



CHARACTERIZATION OF ALUTHGE TRANSFORM OF COMPOSITION OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. Let \widetilde{C}_φ be the Aluthge transform of composition operator on $L^2(\Sigma)$. The main result of this paper is characterizations of Aluthge transform of composition operators in some operator classes that are weaker than hyponormal, such as hyponormal, quasihyponormal, paranormal, $*$ -paranormal on $L^2(\Sigma)$. Moreover, to explain the results, we provide several useful related examples to show that \widetilde{C}_φ lie between these classes.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let (X, Σ, μ) be a sigma finite measure space and let \mathcal{A} be a subsigma algebra of Σ . We understand $L^2(\mathcal{A})$ as a subspace of $L^2(\Sigma)$ and as a Banach space. We use the notation $L^2(\mathcal{A})$ for $L^2(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu|_{\mathcal{A}})$. Throughout this paper, we assume that all subsigma algebras under consideration are complete and sigma finite. We denote the linear space of all complex-valued Σ -measurable functions on X by $L^0(\Sigma)$. For $f \in L^0(\Sigma)$, we define the support of a measurable function f as $\sigma(f) = \{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}$. Let φ be a mapping from X into X which is measurable, (i.e., $\varphi^{-1}(\Sigma) \subseteq \Sigma$) such that $\mu \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is absolutely continuous with respect to μ ($\mu \circ \varphi^{-1} \ll \mu$). Suppose that h is the Radon-Nikodym derivative $d\mu \circ \varphi^{-1}/d\mu$. The composition operator $C_\varphi : L^2(\Sigma) \rightarrow L^0(\Sigma)$ induced by φ is given by $C_\varphi(f) = f \circ \varphi$, for each $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$. Here, the non-singularity of φ guarantees that C_φ is well defined. It is well known fact that for $u \in L^0(\Sigma)$, the multiplication operator $M_u : L^2(\Sigma) \rightarrow L^0(\Sigma)$ is bounded if and only if $u \in L^\infty(\Sigma)$, and in this case, $\|M_u\| = \|u\|_\infty$. Now, by the change of variables formula; $\int_X |f \circ \varphi|^2 d\mu = \int_X h|f|^2 d\mu$, $\|C_\varphi f\|_2 = \|M_{\sqrt{h}} f\|_2$ for each $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$. It follows that C_φ maps $L^2(\Sigma)$ boundedly into itself, if and only if $h \in L^\infty(\Sigma)$,

and in this case, $\|C_\varphi\| = \|h\|_\infty^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Some other basic facts about composition operators can be found in [9, 20, 22].

Associated with each sigma algebra $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \Sigma$, there exists an operator $E(\cdot|\mathcal{A}) = E^{\mathcal{A}}(\cdot)$ on the set of all non-negative measurable functions f or on the set of all functions $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$, that is uniquely determined by the conditions

- (i) $E^{\mathcal{A}}(f)$ is $E^{\mathcal{A}}$ -measurable,
- (ii) If A is any \mathcal{A} -measurable set for which $\int_A f d\mu$ exists, we have

$$\int_A f d\mu = \int_A E(f) d\mu.$$

The operator $E^{\mathcal{A}}$ is called the conditional expectation operator. The role of conditional expectation operator is important in this note. We list here some of its useful properties:

- E(1) If f is an $E^{\mathcal{A}}$ -measurable function, then $E^{\mathcal{A}}(fg) = fE^{\mathcal{A}}(g)$;
- E(2) If $f \geq 0$ then $E^{\mathcal{A}}(f) \geq 0$; If $f > 0$ then $E^{\mathcal{A}}(f) > 0$;
- E(3) $E^{\mathcal{A}}(1) = 1$;
- E(4) $E^{\mathcal{A}}(|f|^2) = |E^{\mathcal{A}}(f)|^2$ if and only if $f \in L(\mathcal{A})$;
- E(5) $\int_{\varphi^{-1}A} gf \circ \varphi d\mu = \int_A hE^{\varphi^{-1}(\Sigma)}(g \circ \varphi^{-1}) f d\mu$, for all $g \in L^2(\Sigma)$, $A \in \Sigma$.

As an operator on $L^2(\Sigma)$, $E^{\mathcal{A}}$ is the contractive orthogonal projection onto $L^2(\mathcal{A})$. Take $\mathcal{A} = \varphi^{-1}(\Sigma)$. So for each function f in $L^2(\Sigma)$ there is a Σ -measurable function F such that $E^{\varphi^{-1}(\Sigma)}f = F \circ \varphi$. Moreover, F is uniquely determined in $\sigma(h)$ (see [3]). Therefore, even though φ is not invertible the expression $F = (E^{\varphi^{-1}(\Sigma)}f) \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is well defined. Note that domain of $E^{\mathcal{A}}$ contains $L^2(\Sigma) \cup \{f \in L^0(\Sigma) : f \geq 0\}$. A result, Lambert and Hoover [11] shows that the adjoint C_φ^* of C_φ on $L^2(\Sigma)$ is given by $C_\varphi^*(f) = hE^{\varphi^{-1}(\Sigma)}(f) \circ \varphi^{-1}$. From this it easily follows that $C_\varphi^*C_\varphi = M_h$ and $C_\varphi C_\varphi^* = M_{h \circ \varphi} E^{\varphi^{-1}(\Sigma)}$. The product $M_u \circ \varphi$ of M_u and C_φ is called a weighted composition operator, denoted by W , with

$$\|Wf\|_2 = \|\sqrt{hE(|u|^2) \circ \varphi^{-1}}f\|_2.$$

Put $J = hE(|u|^2) \circ \varphi^{-1}$. It follows that W is bounded on $L^2(\Sigma)$ if and only if $J \in L^\infty(\Sigma)$ (see [11] and also [3] for a discussion of $E(\cdot) \circ \varphi^{-1}$ when φ is not invertible). We shall frequently use the following general properties of $E^{\mathcal{A}}$ and C_φ acting on $L^2(\mathcal{A})$. For a deeper study of some other basic the properties of E see [10, 16, 18].

Let \mathcal{H} be a separable complex Hilbert space and $B(\mathcal{H})$ denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators acting on \mathcal{H} . An operator $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ has a unique polar decomposition $T = U|T|$, where $|T| = \sqrt{T^*T}$ is a positive operator and U is a partial isometry satisfying $UU^*U = U$ and $\text{Ker}U = \text{Ker}T = \text{Ker}|T|$, $\text{Ker}U^* = \text{Ker}T^*$. It is known that the parts

of the polar decomposition $U, |C_\varphi|$ for C_φ are given by $U = M_{1/\sqrt{h \circ \varphi}} C_\varphi$, $|C_\varphi| = M_{\sqrt{h}}$.

It is a classical fact that the polar decomposition of T^* is $U^*|T^*|$, where $|C_\varphi^*| = M_{\sqrt{h \circ \varphi}} E$ and $U^* = \sqrt{h} E(f) \circ \varphi^{-1}$. In [1], A. Aluthge introduced the operator $\tilde{T} = |T|^{1/2} U |T|^{1/2}$ for an operator $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ with its polar decomposition $T = U|T|$ which is called Aluthge transform of T . There are a lot of other known properties of Aluthge transform, for important properties see [8, 14, 15, 25].

Composition operators as an extension of shift operators are a good tool for separating weak hyponormal classes. Classic seminormal (weighted) composition operators have been extensively studied by Harrington and Whitley [9, 22], Lambert [11, 16], Singh [20], Campbell [3, 4] and Stochel [6]. In [2] some weak hyponormal classes of composition operators are studied. In those work, examples were given which show that composition operators can be used to separate each partial normality class from quasinormal through w -hyponormal. But in some cases composition operators can not be separated some of these classes. Hence, it is better that we consider the weighted case of composition operators. In [12] and [7], the authors generalized the work done in [2] and have obtained some characterizations of related p -hyponormal weighted composition operators as separately. In [7] some related examples were presented to show that weighted composition operators separate those classes. This note consists of the following. In Section 2 we characterize some weak hyponormal and weak paranormal classes of Aluthge transform of composition operators on $L^2(\Sigma)$. Also, we provide several useful related examples to illustrating these classes.

2. MAIN RESULT

Recall that an operator $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be hyponormal if $(T^*T) \geq (TT^*)$ and T is said to be quasihyponormal if $T^*(T^*T)T \geq T^*(TT^*)T$. For all $x \in \mathcal{H}$, if $\|T^2x\| \geq \|Tx\|^2$, then T is called a paranormal operator and T is $*$ -paranormal operator if $\|T^2x\| \geq \|T^*x\|^2$.

In the following, we investigate characterizations of Aluthge transform of composition operators in some operator classes such as, hyponormal, quasihyponormal, paranormal, $*$ -paranormal. First we need the next proposition.

Proposition 2.1. [21] *Let $C_\varphi \in B(L^2(\Sigma))$. Then the following assertions hold:*

$$(i) \quad \tilde{C}_\varphi f = \sqrt[4]{\frac{h}{h \circ \varphi}} C_\varphi f.$$

(ii) Let $U_\varphi|\widetilde{C}_\varphi|$ be the polar decomposition of \widetilde{C}_φ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\widetilde{C}_\varphi|(f) &= \sqrt{hE\left(\frac{h}{h \circ \varphi}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \circ \varphi^{-1}f}; \\ U_\varphi(f) &= \frac{\sqrt[4]{h}}{\sqrt{h \circ \varphi E(\sqrt{h})}}f \circ \varphi. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2.1 has led almost immediately to the following result.

Proposition 2.2. *Let $\widetilde{C}_\varphi \in B(L^2(\Sigma))$. Then the following hold.*

(i) $\widetilde{C}_\varphi^* f = \sqrt[4]{h^3}E(\sqrt[4]{h}f) \circ \varphi^{-1}.$

(ii) $\widetilde{C}_\varphi \widetilde{C}_\varphi^* f = \sqrt[4]{h(h^2 \circ \varphi)}E(\sqrt[4]{h}f).$

Proof. (i) Suppose that $g \in L^2(\Sigma)$. By Proposition 2.1(i), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \widetilde{C}_\varphi^* f, g \rangle &= \langle f, \widetilde{C}_\varphi g \rangle = \int_X f \overline{\widetilde{C}_\varphi g} d\mu \\ &= \int_X \sqrt[4]{\frac{h}{h \circ \varphi}} f \overline{g} \circ \varphi d\mu \\ &= \int_X \frac{E(\sqrt[4]{h}f)}{\sqrt[4]{h \circ \varphi}} \overline{g} \circ \varphi d\mu \\ &= \int_X \frac{hE(\sqrt[4]{h}f) \circ \varphi^{-1}}{\sqrt[4]{h}} \overline{g} d\mu \\ &= \langle \sqrt[4]{h^3}E(\sqrt[4]{h}f) \circ \varphi^{-1}, g \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, (i) holds.

(ii) By direct computation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{C}_\varphi \widetilde{C}_\varphi^* f &= \sqrt[4]{\frac{h}{h \circ \varphi}} (\sqrt[4]{h^3}E(\sqrt[4]{h}f) \circ \varphi^{-1}) \circ \varphi \\ &= \sqrt[4]{h(h^2 \circ \varphi)}E(\sqrt[4]{h}f). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, (ii) holds. □

Theorem 2.3. *Let $\widetilde{C}_\varphi \in B(L^2(\Sigma))$. Then \widetilde{C}_φ is hyponormal if and only if*

$$\sqrt[4]{h}E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1} \geq \sqrt[4]{(h^2 \circ \varphi)}E(\sqrt[4]{h}).$$

Proof. Suppose that $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$. We know that,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{C}_\varphi \widetilde{C}_\varphi^* f &= \sqrt[4]{h(h^2 \circ \varphi)}E(\sqrt[4]{h}f), \\ \widetilde{C}_\varphi^* \widetilde{C}_\varphi f &= \sqrt{h}E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}f. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, \widetilde{C}_φ is hyponormal if and only if

$$\langle (\widetilde{C}_\varphi^* \widetilde{C}_\varphi - \widetilde{C}_\varphi \widetilde{C}_\varphi^*) f, f \rangle \geq 0.$$

But, because (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) is a σ -finite measure space, let $f = \chi_{\varphi^{-1}B}$ with $\mu(\varphi^{-1}B) < \infty$. Then above inner product is non-negative if and only if

$$\int_{\varphi^{-1}B} \{\sqrt{h}E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1} f - \sqrt[4]{h(h^2 \circ \varphi)}E(\sqrt[4]{h}f)\} d\mu \geq 0.$$

Equivalently,

$$\int_{\varphi^{-1}B} \{\sqrt{h}E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}(\chi_B \circ \varphi) - \sqrt[4]{h(h^2 \circ \varphi)}E(\sqrt[4]{h}\chi_B \circ \varphi)\} d\mu \geq 0.$$

Since $E(\chi_B \circ \varphi) \circ \varphi^{-1} = \chi_B$ on $\sigma(h)$, using the change variable theorem we deduce that the above integral is equivalent to

$$\int_B \{\sqrt{h \circ \varphi^{-1}}E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-2} \chi_B - \sqrt[4]{h^2(h \circ \varphi^{-1})}E(\sqrt[4]{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1} \chi_B\} h d\mu \geq 0.$$

Equivalently,

$$\int_B \{\sqrt{h \circ \varphi^{-1}}E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-2} - \sqrt[4]{h^2(h \circ \varphi^{-1})}E(\sqrt[4]{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} h d\mu \geq 0.$$

But this is equivalent to $\sqrt[4]{h}E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1} \geq \sqrt[4]{(h^2 \circ \varphi)}E(\sqrt[4]{h})$.

Hence, the proof is complete. \square

Theorem 2.4. *Let $\widetilde{C}_\varphi \in B(L^2(\Sigma))$. Then \widetilde{C}_φ is quasihyponormal if and only if*

$$E\left\{\frac{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}}{\sqrt[4]{h}}\right\} \geq \sqrt{h \circ \varphi}.$$

Proof. Suppose that $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$. It is easy verify that,

$$\widetilde{C}_\varphi^* (\widetilde{C}_\varphi \widetilde{C}_\varphi^*) \widetilde{C}_\varphi f = hE(h) \circ \varphi^{-1} f,$$

$$\widetilde{C}_\varphi^* (\widetilde{C}_\varphi^* \widetilde{C}_\varphi) \widetilde{C}_\varphi f = \sqrt{h}E\{\sqrt[4]{h^3}E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-1} f.$$

Thus, $\widetilde{C}_\varphi^* (\widetilde{C}_\varphi^* \widetilde{C}_\varphi) \widetilde{C}_\varphi \geq \widetilde{C}_\varphi^* (\widetilde{C}_\varphi \widetilde{C}_\varphi^*) \widetilde{C}_\varphi$ if and only if

$$\sqrt{h}E\{\sqrt[4]{h^3}E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-1} \geq hE(h) \circ \varphi^{-1}.$$

Equivalently,

$$E\left\{\frac{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}}{\sqrt[4]{h}}\right\} \geq \sqrt{h \circ \varphi}.$$

Hence the theorem is proved. \square

Lemma 2.5. *Let $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$ and let $U|T|$ be its polar decomposition. Then the following hold:*

(i) [17] *T is $*$ -paranormal if and only if for each $k > 0$,*

$$|T|U^*|T|^2U|T| - 2k|T^*|^2 + k^2 \geq 0.$$

(ii) [24] *T is paranormal if and only if for each $k > 0$,*

$$|T|U^*|T|^2U|T| - 2k|T|^2 + k^2 \geq 0.$$

Theorem 2.6. *Let $\widetilde{C}_\varphi \in B(L^2(\Sigma))$. Then the following statements hold.*

(i) *\widetilde{C}_φ is $*$ -paranormal if and only if*

$$E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \geq (h \circ \varphi^2) \sqrt{E(\sqrt{h})} \{E(\sqrt[4]{h}) \circ \varphi\}^2$$

on $\sigma(h)$.

(ii) *\widetilde{C}_φ is paranormal if and only if*

$$E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \geq \sqrt{h \circ \varphi} \{E(\sqrt{h})\}^{\frac{5}{2}}$$

on $\sigma(h)$.

Proof. (i) Suppose that $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$. It is easy to verify that

$$|\widetilde{C}_\varphi|^2 f = \sqrt{h} E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1} f,$$

$$U_\varphi^* f = \sqrt{h} E\left\{\frac{\sqrt[4]{h} f}{E(\sqrt{h})}\right\} \circ \varphi^{-1}.$$

$$|\widetilde{C}_\varphi^*|^2 f = \widetilde{C}_\varphi \widetilde{C}_\varphi^* f = \sqrt[4]{h(h^2 \circ \varphi)} E(\sqrt[4]{h} f).$$

By Proposition 2.1 and above relations, we have

$$|\widetilde{C}_\varphi| U_\varphi^* |\widetilde{C}_\varphi|^2 U_\varphi |\widetilde{C}_\varphi| f = \frac{\sqrt{h} E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-1}}{\sqrt{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}}} f.$$

By Lemma 2.5(i), \widetilde{C}_φ is $*$ -paranormal if and only if

$$(2.1) \quad \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{h} E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-1}}{\sqrt{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}}} f - 2k \sqrt[4]{h(h^2 \circ \varphi)} E(\sqrt[4]{h} f) + k^2, f \right\rangle \geq 0,$$

for each $k \in (0, \infty)$. Put $f = \chi_{\varphi^{-1}B}$ with $\mu(\varphi^{-1}B) < \infty$. Hence, (2.1) holds if and only if

$$\int_{\varphi^{-1}B} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{h}E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-1}}{\sqrt{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}}} (\chi_B \circ \varphi) - 2k \sqrt[4]{h(h^2 \circ \varphi)} E(\sqrt[4]{h} \chi_B \circ \varphi) + k^2 \right\} d\mu \geq 0,$$

if and only if

$$\int_B \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{h} \circ \varphi^{-1} E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-2}}{\sqrt{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-2}}} \chi_B - 2k \sqrt[4]{h^2(h \circ \varphi^{-1})} E(\sqrt[4]{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1} \chi_B + k^2 \right\} h d\mu \geq 0.$$

Equivalently,

$$\int_B \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{h} \circ \varphi^{-1} E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-2}}{\sqrt{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-2}}} - 2k \sqrt[4]{h^2(h \circ \varphi^{-1})} E(\sqrt[4]{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1} + k^2 \right\} h d\mu \geq 0.$$

But, This is equivalent to

$$\frac{\sqrt{h} \circ \varphi^{-1} E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-2}}{\sqrt{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-2}}} - 2k \sqrt[4]{h^2(h \circ \varphi^{-1})} E(\sqrt[4]{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1} + k^2 \geq 0.$$

Put

$$a := \frac{\sqrt{h} \circ \varphi^{-1} E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-2}}{\sqrt{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-2}}}$$

and

$$b := \sqrt[4]{h^2(h \circ \varphi^{-1})} E(\sqrt[4]{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}$$

Thus, \widetilde{C}_φ is paranormal if and only if

$$D(k) := a - 2bk + k^2 \geq 0, \quad k \in (0, \infty).$$

Since

$$\min_{k \in (0, \infty)} D(k) = D(b),$$

it follows that

$$D(b) \geq 0 \iff a \geq b^2$$

$$\iff \frac{\sqrt{h} \circ \varphi^{-1} E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-2}}{\sqrt{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-2}}} \geq h \sqrt{h} \circ \varphi^{-1} (E(\sqrt[4]{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1})^2$$

$$\iff E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-1} \geq h \circ \varphi \sqrt{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}} \{E(\sqrt[4]{h})\}^2$$

$$\iff E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \geq (h \circ \varphi^2) \sqrt{E(\sqrt{h})} \{E(\sqrt[4]{h}) \circ \varphi\}^2, \quad \text{on } \sigma(h).$$

(ii) The proof is similar to the proof of part (i). Let $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$, then by

Lemma 2.5(ii), \widetilde{C}_φ is paranormal if and only if for each $k \in (0, \infty)$,

$$G(k) := a - 2bk + k^2 \geq 0,$$

where

$$a := \frac{\sqrt{h} \circ \varphi^{-1} E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-2}}{\sqrt{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-2}}},$$

$$b := \sqrt{h} \circ \varphi^{-1} E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-2}.$$

Since this function takes its minimum value at $k = b$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(b) \geq 0 &\iff a \geq b^2 \\ &\iff \frac{\sqrt{h} \circ \varphi^{-1} E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-2}}{\sqrt{E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-2}}} \geq (\sqrt{h} \circ \varphi^{-1} E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-2})^2 \\ &\iff E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \circ \varphi^{-1} \geq \sqrt{h}(E(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1})^{\frac{5}{2}} \\ &\iff E\{hE(\sqrt{h}) \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \geq \sqrt{h \circ \varphi}\{E(\sqrt{h})\}^{\frac{5}{2}}, \quad \text{on } \sigma(h). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the theorem is proved.

Recently in [23], Yamazaki introduce the notion of the *-Aluthge transformation $\tilde{T}^{(*)}$ of T by setting $\tilde{T}^{(*)} = \tilde{T}^{*} = |T^*|^{\frac{1}{2}}U|T^*|^{\frac{1}{2}}$. In the following, we will obtain the *-Aluthge transformation of C_φ .

Proposition 2.7. *Let C_φ be a composition operator on $L^2(\Sigma)$. Then $\widetilde{C}_\varphi^{(*)} f = \sqrt[4]{h \circ \varphi} E\{\sqrt[4]{h^3} E(f) \circ \varphi^{-1}\}$.*

Proof. By direct computation, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} U|C_\varphi^*|^{\frac{1}{2}}(f) &= \sqrt{h} E(\sqrt[4]{h \circ \varphi} E(f)) \circ \varphi^{-1} = \sqrt{h} \sqrt[4]{h} E(f) \circ \varphi^{-1} \\ &= \sqrt[4]{h^3} E(f) \circ \varphi^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\widetilde{C}_\varphi^{(*)} f = |C_\varphi^*|^{\frac{1}{2}} U |C_\varphi^*|^{\frac{1}{2}}(f) = \sqrt[4]{h \circ \varphi} E\{\sqrt[4]{h^3} E(f) \circ \varphi^{-1}\}$$

□

3. Examples

In this section, we will discuss two examples.

Example 3.1. Let $X = [0, 1]$ equipped with the Lebesgue measure μ on the Borel sets. Define $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$ by

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 2 - 2x & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$E(f)(x) = \frac{f(x) + f(1-x)}{2},$$

$$\varphi^2(x) = \begin{cases} 4x & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{4}; \\ 2-4x & \frac{1}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}; \\ -2+4x & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{3}{4}; \\ 4-4x & \frac{3}{4} \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

A computation show that $h(x) = 1$ and for each $f \in L^2(\Sigma)$

$$(E(f) \circ \varphi^{-1})(x) = \frac{f(\frac{x}{2}) + f(1-\frac{x}{2})}{2},$$

$$\widetilde{C}_\varphi f(x) = \begin{cases} f(2x) & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ f(2-2x) & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\widetilde{C}_\varphi^* f(x) = \frac{f(\frac{x}{2}) + f(1-\frac{x}{2})}{2},$$

$$|\widetilde{C}_\varphi|f(x) = f(x),$$

$$|\widetilde{C}_\varphi^*|f(x) = E(f).$$

Also by Theorems 2.3, 2.4 and 2.6, \widetilde{C}_φ is hyponormal, quasihyponormal, paranormal and also *-paranormal.

Example 3.2. Let $X = [1, \infty)$ be the interval equipped with the Lebesgue measure $d\mu$ on the Lebesgue measurable subsets of X and let the $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$ be a non-singular measurable transformations defined by $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{x}$. Then $h(x) = 2x$, $E = I$, $h \circ \varphi(x) = 2\sqrt{x}$. In this case by Propositions 2.1, 2.2 and 2.7, we obtain

$$\widetilde{C}_\varphi f(x) = \sqrt[8]{x} f(\sqrt{x}),$$

$$\widetilde{C}_\varphi^* f(x) = 2x \sqrt[4]{x} f(x^2),$$

$$\widetilde{C}_\varphi^{(*)} f(x) = 2 \sqrt[4]{x^3 \sqrt{x}} f(x^2).$$

Also by Theorems 2.3, 2.4 and 2.6, \widetilde{C}_φ is hyponormal but it is neither quasihyponormal nor *-paranormal. However if we change underlying space to $X = [4, \infty)$, then \widetilde{C}_φ is quasihyponormal and *-paranormal and also hyponormal. Clearly by Theorem 2.4, \widetilde{C}_φ is not paranormal.

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