ .

It is well known that  $K_{w_j}$  acts as the reproducing kernel function for point-evaluation:

$$\sum \langle f_j, K_{w_j} \rangle = \sum f_j(w_j)$$

for any  $f_j$  in  $H^2$ . Therefore  $\sum \|K_{w_j}\| = \sum \sqrt{K_{w_j}(w_j)} = \sum \sqrt{\frac{1}{1-|w_j|^2}}$ .

In Identical manner, define  $K_{w_j}^{(1)}(z) = \frac{z}{(1-\overline{w_j}z)^2}$ .

Notice that  $K_{w_j}^{(1)}$  acts as the reproducing kernel for point-evaluation of the first derivative:

$$\sum \langle f_j, K_{w_j}^{(1)} \rangle = \sum f_j'(w_j)$$

for any  $f_j$  in  $H^2$  (see [2, Theorem 2.16]). In specific,

$$\sum \|K_{w_j}^{(1)}\| = \sum \sqrt{(K_{w_j}^{(1)})'(w_j)} = \sum \sqrt{\frac{1+|w_j|^2}{(1-|w_j|^2)^3}}$$

for any  $w_j$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

It is well known that  $C_{\varphi_j}^*(K_{w_j}) = K_{\varphi_j(w_j)}$  and  $(T_{\psi_j}^j)^*(K_{w_j}) = \overline{\psi_j(w_j)} K_{w_j}$  for any  $w_j$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Identical property holds for any bounded operators  $D_{\varphi_j}$  on  $H^2$ . Observe that

$$\sum \langle f_j, D_{\varphi_j}^*(K_{w_j}) \rangle = \sum \langle D_{\varphi_j}(f_j), K_{w_j} \rangle = \sum f_j'(\varphi_j(w_j)) = \sum \langle f_j, K_{\varphi_j(w_j)}^{(1)} \rangle$$

for every  $f_j$  in  $H^2$ , so  $D_{\varphi_j}^*(K_{w_j}) = K_{\varphi_j(w_j)}^{(1)}$  for any  $w_j$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ . In specific,

$$\sum \frac{\|D_{\varphi_j}^*(K_{w_j})\|}{\|K_{w_j}\|} = \sqrt{\sum \frac{(1-|w_j|^2)(1+|\varphi_j(w_j)|^2)}{(1-|\varphi_j(w_j)|^2)^3}}. \quad (1.2)$$

Therefore, if  $D_{\varphi_j}$  is bounded on  $H^2$ , we see that

$$\sum \|D_{\varphi_j}\| \geq \sup_{w_j \in \mathbb{D}} \sqrt{\sum \frac{(1-|w_j|^2)(1+|\varphi_j(w_j)|^2)}{(1-|\varphi_j(w_j)|^2)^3}} \geq \sup_{w_j \in \mathbb{D}} \sqrt{\sum \frac{1-|w_j|^2}{(1-|\varphi_j(w_j)|^2)^3}}$$



$$\text{And } \sum \|D_{\varphi_j}\|_{\mathbb{D}} \geq \limsup_{|w_j| \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{\sum \frac{(1-|w_j|^2)(1+|\varphi_j(w_j)|^2)}{(1-|\varphi_j(w_j)|^2)^3}} \geq \limsup_{|w_j| \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{\sum \frac{1-|w_j|^2}{(1-|\varphi_j(w_j)|^2)^3}}. \quad (1.3)$$

These findings should be compared to [5, Corollary 3.2], which outlines the necessary and sufficient requirements for  $D_{\varphi_j}$  to be bounded or compact when  $\varphi_j$  is univalent. Inspecific, (1.3) exhibits that  $D_{\varphi_j}$  cannot be bounded if  $\varphi_j$  has finite angular derivative at any point on  $\partial\mathbb{D}$  (see [2, Theorem 2.44]). Taking  $w_j = 0$  in (1.2), we see

$$\text{that } \sum \|D_{\varphi_j}\| \geq \sqrt{\sum \frac{1+|\varphi_j(0)|^2}{(1-|\varphi_j(0)|^2)^3}},$$

which exhibits that  $\sum \|D_{\varphi_j}\| \geq 1$  for each  $\varphi_j$  and that  $\sum \|D_{\varphi_j}\| > 1$  whenever  $\varphi_j(0) \neq 0$ .

For the duration of this note, we will assume that  $\varphi_j$  is a nonconstant analytic map with  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_{\infty} < 1$ . As mentioned earlier, this assumption guarantees that  $D_{\varphi_j}$  is compact on  $H^2$ .

## 2. Adjoints, Norms, and Spectra

We obtain information about the adjoint, norm, and spectrum of  $D_{\varphi_j}$  in certain specific cases. If  $\varphi_j(z) = \frac{a^j z + b^j}{c^j z + d^j}$

is a non constant linear fractional self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ , hence the map  $\sigma_j(z) = \frac{\overline{a^j} z - \overline{c^j}}{-\overline{b^j} z + \overline{d^j}}$  also takes  $\mathbb{D}$  into itself (see [1, Lemma 1]). It is not difficult to exhibit that  $\sum \|\sigma_j\|_{\infty} < 1$  whenever  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_{\infty} < 1$ . The link between these two maps has long been regarded in reference to the adjoints of composition operators.

**Theorem 1.** For a pair of linear fractional maps  $\varphi_j$  and  $\sigma_j$ , as described above,

$$D_{\varphi_j}^* \left( T_{K_{\sigma_j(0)}^{(1)}}^j \right) = T_{K_{\varphi_j(0)}^{(1)}}^j D_{\sigma_j}$$

$$\text{Proof. Observe that } K_{\varphi_j(0)}^{(1)}(z) = \frac{z}{(1-(b^j/d^j)z)^2} = \frac{(\overline{d^j})^2 z}{(-\overline{b^j} z + \overline{d^j})^2}$$

$$\text{And } K_{\sigma_j(0)}^{(1)}(z) = \frac{z}{(1+(c^j/d^j)z)^2} = \frac{(d^j)^2 z}{(c^j z + d^j)^2}.$$

$$\text{Furthermore, see that; } T_{K_{\varphi_j(0)}^{(1)}}^j D_{\sigma_j} (K_{w_j}^{(1)})(z) = T_{K_{\sigma_j(0)}^{(1)}}^j \frac{w_j}{\left(1 - \overline{w_j} \left( \frac{\overline{a^j} z - \overline{c^j}}{-\overline{b^j} z + \overline{d^j}} \right)\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(d^j)^2 z}{(-\overline{b^j} z + \overline{d^j})^2} \cdot \frac{\overline{w_j}}{\left(1 - \overline{w_j} \left( \frac{\overline{a^j} z - \overline{c^j}}{-\overline{b^j} z + \overline{d^j}} \right)\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(\overline{d^j})^2 \overline{w_j} z}{(-\overline{b^j} z + \overline{d^j} - \overline{a^j} \overline{w_j} z + \overline{c^j} \overline{w_j})^2}$$

$$= \frac{(\overline{d^j})^2 \overline{w_j}}{(\overline{c^j} \overline{w_j} + \overline{d^j})^2} \cdot \frac{z}{\left(1 - \left( \frac{\overline{a^j} \overline{w_j} + \overline{b^j}}{\overline{c^j} \overline{w_j} + \overline{d^j}} \right) z\right)^2}$$

for any  $w_j$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Second hand,

$$D_{\varphi_j}^* \left( T_{K_{\sigma_j(0)}^j}^j \right)^* (K_{w_j}) = \frac{(\overline{d})^{2w_j}}{(\overline{c}w_j + \overline{d})^2} D_{\varphi_j}^* (K_{w_j}) = \frac{(\overline{d})^{2w_j}}{(\overline{c}w_j + \overline{d})^2} K_{\varphi_j(w_j)}^{(1)}.$$

Therefore,  $D_{\varphi_j}^* \left( T_{K_{\sigma_j(0)}^j}^j \right)^*$  and  $T_{K_{\sigma_j(0)}^j}^j D_{\sigma_j}$  agree on the span of the reproducing kernelfunctions, which constitutes a dense subset of  $H^2$ . Therefore, the two operators are identical on  $H^2$ .

This result bears a close resemblance to Cowen's adjoint formula for composition operators (see [1, Theorem 2]), which can be rewritten  $C_{\varphi_j}^* \left( T_{K_{\sigma_j(0)}^j}^j \right)^* = T_{K_{\sigma_j(0)}^j}^j C_{\sigma_j}$ .

Let us focus on the specific situation where  $\rho_j(z) = r_j z$  for a real number  $r_j$ . In

this case, Theorem 1 reduces to  $D_{\rho_j}^* (T_z^j)^* = T_z^j D_{\rho_j}$ . Therefore

$$D_{\rho_j}^* = D_{\rho_j}^* (T_z^j)^* T_z^j = T_z^j D_{\rho_j} T_z^j,$$

and therefore  $D_{\rho_j} D_{\rho_j}^* = D_{\rho_j} T_z^j D_{\rho_j} T_z^j = (D_{\rho_j} T_z^j)^2$ .

Note that;  $(D_{\rho_j} T_z^j)^* = (T_z^j)^* D_{\rho_j}^* = (T_z^j)^* T_z^j D_{\rho_j} T_z^j = D_{\rho_j} T_z^j$ ,

so  $D_{\rho_j} T_z^j$  is self-adjoint. If  $0 < r_j < 1$ , we will see that  $D_{\rho_j} T_z^j = |D_{\rho_j}^*|$ . In specific, if we can determine the spectrum of  $D_{\rho_j} T_z^j$ , we will be able to compute  $\|D_{\rho_j}\|$ .

**Theorem 2.** If  $\rho_j(z) = r_j z$  for some real number  $0 < r_j < 1$ , hence

$$\Sigma \|D_{\rho_j}\| = \Sigma \left\lfloor \frac{1}{1-r_j} \right\rfloor r_j^{[1/(1-r_j)]-1}, \quad 2.1$$

where  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  denotes the greatest integer function.

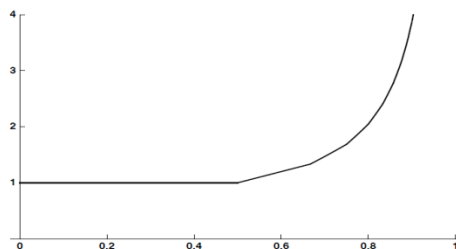


Figure 1. The quantity  $\Sigma \|D_{\rho_j}\|$  for different values of  $r_j$ .

Proof. Note that  $D_{\rho_j} T_z^j (z^{n-1}) = D_{\rho_j} (z^n) = n(r_j z)^{n-1} = nr_j^{n-1} z^{n-1}$

for any natural number  $n$ . Therefore, the spectrum of  $D_{\rho_j} T_z^j$  includes  $\{nr_j^{n-1} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

Second hand, suppose  $\lambda_j$  be an arbitrary eigenvalue for  $D_{\rho_j} T_z^j$  with corresponding eigenvector  $f_j$ . Observe that;  $\lambda_j f_j(z) = f_j(r_j z) + r_j z f_j'(r_j z)$ .

If  $f_j(0) \neq 0$ , hence  $\lambda_j = 1$ . If  $f_j(0) = 0$ , differentiate both sides of the equation above to obtain  $\lambda_j f_j'(z) = 2r_j f_j'(r_j z) + r_j^2 z f_j''(r_j z)$ .

If  $f_j'(0) \neq 0$ , hence  $\lambda_j = 2r_j$ . Differentiating a total of  $n - 1$  times, we obtain

$$\lambda_j f_j^{(n-1)}(z) = nr_j^{n-1} f_j^{(n-1)}(r_j z) + r_j^n z f_j^{(n)}(r_j z).$$

If  $f_j^{(n-1)}(0) \neq 0$ , Therefore  $\lambda_j = nr_j^{n-1}$ . Therefore, any eigenvalue must have the form  $nr_j^{n-1}$  for some natural number  $n$ . Since  $D_{\rho_j} T_z^j$  is compact, its spectrum is exactly  $\{0\} \cup \{nr_j^{n-1} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .



Since all the eigenvalues are positive, see that  $\sum D_{\rho_j} T_z^j = \sum |D_{\rho_j}^*|$ . Therefore,

$$\sum \|D_{\rho_j}\| = \max \left\{ \sum nr_j^{n-1} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

To obtain (2.1), observe that the function  $h_j(x) = xr_j^{n-1}$  has precisely one local extremum on  $[0, \infty)$ , which are also its absolute maximum. Therefore we simply need to find the greatest natural number  $n$  so that  $(n-1)r_j^{n-2} \leq nr_j^{n-1}$

or equivalently  $1 - \frac{1}{n} \leq r_j$

or  $n \leq \frac{1}{1-r_j}$ .

Thus the quantity  $nr_j^{n-1}$  is maximized when  $n = \lfloor 1/(1-r_j) \rfloor$ .

There are several interesting consequences of Theorem 2. First of each,  $\sum \|D_{\rho_j}\| = 1$  for  $0 < r_j \leq 1/2$  and  $\sum \|D_{\rho_j}\| > 1$  for  $1/2 < r_j < 1$ . Secondly,  $\sum \|D_{\rho_j}\|$  tends to  $\infty$  as  $r_j$  goes to 1. Since composition with a rotation is an isometry, (2.1) holds with  $r_j$  replaced by  $|r_j|$  for any complex number  $r_j$  with  $0 < \sum |r_j| < 1$ . Likewise, the same formula holds for  $\sum \|D_{\varphi_j}\|$  where  $\varphi_j(z) = r_j z^k$  for any  $k$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

We deduce this section with an observation relating to the spectrum of  $D_{\rho_j}$ , which indeed pertains to a slightly larger class of operators.

**Proposition 3.** If  $\varphi_j(z) = a^j z + b^j$ , where  $0 < \sum |a^j| < 1 - \sum |b^j|$ , the operators  $D_{\varphi_j}$  are quasi nilpotent; that is, its spectrum is  $\{0\}$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $\lambda_j$  are a nonzero element of the spectrum of  $D_{\varphi_j}$ , which would necessarily be an eigenvalue. Hence there is a nonzero function  $f_j$  in  $H^2$  such that;

$$\lambda_j f_j(z) = f_j'(a^j z + b^j).$$

It is clear from this formula that  $f_j$  cannot be a polynomial. Differentiating  $n$  times, see that

$$\lambda_j f_j^{(n)}(z) = (a^j)^n f_j^{(n+1)}(a^j z + b^j),$$

so that  $(\lambda_j / (a^j)^n) f_j^{(n)}(z) = (f_j^{(n)})'(a^j z + b^j)$ .

Since  $f_j^{(n)}$  are not identically 0, we deduce that  $\lambda_j / (a^j)^n$  must be an eigenvalue for  $D_{\varphi_j}$  for every  $n$ , which is impossible. Therefore  $\lambda_j = 0$  are the only elements in the spectrum of  $D_{\varphi_j}$ .

**Remark.** Make a stronger statement than Proposition 3. When  $\varphi_j(z) = a^j z + b^j$ , note that  $D_{\varphi_j}^n$  are never equal to the trivial operators on  $H^2$ . Furthermore, for any natural number  $M$ , the closed linear span of the set  $\{z^n\}_{n=0}^M$  is invariant under the operators  $D_{\varphi_j}$ . Therefore [3, Corollary 1] exhibits that  $D_{\varphi_j}$  are a compact universal quasi nilpotent operators; that is, the norm closure of  $\{W D_{\varphi_j} W^{-1} : W \text{ is an invertible operator on } H^2\}$  contains every compact quasi nilpotent operator.

### 3. Connections with composition operators

We can view the operators  $D_{\varphi_j}$  as the product  $C_{\varphi_j} D$ , although the benefit of this representation is limited by the fact that  $D$  is unbounded on  $H^2$ . The bounded operators  $D_{\rho_j}$ , where  $\rho_j(z) = r_j z$  for  $0 < r_j < 1$ , can act as a surrogate for  $D$  in the situation where  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_{\infty} < 1$ . Recall that  $D_{\rho_j}$  are compact and quasi nilpotent, and that we know both its adjoint and its norm.



Take  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_\infty \leq \sum r_j < 1$  and define  $(\varphi_j)_{r_j} = (1/r_j)\varphi_j$ . Observe that  $D_{\varphi_j} = C_{(\varphi_j)_{r_j}} D_{\rho_j}$ . (3.1)

Since  $\sum \|D_{\varphi_j}\| = \sum \|C_{(\varphi_j)_{r_j}}\| \|D_{\rho_j}\|$ , obtain the following estimate for  $\|D_{\varphi_j}\|$ .

**Proposition 4.** If  $\varphi_j$  are a nonconstant analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_\infty < 1$ , then

$$\sum \sqrt{\frac{1 + |\varphi_j(0)|^2}{(1 - |\varphi_j(0)|^2)^3}} \leq \sum \|D_{\varphi_j}\| \leq \sum \sqrt{\frac{r_j + |\varphi_j(0)|}{r_j - |\varphi_j(0)|} \left| \frac{1}{1 - r_j} \right| r_j^{1/(1-r_j)-1}}$$

whenever  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_\infty \leq \sum r_j < 1$ .

If  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_\infty \leq 1/2$  we may take  $r_j = 1/2$  to see that

$$\sum \sqrt{\frac{1 + |\varphi_j(0)|^2}{(1 - |\varphi_j(0)|^2)^3}} \leq \sum \|D_{\varphi_j}\| \leq \sum \sqrt{\frac{1 + 2|\varphi_j(0)|}{1 - 2|\varphi_j(0)|}}.$$

In specific,  $\sum \|D_{\varphi_j}\| = 1$  whenever both  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_\infty \leq 1/2$  and  $\varphi_j(0) = 0$ .

**Example 5.** Suppose  $\varphi_j(z) = \alpha^j z + b^j$ , where  $\alpha^j \neq 0$  and  $|\alpha^j| + |b^j| \leq 1/2$ , so that

$$\sum \sqrt{\frac{1 + |b^j|^2}{(1 - |b^j|^2)^3}} \leq \sum \|D_{\varphi_j}\| \leq \sum \sqrt{\frac{1 + 2|b^j|}{1 - 2|b^j|}}.$$

We can indeed improve on Proposition 4 because we know the norm of  $C_{(\varphi_j)_{r_j}}$  precisely. For  $r_j = 1/2$ , it follows from [1, Theorem 3] that

$$\sum \|C_{(\varphi_j)_{r_j}}\| = \sum \sqrt{\frac{2}{1 + 4|\alpha^j|^2 - 4|b^j|^2 + \sqrt{(1 - 4|\alpha^j|^2 + 4|b^j|^2)^2 - 16|b^j|^2}}}.$$

This value serves as a more precise upper bound for  $\|D_{\varphi_j}\|$ .

Working with  $D_{\rho_j}$  can also be useful for describing the adjoint of operators  $D_{\varphi_j}$ .

Collecting (3.1) with the identity  $D_{\rho_j}^* = T_z^j D_{\rho_j} T_z^j$ , we see that  $D_{\varphi_j}^* = T_z^j D_{\rho_j} T_z^j C_{(\varphi_j)_{r_j}}^*$

whenever  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_\infty \leq \sum r_j < 1$ . This annotation allows us to determine  $D_{\varphi_j}^*$  whenever we know  $C_{(\varphi_j)_{r_j}}^*$ .

**Example 6.** Suppose  $\varphi_j(z) = r_j z^2$  for  $0 < r_j < 1$  and peeking  $(\varphi_j)_{r_j}(z) = z^2$ . It is

well known (see [2, Exercise 9.1.1]) that  $C_{(\varphi_j)_{r_j}}^*(f_j) = \frac{f_j(\sqrt{z}) + f_j(-\sqrt{z})}{2}$

for any  $f_j$  in  $H^2$ ; that is,  $C_{(\varphi_j)_{r_j}}^*(z^{2n}) = z^n$  and  $C_{(\varphi_j)_{r_j}}^*(z^{2n+1}) = 0$  for any nonnegative integer  $n$ . Consequently,  $D_{\varphi_j}^*(z^{2n}) = (n+1)r_j^n z^{n+1}$

and  $D_{\varphi_j}^*(z^{2n+1}) = 0$ . For example, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum D_{\varphi_j}^*(\log(1-z)) &= \sum D_{\varphi_j}^*\left(-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n}\right) = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)r_j^n z^{n+1}}{2n} \\ &= -\frac{z}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (r_j z)^n - \frac{z}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(r_j z)^n}{n} \\ &= -\sum \frac{r_j z^2}{2(1-r_j z)} + \sum \frac{z \log(1-r_j z)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Observing that every  $D_{\varphi_j}$  from Example 6 has at least one nonzero eigenvalue, since





$$D_{\varphi_j}(z^2) = 2(r_j z^2) = (2r_j)z^2.$$

### Results:

1. Ohno [5] established a basic set of results relating to when the operators we are calling  $D_{\varphi_j}$  are bounded or compact on  $H^2$ .
2. Applying established results relating to composition operators, also obtain estimates for the norm of  $D_{\varphi_j}$  whenever  $\sum \|\varphi_j\|_{\infty} < 1$  (Proposition 4).
3. This result bears a close resemblance to Cowen's adjoint formula for composition operators (see [1, Theorem 2]), which can be rewritten  $C_{\varphi_j}^* \left( T_{K_{\sigma_j(0)}}^j \right)^* = T_{K_{\varphi_j(0)}}^j C_{\sigma_j}$ .

### Conclusion

In order to determine if the operators we are calling  $D_{\varphi_j}$  are bounded or compact on  $H^2$ , conclusion is quite similar to Cowen's adjoint formula for composition operators, which can be expressed as  $C_{\varphi_j}^* \left( T_{K_{\sigma_j(0)}}^j \right)^* = T_{K_{\varphi_j(0)}}^j C_{\sigma_j}$ .

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