# ESSENTIAL NORM OF WEIGHTED COMPOSITION FOLLOWED AND PROCEEDED BY DIFFERENTIATION OPERATOR FROM BLOCH-TYPE INTO BERS-TYPE SPACES

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Abstract. We consider the weighted composition followed and proceeded by differentiation operator  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}D$  from Bloch-type space  $B^{\alpha}$  into Bers-type space  $H_{\beta}^{\infty}$ . First, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for boundedness and compactness of this operator. Then, we obtain the essential norm estimate of such an operator in terms of u and  $\varphi$ .

#### 1. Introduction

Denote by  $H(\mathbb{D})$  the space of all analytic functions on open unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$  in the complex plane. An analytic function f on  $\mathbb{D}$  belongs to the Bloch-type space  $B^{\alpha}$ ,  $(0 < \alpha < \infty)$  if

$$||f||_{B^{\alpha}} = \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |w|^2)^{\alpha} |f'(w)| < \infty.$$

The norm  $||f|| = ||f||_{B^{\alpha}} + |f(0)|$  makes  $B^{\alpha}$  into a Banach space.

Let  $B_0^{\alpha}$  be the subspace of  $B^{\alpha}$  which consisting of all  $f \in B^{\alpha}$  satisfying

$$(1-|w|^2)^{\alpha}|f'(w)| \to 0$$
 as  $|w| \to 1$ .

This space is called the little Bloch-type space.

The Bers-type space  $H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is the space of all  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$ ,  $(0 < \beta < \infty)$  such that

$$||f||_{H^{\infty}_{\beta}} = \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |f(w)| < \infty.$$

Let  $H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$  be the subspace of  $H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  which consisting of all  $f \in H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  satisfying

$$(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |f(w)| \to 0$$
 as  $|w| \to 1$ .

This space is called the little Bers-type space.

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Given a function  $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$  and a nonconstant analytic self-map  $\varphi$  on  $\mathbb{D}$ , we define a linear operator  $C_{\varphi}^{u}$  on  $H(\mathbb{D})$  by  $C_{\varphi}^{u}(f) = u \cdot (f \circ \varphi) = u \cdot f(\varphi)$ . If  $u \equiv 1$ , then,  $C_{\varphi}$  is called the composition operator. For more information about these operators, see [2, 16]. In 2013, S. Yamaji [19] considered composition operators on the Bergman spaces. The weighted composition operators acting on various spaces of analytic functions has been studied by many authors. For example,  $C_{\varphi}^{u}$  was studied by Sh. Ohno, K. Stroethoff and R. Zhao in [12], where they have studied the boundedness and compactness of  $C_{\varphi}^{u}$  between Bloch-type spaces. X.-C. Guo and Z.-H. Zhou provide new characterizations for the boundedness and compactness of the weighted composition operator from Zygmund-type spaces to Bloch-type spaces in [3]. M. Hassanlou, H. Vaezi and M. Wang in [4] characterized the bounded and the compact weighted composition operators on weak vector-valued Bergman spaces and Hardy spaces. For more results in this context we refer to [1, 6, 14, 22].

The weighted composition followed by differentiation operator  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}$  is defined by

$$DC^{u}_{\varphi}(f) = (u \cdot f(\varphi))' = u' \cdot f(\varphi) + u \cdot f'(\varphi) \cdot \varphi',$$

where  $C_{\varphi}^{u}$  and D are weighted composition and differentiation operators respectively.

The operator  $DC_{\varphi}$  was first studied by R. A. Hibschweiler and N. Portnoy in [5], where the boundedess and compactness of  $DC_{\varphi}$  between Hardy and Bergman spaces are investigated. S. Li and S. Stevic in [7] characterized the boundedness and compactness of  $DC_{\varphi}$  between Bloch-type spaces.

We define a linear operator  $C^{u}_{\sigma}D$  on  $H(\mathbb{D})$  by

$$C^{u}_{\varphi}D(f) = u \cdot (f' \circ \varphi) = u \cdot f'(\varphi).$$

This operator is called weighted composition proceeded by differentation operator. The operator  $C_{\varphi}D$  between Hardy spaces was studied in [11] by S. Ohno. J. S. Manhas and R. Zhao in [10] characterized the boundedness and compactness of  $C_{\varphi}^{u}D$  between weighted Banach spaces of analytic functions and weighted Zygmund spaces or weighted Bloch spaces.

We define a linear operator  $DC^{u}_{\omega}D$  on  $H(\mathbb{D})$  by

$$DC^{u}_{\varphi}Df = DC^{u}_{\varphi}f' = u' \cdot f'(\varphi) + u \cdot f''(\varphi) \cdot \varphi'.$$

We called this operator, weighted composition followed and proceeded by differentiation operator. Boundedness and compactness of the operator  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}D$  from Zygmund spaces to Bloch-type spaces were described by J. Long, C. Qiu and P. Wu in [8].

Recall that the essential norm  $||T||_e$  of a bounded operator T between Banach spaces X and Y is defined as the distance from T to the compact operators, that is

$$||T||_e = \inf\{||T - K|| : K \text{ is compact}\}.$$

Notic that  $||T||_e = 0$  if and only if T is compact. The essential norm of the composition operator on Bloch spases was studied by A. Montes-Rodriguez in [13]. R. Zhao in [20] give estimates for the essential norms of the composition operators between Bloch-type

spaces. Essential norms of the weighted composition operators between Bloch-type spaces are investigated by B. D. Macculuer and R. Zhao in [9]. In [17], S. Stevic, estimate essential norms of the weighted composition operators from Bloch-type spaces to a weighted-type space on the unit ball, and A. H. Sanatpour and M. Hassanlou in [15] were proved the lower and upper bound of the essential norms of weighted composition operators between Zygmund-type spaces and Bloch-type spaces.

In this article we characterize the boundedness and compactness of  $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  in section 2, and boundedness and compactness of this operator from  $B^{\alpha}_0$  into  $H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$  in section 3. Finally we give lower and upper bounds for the essential norm of the operator  $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  in section 4.

We denote the constants by *C* which will differ from one appearance to the another. If there exists a positive constant *C* such that  $A \leq CB$  then, we write  $A \leq B$ . If  $A \leq B$  and  $B \leq A$  we denote by  $A \sim B$ .

## **2.** Boundedness and compactness of $DC^u_{\phi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$

The boundedness and compactness criteria for the operator  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}D: B^{\alpha} \to H_{\beta}^{\infty}$  will be given in this section.

THEOREM 1. For a fixed  $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$ ,  $\varphi$  an analytic self-map on  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  positive real numbers, the operator  $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is bounded if and only if

$$\sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}} < \infty$$
(1)

and

$$\sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha + 1}} < \infty.$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

*Proof.* First, we prove sufficiency. For a function  $f \in B^{\alpha}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |DC_{\varphi}^u Df(w)| &= (1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |DC_{\varphi}^u f'(w)| \\ &\leqslant (1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)| |f'(\varphi(w))| \\ &+ (1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |f''(\varphi(w))| |\varphi'(w)| \\ &\leqslant \frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}} ||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \\ &+ \frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}} ||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \\ &= C ||f||_{B^{\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

We have used the following characterization of Bloch-type functions (see [7, Theorem 1] and [21, Proposition 8]):

$$\sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |w|^2)^{\alpha} |f'(w)| \sim |f'(0)| + \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |w|^2)^{\alpha + 1} |f''(w)|,$$

in the last inequality.

Using conditions (1) and (2) it follows that the operator  $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is bounded. Now, suppose that  $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is bounded. Taking f(w) = w and  $f(w) = w^2$  respectively, we obtain

$$\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u'(w)|<\infty$$
(3)

and

$$\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|2u'(w)\varphi(w)+2u(w)\varphi'(w)|<\infty.$$

Using these facts and the boundedness of the function  $\varphi(w)$ , we have

$$\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|<\infty.$$
(4)

For fixed  $w_o \in \mathbb{D}$ , consider the function  $f_o$  defined by

$$f_o(w) = \frac{(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)(1-|\phi(w_o)|^2)}{(1-w\overline{\phi(w_o)})^{\alpha}} - \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)(1-|\phi(w_o)|^2)^2}{(1-w\overline{\phi(w_o)})^{\alpha+1}},$$
(5)

for  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,

$$f'_{o}(w) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)\overline{\varphi(w_{o})}(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|^{2})}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_{o})})^{\alpha+1}} - \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)^{2}\overline{\varphi(w_{o})}(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|^{2})^{2}}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_{o})})^{\alpha+2}},$$

for  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ . Hence,

$$\begin{split} |f_{o}'(w)| &\leqslant \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|^{2})}{(1-|w\overline{\varphi}(w_{o})|)^{\alpha+1}} + \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)^{2}(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|^{2})^{2}}{(1-|w\overline{\varphi}(w_{o})|)^{\alpha+2}} \\ &\leqslant \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|^{2})}{(1-|w|)^{\alpha}(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|)} + \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)^{2}(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|^{2})^{2}}{(1-|w|)^{\alpha}(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|)^{2}} \\ &\leqslant \frac{2\alpha(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)}{(1-|w|)^{\alpha}} + \frac{2^{2}\alpha(\alpha+1)^{2}}{(1-|w|)^{\alpha}} = \frac{2\alpha(\alpha+1)(3\alpha+4)}{(1-|w|)^{\alpha}} \\ &\leqslant \frac{2^{\alpha+3}\alpha(\alpha+1)^{2}}{(1-|w|^{2})^{\alpha}}, \end{split}$$

for all  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ . So, it follows that  $f_o \in B^{\alpha}$ . We also have

$$f_o''(w) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)^2(\alpha+2)\overline{\varphi(w_o)}^2(1-|\varphi(w_o)|^2)}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_o)})^{\alpha+2}} - \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)^2(\alpha+2)\overline{\varphi(w_o)}^2(1-|\varphi(w_o)|^2)^2}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_o)})^{\alpha+3}},$$

for  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ . It can be shown that

$$f_o'(\varphi(w_o)) = rac{lpha(lpha+1)\overline{\varphi(w_o)}}{(1-|arphi(w_o)|^2)^lpha} \quad ext{ and } \quad f_o''(\varphi(w_o)) = 0$$

Then, for  $w_o \in \mathbb{D}$ ,

$$\frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)|\varphi(w_o)|(1-|w_o|^2)^{\beta}|u'(w_o)|}{(1-|\varphi(w_o)|^2)^{\alpha}} = (1-|w_o|^2)^{\beta}|(DC_{\varphi}^u Df_o)(w_o)| \\ \leqslant ||DC_{\varphi}^u Df_o||_{H_{\beta}^{\infty}} \leqslant C||f_o||_{B^{\alpha}} < \infty.$$

Since,  $w_o$  is arbitrary, hence, for any  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ ,

$$\frac{|\varphi(w)|(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}} < \infty.$$
(6)

For any  $\delta$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$ , by (6), we have

$$\sup_{|\varphi(w)>\delta} \frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}} < \infty.$$
(7)

For  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ , such that  $|\varphi(w)| \leq \delta$ ,

$$\frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}} \leqslant \frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u'(w)|}{(1-\delta^2)^{\alpha}}.$$
(8)

From (3) and (8), it follows that

$$\sup_{\varphi(w) \le \delta} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}} < \infty.$$
(9)

Hence, (7) and (9) implies that

$$\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}\frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}}<\infty.$$

Therefore, (1) holds.

Now, for fixed  $w_o \in \mathbb{D}$  consider the function  $g_o$  defined by

$$g_o(w) = \frac{\alpha (1 - |\varphi(w_o)|^2)^2}{(1 - w\overline{\varphi(w_o)})^{\alpha + 1}} - \frac{(\alpha + 1)(1 - |\varphi(w_o)|^2)}{(1 - w\overline{\varphi(w_o)})^{\alpha}},$$
(10)

for  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,

$$g'_{o}(w) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)\overline{\varphi(w_{o})}(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|^{2})^{2}}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_{o})})^{\alpha+2}} - \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)\overline{\varphi(w_{o})}(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|^{2})}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_{o})})^{\alpha+1}},$$

for  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |g'_{o}(w)| &\leq \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|^{2})^{2}}{(1-|w|)^{\alpha}(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|)^{2}} + \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|^{2})}{(1-|w|)^{\alpha}(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|)} \\ &\leq \frac{2^{2}\alpha(\alpha+1)}{(1-|w|)^{\alpha}} + \frac{2\alpha(\alpha+1)}{(1-|w|)^{\alpha}} \leq \frac{2^{\alpha+3}\alpha(\alpha+1)}{(1-|w|^{2})^{\alpha}}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ . So, it follows that  $g_o \in B^{\alpha}$ . We also have

$$g_{o}''(w) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)\overline{\varphi(w_{o})}^{2}(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|^{2})^{2}}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_{o})})^{\alpha+3}} - \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)^{2}\overline{\varphi(w_{o})}^{2}(1-|\varphi(w_{o})|^{2})}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_{o})})^{\alpha+2}},$$

for  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ . It can be shown that

$$g_o'(oldsymbol{\varphi}(w_o)) = 0 \quad ext{ and } \quad g_o''(oldsymbol{\varphi}(w_o)) = rac{lpha(lpha+1)\overline{oldsymbol{\varphi}(w_o)}^2}{(1-|oldsymbol{\varphi}(w_o)|^2)^{lpha+1}}.$$

Then, for  $w_o \in \mathbb{D}$ ,

$$\frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)|\overline{\varphi(w_o)}|^2(1-|w_o|^2)^{\beta}|u(w_o)||\varphi'(w_o)|}{(1-|\varphi(w_o)|^2)^{\alpha+1}} = (1-|w_o|^2)^{\beta}|(DC^u_{\varphi}Dg_o)(w_o)| \\ \leqslant ||DC^u_{\varphi}Dg_o||_{H^{\infty}_{\beta}} \leqslant C||g_o||_{B^{\alpha}} < \infty.$$

Since,  $w_o$  is arbitrary, hence, for any  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ ,

$$\frac{|\varphi(w)|^2 (1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}} < \infty.$$
(11)

For any  $\delta$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$ , by (11), we have

$$\sup_{|\varphi(w)>\delta} \frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}} < \infty.$$
(12)

For  $w \in \mathbb{D}$  such that  $|\varphi(w)| \leq \delta$ ,

$$\frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}} \leqslant \frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|}{(1-\delta^2)^{\alpha+1}}.$$
(13)

From (4) and (13), it follows that

$$\sup_{\varphi(w) \le \delta} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha + 1}} < \infty.$$
(14)

Hence, (12) and (14) implies that

$$\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}\frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}}<\infty.$$

This show that the condition (2) holds and the proof of the theorem is completed.  $\Box$ 

THEOREM 2. For a fixed  $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$ ,  $\varphi$  an analytic self-map on  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  positive real numbers, if  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}D : B^{\alpha} \to H_{\beta}^{\infty}$  is bounded, then, it is compact if and only if

$$\lim_{|\varphi(w)| \to 1} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}} = 0$$
(15)

and

$$\lim_{|\varphi(w)| \to 1} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha + 1}} = 0.$$
 (16)

*Proof.* Since,  $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is bounded, from Theorem 1 (relations (3) and (4)), we have

$$L = \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)| < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad M = \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)| < \infty.$$

Now, suppose that (15) and (16) are true. Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta \in (0,1)$ , such that

$$\frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$
(17)

and

$$\frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2},$$
(18)

whenever  $\delta < |\varphi(w)| < 1$ .

To prove the compactness of  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}D$ , assume that  $(f_{k})_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a bounded sequence in  $B^{\alpha}$ , such that  $||f_{k}||_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1$  and converges to zero uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ . From Weak Convergence Theorem in [16, Section 2.4, Page 29] it is sufficient to show that  $||DC_{\varphi}^{u}Df_{k}||_{H_{\beta}^{\infty}} \to 0$ .

If  $|\varphi(w)| > \delta$ , then, by (17) and (18),

$$\begin{split} |DC_{\varphi}^{u}Df_{k}||_{H^{\infty}_{\beta}} &= \sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}} (1-|w|^{2})^{\beta} |DC_{\varphi}^{u}Df_{k}(w)| \\ &\leqslant \sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}} (1-|w|^{2})^{\beta} |u'(w)||f'_{k}(\varphi(w)) \\ &+ \sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}} (1-|w|^{2})^{\beta} |u(w)||\varphi'(w)||f''_{k}(\varphi(w)) \\ &\leqslant \sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}} \frac{(1-|w|^{2})^{\beta} |u'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^{2})^{\alpha}} ||f_{k}||_{B^{\alpha}} \\ &+ \sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}} \frac{(1-|w|^{2})^{\beta} |u(w)||\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^{2})^{\alpha+1}} ||f_{k}||_{B^{\alpha}} \\ &\leqslant \frac{\varepsilon}{2} ||f_{k}||_{B^{\alpha}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} ||f_{k}||_{B^{\alpha}} = \varepsilon ||f_{k}||_{B^{\alpha}} \leqslant \varepsilon, \end{split}$$

in which we have used the following relation between the first and second derivative of f:

$$\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}(1-|w|^2)^{\alpha}|f'(w)|\sim |f'(0)|+\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}(1-|w|^2)^{\alpha+1}|f''(w)|.$$

Now, consider the case  $|\varphi(w)| \leq \delta$ ,

$$\begin{split} ||DC^{u}_{\varphi}Df_{k}||_{H^{\infty}_{\beta}} &\leq \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |w|^{2})^{\beta} |u'(w)||f'_{k}(\varphi(w))| \\ &+ \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |w|^{2})^{\beta} |u(w)||f''_{k}(\varphi(w))||\varphi'(w)| \\ &\leq L \max_{|\varphi(w)| \leq \delta} |f'_{k}(\varphi(w))| + M \max_{|\varphi(w)| \leq \delta} |f''_{k}(\varphi(w))| \end{split}$$

So,  $||DC^u_{\varphi}Df_k||_{H^{\infty}_{\beta}} \to 0$ .

Now, we are going to prove that (15) and (16) are also necessary conditions for compactness of  $DC_{\omega}^{u}D$ .

Suppose that  $(w_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence in  $\mathbb{D}$  such that  $|\varphi(w_k)| \to 1$  as  $k \to \infty$ . Consider the functions  $f_k$  defined by

$$f_k(w) = \frac{(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)(1-|\varphi(w_k)|^2)}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_k)})^{\alpha}} - \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)(1-|\varphi(w_k)|^2)^2}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_k)})^{\alpha+1}},$$

for  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ . Clearly  $f_k \to 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Since,

$$f'_{k}(w) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)\overline{\varphi(w_{k})}(1-|\varphi(w_{k})|^{2})}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_{k})})^{\alpha+1}} - \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)^{2}\overline{\varphi(w_{k})}(1-|\varphi(w_{k})|^{2})^{2}}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_{k})})^{\alpha+2}}$$

and

$$f_k''(w) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)^2(\alpha+2)\overline{\varphi(w_k)}^2(1-|\varphi(w_k)|^2)}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_k)})^{\alpha+2}} - \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)^2(\alpha+2)\overline{\varphi(w_k)}^2(1-|\varphi(w_k)|^2)^2}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_k)})^{\alpha+3}}$$

for  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ , hence, it can be shown that,

$$|f'_k(w)| \leq \frac{2^{\alpha+3}\alpha(\alpha+1)^2}{(1-|w|^2)^{\alpha}}.$$

So, the  $(||f_k||_{B^{\alpha}})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly bounded. It is clear that,

$$f'_k(\varphi(w_k)) = rac{lpha(lpha+1)\overline{\varphi(w_k)}}{(1-|\varphi(w_k)|^2)^{lpha}}$$
 and  $f''_k(\varphi(w_k)) = 0.$ 

Since,  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}D$  is compact, it follows that,  $||DC_{\varphi}^{u}Df_{k}||_{H_{\beta}^{\infty}} \to 0$ . Hence,

$$\frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)|\varphi(w_k)|(1-|w_k|^2)^{\beta}|u'(w_k)|}{(1-|\varphi(w_k)|^2)^{\alpha}} = (1-|w_k|^2)^{\beta}|DC_{\varphi}^u Df_k(w_k)| \\ \leqslant ||DC_{\varphi}^u Df_k||_{H_{\beta}^{\infty}}.$$

So,

$$\frac{(1-|w_k|^2)^{\beta}|u'(w_k)|}{(1-|\varphi(w_k)|^2)^{\alpha}} \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad k \to \infty$$

Thus, the condition (15) holds.

Next, consider the functions  $g_k$  defined by

$$g_k(w) = \frac{\alpha(1 - |\varphi(w_k)|^2)^2}{(1 - w\overline{\varphi}(w_k))^{\alpha + 1}} - \frac{(\alpha + 1)(1 - |\varphi(w_k)|^2)}{(1 - w\overline{\varphi}(w_k))^{\alpha}},$$

for  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ . Clearly  $g_k \to 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Since,

$$g'_{k}(w) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)\overline{\varphi(w_{k})}(1-|\varphi(w_{k})|^{2})^{2}}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_{k})})^{\alpha+2}} - \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)\overline{\varphi(w_{k})}(1-|\varphi(w_{k})|^{2})}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_{k})})^{\alpha+1}}$$

and

$$g_k''(w) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)\overline{\varphi(w_k)}^2(1-|\varphi(w_k)|^2)^2}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_k)})^{\alpha+3}} - \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)^2\overline{\varphi(w_k)}^2(1-|\varphi(w_k)|^2)}{(1-w\overline{\varphi(w_k)})^{\alpha+2}}$$

for  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ , hence, it can be shown that,

$$|g'_k(w)| \leq \frac{2^{\alpha+3}\alpha(\alpha+1)}{(1-|w|^2)^{\alpha}}$$

So, the  $(||g_k||_{B^{\alpha}})_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly bounded. It is clear that,

$$g'_k(\varphi(w_k)) = 0$$
 and  $g''_k(\varphi(w_k)) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)\overline{\varphi(w_k)}^2}{(1-|\varphi(w_k)|^2)^{\alpha+1}}$ 

Since,  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}D$  is compact, then,  $||DC_{\varphi}^{u}Dg_{k}||_{H_{\beta}^{\infty}} \rightarrow 0$ . Hence,

$$\frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)|\varphi(w_k)|^2(1-|w_k|^2)^{\beta}|u(w_k)||\varphi'(w_k)|}{(1-|\varphi(w_k)|^2)^{\alpha+1}} = (1-|w_k|^2)^{\beta}|DC_{\varphi}^u Dg_k(w_k)| \\ \leqslant ||DC_{\varphi}^u Dg_k||_{H_{\beta}^{\infty}}.$$

So,

$$\frac{(1-|w_k|^2)^{\beta}|u(w_k)||\varphi'(w_k)|}{(1-|\varphi(w_k)|^2)^{\alpha+1}} \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad k \to \infty.$$

Thus, the condition (16) holds and the proof is completed.  $\Box$ 

## **3.** Boundedness and compactness of $DC^u_{\omega}D: B^{\alpha}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$

The boundedness and compactness criteria for the operator  $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$  will be given in this section.

THEOREM 3. For a fixed  $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$ ,  $\varphi$  an analytic self-map on  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  positive real numbers, the operator  $DC^u_{\varphi}D : B^{\alpha}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$  is bounded if and only if  $DC^u_{\varphi}D : B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is bounded and  $u', u\varphi' \in H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$ 

*Proof.* Suppose that  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}D$  maps  $B_{0}^{\alpha}$  boundedly into  $H_{\beta,0}^{\infty}$ . First, taking  $f(w) = w \in B_{0}^{\alpha}$ , since  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}Df$  belongs to  $H_{\beta,0}^{\infty}$ , we obtain

$$u' = DC^u_{\varphi} Dw \in H^{\infty}_{\beta,o},$$

so,

$$\lim_{w|\to 1} (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)| = 0.$$

Next, taking  $f(w) = w^2 \in B_0^{\alpha}$ , we obtain

$$\lim_{|w| \to 1} (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |2u'(w)\varphi(w) + 2u(w)\varphi'(w)| = 0$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{|w| \to 1} (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)| = 0,$$

then,  $u\varphi' \in H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$ . For fixed  $w_o \in \mathbb{D}$ , the functions defined in (5) and (10) are in fact in  $B^{\alpha}_0$ , so, the proof of Theorem 1 shows that, if  $DC^u_{\varphi}D$  maps  $B^{\alpha}_0$  bundedly into  $H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$ , then,

$$\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}\frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}}<\infty$$

and

$$\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}\frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}}<\infty.$$

Thus, again from Theorem 1,  $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is bounded.

Conversely, suppose that u and  $\varphi$  are such that  $u', u\varphi' \in H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$  and  $DC^{u}_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is bounded. We will show that  $DC^{u}_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha}_{0} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$  is bounded. We only need to prove that  $DC^{u}_{\varphi}Df \in H^{\infty}_{\beta,o}$  for any  $f \in B^{\alpha}_{o}$ .

Since,  $DC^{u}_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is bounded then, Theorem 1 shows that

$$\sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}} = C$$

and

$$\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}\frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}}=C.$$

Let  $f \in B_o^{\alpha}$ , then, there exists  $\delta \in (0,1)$ , such that

$$(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha} |f'(\varphi(w))| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2C}$$
 as  $\delta < |\varphi(w)| < 1$ 

and

$$(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}|f''(\varphi(w))| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2C}$$
 as  $\delta < |\varphi(w)| < 1$ .

We consider two cases,  $\delta < |\varphi(w)| < 1$  and  $|\varphi(w)| \leq \delta$ . First, consider  $\delta < |\varphi(w)| < 1$ . Then,

$$\begin{split} (1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|DC_{\varphi}^u Df(w)| &= (1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|DC_{\varphi}^u f'(w)| \\ &\leq (1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u'(w)||f'(\varphi(w))| \\ &+ (1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u(w)||f''(\varphi(w))||\varphi'(w)| \\ &= \frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}}(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}|f'(\varphi(w))| \\ &+ \frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}}(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}|f''(\varphi(w))| \\ &< C \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{2C} + C \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{2C} = \varepsilon. \end{split}$$

So,  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}Df \in H_{\beta,0}^{\infty}$ . Next, consider  $|\varphi(w)| \leq \delta$ . Then,

$$\begin{split} (1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |DC_{\varphi}^u Df(w)| &\leq (1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)| |f'(\varphi(w))| \\ &+ (1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |f''(\varphi(w))| |\varphi'(w)| \\ &+ \frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}} ||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \\ &\leq (1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)| \frac{||f||_{B^{\alpha}}}{(1-\delta^2)^{\alpha}} \\ &+ (1-|w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)| \frac{||f||_{B^{\alpha}}}{(1-\delta^2)^{\alpha+1}} \end{split}$$

Taking the limit from both sides of the above inequality, since  $u', u\varphi' \in H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$ , so,

$$\lim_{|w| \to 1} (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |DC^u_{\varphi} Df(w)| = 0.$$

Thus, it follows from the Closed Graph Theorem that,  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}D$  maps  $B_{0}^{\alpha}$  boundedly into  $H_{\beta,0}^{\infty}$ .  $\Box$ 

Next, we characterize the compactness of  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}D: B_{0}^{\alpha} \to H_{\beta,0}^{\infty}$ . For this purpose we need the following Lemma.

LEMMA 1. [18, Lemma 2.1] Let  $\beta > 0$ . A closed set K in  $H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$  is compact if and only if it is bounded and satisfies

$$\lim_{|w| \to 1} \sup_{f \in K} (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |f(w)| = 0.$$

THEOREM 4. For a fixed  $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$ ,  $\varphi$  an analytic self-map on  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ positive real numbers, if  $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$  is bounded, then, it is compact if and only if

$$\lim_{|w| \to 1} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}} = 0$$
(19)

and

$$\lim_{|w| \to 1} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha + 1}} = 0.$$
 (20)

*Proof.* Assume that (19) and (20) are true, then, we prove that  $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$ is compact. Suppose that  $f \in B_0^{\alpha}$  is such that  $||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1$ , then,

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |DC_{\varphi}^{u} Df(w)| &\leq (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)| |f'(\varphi(w))| \\ &+ (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)| |f''(\varphi(w))| \\ &\leq \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}} ||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \\ &+ \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha + 1}} ||f||_{B^{\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{split} \sup\{(1-|w|^2)^\beta |DC^u_{\varphi}Df(w)| &: f \in B^{\alpha}_0, ||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1\} \\ &\leqslant \frac{(1-|w|^2)^\beta |u'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha}} + \frac{(1-|w|^2)^\beta |u(w)| |\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}}. \end{split}$$

It follows that

$$\lim_{|w|\to 1} \sup\{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta} | DC^u_{\varphi} Df(w)| : f \in B^{\alpha}_0, ||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1\} = 0,$$

so, by Lemma 1,  $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha}_0 \to H^{\infty}_{\beta,0}$  is compact. Conversely, suppose that  $DC^u_{\varphi}D$  is compact, then, the set

$$\{DC^{u}_{\varphi}Df: f \in B^{\alpha}_{0}, ||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1\}$$

has compact closure in  $H_{\beta,0}^{\infty}$  and with using Lemma 1,

$$\lim_{|w|\to 1} \sup\{(1-|w|^2)^\beta | DC^u_\varphi Df(w)| : f \in B^\alpha_0, ||f||_{B^\alpha} \le C\} = 0,$$
(21)

for some C > 0. If (21) is satisfied, then, it follows by the proof of the Theorem 1 and the fact that the functions given in (5) and (10) are in  $B_0^{\alpha}$  and have norms bounded independently of w, that (19) and (20) are true and the proof of the theorem is completed.  $\square$ 

Putting  $u \equiv 1$ , theorems 1 and 2, implies the following corollaries about the boundedness and compactness of the operator  $DC_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$ .

COROLLARY 1. For an analytic self-map  $\varphi$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  positive real numbers, the operator  $DC_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is bounded if and only if

$$\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}\frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}}<\infty.$$

COROLLARY 2. For an analytic self-map  $\varphi$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  positive real numbers. If  $DC_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is bounded, then, it is compact if and only if

$$\lim_{|\varphi(w)| \to 1} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |\varphi'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha + 1}} = 0$$

## **4. Essential norm of** $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$

The essential norm estimate of the operator  $DC_{\varphi}^{u}D: B^{\alpha} \to H_{\beta}^{\infty}$  will be given in this section. We begin with the following two Lemmas.

LEMMA 2. [20, Lemma 2.2] Let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $H_{n,\alpha}(x) = x^{n-1}(1-x^2)^{\alpha}$ . Then,  $H_{n,\alpha}$  has the following properties.

*(i)* 

$$\max_{0 \leqslant x \leqslant 1} H_{n,\alpha}(x) = H_{n,\alpha}(r_n) = \begin{cases} 1 & , & \text{as } n = 1 \\ \left(\frac{2\alpha}{n-1+2\alpha}\right)^{\alpha} \left(\frac{n-1}{n-1+2\alpha}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, & \text{as } n \geqslant 2 \end{cases}$$

where

$$r_n = \begin{cases} 0 , & as \ n = 1 \\ \left(\frac{n-1}{n-1+2\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, & as \ n \ge 2. \end{cases}$$

- (ii) For  $n \ge 1$ ,  $H_{n,\alpha}$  is increasing on  $[0, r_n]$  and decreasing on  $[r_n, 1]$ .
- (iii) For  $n \ge 1$ ,  $H_{n,\alpha}$  is decreasing on  $[r_n, r_{n+1}]$  and so,

$$\min_{x\in[r_n,r_{n+1}]}H_{n,\alpha}(x)=H_{n,\alpha}(r_{n+1})=\left(\frac{2\alpha}{n+2\alpha}\right)^{\alpha}\left(\frac{n}{n+2\alpha}\right)^{\frac{(n-1)}{2}}$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}n^{\alpha}\min_{x\in[r_n,r_{n+1}]}H_{n,\alpha}(x)=\left(\frac{2\alpha}{e}\right)^{\alpha}.$$

We need the following Lemma to obtain the upper estimates of essential norm. For  $r \in (0,1)$ , let  $K_r f(w) = f(rw)$ . Then,  $K_r$  is a compact operator on the space  $B^{\alpha}$  (or

 $B_0^{\alpha}$ ) for any positive number  $\alpha$  (see for example [6, 9, 20]), with  $||K_r|| \leq 1$ . Indeed,  $K_r f(w) = f(rw)$  implies that

$$\begin{split} ||K_r|| &= \sup_{||f|| \leq 1} ||K_r f|| = \sup_{||f|| \leq 1} (\sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |w|^2)^{\alpha} |rf'(rw)| + |K_r f(0)|) \\ &\leq \sup_{||f|| \leq 1} (\sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} (1 - |rw|^2)^{\alpha} |f'(rw)|r + |f(0)|) \\ &\leq \sup_{||f|| \leq 1} ||f|| = 1. \end{split}$$

LEMMA 3. [20, Lemma 4.1] Let  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . Then, there is a sequence  $\{r_k\}$ ,  $0 < r_k < 1$ , tending to 1, such that the compact operator  $L_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n K_{r_k}$  on  $B_0^{\alpha}$  satisfies

(*i*) For any  $t \in [0,1)$ ,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{||f||_B \alpha \leq 1} \sup_{|w| \leq t} |((I - L_n)f)'(w)| = 0.$ 

- (ii)  $\lim_{n\to\infty}\sup_{||f||_{B^{\alpha}}\leqslant 1}\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}|(I-L_n)f(w)|=0.$
- (*iii*)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sup ||I-L_n|| \leq 1.$

THEOREM 5. For a fixed  $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$ ,  $\varphi$  an analytic self-map on  $\mathbb{D}$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  positive real numbers with  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and  $DC^u_{\varphi}D : B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is bounded, then,

$$||DC_{\varphi}^{u}D||_{e} = \lim_{t \to 1} \sup_{|\varphi(w)| > t} \frac{|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|(1-|w|^{2})^{\beta}}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^{2})^{\alpha+1}}.$$

*Proof.* We first give the lower estimate. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , consider the function  $w^n$ , by Lemma 2,

$$||w^{n}||_{B^{\alpha}} = \max_{w \in \mathbb{D}} n|w|^{n-1} (1-|w|^{2})^{\alpha} = n \left(\frac{2\alpha}{n-1+2\alpha}\right)^{\alpha} \left(\frac{n-1}{n-1+2\alpha}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}.$$

where the maximum is attained at any point on the circle with radius

$$r_n = \left(\frac{n-1}{n-1+2\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Let  $f_n(w) = \frac{w^n}{n||w^n||_{B^{\alpha}}}$ . Then,  $||f_n||_{B^{\alpha}} = \frac{1}{n}$  and  $f_n \to 0$  weakly in  $B^{\alpha}$ . This follows since a bounded sequence contained in  $B_0^{\alpha}$  which tends to 0 uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$  converges weakly to 0 in  $B^{\alpha}$ . In particular, if *K* is any compact operator from  $B^{\alpha}$  to  $H_{\beta}^{\infty}$ , then,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||Kf_n||_{H_{\beta}^{\infty}} = 0$ .

Let 
$$A_n = \{w \in \mathbb{D}: r_n \leq |w| \leq r_{n+1}\}$$
. Then,  

$$\min_{w \in A_n} |f_n''(w)| (1 - |w|^2)^{\alpha} = \min_{w \in A_n} \frac{(n-1)|w|^{n-2}}{||w^n||_{B^{\alpha}}} (1 - |w|^2)^{\alpha}$$

$$= \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right) \left(\frac{n-1+2\alpha}{n+2\alpha}\right)^{\alpha} \left(\frac{n}{n+2\alpha}\right)^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \left(\frac{n-1+2\alpha}{n-1}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}.$$

Simple calculation shows that this minimum tends to 1 as  $n \to \infty$ . For any compact operator K from  $B^{\alpha}$  to  $H^{\infty}_{\beta}$ ,

$$||DC^u_{\varphi}D-K|| \ge \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup ||(DC^u_{\varphi}D-K)f_n||_{H^{\infty}_{\beta}} \ge \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup ||DC^u_{\varphi}Df_n||_{H^{\infty}_{\beta}}.$$

Thus, for  $DC^u_{\varphi}D: B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$ ,

$$\begin{split} ||DC_{\varphi}^{u}D||_{e} &\geq \limsup_{n \to \infty} ||DC_{\varphi}^{u}Df_{n}||_{H_{\beta}^{\infty}} \\ &\geq \limsup_{n \to \infty} \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} (1-|w|^{2})^{\beta} |DC_{\varphi}^{u}Df_{n}(w)| \\ &\geq \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\varphi(w) \in A_{n}} |u(w)||\varphi'(w)| \frac{(1-|w|^{2})^{\beta}}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^{2})^{\alpha+1}} (1-|\varphi(w)|^{2})^{\alpha+1} |f_{n}''(\varphi(w))| \\ &- \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\varphi(w) \in A_{n}} |u'(w)| (1-|w|^{2})^{\beta} |f_{n}'(\varphi(w))|. \end{split}$$

We know that  $u' \in H^{\infty}_{\beta}$ , then, for  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\varphi(w) \in A_n} |u'(w)| (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |f'_n(\varphi(w))|$$
  
$$\leq ||u'||_{H^{\infty}_{\beta}} \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\varphi(w) \in A_n} |f'_n(\varphi(w))|$$

$$= ||u'||_{H^{\infty}_{\beta}} \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{n}{n+2\alpha}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}}{n\left(\frac{2\alpha}{n-1+2\alpha}\right)^{\alpha} \left(\frac{n-1}{n-1+2\alpha}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} = 0.$$

When  $\alpha = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\varphi(w) \in A_n} |u'(w)| (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |f'_n(\varphi(w))| &\leq C \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\varphi(w) \in A_n} (1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha} |f'_n(\varphi(w))| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{2} \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\varphi(w) \in A_n} (1 - |\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha} = 0. \end{split}$$

Therefore, for  $0 < \alpha \leqslant 1$ ,

$$\begin{split} ||DC_{\varphi}^{u}D||_{e} &\geq \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\varphi(w) \in A_{n}} |u(w)||\varphi'(w)| \frac{(1-|w|^{2})^{\beta}}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^{2})^{\alpha+1}} \\ &\times \min_{\varphi(w) \in A_{n}} (1-|\varphi(w)|^{2})^{\alpha+1} |f_{n}''(\varphi(w))|, \end{split}$$

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where the minimum is attained at anypoint on the circle with radius  $r_{n+1}$ . Because

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\phi(w) \in A_n} \min_{\phi(w) \in A_n} (1 - |\phi(w)|^2)^{\alpha + 1} |f_n''(\phi(w))| = 1,$$

we get

$$||DC_{\varphi}^{u}D||_{e} \ge \lim_{t \to 1} \sup_{|\varphi(w)| > t} \frac{|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|(1-|w|^{2})^{\beta}}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^{2})^{\alpha+1}}.$$

Now, we are going to give the upper estimate. Let  $\{L_n\}$  be the sequence of operators given in Lemma 3. Since each  $L_n$  is compact as an operator from  $B^{\alpha}$  to  $B^{\alpha}$ ,  $DC^{u}_{\varphi}DL_n$ :  $B^{\alpha} \to H^{\infty}_{\beta}$  is also compact and we have

$$\begin{split} ||DC_{\varphi}^{u}D||_{e} &\leq ||DC_{\varphi}^{u}D - DC_{\varphi}^{u}DL_{n}|| = ||DC_{\varphi}^{u}D(I - L_{n})|| \\ &= \sup_{||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1} ||DC_{\varphi}^{u}D(I - L_{n})f||_{H_{\beta}^{\infty}} \\ &\leq \sup_{||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1} \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} |u'(w)||((I - L_{n})f)'(\varphi(w))|(1 - |w|^{2})^{\beta} \\ &+ \sup_{||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1} \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} |u(w)||((I - L_{n})f)''(\varphi(w))||\varphi'(w)|(1 - |w|^{2})^{\beta}, \end{split}$$

using Lemma 3,

$$\sup_{\|f\|_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1} \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} |u'(w)|| ((I - L_{n})f)'(\varphi(w))| (1 - |w|^{2})^{\beta} = 0.$$

Now, we need only consider the term

$$\sup_{\|f\|_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1} \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} |u(w)|| ((I - L_{n})f)''(\varphi(w))||\varphi'(w)|(1 - |w|^{2})^{\beta}.$$

For arbitrary 0 < t < 1, consider

$$\sup_{|f||_{B^{\alpha}} \leqslant 1} \sup_{|\varphi(w)| \leqslant t} |u(w)| (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} |((I - L_n)f)''(\varphi(w))| |\varphi'(w)|$$
(22)

and

$$\sup_{\|f\|_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1} \sup_{|\phi(w)| > t} |u(w)| (1 - |w|^{2})^{\beta} | ((I - L_{n})f)''(\phi(w))| |\phi'(w)|.$$
(23)

Since,  $DC^{u}_{\varphi}D$  is bounded from  $B^{\alpha}$  into  $H^{\infty}_{\beta}$ , by Theorem 1,

$$\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}\frac{(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^2)^{\alpha+1}}<\infty.$$

Hence,

$$\sup_{w\in\mathbb{D}}(1-|w|^2)^{\beta}|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|<\infty.$$

Thus, from (22) and using Cauchy's estimate in proof of Lemma 3,

$$\sup_{||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \leqslant 1} \sup_{|\varphi(w)| \leqslant t} |u(w)| (1 - |w|^2)^{\beta} | ((I - L_n)f)''(\varphi(w))| |\varphi'(w)| = 0.$$
(24)

From (23),

$$\begin{split} \sup_{||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1} \sup_{|\varphi(w)| > t} |u(w)| (1 - |w|^{2})^{\beta} | ((I - L_{n})f)''(\varphi(w))| |\varphi'(w)| \\ \leqslant ||I - L_{n}|| \sup_{|\varphi(w)| > t} |u(w)| \frac{(1 - |w|^{2})^{\beta} |\varphi'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^{2})^{\alpha + 1}}. \end{split}$$

Thus, by (iii) of Lemma 3,

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \sup_{||f||_{B^{\alpha}} \leq 1} \sup_{|\varphi(w)| > t} (1 - |w|^{2})^{\beta} |((I - L_{n})f)'(\varphi(w))| |\varphi'(w)|$$

$$\leq \sup_{|\varphi(w)| > t} |u(w)| \frac{(1 - |w|^{2})^{\beta} |\varphi'(w)|}{(1 - |\varphi(w)|^{2})^{\alpha + 1}}.$$
(25)

By using (24) and (25) as  $n \to \infty$ , we obtain

$$||DC_{\varphi}^{u}D||_{e} \leq \sup_{|\varphi(w)|>t} \frac{|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|(1-|w|^{2})^{\beta}}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^{2})^{\alpha+1}}.$$

Since, t was arbitrary, so,

$$||DC_{\varphi}^{u}D||_{e} \leq \lim_{t \to 1} \sup_{|\varphi(w)| > t} \frac{|u(w)||\varphi'(w)|(1-|w|^{2})^{\beta}}{(1-|\varphi(w)|^{2})^{\alpha+1}}.$$

The proof of the theorem is completed.  $\Box$ 

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