

# Weighted Composition Operators on the Bloch Space on a Bounded Homogeneous Domain

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# Motivation

In their 2004 paper, Ohno & Zhao characterized the bounded and compact weighted composition operators

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

on the Bloch space and little Bloch space of the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$ .

## Theorem (Ohno & Zhao, 2004)

*Let  $\psi \in H(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{C})$  and  $\varphi \in H(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{D})$ . Then  $W_{\psi,\varphi}$  is bounded on the Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{D})$  if and only if the following are satisfied:*

- (i)  $\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |z|^2) |\psi'(z)| \log \left( \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right) < \infty;$
- (ii)  $\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \frac{1 - |z|^2}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} |\psi(z)\varphi'(z)| < \infty.$

# Research Goals

We are investigating multiplication, composition and weighted composition operators on the Bloch space on a class of domains in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  which include  $\mathbb{B}_n$  and  $\mathbb{D}^n$ .

In particular, we are trying to answer the fundamental questions:

- 1 What symbols induce bounded operators?
- 2 What are estimates on the norm of the bounded operators?
- 3 What symbols induce compact operators?
- 4 What symbols induce isometric operators?
- 5 What are the spectra of the bounded operators?

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- Each bounded homogeneous domain has a canonical Möbius invariant metric, the **Bergman metric**, denoted by  $H_z(\cdot, \cdot)$ .

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$$\mathcal{B}_1(D) = \{f \in \mathcal{B}(\text{or } \mathcal{B}_0) : f(0) = 0 \text{ and } \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq 1\}.$$

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- 3 If  $D = \mathbb{B}_n$ , then  $\omega(z) = \rho(0, z) = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1+||z||}{1-||z||}$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{B}_n$ .

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If  $D$  is a bounded homogeneous domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\varphi \in H(D, D)$ , then  $C_{\varphi}$  is bounded on  $\mathcal{B}(D)$  and

$$\max\{1, \omega(\varphi(0))\} \leq \|C_{\varphi}\| \leq \max\{1, \omega(\varphi(0)) + B_{\varphi}\}.$$

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We feel that more investigation into the quantities  $\omega(z)$  and/or  $B_{\varphi}(z)$  will allow for the conjecture to be proved.

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For  $n = 1$ , this was obtained by Ohno & Zhao.

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