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# Composition Operator on Bergman-Orlicz Space

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Let  $\mathbb{D}$  denote the open unit disk in the complex plane and let  $dA(z)$  denote the normalized area measure on  $\mathbb{D}$ . For  $\alpha > -1$  and  $\Phi$  a twice differentiable, nonconstant, nondecreasing, nonnegative, and convex function on  $[0, \infty)$ , the Bergman-Orlicz space  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  is defined as follows  $L_\alpha^\Phi = \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(\log^+ |f(z)|)(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z) < \infty\}$ . Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . The composition operator  $C_\varphi$  induced by  $\varphi$  is defined by  $C_\varphi f = f \circ \varphi$  for  $f$  analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$ . We prove that the composition operator  $C_\varphi$  is compact on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  if and only if  $C_\varphi$  is compact on  $A_\alpha^2$ , and  $C_\varphi$  has closed range on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  if and only if  $C_\varphi$  has closed range on  $A_\alpha^2$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{D}$  be the open unit disk in the complex plane and let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . The composition operator  $C_\varphi$  induced by  $\varphi$  is defined by  $C_\varphi f = f \circ \varphi$  for  $f$  analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$ . The idea of studying the general properties of composition operators originated from Nordgren [1]. As a sequence of Littlewood's subordinate theorem, each  $\varphi$  induces a bounded composition operator on the Hardy spaces  $H^p(\mathbb{D})$  for all  $p$  ( $0 < p < \infty$ ) and the weighted Bergman spaces  $A_\alpha^p(\mathbb{D})$  for all  $p$  ( $0 < p < \infty$ ) and for all  $\alpha$  ( $-1 < \alpha < \infty$ ). Thus, boundedness of composition operators on these spaces becomes very clear. Next, a natural problem is how to characterize the compactness of composition operators on these spaces, which once was a central problem for mathematicians who were interested in the theory of composition operators. The study of compact composition operators was started by Schwartz, who obtained the first compactness theorem in his thesis [2], showing that the integrability of  $(1 - |\varphi|)^{-1}$  over  $\partial\mathbb{D}$  implied the compactness of  $C_\varphi$  on  $H^p$ . The work was continued by Shapiro and Taylor [3], who showed that  $C_\varphi$  was not compact on  $H^2$  whenever  $\varphi$  had a finite angular derivative at some point of

$\partial\mathbb{D}$ . Moreover, MacCluer and Shapiro [4] pointed out that nonexistence of the finite angular derivatives of  $\varphi$  was a sufficient condition for the compactness of  $C_\varphi$  on  $A_\alpha^p$  but it failed on  $H^p$ . So looking for an appropriate tool of characterizing the compactness of  $C_\varphi$  on  $H^p$  was difficult at that time. Fortunately, Shapiro [5] developed relations between the essential norm of  $C_\varphi$  on  $H^2$  and the Nevanlinna counting function of  $\varphi$ , and he obtained a nice essential norm formula of  $C_\varphi$  in 1987. As a result, he completely gave a characterization of the compactness of  $C_\varphi$  in terms of the function properties of  $\varphi$ .

Another solution to the compactness of  $C_\varphi$  on  $H^2$  was done by the Aleksandrov measures which was introduced by Cima and Matheson [6]. It is well known that the harmonic function  $\Re((\lambda + \varphi(z))/(\lambda - \varphi(z)))$  can be expressed by the Poisson integral

$$\Re \frac{\lambda + \varphi(z)}{\lambda - \varphi(z)} = \int_{\partial\mathbb{D}} P(z, \zeta) dm_\lambda(\zeta) \quad (1.1)$$

for each  $\lambda \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ . Cima and Matheson applied  $\sigma_\lambda$  the singular part of  $m_\lambda$  to give the following expression:

$$\|C_\varphi\|_e^2 = \sup_{\lambda \in \partial\mathbb{D}} \|\sigma_\lambda\|. \quad (1.2)$$

They showed that  $C_\varphi$  was compact on  $H^2$  if and only if all the measures  $m_\lambda$  were absolutely continuous.

The study of compactness of composition operators is also an important subject on other analytic function spaces, and we have chosen two typical examples above, and for more related materials one can consult [7, 8]. Another natural interesting subject is the composition operator with closed range. Considering angular derivatives of  $\varphi$ , it is known that  $C_\varphi$  is compact on  $A^2$  if and only if  $\varphi$  fails to have finite angular derivatives on  $\partial\mathbb{D}$ , in this case,  $C_\varphi$  does not have closed range since  $C_\varphi$  is not a finite rank operator. And if  $\varphi$  has finite angular derivatives on  $\partial\mathbb{D}$ , then  $\varphi$  is necessarily a finite Blaschke product and hence one can easily verify that  $C_\varphi$  has closed range on  $A^2$ . Zorboska has given a necessary and sufficient condition for  $C_\varphi$  with closed range on  $H^2$ , and she also has done on  $A_\alpha^p$  [9]. Luecking [10] considered the same question on Dirichlet space after Zorboska's work. Recently, Kumar and Partington [11] have studied the weighted composition operators with closed range on Hardy spaces and Bergman spaces.

This paper will study the compactness of composition operator on Bergman-Orlicz space. We are mainly inspired by the following results.

- (i) Liu et al. [12] showed that composition operator was bounded on Hardy-Orlicz space. Lu and Cao [13] also showed that composition operator was bounded on Bergman-Orlicz space.
- (ii) A composition operator was compact on the Nevanlinna class  $\mathcal{N}$  if and only if it was compact on  $H^2$  [14].
- (iii) If a composition operator was compact on  $H^p$  for some  $p > 0$ , then it was compact on  $H^p$  for all  $p > 0$  [3]. Moreover, paper [15] compared the compactness of composition operators on Hardy-Orlicz spaces and on Hardy spaces. All these results lead us to wonder whether there is a equivalence for the compactness of

$C_\varphi$  on  $A_\alpha^2$  and on the Bergman-Orlicz space, and whether there is an equivalence for the closed range of  $C_\varphi$  on  $A_\alpha^2$  and on the Bergman-Orlicz space. In this paper, we are going to give affirmative answers for the preceding questions.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $H(\mathbb{D})$  denote the space of all analytic functions on  $\mathbb{D}$ . Let  $dA(z)$  denote the normalized area measure on  $\mathbb{D}$ , that is,  $A(\mathbb{D}) = 1$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  denote the class of strongly convex functions  $\Phi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ , which satisfies

- (i)  $\Phi(0) = \Phi'(0) = 0$ ,  $\Phi(t)/t \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,
- (ii)  $\Phi''$  exists on  $[0, +\infty)$ ,
- (iii)  $\Phi(2t) \leq C\Phi(t)$  for some positive constant  $C$  and for all  $t > 0$ .

For  $\Phi \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $\alpha > -1$  the Bergman-Orlicz space  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  is defined as follows:

$$L_\alpha^\Phi = \left\{ f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \|f\|_\Phi = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(\log^+ |f(z)|) (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z) < \infty \right\}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\log^+ x = \max\{0, \log x\}$ . Although  $\|\cdot\|_\Phi$  does not define a norm in  $L_\alpha^\Phi$ , it holds that the  $d(f, g) = \|f - g\|_\Phi$  defines a metric on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$ , and makes  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  into a complete metric space. Obviously, the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \log^+ x &\leq \log(1 + x) \leq 1 + \log^+ x, & x \geq 0, \\ 2\log^+ x &\leq \log(1 + x^2) \leq 1 + 2\log^+ x, & x \geq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

and the fact that  $\Phi$  is nondecreasing convex function imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\log^+ x) &\leq \Phi(\log(1 + x)) \leq \Phi(1 + \log^+ x) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\Phi(2) + \frac{1}{2}\Phi(2\log^+ x) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\Phi(2) + \frac{1}{2}C\Phi(\log^+ x), \\ \Phi(\log^+ x) &\leq \Phi(2\log^+ x) \leq \Phi(\log(1 + x^2)) \\ &\leq \Phi(1 + 2\log^+(x)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\Phi(2) + \frac{1}{2}\Phi(4\log^+ x) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\Phi(2) + \frac{1}{2}C\Phi(\log^+ x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Then  $f \in L_\alpha^\Phi$  if and only if

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|)) (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z) < \infty \quad (2.4)$$

or if and only if

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|^2)) (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z) < \infty. \quad (2.5)$$

Throughout this paper, constants are denoted by  $C$ , they are positive and may differ from one occurrence to the other. The notation  $a \asymp b$  means that there is a positive constant  $C$  such that  $a \leq Cb$ . Moreover, if both  $a \asymp b$  and  $b \asymp a$  hold, we write  $a \asymp b$  and say that  $a$  is asymptotically equivalent to  $b$ .

In this section we will prove several auxiliary results which will be used in the proofs of the main results in this paper.

**Lemma 2.1.** *If  $f \in L_\alpha^\Phi$ , then*

$$\|f\|_\Phi \asymp \Phi(\log(1 + f(0)|^2)) + \int_{\mathbb{D}} f^\Phi(z) (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z), \quad (2.6)$$

where  $\Delta$  is Laplacian and  $f^\Phi(z) = \Delta\Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|^2))$ .

*Proof.* By the Green Theorem, if  $u, v \in C^2(\overline{\Omega})$ , where  $\Omega$  is a domain in the plane with smooth boundary, then

$$\int_{\Omega} (u\Delta v - v\Delta u) dx dy = \int_{\partial\Omega} \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} - v \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \right) ds. \quad (2.7)$$

Let  $0 < \varepsilon < r < 1$ ,  $u(z) = \log(r/|z|)$ ,  $v(z) = \Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|^2))$ , and  $\Omega = \{z \in \mathbb{D} : \varepsilon < |z| < r\}$ . Since  $\Delta u(z) = 0$ , by (2.7) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \Delta\Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|^2)) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dx dy + \log \frac{r}{\varepsilon} \int_{|z|=\varepsilon} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|^2)) ds \\ &= \int_{|z|=r} \frac{\Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|^2))}{r} ds - \int_{|z|=\varepsilon} \frac{\Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|^2))}{\varepsilon} ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Since  $(\partial/\partial n)(\Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|^2)))$  is bounded near to 0, we get

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \log \frac{r}{\varepsilon} \int_{|z|=\varepsilon} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|^2)) ds = 0. \quad (2.9)$$

Let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  in (2.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{|z|<r} \Delta\Phi\left(\log\left(1+|f(z)|^2\right)\right) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \Phi\left(\log\left(1+|f(re^{i\theta})|^2\right)\right) d\theta - 2\pi\Phi\left(\log\left(1+|f(0)|^2\right)\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

Integrating equality (2.10) with respect to  $r$  from 0 to 1, we obtain

$$\int_0^1 \int_{|z|<r} \Delta\Phi\left(\log\left(1+|f(z)|^2\right)\right) \log \frac{r}{|z|} (1-r^2)^\alpha r dr dA(z) = \|f\|_\Phi - \frac{2\pi}{\alpha+1} \Phi\left(\log\left(1+|f(0)|^2\right)\right). \quad (2.11)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_\Phi &= \frac{2\pi}{\alpha+1} \Phi\left(\log\left(1+|f(0)|^2\right)\right) + \int_0^1 \int_{|z|<r} \Delta\Phi\left(\log\left(1+|f(z)|^2\right)\right) \log \frac{r}{|z|} (1-r^2)^\alpha r dr dA(z) \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{\alpha+1} \Phi\left(\log\left(1+|f(0)|^2\right)\right) + \int_{\mathbb{D}} \Delta\Phi\left(\log\left(1+|f(z)|^2\right)\right) dA(z) \int_{|z|}^1 \log \frac{r}{|z|} (1-r^2)^\alpha r dr. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Since  $\int_{|z|}^1 \log(r/|z|)(1-r^2)^\alpha r dr \asymp (1-|z|^2)^{2+\alpha}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_\Phi &\asymp \frac{2\pi}{\alpha+1} \Phi\left(\log\left(1+|f(0)|^2\right)\right) + \int_{\mathbb{D}} \Delta\Phi\left(\log\left(1+|f(z)|^2\right)\right) (1-|z|^2)^\alpha dA(z) \\ &\asymp \Phi\left(\log\left(1+|f(0)|^2\right)\right) + \int_{\mathbb{D}} f^\Phi(1-|z|^2)^\alpha dA(z), \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

the proof is complete.  $\square$

Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . The generalized Nevanlinna counting function of  $\varphi$  is defined by

$$N_{\varphi, \alpha+2}(w) = \sum_{z \in \varphi^{-1}(w)} \left( \log \frac{1}{|z|} \right)^{\alpha+2}. \quad (2.14)$$

**Lemma 2.2** (see [9]). *If  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $g$  is a nonnegative measurable function in  $\mathbb{D}$ , then*

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} g \circ \varphi(z) |\varphi'(z)|^2 \left( \log \frac{1}{|z|} \right)^{\alpha+2} dA(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} g(z) N_{\varphi, \alpha+2}(z) dA(z). \quad (2.15)$$

Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 (see [9]) can lead to the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$ , then*

$$\|f \circ \varphi\| \asymp \Phi \left( 1 + \log |f \circ \varphi(0)|^2 \right) + \int_{\mathbb{D}} f^{\Phi}(w) N_{\alpha+2}(w) dA(w). \quad (2.16)$$

We will end this section with the following lemma, which illustrates that the counting functional  $\delta_z : f \mapsto f(z)$  is continuous on  $L_{\alpha}^{\Phi}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $f \in L_{\alpha}^{\Phi}$ , then*

$$|f(z)| \leq \exp \left( \Phi^{-1} \left( \frac{C \|f\|_{\Phi}}{(1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2}} \right) \right) \quad \forall z \text{ in } \mathbb{D}. \quad (2.17)$$

*Proof.* By the subharmonicity of map  $z \mapsto \log(1 + |f(z)|)$ , we get

$$\log(1 + |f(z)|) \leq \frac{1}{A_{\alpha}(\mathbb{D}(z, (1 - |z|)/2))} \int_{\mathbb{D}(z, (1 - |z|)/2)} \log(1 + |f(z)|) (1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha} dA(z). \quad (2.18)$$

Since  $\Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|))$  is convex and increasing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|)) &\leq \frac{1}{A_{\alpha}(\mathbb{D}(z, (1 - |z|)/2))} \int_{\mathbb{D}(z, (1 - |z|)/2)} \Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|)) dA_{\alpha}(z) \\ &\leq \frac{C}{(1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2}} \int_{\mathbb{D}(z, (1 - |z|)/2)} \Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|)) dA_{\alpha}(z) \\ &\leq \frac{C}{(1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(\log(1 + |f(z)|)) dA_{\alpha}(z) \\ &\leq \frac{C \|f\|_{\Phi}}{(1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

Since  $\Phi(\log^+ x) \leq \Phi(\log(1 + x))$ , we get

$$\Phi(\log^+ |f(z)|) \leq \frac{C\|f\|_{\Phi}}{(1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2}}, \tag{2.20}$$

that is,  $\log^+ |f(z)| \leq \Phi^{-1}(C\|f\|_{\Phi}/(1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2})$ . Thus  $|f(z)| \leq \exp(\Phi^{-1}(C\|f\|_{\Phi}/(1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2}))$ . □

### 3. Compactness

In this section, we are going to investigate the equivalence between compactness of composition operator on the Bergman-Orlicz space  $L_{\alpha}^{\Phi}$  and on the weighted Bergman space  $A_{\alpha}^2$ . The following lemma characterizes the compactness of  $C_{\varphi}$  on  $L_{\alpha}^{\Phi}$  in terms of sequential convergence, whose proof is similar to that in [7, Proposition 3.11].

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ , bounded operator  $C_{\varphi}$  is compact on  $L_{\alpha}^{\Phi}$  if and only if whenever  $\{f_n\}$  is bounded in  $L_{\alpha}^{\Phi}$  and  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ , then  $\|C_{\varphi}f_n\|_{\Phi} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

In order to characterize the compactness of  $C_{\varphi}$ , we need to introduce the notion of Carleson measure. For  $|\xi| = 1$  and  $\delta > 0$  we define  $Q_{\delta}(\xi) = \{z \in \mathbb{D} : |z - \xi| < \delta\}$ . A positive Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  is called a Carleson measure if  $\sup_{|\xi|=1} \mu(Q_{\delta}(\xi)) = O(\delta^{\alpha+2})$ . Moreover, if  $\mu$  satisfies the additional condition  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \mu(Q_{\delta}(\xi))/\delta^{\alpha+2} = 0$ ,  $\mu$  is called a vanishing Carleson measure (see [16] for the further information of Carleson measure). The following result for the compactness of  $C_{\varphi}$  on  $A_{\alpha}^2$  is useful in the proof of Theorem 3.3.

**Lemma 3.2** (see [14, 17]). *Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

(i)  $C_{\varphi}$  is compact on  $A_{\alpha}^2$ , (ii)  $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1} (N_{\varphi, \alpha+2}(z)/(1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2}) = 0$ , and (iii) the pull measure  $\mu_{\varphi}$  is a vanishing Carleson measure on  $\mathbb{D}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ , then  $C_{\varphi}$  is compact on  $A_{\alpha}^2$  if and only if  $C_{\varphi}$  is compact on  $L_{\alpha}^{\Phi}$ .*

*Proof.* First we assume that  $C_{\varphi}$  is compact on  $A_{\alpha}^2$ . Choose a sequence  $\{f_n\}$  that is bounded by a positive constant  $M$  in  $L_{\alpha}^{\Phi}$  and converges to zero uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ . By Lemma 3.1, it is enough to show that  $\|f_n \circ \varphi\|_{\Phi} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can find  $0 < r < 1$  such that  $N_{\varphi, \alpha+2}(z) < \varepsilon(1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2}$  for all  $|z| > r$ . Since  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , so is  $f'_n$ . Thus we can choose  $N > 0$  such that  $|f_n| < \varepsilon$  and  $|f'_n| < \varepsilon$  on  $r\overline{\mathbb{D}}$ , whenever  $n > N$ . Hence for such  $n$  we have

$$\|C_{\varphi}f_n\|_{\Phi} \leq \Phi\left(\log\left(1 + |f_n \circ \varphi(0)|^2\right)\right) + \int_{\mathbb{D}} f_n^{\Phi} N_{\varphi, \alpha+2} dA(w). \tag{3.1}$$

As  $|f_n \circ \varphi(0)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\Phi(\log(1 + |f_n \circ \varphi(0)|^2)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we only need to verify that  $\int_{\mathbb{D}} f_n^\Phi N_{\varphi, \alpha+2} dA(w) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Now

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} f_n^\Phi N_{\varphi, \alpha+2} dA(w) = \int_{r\mathbb{D}} f_n^\Phi N_{\varphi, \alpha+2} dA(w) + \int_{\mathbb{D} \setminus r\mathbb{D}} f_n^\Phi N_{\varphi, \alpha+2} dA(w) = \text{I} + \text{II}. \quad (3.2)$$

We first prove that the first term in previous equality is bounded by a constant multiple of  $\varepsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I} &= \int_{r\mathbb{D}} f_n^\Phi N_{\varphi, \alpha+2} dA(w) \\ &= \int_{r\mathbb{D}} \left[ \Phi''(\log(1 + |f_n(w)|^2)) |f_n(w)|^2 + \Phi'(\log(1 + |f_n(w)|^2)) \right] \\ &\quad \times \frac{|f_n(w)'|^2}{(1 + |f_n(w)|^2)^2} N_{\varphi, \alpha+2}(w) dA(w) \\ &\leq [\Phi''(\log(1 + \varepsilon))\varepsilon + \Phi'(\log(1 + \varepsilon))]\varepsilon \int_{r\mathbb{D}} N_{\varphi, \alpha+2}(w) dA(w) \\ &\leq [\Phi''(\log(1 + \varepsilon))\varepsilon + \Phi'(\log(1 + \varepsilon))]\varepsilon. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Now, we show that the previous second term above is also bounded by a constant multiple of  $\varepsilon$

$$\text{II} = \int_{\mathbb{D} \setminus r\mathbb{D}} f_n^\Phi N_{\varphi, \alpha+2} dA(w) \leq \varepsilon f_n^\Phi(w) (1 - |w|^2)^\alpha \leq \varepsilon \|f_n^\Phi\| \leq M\varepsilon. \quad (3.4)$$

Conversely, we assume that  $C_\varphi$  is compact on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$ . By Lemma 3.2, we need to verify that  $\mu_\varphi$  is a vanishing Carleson measure. For  $0 < \delta < 1$  and  $\xi \in \partial\mathbb{D}$  we write  $a = (1 - \delta)\xi$  and  $g_a(z) = (1 - |a|^2)^{\alpha+2} / (1 - \bar{a}z)^{2\alpha+4}$ . Then  $|g_a| \in L^1(\mathbb{D}, dA_\alpha)$ . Put  $G(z) = \Phi(|g_a(z)|)$ .  $G$  is well defined, because  $G$  is nondecreasing on range of  $|g_a|$ . Since  $\Phi^{-1}$  is concave, there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that  $\Phi^{-1}(t) \leq Ct$  for enough big  $t$ . Thus we get  $G(z) \in L^1(\mathbb{D}, dA_\alpha)$ . Set  $h(z) = \exp \int_0^{2\pi} ((e^{it} + z)/(e^{it} - z)) G(e^{it}) dt$ . Since  $\Phi(\log^+ |h(z)|) = \Phi(G(z)) = |g_a(z)| \in L^1(\mathbb{D}, dA_\alpha)$ , it means that  $h \in L_\alpha^\Phi$ . Let  $f_a(z) = (1 - |a|)h(z)$ . Then clearly  $f_a \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$  as  $|a| \rightarrow 1$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_a\|_\Phi &= \int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(\log^+ |f_a(z)|) dA_\alpha(z) \leq \int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(\log^+ |h(z)|) dA_\alpha(z) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{(1 - |a|^2)^{\alpha+2}}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^{2\alpha+4}} dA_\alpha(z) = 1. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

On the other hand, if  $|1 - z\bar{\xi}|/(1 - |a|) < \gamma$  for some fixed  $0 < \gamma < 1/4$ , where  $\xi = a/|a|$ , that is,  $z \in Q_{\gamma\delta}(\xi)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2} &= \frac{1 - |a|^2}{(1 - |a|)^2} \frac{(1 - |a|)^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2} = \frac{1 - |a|^2}{(1 - |a|)^2} \left( 1 + \frac{|a|(1 - z\bar{\xi})}{1 - |a|} \right)^{-2} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{(1 + \gamma)^2} \frac{1 - |a|^2}{(1 - |a|)^2} > \frac{1 - |a|^2}{4(1 - |a|)^2} \geq \frac{1}{4\delta}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Hence, for  $z \in Q_{\gamma\delta}(\xi)$  we have

$$\Phi^{-1} \left( \frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2} \right)^{\alpha+2} \geq \Phi^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{4\delta} \right)^{\alpha+2}. \tag{3.7}$$

Thus, for  $z \in Q_{\gamma\delta}(\xi)$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\log^+ |f_a(z)|) &= \Phi(\log^+(1 - |a|)h(z)) = \Phi(\log^+(1 - |a|) + \log^+ |h(z)|) \\ &\geq \Phi(\log^+ |h(z)|) = |g_a(z)| = \left( \frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2} \right)^{\alpha+2} \geq \left( \frac{1}{4\delta} \right)^{\alpha+2}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

So, for all  $\xi \in \partial\mathbb{D}$  and  $0 < \delta < 1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{1}{4\delta} \right)^{\alpha+2} \mu_\varphi(Q_{\gamma\delta}(\xi)) &\leq \int_{Q_{\gamma\delta}(\xi)} \Phi(\log^+ |f_a(z)|) d\mu_\varphi \leq \int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(\log^+ |f_a(z)|) d\mu_\varphi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(\log^+ |f_a \circ \varphi(z)|) dA_\alpha(z) = \|C_\varphi f_a\|_\Phi. \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

For the compactness of  $C_\varphi$ , we know that  $\|C_\varphi f_a\|_\Phi \rightarrow 0$  as  $|a| \rightarrow 1$ , which means that  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 1} (\mu_\varphi(Q_{\gamma\delta}(\xi))/\delta^{\alpha+2}) = 0$  uniformly for  $\xi \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ . This means that  $\mu_\varphi$  is a vanishing Carleson measure. By Lemma 3.2,  $C_\varphi$  is compact on  $A_\alpha^2$ .  $\square$

For special case  $\Phi(t) = t^p$  ( $p > 1$ ), the Bergman-Orlicz space  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  is called the area-type Nevanlinna class and we write  $\mathcal{N}_\alpha^p$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ , then  $C_\varphi$  is compact on  $A_\alpha^2$  if and only if  $C_\varphi$  is compact on  $\mathcal{N}_\alpha^p$ .*

*Remark 3.5.* Theorem 3.3 may be not true if  $\Phi$  does not satisfy the given conditions in this paper. For example, if  $\Phi$  is a nonnegative function on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\Phi \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ , and

$\Phi$  is nondecreasing but  $\Phi(x) > 0$  for some  $x \neq 0$ . Then the compactness of  $C_\varphi$  on the Bergman space  $A^2$  (i.e.,  $\alpha = 0$ ) is different from that on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$ . Here  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  is defined as follows:

$$L_\alpha^\Phi = \left\{ f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \exists t > 0, \text{ s.t. } \int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(\log|tf(z)|) dA(z) < \infty \right\}. \quad (3.10)$$

If we take  $\Phi(x) = 0$  for  $x \leq 1$ , and  $\Phi(x) = \infty$  for  $x > 1$ , then  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  is  $H^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ . We know that  $C_\varphi$  is compact on  $H^\infty(\mathbb{D})$  if and only if  $\|\varphi\|_\infty < 1$  (consult [2]). But MacCluer and Shapiro constructed an inner function  $\varphi$  in [4] such that  $C_\varphi$  was compact on  $A^2$ .

#### 4. Closed Range

In this section we will develop a relatively tractable if and only if condition for the composition operator on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  with closed range. Considering that any analytic automorphism of  $\mathbb{D}$  has the form  $\varphi_a(z) = c(z - a)/(1 - \bar{a}z)$ , where  $|c| = 1$  and  $a \in \mathbb{D}$ . By [13], we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.1.** *If one of  $C_\varphi$ ,  $C_{\varphi \circ \varphi_a}$ ,  $C_{\varphi_a \circ \varphi}$  has closed range on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$ , so have the other two.*

Now that  $L_{\alpha,0}^\Phi = \{f \in L_\alpha^\Phi : f(0) = 0\}$  is a closed subspace of  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  and  $\dim(L_\alpha^\Phi/L_{\alpha,0}^\Phi) = 1$ , the following lemma is easily proved.

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ , then  $C_\varphi$  has closed range on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  if and only if  $C_\varphi$  has closed range on  $L_{\alpha,0}^\Phi$ .*

Recall that the pseudohyperbolic metric  $\rho(z, w)$ ,  $z, w \in \mathbb{D}$  is given by

$$\rho(z, w) = \left| \frac{w - z}{1 - \bar{w}z} \right|. \quad (4.1)$$

For  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $0 < r < 1$  we define  $D(z, r) = \{w \in \mathbb{D} : \rho(z, w) < r\}$ . For  $\varepsilon > 0$  we put  $\Omega_\varepsilon = \{z \in \mathbb{D} : (1 - |z|^2)/(1 - |\varphi(z)|^2) \geq \varepsilon\}$  and  $G_\varepsilon = \varphi(\Omega_\varepsilon)$ . We say that  $G_\varepsilon$  satisfies the  $\Phi$ -reverse Carleson measure condition if there exists a positive constant  $\eta$  such that

$$\int_{G_\varepsilon} \Phi(1 + \log|f(z)|^2) (1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2} dA(z) \geq \eta \int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(1 + \log|f(z)|^2) (1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2} dA(z), \quad (4.2)$$

where  $f$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(1 + \log|f(z)|^2) (1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2} dA(z) < \infty$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then  $C_\varphi$  has closed range on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  if and only if there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $G_\varepsilon$  satisfies the  $\Phi$ -reverse Carleson measure condition.*

*Proof.* We first assume that there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $G_\varepsilon$  satisfies the  $\Phi$ -reverse Carleson measure condition. If  $f \in L_\alpha^\Phi$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|f \circ \varphi\|_\Phi &\asymp \Phi\left(\log\left(1 + |f \circ \varphi(0)|^2\right)\right) + \int_{\mathbb{D}} (f \circ \varphi)^\Phi(z) (1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2} dA(z) \\ &\geq \Phi\left(\log\left(1 + |f \circ \varphi(0)|^2\right)\right) + \int_{\Omega_\varepsilon} (f \circ \varphi)^\Phi(z) (1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2} dA(z) \\ &\geq \varepsilon^{\alpha+2} \left( \Phi\left(\log\left(1 + |f \circ \varphi(0)|^2\right)\right) + \int_{\Omega_\varepsilon} (f \circ \varphi)^\Phi(z) (1 - |\varphi(z)|^2)^{\alpha+2} dA(z) \right) \\ &= \varepsilon^{\alpha+2} \sum_n \int_{\Omega_\varepsilon \cap R_n} (f \circ \varphi)^\Phi(z) (1 - |\varphi(z)|^2)^{\alpha+2} dA(z) + \varepsilon^{\alpha+2} \Phi\left(\log\left(1 + |f \circ \varphi(0)|^2\right)\right), \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

where  $\mathcal{Z}$  is the zero point set of  $\varphi$  and  $\{R_n\}$  is a partition of  $\mathbb{D} \setminus \mathcal{Z}$  into at most countably many semiclosed polar rectangles such that  $\varphi$  is univalent on each  $R_n$ . Let  $S_n = \varphi(R_n \cap \Omega_\varepsilon)$ . Then by the change of variables involving  $\varphi$ , the last line above becomes

$$\begin{aligned} &\varepsilon^{\alpha+2} \sum_n \int_{G_\varepsilon} f^\Phi(1 - |w|^2)^{\alpha+2} \chi_{S_n}(w) dA(z) + \varepsilon^{\alpha+2} \Phi\left(\log\left(1 + |f \circ \varphi(0)|^2\right)\right) \\ &\geq \varepsilon^{\alpha+2} \int_{G_\varepsilon} f^\Phi(1 - |w|^2)^{\alpha+2} dA(z) + \varepsilon^{\alpha+2} \Phi\left(\log\left(1 + |f \circ \varphi(0)|^2\right)\right) \\ &\geq \eta \varepsilon^{\alpha+2} \int_{\mathbb{D}} f^\Phi(1 - |w|^2)^{\alpha+2} dA(z) + \eta \varepsilon^{\alpha+2} \Phi\left(\log\left(1 + |f \circ \varphi(0)|^2\right)\right). \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

So we show that  $C_\varphi$  has closed range on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$ .

Conversely, by Lemma 4.2, we need to prove that  $C_\varphi$  has closed range on  $L_{\alpha,0}^\Phi$ . Suppose that there does not exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $G_\varepsilon$  satisfies  $\Phi$ -reverse Carleson measure condition. We can choose a sequence  $\{f_n\}$  in  $L_{\alpha,0}^\Phi$  such that  $\int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(1 + \log |f_n(z)|^2) dA_{\alpha+2}(z) = 1$  for all  $n$  and yet  $\int_{G_n} f_n^\Phi(1 - |w|^2)^{\alpha+2} dA \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $G_n = \varphi(\Omega_n)$  and  $\Omega_n = \{z \in \mathbb{D} : 1 - |\varphi(z)|^2 \leq n(1 - |z|^2)\}$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_n \circ \varphi\|_\Phi &\asymp \Phi\left(\log\left(1 + |f_n \circ \varphi(0)|^2\right)\right) + \int_{\mathbb{D}} (f_n \circ \varphi)^\Phi(z) dA_{\alpha+2}(z) \\ &= \Phi\left(\log\left(1 + |f_n \circ \varphi(0)|^2\right)\right) + \int_{\Omega_n} (f_n \circ \varphi)^\Phi(z) dA_{\alpha+2}(z) \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{D} \setminus \Omega_n} (f_n \circ \varphi)^\Phi(z) dA_{\alpha+2}(z). \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

Since  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . The Nevanlinna counting function  $N_{\varphi, \alpha+2}$  satisfies

$$N_{\varphi, \alpha+2}(z) = O\left(\left(\log \frac{1}{|z|}\right)^{\alpha+2}\right) \quad (4.6)$$

as  $|z| \rightarrow 1$ . Using (4.6) and decompositions of the disk into polar rectangles [8], one can find a positive constant  $c_1$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega_n} (f_n \circ \varphi)^\Phi dA_{\alpha+2}(z) = \int_{\Omega_n} f_n^\Phi N_{\varphi, \alpha+2} dA(z) \leq c_1 \int_{G_n} f_n^\Phi(z) (1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha+2} dA(z) \rightarrow 0 \quad (4.7)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{D} \setminus \Omega_n} (f_n \circ \varphi)^\Phi dA_{\alpha+2}(z) &\leq \frac{1}{n^{\alpha+2}} \int_{\mathbb{D} \setminus \Omega_n} (f_n \circ \varphi)^\Phi (1 - |\varphi(z)|^2)^{\alpha+2} dA(z) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n^{\alpha+2}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} f_n^\Phi N_{\varphi, \alpha+2} dA(z) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n^{\alpha+2}} \|f_n\|_\Phi \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Evidently,  $\|f_n \circ \varphi\|_\Phi \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , though  $\|f_n\|_\Phi = 1$  for all  $n$ . It follows that  $C_\varphi$  does not have closed range on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$ .  $\square$

We have offered a criterion for the composition operator with closed range on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$ , but it seems that it is difficult to check whether or not  $G_\varepsilon$  satisfies the  $\Phi$ -reverse Carleson measure condition.

**Theorem 4.4.** *The composition operator  $C_\varphi$  has closed range on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  if and only if there are positive constants  $\varepsilon, c$ , and  $r$  such that  $A_\alpha(G_\varepsilon \cap D(z, r)) \geq c|D(z, r)|^{\alpha+2}$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ .*

*Proof.* We first assume that  $C_\varphi$  has closed range on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$ . Then there is a constant  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $G_\varepsilon$  satisfies the  $\Phi$ -reverse Carleson measure condition. Thus, applying the proceeding constructed function  $h(z)$  to the  $\Phi$ -reverse Carleson condition gives

$$\int_{G_\varepsilon} \left(\frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2}\right)^{\alpha+2} dA_\alpha(z) \geq \eta \int_{\mathbb{D}} \left(\frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2}\right)^{\alpha+2} dA_\alpha(z) = \eta. \quad (4.9)$$

Since  $\int_{\mathbb{D}} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z) < \infty$ , it allows to choose a fixed constant  $r > 0$  such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{D} \setminus D(b, r)} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z) \leq \frac{1}{2C} \int_{\mathbb{D}} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z). \quad (4.10)$$

Changing  $w = (b - a + (1 - \bar{a}b)z) / (1 - \bar{b}a + (\bar{b} - \bar{a})z)$  in (4.10) gives

$$\int_{\mathbb{D} \setminus D(a,r)} \left( \frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2} \right)^{\alpha+2} dA_\alpha(z) \leq \frac{1}{2C} \int_{\mathbb{D}} \left( \frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2} \right)^{\alpha+2} dA_\alpha(z). \tag{4.11}$$

Combing (4.11) gives

$$\int_{G_\varepsilon \cap D(a,r)} \left( \frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2} \right)^{\alpha+2} dA_\alpha(z) \geq \frac{1}{2C} \int_{\mathbb{D}} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z). \tag{4.12}$$

The integral in the left of (4.12) is dominated by

$$A_\alpha(G_\varepsilon \cap D(a,r)) \sup \left\{ \left( \frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2} \right)^{\alpha+2} : z \in D(a,r) \right\}. \tag{4.13}$$

Since  $(1 - |a|^2) / |1 - \bar{a}z|^2 \asymp 1 / |D(a,r)|$  for  $z \in D(a,r)$ , we get

$$\frac{A_\alpha(G_\varepsilon \cap D(a,r))}{|D(a,r)|^{\alpha+2}} \geq \frac{1}{2C} \int_{\mathbb{D}} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z). \tag{4.14}$$

The converse can be derived from modification of [18], so we omit it here. □

*Remark 4.5.* From [18], we find that the composition operator has closed range on the weighted Bergman space  $A_\alpha^p$  if and only if there are positive constants  $\varepsilon, c$  and  $r$  such that  $A_\alpha(G_\varepsilon \cap D(z,r)) \geq c|D(z,r)|^{\alpha+2}$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Thus, we have the following fact.

The composition operator  $C_\varphi$  has closed range on  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  if and only if  $C_\varphi$  has closed range on  $A_\alpha^p$ .

Let us further investigate the  $\Phi$ -reverse Carleson measure condition, which can be formulated as follows.

The space  $\{f|_{G_\varepsilon} : f \in L_\alpha^\Phi\}$  is a closed subspace of  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  if and only if there exists a constant  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $G_\varepsilon$  satisfies  $\Phi$ -reverse Carleson measure condition.

From the perspective of closed subspace, we will see the following special setting. Let  $\mathcal{Z} = \{z_n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  be a  $\delta$ -sequence in  $\mathbb{D}$ . That is, there is  $k$  with  $\rho(z, z_k) < \delta$  for every  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . We also assume that  $\mathcal{Z}$  is  $\gamma$  separated for some fixed  $\gamma > 0$ , that is,  $\rho(z_m, z_n) \geq \gamma$  for all  $m \neq n$ . Using the subharmonicity of  $\log^+ |f(z)|$  for analytic function  $f(z)$ , it is easy to see that

$$\log^+ |f(z_k)| \leq \frac{C}{A_\alpha(D(z_k, \gamma/2))} \int_{D(z_k, \gamma/2)} \log^+ (|f(z)|) dA_\alpha(z). \tag{4.15}$$

Since  $\Phi(\log^+ |f(z)|)$  is convex and increasing, we have

$$\Phi(\log^+ |f(z_k)|) \leq \frac{C}{A_\alpha(D(z_k, \gamma/2))} \int_{D(z_k, \gamma/2)} \Phi(\log^+ |f(z)|) dA_\alpha(z). \tag{4.16}$$

Moreover, the formula  $A_\alpha(D(z_k, \gamma/2)) \asymp (1 - |z_k|^2)^{\alpha+2}$  allows us to write

$$\Phi(\log^+ |f(z_k)|) \leq C \left(1 - |z_k|^2\right)^{-\alpha-2} \int_{D(z_k, \gamma/2)} \Phi(\log^+ |f(z)|) dA_\alpha(z). \quad (4.17)$$

Since  $D(z_k, \gamma/2)$  are disjoint, we obtain

$$\sum_k \Phi(\log^+ |f(z_k)|) \left(1 - |z_k|^2\right)^{\alpha+2} \leq \int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(\log^+ |f(z)|) dA_\alpha(z). \quad (4.18)$$

Hence, the map  $\sigma : f \mapsto f|_{\mathcal{F}}$  takes  $L_\alpha^\Phi$  into  $L^\Phi(\mathcal{F}, \mu)$ , where  $\mu$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{F}$  that assigns  $z_k$  to the mass  $(1 - |z_k|^2)^{\alpha+2}$  and space  $L^\Phi(\mathcal{F}, \mu) = \{f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \int_{\mathcal{F}} \Phi(\log^+ |f|) d\mu < \infty\}$ . Of course, the map  $\sigma$  may be one to one. If the map  $\sigma$  is one to one, the map  $\sigma$  has closed range if and only if

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} \Phi(\log^+ |f(z)|) dA_\alpha(z) \leq \int_{\mathcal{F}} \Phi(\log^+ |f|) d\mu = \sum_k \Phi(\log^+ |f(z_k)|) \left(1 - |z_k|^2\right)^{\alpha+2}. \quad (4.19)$$

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