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## Compact endomorphisms of $H^\infty(D)$

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**Abstract.** Compact composition operators on  $H^\infty(G)$ , where  $G$  is a region in the complex plane, and the spectra of these operators were described by D. Swanton (*Compact composition operators on  $B(D)$* , Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 56 (1976), 152–156). In this short note we characterize all compact endomorphisms, not necessarily those induced by composition operators, on  $H^\infty(D)$ , where  $D$  is the unit disc, and determine their spectra.

Let  $D$  be the open unit disc and, as usual, let  $H^\infty(D)$  be the algebra of bounded analytic functions on  $D$  with  $\|f\| = \sup_{z \in D} |f(z)|$ . With pointwise addition and multiplication,  $H^\infty(D)$  is a well known uniform algebra. In this note we characterize the compact endomorphisms of  $H^\infty(D)$  and determine their spectra.

We show that although not every endomorphism  $T$  of  $H^\infty(D)$  has the form  $T(f)(z) = f(\phi(z))$  for some analytic  $\phi$  mapping  $D$  into itself, if  $T$  is compact, there is an analytic function  $\psi : D \rightarrow D$  associated with  $T$ . In the case where  $T$  is compact, the derivative of  $\psi$  at its fixed point determines the spectrum of  $T$ .

The structure of the maximal ideal space  $M_{H^\infty}$  is well known. Evaluation at a point  $z \in D$  gives rise to an element in  $M_{H^\infty}$  in the natural way. The remainder of  $M_{H^\infty}$  consists of singleton Gleason parts and Gleason parts which are analytic discs. An analytic disc,  $P(m)$ , containing a point  $m \in M_{H^\infty}$  is a subset of  $M_{H^\infty}$  for which there exists a continuous bijection  $L_m : D \rightarrow P(m)$  such that  $L_m(0) = m$  and  $\hat{f}(L_m(z))$  is analytic on  $D$  for each  $f \in H^\infty(D)$ . Moreover, the map  $L_m$  has the form

$$L_m(z) = w^* \lim \frac{z + z_\alpha}{1 + \bar{z}_\alpha z}$$

for some net  $z_\alpha \rightarrow m$  in the  $w^*$  topology, whence

$$\widehat{f}(L_m(z)) = \lim f\left(\frac{z + z_\alpha}{1 + \bar{z}_\alpha z}\right)$$

for all  $f \in H^\infty(D)$ . A fiber  $M_\lambda$  over some  $\lambda \in \bar{D} \setminus D$  is the zero set in  $M_{H^\infty}$  of the function  $z - \lambda$ . Each part distinct from  $D$  is contained in exactly one fiber  $M_\lambda$ . With no loss of generality we let  $\lambda = 1$ . We also recall that two elements  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are in the same part if, and only if,  $\|n_1 - n_2\| < 2$ , where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the norm in the dual space  $H^\infty(D)^*$ .

Now let  $T$  be an endomorphism of  $H^\infty(D)$ , i.e.  $T$  is a (necessarily) bounded linear map of  $H^\infty(D)$  to itself with  $T(fg) = T(f)T(g)$  for all  $f, g \in H^\infty(D)$ . For a given  $T$ , either  $T$  has the form  $Tf(z) = f(\omega(z))$  for some analytic map  $\omega : D \rightarrow D$ , or  $Tf = \widehat{f}(n)1$  for some  $n \in M_{H^\infty}$ , or there exists an  $m \in M_{H^\infty}$ , a net  $z_\alpha \rightarrow m$  in the  $w^*$  topology and an analytic function  $\tau : D \rightarrow D$  with  $\tau(0) = 0$ , for which  $Tf(z) = \widehat{f}(L_m(\tau(z)))$  (see [3]). Further, on general principles, if  $T$  is an endomorphism of  $H^\infty(D)$  there exists a  $w^*$  continuous map  $\phi : M_{H^\infty} \rightarrow M_{H^\infty}$  with  $\widehat{Tf}(n) = \widehat{f}(\phi(n))$  for all  $n \in M_{H^\infty}$ . In the last case,  $\phi(z) = L_m(\tau(z))$  for  $z \in D$ .

For a given endomorphism  $T$ , if the induced map  $\phi$  maps  $D$  to itself, then  $T$  is commonly called a *composition operator*. Compact composition operators on  $H^\infty$  were completely characterized in [4]. However, in general,  $L_m(\tau(z))$  need not be in  $D$ , and so not every endomorphism of  $H^\infty(D)$  is a composition operator. It is these endomorphisms that we discuss here. Trivially, for any  $n \in M_{H^\infty} \setminus D$ , the map  $T$  defined by  $Tf(z) = \widehat{f}(n)1$  is a compact endomorphism of  $H^\infty(D)$  which is not a composition operator.

Now let  $P(m)$  be an analytic part and let  $T$  be an endomorphism defined by  $Tf(z) = \widehat{f}(L_m(\tau(z)))$  as discussed above. Also suppose that  $\phi : M_{H^\infty} \rightarrow M_{H^\infty}$  is such that  $\widehat{Tf} = \widehat{f} \circ \phi$ . Assume that  $T$  is compact. We claim that  $\tau(\bar{D})$  is a compact subset of  $D$  in the Euclidean topology. Indeed, if we regard the endomorphism  $T$  as an operator from  $H^\infty(D)$  into  $C(M_{H^\infty})$ , then  $T$  is compact if, and only if,  $\phi$  is  $w^*$  to norm continuous on  $M_{H^\infty}$  (see [2]). Since  $M_{H^\infty}$  is itself compact and connected (in the  $w^*$  topology),  $\phi(M_{H^\infty})$  must be compact and connected in the norm topology on  $M_{H^\infty}$ , and so  $\phi$  maps  $M_{H^\infty}$  into a norm compact connected subset of  $P(m)$ . Therefore the range,  $\phi(D) = L_m(\tau(D))$ , is contained in a norm compact subset of  $P(m)$ , and further, since  $L_m^{-1}$  is an isometry in the Gleason norms on  $P(m)$  and  $D$  (see [1]),  $\tau(D) = L_m^{-1}(\phi(D))$  is contained in a compact subset of  $D$  in the norm topology on  $D$ . Since the norm, Euclidean and  $w^*$  topologies on  $D$  coincide,  $\tau(\bar{D})$  is a compact subset of  $D$  in these three topologies. As a consequence,  $\widehat{\tau}(M_{H^\infty}) \subset D$ .

Next consider two maps of  $H^\infty(D)$  into itself. The first,  $C_{L_m}$ , is defined by  $C_{L_m}(f)(z) = \widehat{f}(L_m(z))$ , and the second,  $C_\tau$ , by  $C_\tau(f)(z) = f(\tau(z))$ . Then  $(C_{L_m} \circ C_\tau)(f)(z) = C_{L_m}(f \circ \tau)(z) = \widehat{f \circ \tau}(L_m(z)) = \widehat{f}(L_m(\tau(z))) = Tf(z)$ . But if  $B$  is a Banach space and  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are any two bounded linear maps from  $B$  to  $B$ , the spectra satisfy  $\sigma(S_1 S_2) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(S_2 S_1) \setminus \{0\}$ . Thus we see that  $\sigma(T) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(C_{L_m} \circ C_\tau) \setminus \{0\}$ .

Since  $f$  is analytic on a neighborhood of the range of  $\widehat{\tau}$  which is a subset of  $D$ , a standard functional calculus argument gives  $\widehat{f \circ \tau}(L_m(z)) = f(\widehat{\tau}(L_m(z)))$ . If we let  $\psi(z) = \widehat{\tau}(L_m(z))$  we see that  $C_{L_m} \circ C_\tau$  is a compact composition operator in the usual sense, and so if  $z_0 \in D$  is the unique fixed point of  $\psi$ , and  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of positive integers, then  $\sigma(T) = \{(\psi'(z_0))^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0, 1\}$ .

To summarize, we have shown the following.

**THEOREM.** *If  $T$  is a compact endomorphism of  $H^\infty(D)$ , then either  $T$  has one-dimensional range, i.e.  $Tf = \widehat{f}(n)1$  for some  $n \in M_{H^\infty}$ , or  $T$  is a composition operator in the usual sense, or  $T$  has the form  $Tf(z) = \widehat{f}(L_m(\tau(z)))$  where  $\tau$  is described above. In the last case, there is a compact composition operator  $C_\psi$  such that  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(C_\psi) = \{(\psi'(z_0))^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0, 1\}$  where  $z_0 \in D$  is the unique fixed point of  $\psi$ .*

We conclude with two examples showing differences between composition operators and general endomorphisms.

(a) With the same terminology and symbols, suppose  $\widehat{\tau}$  is constant on  $P(m)$ , i.e.  $\widehat{\tau}(P(m)) = \{\widehat{\tau}(m)\}$ . Since  $T$  is compact,  $\widehat{\tau}(m) \in D$ . Then using  $C_\tau$  and  $C_{L_m}$  as before, we show that  $T^2 f = \widehat{f}(n)1$  for some  $n \in P(m)$ . Indeed,  $(C_{L_m} \circ C_\tau)f = f(t_0)1$  where  $t_0 = \widehat{\tau}(m) \in D$ . Then we see that

$$\begin{aligned} T^2 f &= [(C_\tau \circ C_{L_m}) \circ (C_\tau \circ C_{L_m})]f = [C_\tau \circ (C_{L_m} \circ C_\tau) \circ C_{L_m}]f \\ &= [C_\tau \circ (C_{L_m} \circ C_\tau)](\widehat{f} \circ L_m) = C_\tau(\widehat{f}(L_m(t_0))1) = \widehat{f}(L_m(t_0))1. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n = L_m(t_0)$  gives the result.

One way to have  $\widehat{\tau}$  constant on  $P(m)$  is for  $\tau$  to be continuous at 1 in the usual sense.

A more interesting example, perhaps, is to define  $\tau$  by

$$\tau(z) = \frac{1}{2} z e^{(z+1)/(z-1)},$$

and  $m \in M_{H^\infty}$  as the  $w^*$  limit of a real net  $x_\alpha$  approaching 1. Then

$$\widehat{\tau}(L_m(z)) = \lim_\alpha \tau\left(\frac{z + x_\alpha}{1 + \bar{x}_\alpha z}\right) = 0,$$

and so  $T^2 f = \widehat{f}(m)1$  for all  $f \in H^\infty(D)$ . In both cases,  $\sigma(T) = \{0, 1\}$ .

(b) Finally, let  $\{z_n\}$  be an interpolating Blaschke sequence approaching 1,  $z_1 = 0$ , with  $m$  in the  $w^*$  closure of  $\{z_n\}$  and  $B$  the corresponding Blaschke product. If  $\tau(z) = \frac{1}{2}B(z)$ , then it is well known [3] that  $(\widehat{\tau} \circ L_m)'(0) = \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{B} \circ L_m)'(0) \neq 0$ . This, then, is an example of a compact endomorphism of  $H^\infty(D)$  which is not a composition operator but whose spectrum properly contains  $\{0, 1\}$ .

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### The triple-norm extension problem: the nondegenerate complete case

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**Abstract.** We prove that, if  $A$  is an associative algebra with two commuting involutions  $\tau$  and  $\pi$ , if  $A$  is a  $\tau$ - $\pi$ -tight envelope of the Jordan Triple System  $T := H(A, \tau) \cap S(A, \pi)$ , and if  $T$  is nondegenerate, then every complete norm on  $T$  making the triple product continuous is equivalent to the restriction to  $T$  of an algebra norm on  $A$ .

**0. Introduction and preliminaries.** The classification of prime Jordan Triple Systems (JTS) is essentially due to E. I. Zel'manov ([Zel2], [Zel3] and [Zel4]). Later Zel'manov's ideas have been clarified and completed in [D'A], [ACCM] and [D'AM]. In the Zel'manov classification of prime nondegenerate JTS's, triples of the following form became crucial. Take an associative algebra  $A$  with two commuting involutions  $\tau$ ,  $\pi$ , put

$$H(A, \tau) := \{a \in A : a^\tau = a\} \quad \text{and} \quad S(A, \pi) := \{a \in A : a^\pi = -a\},$$

and consider the JTS  $T := H(A, \tau) \cap S(A, \pi)$  under the triple product  $\{xyz\} := \frac{1}{2}(xyz + zyx)$ .

Let  $A$  and  $T$  be as above. If  $\|\cdot\|$  is an algebra norm on  $A$ , then, clearly, the restriction of  $\|\cdot\|$  to  $T$  is a *triple-norm* on  $T$ , i.e., a norm on the vector space  $T$  making the triple product of  $T$  continuous. The converse question is called the *triple-norm extension problem* [Mor2] (3NEP for short), namely: given a triple-norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $T$ , is there an algebra norm on  $A$  whose restriction to  $T$  is equivalent to  $\|\cdot\|$ ? To have some possibility of an affirmative answer to the above question, it seems reasonable to assume that  $A$  is a  $\tau$ - $\pi$ -tight envelope of  $T$ , which means:

- (i)  $A$  is generated by  $T$ , and
- (ii) every nonzero  $\tau$ - $\pi$ -invariant ideal of  $A$  has nonzero intersection with  $T$ .

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