

# MULTIPLICATION AND COMPOSITION OPERATORS ON THE GENERALIZED SPACE OF ENTIRE FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract** Some interesting results, in a very lucid presentation, on multiplication and composition operators on the generalized space of entire function have been obtained. This article establishes relationship between operator theory and complex analysis.

## 1 Introduction

Several functions, in several ways, may be obtained for any two given functions  $f$  and  $g$ , viz. composing them as  $g \circ f$  or  $f \circ g$  or else by multiplying them as  $f \cdot g$  under suitable conditions. Composition operator (also called substitution operator) is the concept of composition of function, while the multiplication of functions give rise to multiplication linear transformation. In what follows, are some formal definitions and concepts of the subject.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two non-empty sets and let  $f(x)$  and  $f(y)$  are two topological vector spaces of complex valued functions, defined on them. Suppose  $T : Y \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that for  $f \circ T \in f(y)$ , whenever  $f \in f(X)$ . We can, hence, define a composition (substitution) transformation  $C_T$  as

$$C_T: f(X) \rightarrow f(Y)$$

by

$$C_T(f) = f \circ T, \quad f \in f(X), \quad (1.1)$$

if  $C_T$  is continuous, we call it a composition operator, induced by  $T$ . For multiplication transformation if  $w : x \rightarrow C$  such that  $f \in f(X)$ , then it implies that  $w \cdot f \in f(X)$ .

If  $\mu_w : f(x) \rightarrow f(Y)$  is defined by

$$\mu_w(f) = w \cdot f, \quad f \in f(X) \quad (1.2)$$

then a continuous linear multiplication transformation is called a multiplication operator.

While we compile literature on composition operators, it may be observed that it is connected to and concentrates on  $L^p$  – space,  $H^p$  – spaces or locally convex function spaces. The literature available and the references cited in our present work on operator theory, spell a very intimate relationship between multiplication and composition operators, Singh and Kumar [6]. Infact, one may visualize the applications of multiplication operators in the study of Hilbert space operators in the works of Shields and Wallen [5], Abrahamse and Kriete [1] and Singh and Manhas [7]. In the present paper we have established some results for the multiplication operator on generalized space of entire functions. The definitions and terms employed, are those due to Halmos [3], Dugundgi [2] and Rudin [4].

In order to give some preliminaries, we may include following definitions and notations.

In operator  $A \in B(H)$  is said to be of finite rank operator if the dimension of the range of  $A$  is finite.

A sequence  $(X_n)$  in a metric space  $X = (X, d)$  is said to be Cauchy, if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an  $N = N(\varepsilon)$  such that

$$d(X_m, X_n) < \varepsilon, \quad \forall m, n > N,$$

being the set of natural numbers.

Let  $X$  be a metric space and  $\mu$  be a subset of it, then a point  $x_0 \in X$  (which may or may not be a point  $\mu$ ) is called an accumulation point of  $\mu$ , if every  $nbd$  or  $x_0$  contains atleast one point  $y \in \mu$ , distinct from  $x_0$ .

A linear transformation  $T : H \rightarrow H$ , from Hilbert space  $H$  into itself is said to be bounded away from zero if there exists  $E > 0$ , such that  $\|T_x\| \geq E \|X\|$ , for every  $x \in H$ .

An operator  $A$ , on a Banach space  $E$ , is called a Fredholm operator if the range of  $A$  is closed and the dimensions of kernel of  $A$  and co-kernel of  $A$  are finite.

An operator  $A$  on a Banach space  $E$  into itself is called an isometry if  $\|AX - AY\| = \|X - Y\|$ ,  $\forall X, Y \in E$ .

## 2 Main Results

This section of the paper is devoted to three theorems, in the context of the notations and definition described in the preceding section.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be two cardinal numbers, where the operation of multiplication in a set of cardinal number is commutative, additive and distributive over addition.*

*Let  $\mu_\infty$  denotes the multiplication operator, where  $\mu_w \in C(L, (x, \alpha))$ . Then  $\mu_w$  is a Fredholm operator, if*

(i)  $\alpha/w(\alpha)$  is a finite set

(ii)  $E = \{\alpha : \overline{w}(\alpha) \geq 2\}$  is finite set, where  $\overline{w}$  is the cardinal number of  $w$ .

(iii) There exists  $b > 0$  such that

$$\frac{\beta(w(\alpha))}{\beta(\alpha)} \geq b,$$

for all except finitely many  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* We suppose that  $\mu_w$  is a Fredholm operator. If  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a finite set contained in  $\alpha/w(\alpha)$ , then

$$F_w e_{\alpha_n} = e_{\alpha_n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

Which asserts the  $\text{Ker } \mu_w$  cannot be of finite dimensional, which readily contradicts our assumption. Thus,  $\alpha/w(\alpha)$  is a finite set. Here  $\{e_n : n \in N\}$  is orthonormal basis for Hilbert space  $H$ .

Now we prove that  $E$  is a finite set. Because, if the set

$$E = \{\alpha \in \alpha : \overline{w}(\alpha) \geq 2\} \tag{2.1}$$

is a finite set, then for each pair  $x, y \in E$ , define

$$f_{xy} : L(x, \alpha) \rightarrow C$$

as

$$f_{xy} = E_x \cdot E_y, \tag{2.2}$$

where  $E_X$  and  $E_Y$  are evaluation functions on  $L(x, \alpha)$ , defined by  $E_x(f) = xf, f \in L(x, \alpha)$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_w^* f_{xy})f &= f_{xy}(\mu_w f) \\ &= E_x(\mu_w f) - E_y(\mu_w f) \\ &= (\mu_w f)(x) - (\mu_w f)(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t. } (\mu_w^* f_{xy})f &= f(w(x)) - f(w(y)) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since there are many infinitely distinct pairs  $(x_n, y_n)$ , with  $w(x_n) = w(y_n)$ , so that  $f_{x_n y_n} \in \text{ker } \mu_w^*$ , thereby we assert that  $\text{ker } \mu_w^*$  cannot be of finite dimensional, which incidentally, is again a contradiction to the definition and thus,  $E$  must be a finite set.

Further, if the condition (iii) of the theorem is taken to be false, then we can find a sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  in  $\alpha$ , such that

$$w(w(\alpha_n)) = \alpha_n \text{ and } \frac{\beta(w(\alpha_n))}{\beta(\alpha_n)} < \frac{1}{n}, \forall n \in N.$$

Now for any  $R > 1$ ,

$$\left\| \frac{e_w(\alpha_n)}{R^{1/\beta}(w(a_n))} \right\| = \frac{1}{R}.$$

But  $\left\| \frac{\mu_w e_w(\alpha_n)}{R^{1/\beta}(w(a_n))} \right\| = \frac{1}{\beta(a_n)/R^{\beta(w(x_n))}} \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

Which readily approves a contradiction to our assumption, that the range of  $\mu_w$  is closed, hence condition (iii) must be true and hold good.

Converse of the theorem is asserted, if we consider that the conditions (i)-(iii) are satisfied.

We show that  $\mu_w$  is a Fredholm operator. From conditions (i) and (ii), it is obvious to conclude that dimension of  $\ker \mu_w$  and co-dimension of range  $\mu_w$  are finite. Next we prove that range of  $\mu_w$  is a closed set.

Let  $f$  be a limit point of  $R$  and  $\mu_w$ . Also let  $\mu_w f_n$  is a sequence in  $L(x, \alpha)$  which converges to  $f$ . Thus, for given  $\epsilon$ ,  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ , choose a positive integer  $n_0$ , such that

$$|f_n(w(x)) - f_m(w(x))|^{\beta(x)} < \epsilon, \tag{2.3}$$

For all  $x \in X$  and for all  $n, m \geq n_0$ , and this, in turn, implies

$$|f_n(w(x)) - f_m(w(x))|^{\beta(w(x))} < \frac{\beta(w(x))}{\epsilon \beta(x)} \in \epsilon^b, \tag{2.4}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and for all  $n, m \geq n_0$ .

Now set

$$\hat{f}_n(x) = \begin{cases} f_n(x); & X \in \text{ran } w \\ 0 & ; X \in \text{ran } w. \end{cases}, \quad \text{ran} = \text{range}.$$

It is clear from (2.4) that  $\{\hat{f}_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L(x, \alpha)$  and thus, we can find  $g \in L(x, \alpha)$ , such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{f}_n = g$$

or

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_w f_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_w \hat{f}_n = \mu_w g, \tag{2.5}$$

so that

$$f = \mu_w g,$$

which proves that  $\mu_w$  is a closed set, and hence  $\mu_w$  is a Fredholm operator.

The theorem is completely proved. □

Let us quote following examples :

(i) Let  $X = Z_+$  and  $\alpha : Z_+ \rightarrow Z_+$  be defined by  $\alpha(n) = n$ . Define  $w : Z_+ \rightarrow Z_+$  by

$$w(n) = \frac{n-k}{n+k}; \text{ for some } k \geq 0,$$

then

$$\text{Ker}(\mu_w) = \text{span} \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Ker}(\mu_w) = \{0\}$$

and range of  $\mu_w$  is a closed set.

(II) Let  $X = C$  and  $\alpha : C \rightarrow C_+$  is defined by  $\alpha(n) = n$ . Define  $w : C \rightarrow C$  by

$$w(n) = \frac{n-k}{n+k}; \text{ for some } k \geq 0,$$

then

$$\text{Ker}(\mu_w) = \text{span} \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Ker}(\mu_w) = \{0\}$$

and range of  $\mu_w$  is a closed set.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\mu_w \in C(L, C)$ , where  $\mu_w$  is the multiplication operator, and  $w \in X \rightarrow C$ , such that  $w \in w(X)$ , then  $\mu_w$  is an isometry iff  $f w : X \rightarrow X$  is surjective, and  $\beta = \beta \circ w$ .

*Proof.* Following the definition of isometry, given in section 1 of this article, we assume that  $\mu_w$  is and isometry. Then for  $C > 1$ ,

$$d(\mu_w C e_x, 0) = d(C e_x, 0), \quad (2.6)$$

$$\sup(|C|^{\beta(Y)} : Y \in w(X)) = |C|^{\beta(X)}, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $w(X)$  is a finite set for asserting  $\mu_w$  to be a bounded operator, Thus, we can find  $x_0 \in w(X)$ , such that

$$|C|^{\beta(X_0)} = \sup \left\{ |C|^{\beta(Y)} : Y \in w(X) \right\}. \quad (2.8)$$

Form (2.7) and (2.8), we obtain

$$\beta(X) = \beta w(X). \quad (2.9)$$

But as  $X$  is arbitrary,  $\beta = \beta \circ w$ ; while if  $w$  is not surjective, then  $\mu_w e_x = 0$  for  $X \in X/w(X)$ . This justifies that  $\mu_w$  has a non-trivial kernel. This, incidentally, is a contradiction to our initial assumption, that,  $\mu_w$  is an isometry. Which straightway proves the first part of theorem, the necessary condition.

Conversily, if the given condition of the theorem are satisfied, then

$$\|\mu_w f\| = \sup \left\{ |f(w(x))|^{\beta(x)} ; x \in X \right\}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sup \left\{ |f(w(x))|^{\beta(x)} ; x \in X \right\} \\ &= \|f\|, \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

which proves that  $\mu_w$  is an isometry, and thereby the theorem is completely asserted.  $\square$

Following example may be of interest.

Let  $X = [0,1]$  and let us define

$$C : X \rightarrow Z_+$$

by

$$C(x) = \begin{cases} n; & X = m/n \in (0, 1), (m, n) = 0 \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and  $w : X \rightarrow X$  by  $w(X) = (1-X)$ .

If  $X$  is irrational, then clearly  $\beta(T(X))=1=\beta(X)$ .

Again, if  $X = 0$  or  $1$ , then  $\beta(w(0))=\beta(1)=\beta(w(1))=\beta(0)=1$ .

Further, if  $X = m/n$  and  $(m,n)=1$ , then

$$\beta\left(w\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)\right) = \beta\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n},$$

thus,  $\beta = \beta \circ w$  also  $w$  is surjective. Thus  $\mu_w$  is an isometry i.e. isometric multiplication operator.

**Theorem 2.3.** *If  $X$  is a metric space and  $\mu_w$  be a subspace of  $X$ , if  $\mu_w \in C(L(x, C))$ ,  $\mu_w$  being the multiplication operator, then  $\mu_w$  is compact subspace of  $X$  if  $\mu_w$  has closed range.*

In order to prove this theorem, we require to prove following lemma.

**Lemma :**

Let  $\mu_w$  be a non-empty subset of a metric space  $(X, d)$  and  $\overline{\mu_w}$  be its closure, then

(i)  $X \in \overline{\mu_w}$ , iff there is a sequence  $\{X_n\}$  in  $\mu$  such that  $X_n \rightarrow X$ .

(ii)  $\mu_w$  is closed, iff  $X_n \in \mu_w, X_n \rightarrow X$  implies that  $X \in \mu_w$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $X \in \overline{\mu_w}$ .

If  $X \in \mu_w$ , we have sequence  $\{X, X, \dots\}$  while if  $X \in \mu_w$ , it is a point of accumulation of  $\mu$ . Hence for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , the ball  $\beta(x; 1/n)$  contains an  $X_n \in \mu_w$  and  $X_n \rightarrow X$ , because  $Y_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Conversely, if  $(x_n)$  is in  $\mu$  and  $X_n \rightarrow X$  then  $x \in \mu$  or every nbd. of  $x$  contains point  $x_n \neq x$  is a point of accumulation of  $\mu$ . Hence  $X \in \overline{\mu_w}$ , by definition of closure.

(ii)  $\mu$  is closed, iff  $\mu_w = \overline{\mu_w}$ , so this follows from (i).

*Proof of Main Theorem:*

Let  $\mu_w$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then we prove that  $\mu_w$  has closed range. Let also that,  $E$  be a measurable subset of  $S$ , where

$$S = \{x \in X; w(x) \neq 0\}. \tag{2.11}$$

Then, for  $\epsilon > 0$ , such that

$$\|w(x)g\| \geq \epsilon \|g\|$$

for  $\mu$ -almost all  $x \in E$  and for all  $g \in C$ , for a measurable set  $E_n$  and  $X$  with  $0 < (\mu(E_n)) < 1$  and a vector  $e_n \in C$ , such that

$$\|w(x)e_n\| < \frac{1}{Z^n} \|e_n\|,$$

We let

$$g = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{w \cdot x E_n e^n}{\|e_n\|^p \sqrt{\mu(E_n)}}. \tag{2.12}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} f \|g(x)\|^p d\mu &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_n} \|w(x)e_n\|^p d\mu \\ &< \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\mu(E_n)} \int_{E_n} \left| \frac{1}{Z^n} \right|^p d\mu. \\ &< \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Z^{np}} < \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

For

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{w \cdot x E_k e_k}{\|e_k\|^p \sqrt{\mu(E_k)}}, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ \|\mu_w f\|^p &\geq \int_S \|w(x)f(x)\|^p d\mu(x) \\ &\geq \int_S \|f(x)\|^p d\mu(x). \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

Now suppose,  $\mu_w f^{(n)} \rightarrow g$  for some sequence

$$\{f^{(n)}\} \subset L(X, C).$$

Clearly,

$$\|\mu_w f^{(n)} - \mu_w f^{(m)}\| \geq \int_S \|f^{(n)} - f^{(m)}\|^p d\mu.$$

Now, sequence  $\{f^{(n)}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L(X, C)$ , where

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \begin{cases} f^n(x); & x \in S \\ 0 & ; x \in S^c \end{cases}.$$

Hence, there exists  $f \in L(X, C)$ , such that

$$\|f^{(n)} - f\| \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

so that,

$$\mu_w f^{(n)} \rightarrow \mu_w f,$$

and as such,

$$g = \mu_w f.$$

This shows that  $\mu_w$  has closed range. Then we prove that  $\mu_w$  is a complete subspace. If  $x_n$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mu_w$ , then  $x_n$  to  $x \in X$ , which implies that  $x \in \overline{\mu_w}$  (by (lemma)) and  $x \in \mu_w$ , because  $\mu_w = \overline{\mu_w}$ .

Hence  $x_n$  converges in  $\mu_w$ , and so it proves that  $\mu_w$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ .

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