

## A Note on Spectra of Weighted Composition Operators on Weighted Banach Spaces of Holomorphic Functions

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**Abstract.** We characterize the spectra of bounded weighted composition operators acting on the weighted Banach spaces  $H_v^\infty$  of analytic functions on the unit disc defined for a radial weight  $v$ , when the symbol of the operator has a fixed point in the open unit disc.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $v$  be a strictly positive continuous function (weight) on the open unit disc  $D$ . We consider

$$H_v^\infty := \{f \in H(D); \|f\|_v := \sup_{z \in D} v(z)|f(z)| < \infty\}$$

and

$$H_v^0 := \{f \in H_v^\infty; \lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1} v(z)|f(z)| = 0\}$$

endowed with norm  $\|\cdot\|_v$  where  $H(D)$  denotes the space of holomorphic functions on  $D$ . For more information on this type of spaces we refer the reader to [2], [4] and [11].

Let  $\varphi : D \rightarrow D$  be an analytic self map of the unit disc. Each such map induces through composition a linear composition operator  $C_\varphi(f) = f \circ \varphi$  acting on this type of spaces. If we choose  $\psi \in H(D)$  we obtain a weighted composition operator  $C_{\varphi, \psi}(f) = \psi(f \circ \varphi)$ .

Composition operators have been studied on various spaces of analytic functions. We refer the reader to the monographs [7] and [14]. The case of operators defined on weighted Banach spaces of the type defined above was treated, for example in [4], [3] and [6]. The spectrum of a composition operator has recently been investigated in [8], [15] and [12] as well as in [1] and [5]. More precisely, Aron and Lindström

determined the spectrum of a bounded weighted composition operator acting on weighted Banach spaces  $H_{v_p}^\infty$  where  $v_p(z) = (1 - |z|^2)^p$ ,  $p > 0$  (see [1]). This was generalized by Bonet, Galindo and Lindström in the sense that they were able to characterize the spectrum of a bounded composition operator defined on a weighted Banach space  $H_v^\infty$ , where  $v$  is a typical weight. The aim of this article is to generalize the results of [1] and [5], i.e. to give the spectrum of a bounded weighted composition operator acting on weighted Banach spaces  $H_v^\infty$  of holomorphic functions using methods of [1] and [5].

## 2. Notations and Definitions

We refer the reader to [7] and [14] for notation on composition operators. The closed unit ball of  $H_v^\infty$  (resp.  $H_v^0$ ) is denoted by  $B_v^\infty$  (resp.  $B_v^0$ ). Many results on weighted spaces of analytic functions and on operators between them have to be given in terms of the so-called *associated weights* (see [2]) and in terms of the weights. For a weight  $v$  the associated weight  $\tilde{v}$  is defined as follows

$$\tilde{v}(z) := \frac{1}{\sup\{|f(z)|; f \in H_v^\infty, \|f\|_v \leq 1\}} = \frac{1}{\|\delta_z\|_{H_v^{\infty'}}}, \quad z \in D,$$

where  $\delta_z$  denotes the point evaluation of  $z$ . The associated weights are also continuous and  $\tilde{v} \geq v > 0$  (see [2]). Furthermore, for each  $z \in D$  there is  $f_z \in H_v^\infty$ ,  $\|f_z\|_v \leq 1$ , such that  $|f_z(z)| = \frac{1}{\tilde{v}(z)}$ . A weight  $v$  is called *essential* if there is a constant  $C > 0$  with

$$v(z) \leq \tilde{v}(z) \leq Cv(z) \quad \text{for every } z \in D.$$

For examples of essential weights and conditions when weights are essential, see [2], [4] and [3]. Especially interesting are *radial weights*  $v$ , i.e. weights which satisfy  $v(z) = v(|z|)$  for every  $z \in D$ . Every radial weight  $v$  which is non-increasing with respect to  $|z|$  and such that  $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1} v(z) = 0$  is called a *typical weight*. In the sequel every radial weight is assumed to be non-increasing. For typical weights  $v$  the polynomials lie dense in  $H_v^0$ .

The *essential spectrum*  $\sigma_{e,X}(T)$  of a bounded operator  $T$  on the Banach space  $X$  is the set of all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $T - \lambda I$  is not Fredholm. It is known that  $\sigma_{e,X}(T) = \sigma_{e,X^*}(T^*)$ , see [9]. The essential spectral radius is given by

$$r_{e,X}(T) = \sup\{|\lambda|; \lambda \in \sigma_{e,X}(T)\}.$$

Another way of expressing the essential spectral radius is

$$r_{e,X}(T) = \lim_n \|T^n\|_{e,X}^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

where  $\|T\|_{e,X}$  denotes the essential norm of  $T$ , i.e. the distance from the compact operators on  $X$ ,

$$\|T\|_{e,X} = \inf\{\|T - K\|; K \text{ is a compact operator on } X\}.$$

Let  $\lambda \in \sigma_X(T)$  be such that  $|\lambda| > r_{e,X}(T)$ . Then  $\lambda$  lies in the unbounded component of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma_{e,X}(T)$ . Now the Fredholm theory gives that  $\lambda$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma_X(T)$  which also is an eigenvalue of finite multiplicity. We recall the following well-known result (see [9]):

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a bounded operator. If  $\lambda \in \sigma_X(T)$  is such that  $|\lambda| > r_{e,X}(T)$ , then  $\lambda$  is an isolated eigenvalue of finite multiplicity.*

By [6] Proposition 3.1 weighted composition operators  $C_{\varphi,\psi} : H_v^\infty \rightarrow H_v^\infty$  are continuous if and only if

$$\sup_{z \in D} |\psi(z)| \frac{v(z)}{\tilde{v}(\varphi(z))} < \infty.$$

For a similar result see also [13]. If  $\|C_{\varphi,\psi}\|_{e,v}$  denotes the essential norm of  $C_{\varphi,\psi}$ , then we get

$$\|C_{\varphi,\psi}\|_{e,v} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sup_{|\varphi(z)| > r} |\psi(z)| \frac{v(z)}{\tilde{v}(\varphi(z))}.$$

(See [6] and [13].)

### 3. Results

In the case of composition operators the following lemma was given by Bonet, Galindo and Lindström in [5].

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $v$  be a typical weight and  $\varphi(0) = 0$  as well as  $0 < |\varphi'(0)| < 1$ . Moreover, we assume that  $C_{\varphi,\psi}$  is bounded. Then  $\sigma_{H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi})$  contains  $\psi(0)\varphi'(0)^n$  for non-negative integers  $n$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\psi(0) = 0$ , then  $\psi(0)\varphi'(0)^n \in \sigma_{H_v^\infty}$ . Thus we can assume that  $\psi(0) \neq 0$ . We use an argument of [10] to show that  $z^n \in H_v^\infty$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , is not in the range of  $C_{\varphi,\psi} - \psi(0)\varphi'(0)^n I$  on  $H_v^\infty$ . Let us assume that  $f \in H_v^\infty$  and

$$f(\varphi(z))\psi(z) - \varphi'(0)\psi(0)f(z) = z.$$

Then, we obtain  $f(0)\psi(0) - \varphi'(0)\psi(0)f(0) = 0$ . Since  $\psi(0) \neq 0$  and  $0 < |\varphi'(0)| < 1$  we obtain  $f(0) = 0$ . Now differentiation on both sides yields

$$\psi'(z)f(\varphi(z)) + \psi(z)\varphi'(z)f'(\varphi(z)) - \varphi'(0)\psi(0)f'(z) = 1.$$

With  $z = 0$  we obtain  $0 = \psi(0)f'(0)\varphi'(0) - \varphi'(0)\psi(0)f'(0) = 1$  which is a contradiction. For  $n > 1$ , suppose  $f \in H_v^\infty$  and  $\psi(z)f(\varphi(z)) - \psi(0)\varphi'(0)^n f(z) = z^n$ . By repeated differentiation on both sides we get for all  $k < n$  that  $f^{(k)}(0) = 0$ . Then for  $k = n$  and  $z = 0$  we obtain the contradiction  $0 = n!$ . This means that  $\psi(0)\varphi'(0)^n \in \sigma_{H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi})$  for all  $n > 0$ . If  $n = 0$ , then  $\psi(0) \in \sigma_{H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi})$ , since  $C_{\varphi,\psi} - \psi(0)I$  is not onto.  $\blacksquare$

For a positive integer  $m$  and an arbitrary weight  $v$ , let us consider the closed subspace  $H_{v,m}^\infty$  of  $H_v^\infty$  defined by

$$H_{v,m}^\infty := \{f \in H_v^\infty; f \text{ has a zero of at least order } m \text{ at } 0\}.$$

Let  $\|\cdot\|_{m,v}$  be the induced norm on  $H_{v,m}^\infty$ . The following result can be found in [5]. For standard weights, the result was obtained by Aron and Lindström in [1].

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $v$  be an arbitrary weight. Then there exists a constant  $M_m > 0$  such that*

$$|f(w)| \leq M_m \frac{1}{\tilde{v}(w)} \|f\|_v |w|^m,$$

for all  $f \in H_{v,m}^\infty$  and  $w \in D$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $v$  be a typical weight. Suppose that  $\varphi(0) = 0$  and that  $C_{\varphi,\psi}$  is bounded on  $H_v^\infty$ . If  $\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $C_{\varphi,\psi}$ , then  $\lambda \in \{\psi(0)\varphi'(0)^n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $C_{\varphi,\psi}$  with the corresponding eigenvector  $f \neq 0$ . Then for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , we have

$$C_{\varphi,\psi}f(z) = \psi(z)f(\varphi(z)) = \lambda f(z).$$

We obviously get  $\psi(0)f(0) = \lambda f(0)$ . If  $f(0) \neq 0$ ,  $\lambda = \psi(0)$  follows. If  $f(0) = 0$  by differentiation on both sides of the equation we obtain:

$$\psi'(z)f(\varphi(z)) + \psi(z)\varphi'(z)f'(\varphi(z)) = \lambda f'(z).$$

Since  $f(0) = 0$ , we obtain  $\psi(0)\varphi'(0)f'(0) = \lambda f'(0)$ . If  $f'(0) \neq 0$ , then  $\lambda = \psi(0)\varphi'(0)$ . If  $f'(0) = 0$  we proceed by induction until we have found a  $k$  such that  $f^{(k)}(0) \neq 0$  which must exist. In that case we obtain  $\lambda = \psi(0)\varphi'(0)^k$ . Thus, the claim follows. ■

We need the following lemma which is taken from [7].

**Lemma 3.3.** *If  $\varphi$  is not an automorphism and  $\varphi(0) = 0$ , then given  $0 < r < 1$ , there exists  $1 \leq M < \infty$  such that if  $(z_k)_{k=-K}^\infty$  is an iteration sequence with  $|z_n| \geq r$  for some non-negative integer  $n$  and  $(w_k)_{k=-K}^n$  are arbitrary numbers, then there exists  $f \in H^\infty$  with  $f(z_k) = w_k$ ,  $-K \leq k \leq n$  and  $\|f\|_\infty \leq M \sup\{|w_k| : -K \leq k \leq n\}$ . Further there exists  $b < 1$  such that for any iteration sequence  $(z_k)$ , i.e. for any sequence  $(z_k)$  with  $z_{k+1} = \varphi(z_k)$  we have  $|z_{k+1}|/|z_k| \leq b$  whenever  $|z_k| \leq 1/2$ .*

The proof of the following theorem was inspired by [1] and [5].

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $v$  be a typical weight. Suppose  $\varphi$ , not an automorphism has fixed point  $a \in D$  and that  $C_{\varphi,\psi} : H_v^\infty \rightarrow H_v^\infty$  is bounded. Then*

$$\sigma_{H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi}) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}; |\lambda| \leq r_{e,H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi})\} \cup \{\psi(a)\varphi'(a)^n\}_{n=0}^\infty.$$

*Proof.* We can assume that  $a = 0$ . If  $a \neq 0$ , we consider

$$\varphi_a(z) = \frac{(a-z)}{1-\bar{a}z}, \quad \psi_1(z) = \psi \circ \varphi_a, \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_1 = \varphi_a \circ \varphi \circ \varphi_a.$$

Then  $\varphi_1(0) = 0$ ,  $\psi_1(0) = \psi(a)$ ,  $\varphi_1'(0) = \varphi'(a)$  and

$$C_{\varphi_a} \circ C_{\varphi_1,\psi_1} \circ C_{\varphi_a}^{-1} = C_{\varphi,\psi}.$$

Hence,  $C_{\varphi,\psi}$  and  $C_{\varphi_1,\psi_1}$  are similar. Therefore, they have the same spectrum and the same essential spectral radius.

By Lemma 3.1, we have that  $\{\psi(0)\varphi'(0)^n\}_{n=0}^\infty \subset \sigma_{H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi})$ . If  $\lambda \in \sigma_{H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi})$  and  $|\lambda| > r_{e,H_v^\infty}$ , then Lemma 2.1 yields, that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue. If  $\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $C_{\varphi,\psi}$ , then by Lemma 3.2, we can find  $n$  such that  $\lambda = \psi(0)\varphi'(0)^n$ . It remains to show that

$$\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}; |\lambda| \leq r_{e,H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi})\} \subset \sigma_{H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi}).$$

If  $r_{e,H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi}) = 0$ , then we have  $0 \in \sigma_{e,H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi}) \subset \sigma_{H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi})$ . So, we assume that  $\rho := r_{e,H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi}) > 0$ . Since  $\varphi(0) = 0$  we have that  $\varphi(z) = z\phi(z)$  with  $\phi \in H^\infty$ . Hence  $H_{v,m}^\infty$  is an invariant subspace under  $C_{\varphi,\psi}$ . Further,  $H_{v,m}^\infty$  has finite codimension in  $H_v^\infty$ . Now Lemma 7.17 in [7] which is also valid for Banach spaces gives that  $\sigma_{H_{v,m}^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi}) \subset \sigma_{H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi})$ . So it is enough to show that any  $\lambda$  with  $0 < |\lambda| < \rho$  belongs to  $\sigma_{H_{v,m}^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi})$  for some  $m$  to be found. Let  $C_m$  denote

the restriction of  $C_{\varphi,\psi}$  to the invariant closed subspace  $H_{v,m}^\infty$ . Since  $C_m - \lambda I$  is not invertible if  $(C_m - \lambda I)^*$  is not bounded from below, we just need to find  $m$  with  $(C_m - \lambda I)^*$  not bounded from below. Let  $1 \leq M < \infty$  be the constant in Lemma 3.3 for  $r = 1/4$ . We will denote iteration sequences by  $\xi = (z_k)_{k=-K}^\infty$  with  $K > 0$  and  $|z_0| \geq 1/2$ . Let  $n := \max\{k; |z_k| \geq 1/4\}$ . Then  $n \geq 0$  and  $|z_k| < 1/4$  for  $k > n$ . By Lemma 3.3 there is  $b < 1$  with  $|z_{k+1}/z_k| \leq b$  for all  $k \geq n$ . We may assume that  $1/2 < b < 1$ . This implies

$$(3.1) \quad |z_k| \leq b^{k-n}|z_n| \text{ for } k \geq n.$$

Since  $\psi \in H(D)$  is continuous,  $0 \leq C := \max\{\sup_{|z| \leq 1/4} |\psi(z)|, |\psi(z_n)|\} < \infty$ . We now choose  $m$  so large that

$$(3.2) \quad \frac{b^m C}{|\lambda|} < \frac{1}{2}.$$

For every such iteration sequence  $\xi = (z_k)_{k=-K}^\infty$  we define the linear functional  $L_{\xi,\psi}$  of  $H_{v,m}^\infty$  by

$$L_{\xi,\psi}(f) = \sum_{k=-K}^\infty \lambda^{-k} \psi(z_{-K}) \cdots \psi(z_{k-1}) f(z_k),$$

where we agree that  $\psi(z_{-K}) \cdots \psi(z_{K-1}) = 1$  in the first term of the sum. Indeed  $L_{\xi,\psi}$  is bounded. Proposition 3.1 yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{k=-K}^\infty \lambda^{-k} \psi(z_{-K}) \cdots \psi(z_{k-1}) f(z_k) \right| \\ & \leq M_m \|f\|_v \left\{ \sum_{k=-K}^n |\lambda|^{-k} |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{k-1})| |z_k|^m \tilde{v}(z_k)^{-1} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{n-1})| \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty |\lambda|^{-k} |\psi(z_n)| \cdots |\psi(z_{k-1})| |z_k|^m \tilde{v}(z_k)^{-1} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|z_k| < \frac{1}{4}$  for  $k > n$  and  $\tilde{v}$  is continuous, there is a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $\tilde{v}(z_k)^{-1} \leq c$  for  $k > n$ . Further applying (3.1) and (3.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty |\lambda|^{-k} |\psi(z_n)| \cdots |\psi(z_{k-1})| |z_k|^m \tilde{v}(z_k)^{-1} & \leq \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty |\lambda|^{-k} C^{k-n} |z_k|^m c \\ & \leq c \frac{|z_n|^m}{|\lambda|^n} \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty \left( \frac{b^m C}{|\lambda|} \right)^{k-n} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $|\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{n-1})| \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty |\lambda|^{-k} |\psi(z_n)| \cdots |\psi(z_{k-1})| |z_k|^m \tilde{v}(z_k)^{-1} < \infty$ , and  $L_{\xi,\psi}$  is bounded. Let us find next a lower bound for  $\|L_{\xi,\psi}\|_{v,m}$ . There exists  $f_{z_0} \in H_v^\infty$  with  $\|f_{z_0}\|_v \leq 1$ , so that  $|f_{z_0}(z_0)| = 1/\tilde{v}(z_0)$ . By Lemma 3.3, there is  $f_1 \in H^\infty$  with  $\|f_1\|_\infty \leq M$ , satisfying  $|f_1(z_0)| = 1$ ,  $z_0^m f_1(z_0) f_{z_0}(z_0) > 0$  and  $f_1(z_k) = 0$  for  $-K \leq k \leq n$ ,  $k \neq 0$ . Now, the function  $g(z) := z^m f_1(z) f_{z_0}(z)$

belongs to  $H_{v,m}^\infty$  and  $\|g\|_v \leq M$ . Further

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} L_{\xi,\psi}(g) &= \psi(z_{-K}) \cdots \psi(z_{-1}) z_0^m f_1(z_0) f_{z_0}(z_0) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \lambda^{-k} \psi(z_{-K}) \cdots \psi(z_{k-1}) z_k^m f_1(z_k) f_{z_0}(z_k). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\tilde{v}$  is not increasing, we get using again (3.1) and (3.2)

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \lambda^{-k} \psi(z_{-K}) \cdots \psi(z_{k-1}) z_k^m f_1(z_k) f_{z_0}(z_k) \right| \\ &\leq M |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{n-1})| \frac{|z_n|^m}{|\lambda|^n} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{b^m C}{|\lambda|} \right)^{k-n} \frac{1}{\tilde{v}(z_n)} \\ &\leq M |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{n-1})| \frac{|z_n|^m}{|\lambda|^n} \frac{1}{\tilde{v}(z_n)} \frac{b^m C}{|\lambda| - b^m C}. \end{aligned}$$

If, in addition we choose  $m$  so that

$$M |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{n-1})| \frac{1}{|\lambda|^n} \frac{1}{\tilde{v}(z_n)} \frac{b^m C}{|\lambda| - b^m C} < |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{-1})| \frac{1}{2\tilde{v}(z_0)},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \lambda^{-k} \psi(z_{-K}) \cdots \psi(z_{k-1}) g(z_k) \right| &\leq |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{-1})| \frac{|z_n|^m}{2\tilde{v}(z_0)} \\ &\leq |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{-1})| \frac{|z_0|^m}{2\tilde{v}(z_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by (3.3)

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} |L_{\xi,\psi}(g)| &\geq |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{-1})| \frac{|z_0|^m}{\tilde{v}(z_0)} - \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \lambda^{-k} \psi(z_{-K}) \cdots \psi(z_{k-1}) g(z_k) \right| \\ &\geq |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{-1})| \frac{|z_0|^m}{2\tilde{v}(z_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore using Proposition 3.1, we obtain the desired lower bound

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \|L_{\xi,\psi}\|_{v,m} &\geq |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{-1})| \frac{|z_0|^m}{2M\tilde{v}(z_0)} \\ &\geq |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{-1})| \frac{1}{2MM_m} \|\delta_{z_0}\|_{v,m}. \end{aligned}$$

The final step is to estimate  $\|(C_m^* - \bar{\lambda}I)L_{\xi,\psi}\|_{v,m}$  for a suitable iteration sequence  $\xi$ . First observe that

$$(C_m^* - \bar{\lambda}I)L_{\xi,\psi} = -\lambda^{K+1}\delta_{z_{-K}}.$$

Recall that

$$\rho = r_{e,H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi,\psi}) = \lim_n \|(C_{\varphi,\psi})^n\|_{e,v}^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

and

$$(C_{\varphi,\psi})^n f(w) = \psi(w) \cdots \psi(\varphi_{n-1}(w)) C_{\varphi_n} f(w), \quad w \in D, f \in H_v^\infty,$$

where  $\varphi_n = \varphi \circ \dots \circ \varphi$  ( $n$  times). Hence  $(C_{\varphi, \psi})^n : H_v^\infty \rightarrow H_v^\infty$  is a bounded weighted composition operator and we get by Theorem 4.2 in [6] that

$$\|(C_{\varphi, \psi})^n\|_{e, v} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sup_{|\varphi(w)| > r} |\psi(w)| \cdots |\psi(\varphi_{n-1}(w))| \frac{v(w)}{\tilde{v}(\varphi_n(w))}.$$

Pick  $\mu$  so that  $|\lambda| < \mu < \rho$ . Thus there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,

$$\|(C_{\varphi, \psi})^n\|_{e, v} > \mu^n > 0.$$

Hence for any  $l \geq n_0$  we can find a  $w \in D$  so that

$$|\psi(w)| \cdots |\psi(\varphi_{l-1}(w))| \frac{v(w)}{\tilde{v}(\varphi_l(w))} \geq \mu^l > 0 \text{ and } |\varphi_l(w)| \geq \frac{1}{2}.$$

This means that for every  $K \geq n_0$  with the above choice of  $w \in D$  we can form an iteration sequence  $(z_k)_{k=-K}^\infty$  by letting  $z_{-K} = w$  and  $z_{k+1} = \varphi(z_k)$  for  $k \geq -K$ . Then  $|z_0| = |\varphi_K(w)| \geq 1/2$ . By (3.4) and (3.5) we obtain

$$\|L_{\xi, \psi}\|_{v, m} \geq |\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{-1})| \frac{1}{2MM_m} \frac{|z_0|^m}{\tilde{v}(z_0)}.$$

Moreover

$$\|\delta_{z_{-K}}\|_{v, m} \leq \|\delta_{z_{-K}}\|_v = \frac{1}{\tilde{v}(z_{-K})} \leq \frac{1}{v(z_{-K})}.$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|(C_m^* - \bar{\lambda}I)L_{\xi, \psi}\|_{v, m}}{\|L_{\xi, \psi}\|_{v, m}} &\leq 2 \frac{MM_m |\lambda|^{K+1} \tilde{v}(z_0)}{|\psi(z_{-K})| \cdots |\psi(z_{-1})| |z_0|^m v(z_{-K})} \\ &\leq |\lambda| MM_m 2^{m+1} \left( \frac{|\lambda|}{\mu} \right)^K. \end{aligned}$$

By choosing  $K \geq n_0$  large enough we see that  $(C_m^* - \bar{\lambda}I)$  is not bounded from below. ■

The proof of the following corollary is in fact the same proof as the proof given in [1], Corollary 8. For the sake of completeness we repeat it here.

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $v$  be a typical weight. Suppose that  $\varphi$ , not an automorphism, has fixed point  $a \in D$  and that  $C_{\varphi, \psi} : H_v^0 \rightarrow H_v^0$  is bounded. Then*

$$\sigma_{H_v^0}(C_{\varphi, \psi}) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}; |\lambda| \leq r_{e, H_v^0}(C_{\varphi, \psi})\} \cup \{\psi(a)\varphi'(a)\}_{n=0}^\infty.$$

*Proof.* Since  $C_{\varphi, \psi} : H_v^0 \rightarrow H_v^0$  is bounded, we get that  $C_{\varphi, \psi}^{**} : H_v^\infty \rightarrow H_v^\infty$  is also bounded, and we can apply the previous theorem. Moreover  $C_{\varphi, \psi}^n$  is bounded on  $H_v^\infty$  and  $H_v^0$  and  $C_{\varphi, \psi}^n f(w) = \psi(w) \cdots \psi(\varphi_{n-1}(w)) C_{\varphi_n}(f(w))$ . Hence  $C_{\varphi, \psi}^n$  is a weighted bounded weighted composition operator on  $H_v^0$  and  $H_v^\infty$  and we can apply Theorem 2 in [13] to get that the essential norm of  $C_{\varphi, \psi}^n$  on  $H_v^0$  coincides with the essential norm of  $C_{\varphi, \psi}^n$  on  $H_v^\infty$ . Thus,  $r_{e, H_v^\infty}(C_{\varphi, \psi}) = r_{e, H_v^0}(C_{\varphi, \psi})$ , and the claim follows. ■

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