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# Composition operators from Zygmund spaces into $Q_K$ spaces

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## Abstract

The boundedness and compactness of composition operators from Zygmund and little Zygmund spaces into  $Q_K$  and  $Q_{K,0}$  spaces are characterized in this paper.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  be the open unit disk of complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . Denote by  $H(\mathbb{D})$  the class of functions analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Let  $g(z, a)$  denote the Green's function with pole at  $a \in \mathbb{D}$ , i.e.,  $g(z, a) = \log \frac{1}{|\varphi_a(z)|}$ , where  $\varphi_a(z) = \frac{a-z}{1-\bar{a}z}$  is a Möbius transformation of  $\mathbb{D}$ . An  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$  is said to belong to the Zygmund space, denoted by  $\mathcal{Z}$ , if

$$\sup \frac{|f(e^{i(\theta+h)}) + f(e^{i(\theta-h)}) - 2f(e^{i\theta})|}{h} < \infty,$$

where the supremum is taken over all  $e^{i\theta} \in \partial\mathbb{D}$  and  $h > 0$ . By Theorem 5.3 in [1], we see that  $f \in \mathcal{Z}$  if and only if

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{Z}} = |f(0)| + |f'(0)| + \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |z|^2) |f''(z)| < \infty. \quad (1)$$

It is easy to check that  $\mathcal{Z}$  is a Banach space under the above norm. Let  $\mathcal{Z}_0$  denote the subspace of  $\mathcal{Z}$  consisting of those  $f \in \mathcal{Z}$  for which

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1} (1 - |z|^2) |f''(z)| = 0.$$

The space  $\mathcal{Z}_0$  is called the little Zygmund space. Throughout this paper, the closed unit ball in  $\mathcal{Z}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}_0$  will be denoted by  $\mathbb{B}_{\mathcal{Z}}$  and  $\mathbb{B}_{\mathcal{Z}_0}$ , respectively.

Let  $K : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a nondecreasing continuous function. We say that an  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$  belongs to the space  $Q_K$  if (see, e.g., [2–4])

$$\|f\|_{Q_K}^2 = \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) < \infty. \quad (2)$$

Here,  $dA$  is the normalized Lebesgue area measure in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Modulo constants,  $Q_K$  is a Banach space under the norm  $|f(0)| + \|f\|_{Q_K}$  and  $Q_K$  is Möbius invariant. When (see [2])

$$\int_0^1 K(-\log r)(1-r^2)^{-2} r \, dr < \infty,$$

$Q_K = \mathcal{B}$ . Here,  $\mathcal{B}$  is the Bloch space defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ f : f \in H(\mathbb{D}), \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} = |f(0)| + \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} |f'(a)| (1 - |a|^2) < \infty \right\}.$$

If  $K(t) = t^p$ , then  $Q_K = Q_p$  (see [5, 6]). If  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$  such that

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) \, dA(z) = 0, \quad (3)$$

we say that  $f$  belongs to the space  $Q_{K,0}$ . If  $Q_K$  consists of just constant functions, we say that it is trivial.  $Q_K$  is nontrivial if and only if (see [2])

$$\int_0^{1/e} K(-\log r) r \, dr < \infty. \quad (4)$$

To avoid that  $Q_K$  is trivial, we assume from now that (4) is satisfied. See [2–4, 7–15] for the study of the space  $Q_K$ .

Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . The composition operator  $C_\varphi$  is defined by

$$C_\varphi(f)(z) = f(\varphi(z)), \quad f \in H(\mathbb{D}).$$

It is interesting to provide a function theoretic characterization of when  $\varphi$  induces a bounded or compact composition operator on various spaces. For a study of the composition operators, see [16] and [17].

The composition operator from Bloch spaces to  $Q_K$  and  $Q_{K,0}$  was studied in [9, 10, 18]. Some characterizations of the boundedness and compactness of the composition operator, as well as Volterra type operator, on the Zygmund space can be found in [19–23].

The purpose of this paper is to study the boundedness and compactness of the operator  $C_\varphi$  from the Zygmund space and little Zygmund space into  $Q_K$  and  $Q_{K,0}$ .

Throughout this paper, constants are denoted by  $C$ , they are positive and may differ from one occurrence to the other.

## 2 Main results and proofs

In this section, we state and prove our main results. In order to formulate our main results, we need some auxiliary results which are incorporated in the following lemmas. The following lemma, can be proved in a standard way (see, e.g., Theorem 3.11 in [16]).

**Lemma 1** *Let  $K$  be a nonnegative nondecreasing function on  $[0, \infty)$ . Assume that  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow Q_K$  is compact if and only if  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow Q_K$  is bounded and for every bounded sequence  $\{f_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{Z}$  which converges to 0 uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|C_\varphi f_n\|_{Q_K} = 0$ .*

By using the methods of [10] (see also [24]), we can obtain the following lemma. Since the proof is similar, we omit the details.

**Lemma 2** *Let  $K$  be a nonnegative nondecreasing function on  $[0, \infty)$ . Assume that  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . If  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{Z}_0) \rightarrow Q_K$  is compact, then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$ , such that for all  $f$  in  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{Z}_0)$ ,*

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > r} |f'(\varphi(z))|^2 |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) < \varepsilon \quad (5)$$

holds whenever  $\delta < r < 1$ .

By modifying the proof of Theorem 3.1 of [7] (or see [25]), we can prove the following lemma. We omit the details.

**Lemma 3** *Let  $K$  be a nonnegative nondecreasing function on  $[0, \infty)$ . Assume that  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow Q_{K,0}$  is compact if and only if  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow Q_{K,0}$  is bounded and*

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{Z}} \leq 1} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |(C_\varphi f)'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) = 0.$$

**Lemma 4** [20] *Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{Z}_0$ , then*

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1} |f'(z)| / \ln \frac{e}{1 - |z|^2} = 0.$$

**Lemma 5** [26] *Suppose that  $\{n_k\}$  is an increasing sequence of positive integers satisfying  $\frac{n_{k+1}}{n_k} \geq \lambda > 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $0 < p < \infty$ . Then there are two positive constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , depending only on  $p$  and  $\lambda$  such that*

$$C_1 \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k e^{in_k \theta} \right|^p d\theta \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C_2 \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Now we are in a position to state and prove our main results in this paper.

**Theorem 1** *Let  $K$  be a nonnegative nondecreasing function on  $[0, \infty)$ . Assume that  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then the following statements hold:*

(i) *If*

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \left( \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right)^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) < \infty, \quad (6)$$

*then  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{Z}_0) \rightarrow Q_K$  is bounded.*

(ii) *If  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{Z}_0) \rightarrow Q_K$  is bounded, then*

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z) < \infty. \quad (7)$$

*Proof* (i) Let  $f \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Then by the following result (see [20]):

$$|f'(z)| \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{Z}} \ln \frac{e}{1 - |z|^2}, \quad (8)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |(C_{\varphi} f)'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &= \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f'(\varphi(z))|^2 |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{Z}} \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \left( \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right)^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

In addition, by the well-known fact that  $\|f\|_{\infty} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{Z}}$ , we obtain

$$|f(\varphi(0))| \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{Z}}.$$

Therefore,  $C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow Q_K$  is bounded, and hence  $C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_K$  is bounded.

(ii) First, we suppose that  $C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow Q_K$  is bounded. Let  $g(z) = z \in \mathcal{Z}$ . By the boundedness of  $C_{\varphi} : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow Q_K$  we have that  $\varphi = C_{\varphi} g \in Q_K$ . Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &\leq \ln \frac{e}{e-1} \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &\leq \ln \frac{e}{e-1} \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

For  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , such that  $|z| = r \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$ . Let

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k + 1} z^{2^k + 1}.$$

Then by the fact that  $p(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^{2^k}$  belongs to Bloch space (see [27, Theorem 1]) and the relationship of Bloch function and Zygmund function, we see that  $f \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Let

$$h_{\theta}(z) = f(e^{i\theta} z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k + 1} (e^{i\theta} z)^{2^k + 1}.$$

Then  $h_{\theta} \in \mathcal{Z}$  and  $\|h_{\theta}\|_{\mathcal{Z}} = \|f\|_{\mathcal{Z}}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \infty &> \|C_{\varphi}\|^2 \|h_{\theta}\|_{\mathcal{Z}}^2 \geq \|C_{\varphi} h_{\theta}\|_{Q_K}^2 \\ &\geq \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |(C_{\varphi} h_{\theta})'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &\geq \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{i(2^k + 1)\theta} \varphi^{2^k}(z) \right|^2 |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Since

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \|C_\varphi\|^2 \|h_\theta\|_{\mathbb{Z}}^2 d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \|C_\varphi\|^2 \|f\|_{\mathbb{Z}}^2 d\theta = \|C_\varphi\|^2 \|f\|_{\mathbb{Z}}^2 = \|C_\varphi\|^2 \|h_\theta\|_{\mathbb{Z}}^2,$$

by (10), Lemma 5 and Fubini's theorem we have

$$\begin{aligned} \infty &> \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \|C_\varphi\|^2 \|h_\theta\|_{\mathbb{Z}}^2 d\theta \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{i(2^{k+1}\theta)} \varphi^{2^k}(z) \right|^2 |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) d\theta \\ &= \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{i(2^{k+1}\theta)} \varphi^{2^k}(z) \right|^2 d\theta \right\} |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &\geq \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\varphi(z)|^{2^{k+1}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z). \end{aligned}$$

For any  $r \in (0, 1)$ , a calculation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{1}{1-r^2} &= -\ln(1+r) - \ln(1-r) = \int_0^r \left( -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n t^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n \right) dt \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - (-1)^n) \frac{r^{n+1}}{n+1} = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^{2k}}{2k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^{2k}}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=2^k}^{2^{k+1}-1} \frac{r^{2j}}{j} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2^k} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^k} \right) r^{2 \cdot 2^k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} r^{2^{k+1}}, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

since the number of terms in the sum from  $2^k$  to  $2^{k+1} - 1$  is  $2^k$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \infty &> \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \|C_\varphi\|^2 \|h_\theta\|_{\mathbb{Z}}^2 d\theta \\ &\geq \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1-|\varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z), \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

which together with (9) implies that (7) holds.

Now suppose that  $C_\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_K$  is bounded. Take the function  $f(z)$  given by the above. Set

$$f_r(z) = f(rz) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k + 1} (rz)^{2^k + 1}, \quad r \in (0, 1).$$

Then  $f_r \in \mathbb{Z}_0$ . Then, as argued the same with the case of  $C_\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow Q_K$  and let  $r \rightarrow 1$ , we get the desired result. The proof of the theorem is finished.  $\square$

**Theorem 2** Let  $K$  be a nonnegative nondecreasing function on  $[0, \infty)$ . Assume that  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then the following statements holds:

(i) If  $\varphi \in Q_K$  and

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > r} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \left( \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right)^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) = 0, \quad (13)$$

then  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{Z}_0) \rightarrow Q_K$  is compact.

(ii) If  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{Z}_0) \rightarrow Q_K$  is compact, then  $\varphi \in Q_K$  and

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > r} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z) = 0. \quad (14)$$

*Proof* (i) Assume that  $\varphi \in Q_K$  and (13) holds. Let  $\{f_k\}$  be a bounded sequence in  $\mathcal{Z}$  which converges to 0 uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ . We need to show that  $\{C_\varphi f_k\}$  converges to 0 in  $Q_K$  norm. By (13), for given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is an  $r \in (0, 1)$ , such that

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > r} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \left( \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right)^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) < \varepsilon.$$

Therefore, by (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |(C_\varphi f_k)'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &= \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \left\{ \int_{|\varphi(z)| > r} + \int_{|\varphi(z)| \leq r} \right\} |f_k'(\varphi(z))|^2 |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &\leq C \|f_k\|_{\mathcal{Z}}^2 \varepsilon + \sup_{|w| \leq r} |f_k'(w)|^2 \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z). \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

From the assumption, we see that  $\{f_k'\}$  also converges to 0 uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$  by Cauchy's estimates. It follows that  $\|C_\varphi f_k\|_{Q_K} \rightarrow 0$  since  $|f_k(\varphi(0))| \rightarrow 0$  and  $\sup_{|w| \leq r} |f_k'(w)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . By Lemma 1,  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow Q_K$  is compact, and hence  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_K$  is also compact.

(ii) We only need to prove the case of  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_K$ . Assume that  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_K$  is compact. By taking  $g(z) = z \in \mathcal{Z}_0$  we get  $\varphi \in Q_K$ . Now we choose the function  $f(z)$  given in the proof of Theorem 1. Then  $f \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Choose a sequence  $\{\lambda_j\}$  in  $\mathbb{D}$  which converges to 1 as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , and let  $f_j(z) = f(\lambda_j z)$  for  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $f_j \in \mathcal{Z}_0$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\|f_j\|_{\mathcal{Z}} \leq C$ . Let  $f_{j,\theta}(z) = f_j(e^{i\theta} z)$ . Then  $f_{j,\theta} \in \mathcal{Z}_0$ . Replace  $f$  by  $f_{j,\theta}$  in (5) and then integrate both sides with respect to  $\theta$ . By Fubini's theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &> \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > r} \left( \int_0^{2\pi} |f_j'(e^{i\theta} \varphi(z))|^2 d\theta \right) |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &= \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > r} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\lambda_j \varphi(z) e^{i\theta})^{2k} \right|^2 d\theta |\lambda_j|^2 |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &= \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > r} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j \varphi(z)|^{2k+1} \right) |\lambda_j|^2 |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z). \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

From the proof of Theorem 1, for  $1/\sqrt{e} < r < 1$  and for sufficiently large  $j$ , (16) gives

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > r} |\lambda_j|^2 |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1 - |\lambda_j \varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z) < \varepsilon.$$

By Fatou's lemma, we get (14).  $\square$

**Theorem 3** *Let  $K$  be a nonnegative nondecreasing function on  $[0, \infty)$ . Assume that  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then the following statements hold:*

(i) *If  $C_\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_{K,0}$  is bounded, then  $\varphi \in Q_{K,0}$  and*

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z) < \infty. \quad (17)$$

(ii) *If  $\varphi \in Q_{K,0}$  and*

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \left( \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right)^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) < \infty, \quad (18)$$

*then  $C_\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_{K,0}$  is bounded.*

*Proof* (i) Assume that  $C_\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_{K,0}$  is bounded. Then it is obvious that  $C_\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_K$  is bounded. By Theorem 1, (17) holds. Taking  $g(z) = z$  and using the boundedness of  $C_\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_{K,0}$ , we get  $\varphi \in Q_{K,0}$ .

(ii) Suppose that  $\varphi \in Q_{K,0}$  and (18) holds. From Theorem 1, we see that  $C_\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_K$  is bounded. To prove that  $C_\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_{K,0}$  is bounded, it suffices to prove that  $C_\varphi f \in Q_{K,0}$  for any  $f \in \mathbb{Z}_0$ . Let  $f \in \mathbb{Z}_0$ . By Lemma 4, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can choose  $\rho \in (0, 1)$  such that  $|f'(w)| < \varepsilon \ln \frac{e}{1 - |w|^2}$  for all  $w \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \rho \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ . Then by (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |(C_\varphi f)'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &= \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \left( \int_{|\varphi(z)| > \rho} + \int_{|\varphi(z)| \leq \rho} \right) |f'(\varphi(z))|^2 |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &\leq \varepsilon^2 \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > \rho} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \left( \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right)^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &\quad + C \|f\|_{\mathbb{Z}}^2 \left( \ln \frac{e}{1 - \rho^2} \right)^2 \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_{|\varphi(z)| \leq \rho} |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &\leq \varepsilon^2 \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > \rho} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \left( \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right)^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &\quad + C \|f\|_{\mathbb{Z}}^2 \left( \ln \frac{e}{1 - \rho^2} \right)^2 \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z), \end{aligned}$$

which together with the assumed conditions imply the desired result.  $\square$

**Theorem 4** *Let  $K$  be a nonnegative nondecreasing function on  $[0, \infty)$ . Assume that  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then the following statements holds:*

(i) If

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \left( \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right)^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) = 0, \quad (19)$$

then  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{Z}_0) \rightarrow Q_{K,0}$  is compact.

(ii) If  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{Z}_0) \rightarrow Q_{K,0}$  is compact, then

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z) = 0. \quad (20)$$

*Proof* (i) Assume that (19) holds. Set

$$h_{\varphi,K}(a) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \left( \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right)^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z).$$

From the assumption, we have that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a  $s \in (0, 1)$  such that for  $|a| > s$ ,  $h_{\varphi,K}(a) < \varepsilon$ . Similarly to the proof of Lemma 2.3 of [25], we see that  $h_{\varphi,K}$  is continuous on  $|a| \leq s$ , hence is bounded on  $|a| \leq s$ . Therefore,  $h_{\varphi,K}$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{D}$ . From Theorem 1, we see that  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow Q_K$  is bounded.

For any  $f \in \mathcal{Z}$ , by (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{D}} |(C_\varphi f)'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ & \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{Z}}^2 \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \left( \ln \frac{e}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \right)^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z), \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

which together with (19) imply that  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow Q_{K,0}$  is bounded. Fix  $f \in \mathbb{B}_{\mathcal{Z}}$ . The right-hand side of (21) tends to 0, as  $|a| \rightarrow 1$  by (19). From Lemma 3, we see that  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow Q_{K,0}$  is compact, and hence  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_K$  is compact.

(ii) From the assumption, we see that  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_{K,0}$  is bounded and  $C_\varphi : \mathcal{Z}_0 \rightarrow Q_K$  is compact. From Theorems 2 and 3, we have  $\varphi \in Q_{K,0}$  and

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_{a \in \mathbb{D} \atop |\varphi(z)| > r} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z) = 0. \quad (22)$$

Hence, for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $s \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D} \atop |\varphi(z)| > s} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z) < \varepsilon. \quad (23)$$

Therefore, by (23) and the fact that  $\varphi \in Q_{K,0}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ & \leq \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > s} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ & \quad + \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_{|\varphi(z)| \leq s} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \int_{|\varphi(z)| > s} |\varphi'(z)|^2 \ln \frac{1}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &\quad + \ln \frac{1}{1 - s^2} \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \int_D |\varphi'(z)|^2 K(g(z, a)) dA(z) \\ &< \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

By the arbitrary of  $\varepsilon$ , we get the desired result. The proof of the theorem is completed.  $\square$

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