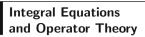
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Norm and Essential Norm of a Weighted Composition Operator on the Bloch Space

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Abstract. Some new estimates for the norm and essential norm of a weighted composition operator on the Bloch space are given in this paper.

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1. Introduction

Let $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ be the unit disk in the complex plane and $H(\mathbb{D})$ be the space of all analytic functions on \mathbb{D} . For $a \in \mathbb{D}$, let σ_a be the automorphism of \mathbb{D} exchanging 0 for a, namely $\sigma_a(z) = \frac{a-z}{1-\bar{a}z}, \ z \in \mathbb{D}$. For $0 , the Bergman space <math>A^p$ consists of all $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$ such that

$$||f||_{A^p}^p = \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(z)|^p dA(z) < \infty,$$

where $dA(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} dx dy$ denote the normalized area Lebesgue measure. The Bloch space, denoted by $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{D})$, is the space of all $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$ such that

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

Under the norm $||f||_{\mathcal{B}} = |f(0)| + ||f||_{\beta}$, the Bloch space is a Banach space. From Theorem 1 of [1], we see that

$$||f||_{\beta} \approx \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} ||f \circ \sigma_a - f(a)||_{A^2}.$$

See [23] for more information of the Bloch space.

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For $0 , let <math>H^p$ denote the Hardy space of functions $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$ such that

$$||f||_{H^p}^p = \sup_{0 < r < 1} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta < \infty.$$

We say that an $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$ belongs to the BMOA space, if

$$||f||_*^2 = \sup_{I \subset \partial \mathbb{D}} \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f(\zeta) - f_I|^2 \frac{d\zeta}{2\pi} < \infty,$$

where $f_I = \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I f(\zeta) \frac{d\zeta}{2\pi}$. It is well known that BMOA is a Banach space under the norm $||f||_{BMOA} = |f(0)| + ||f||_*$. From [6], we have

$$||f||_* \approx \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} ||f \circ \sigma_w - f(w)||_{H^2}.$$

Throughout the paper, $S(\mathbb{D})$ denotes the set of all analytic self-maps of \mathbb{D} . Let $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$ and $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$. The composition operator C_{φ} and the multiplication operator M_u are defined by

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

The weighted composition operator uC_{φ} , induced by u and φ , is defined as follows.

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

It is clear that the weighted composition operator uC_{φ} is the composition of C_{φ} and M_u .

It is well known that C_{φ} is bounded on BMOA for any $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$ by Littlewood's subordination theorem. The compactness of the operator $C_{\varphi}: BMOA \to BMOA$ was studied in [2,5,17,19,20]. Based on results in [2] and [17], Wulan in [19] showed that $C_{\varphi}: BMOA \to BMOA$ is compact if and only if

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|\varphi^n\|_* = 0 \quad and \quad \lim_{|\varphi(a)| \to 1} \|\sigma_a \circ \varphi\|_* = 0.$$

In [20], Wulan, Zheng and Zhu further showed that $C_{\varphi}: BMOA \to BMOA$ is compact if and only if $\lim_{n\to\infty} \|\varphi^n\|_* = 0$. In [8], Laitila gave some function theoretic characterizations for the boundedness and compactness of the operator $uC_{\varphi}: BMOA \to BMOA$. In [4], Colonna used the idea of [20] and showed that $uC_{\varphi}: BMOA \to BMOA$ is compact if and only if

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|u\varphi^n\|_* = 0 \ \ and \ \ \lim_{|\varphi(a)| \to 1} \Big(\log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^2} \Big) \|u \circ \sigma_a - u(a)\|_{H^2} = 0.$$

Motivated by results in [4], Laitila and Lindström gave estimates for norm and essential norm of the weighted composition operator $uC_{\varphi}: BMOA \to BMOA$ in [9]. Among others, they showed that, under the assumption of the boundedness of uC_{φ} on BMOA,

$$\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{e,BMOA \to BMOA} \approx \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} \|u\varphi^n\|_* + \lim \sup_{|\varphi(a)| \to 1} \left(\log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^2}\right) \|u \circ \sigma_a - u(a)\|_{H^2}.$$

Recall that the essential norm of a bounded linear operator $T: X \to Y$ is its distance to the set of compact operators K mapping X into Y, that is,

$$||T||_{e,X\to Y} = \inf\{||T - K||_{X\to Y}\}: K \text{ is compact},$$

where X, Y are Banach spaces and $\|\cdot\|_{X\to Y}$ is the operator norm.

By Schwarz–Pick Lemma, it is easy to see that $C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$ is bounded for any $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$. The compactness of C_{φ} on \mathcal{B} was studied in [10,12,18,20, 22]. In [20], Wulan, Zheng and Zhu proved that $C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$ is compact if and only if $\lim_{n\to\infty} \|\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}} = 0$. In [22], Zhao obtained the exact value for the essential norm of $C_{\varphi}: \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$ as follows.

$$||C_{\varphi}||_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} = \left(\frac{e}{2}\right) \limsup_{n\to\infty} ||\varphi^n||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

In [14], Ohno, Stroethoff and Zhao studied the boundedness and compactness of the operator $uC_{\varphi}: \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$. In [3], Colonna provided a new characterization of the boundedness and compactness of the operator $uC_{\varphi}: \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$ by using $\|u\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}}$. The essential norm of the operator $uC_{\varphi}: \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$ was studied in [7,11,13]. In [11], the authors proved that

$$||uC_{\varphi}||_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \approx$$

$$\max \left(\limsup_{|\varphi(z)| \to 1} \frac{|u(z)\varphi'(z)|(1-|z|^2)}{1-|\varphi(z)|^2}, \ \limsup_{|\varphi(z)| \to 1} \log \frac{e}{1-|\varphi(z)|^2} |u'(z)|(1-|z|^2) \right)$$

In [7], the authors obtained a new estimate for the essential norm of uC_{φ} : $\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$, i.e., they showed that

$$||uC_{\varphi}||_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \approx \max\Big(\limsup_{j\to\infty} ||I_u(\varphi^j)||_{\mathcal{B}}, \limsup_{j\to\infty} (\log j)||J_u(\varphi^j)||_{\mathcal{B}}\Big),$$

where
$$I_u f(z) = \int_0^z f'(\zeta) u(\zeta) d\zeta$$
, $J_u f(z) = \int_0^z f(\zeta) u'(\zeta) d\zeta$.

Motivated by the work of [3,4,9,20], the aim of this article is to give some new estimates for the norm and essential norm of the operator $uC_{\varphi}: \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$. The techniques we use are strongly inspired by the work on BMOA done by Laitila and his collaborators (see [9]).

Throughout this paper, constants are denoted by C, they are positive and may differ from one occurrence to the other. The notation $a \lesssim b$ means that there is a positive constant C such that $a \leq Cb$. Moreover, if both $a \lesssim b$ and $b \lesssim a$ hold, then one says that $a \approx b$.

2. Norm of uC_{φ} on the Bloch Space

In this section we give some estimates for the norm of the operator uC_{φ} : $\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$. For this purpose, we need some lemmas which we state as follows. The following lemma can be found in [23].

Lemma 2.1. Let $f \in \mathcal{B}$. Then

$$|f(z)| \lesssim \log \frac{2}{1-|z|^2} ||f||_{\mathcal{B}}, \ z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Lemma 2.2. For $2 \le p < \infty$ and $f \in \mathcal{B}$,

$$\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}} \|f\circ\sigma_a - f(a)\|_{A^2} \approx \sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}} \|f\circ\sigma_a - f(a)\|_{A^p}.$$

Proof. Using the Hölder inequality, we get

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|f \circ \sigma_a - f(a)\|_{A^2} \le \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|f \circ \sigma_a - f(a)\|_{A^p}, \tag{2.1}$$

for 2 .

On the other hand, there exists a constant C > 0 such that (see [21, p.38])

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|f \circ \sigma_a - f(a)\|_{A^p} \le C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \lesssim \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|f \circ \sigma_a - f(a)\|_{A^2}, \tag{2.2}$$

which, combined with (2.1), implies the desired result.

Lemma 2.3. [16] For $f \in A^2$,

$$||f||_{A^2}^2 \approx |f(0)|^2 + \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f'(w)|^2 (1 - |w|^2)^2 dA(w).$$

The classical Nevanlinna counting function N_{φ} and the generalized Nevanlinna counting functions $N_{\varphi,\gamma}$ for φ are defined by (see [15])

$$N_{\varphi}(w) = \sum_{z \in \varphi^{-1}\{w\}} \log \frac{1}{|z|} \text{ and } N_{\varphi,\gamma}(w) = \sum_{z \in \varphi^{-1}\{w\}} \left(\log \frac{1}{|z|}\right)^{\gamma},$$

respectively, where $\gamma > 0$ and $w \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{\varphi(0)\}.$

Lemma 2.4. [16] Let $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$ and $f \in A^2$. Then

$$||f \circ \varphi||_{A^2}^2 \approx |f(\varphi(0))|^2 + \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f'(w)|^2 N_{\varphi,2}(w) dA(w).$$

Lemma 2.5. [15] Let $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$ and $\gamma > 0$. If $\varphi(0) \neq 0$ and $0 < r < |\varphi(0)|$, then

$$N_{\varphi,\gamma}(0) \le \frac{1}{r^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{D}}} N_{\varphi,\gamma} dA.$$

Lemma 2.6. Let $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$ such that $\varphi(0) = 0$. If $\sup_{0 < |w| < 1} |w|^2 N_{\varphi,2}(w) < \delta$, then

$$N_{\varphi,2}(w) \le \frac{4\delta}{(\log 2)^2} \left(\log \frac{1}{|w|}\right)^2 \tag{2.3}$$

when $\frac{1}{2} \le |w| < 1$.

Proof. See the proof of Lemma 2.1 in [17].

Lemma 2.7. For all $g \in A^2$ and $\phi \in S(\mathbb{D})$ such $g(0) = \phi(0) = 0$, we have

$$||g \circ \phi||_{A^2} \lesssim ||\phi||_{A^2} ||g||_{A^2}.$$
 (2.4)

In particular, for all $f \in \mathcal{B}$, $a \in \mathbb{D}$ and $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$,

$$\|f\circ\varphi\circ\sigma_a-f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^2}\lesssim \|\sigma_{\varphi(a)}\circ\varphi\circ\sigma_a\|_{A^2}\|f\circ\sigma_a-f(a)\|_{A^2}.$$

Proof. Let $\phi \in S(\mathbb{D})$ such that $\phi(0) = 0$. Then,

$$\|\sigma_z \circ \phi - \sigma_z(\phi(0))\|_{A^2}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^2 |\phi(w)|^2}{|1 - \bar{z}\phi(w)|^2} dA(w) \le 4\|\phi\|_{A^2}^2.$$
 (2.5)

From Lemma 2.3 and (2.5) we obtain

$$\|\sigma_z \circ \phi - \sigma_z(\phi(0))\|_{A^2}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{D}} |(\sigma_z \circ \phi)'|^2 (\log \frac{1}{|w|})^2 dA(w)$$
$$= \int_{\mathbb{D}} N_{\sigma_z \circ \phi, 2} dA(w) \le 4 \|\phi\|_{A^2}^2. \tag{2.6}$$

For $z \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$, from Lemma 4.2 in [16] and Lemma 2.5, we have

$$|z|^{2} N_{\phi,2}(z) = |z|^{2} N_{\sigma_{z} \circ \phi,2}(0) \le \int_{|z| \mathbb{D}} N_{\sigma_{z} \circ \phi,2}(w) dA(w) \le 4 \|\phi\|_{A^{2}}^{2}. \quad (2.7)$$

So, by Lemma 2.6 we get

$$N_{\phi,2}(z) \le \frac{16}{(\log 2)^2} \|\phi\|_{A^2}^2 (\log \frac{1}{|z|})^2,$$
 (2.8)

for $z \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{D}$. Thus,

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}\setminus\frac{1}{3}\mathbb{D}} |g'(z)|^2 N_{\phi,2}(z) dA(z) \le \frac{16}{(\log 2)^2} \|\phi\|_{A^2}^2 \|g\|_{A^2}^2. \tag{2.9}$$

In addition, for $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and $g \in A^2$, from Theorems 4.14 and 4.28 of [23], we have $|g'(z)| \leq (1-|z|^2)^{-2} ||g||_{A^2}$. Then,

$$\int_{\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{D}} |g'(z)|^2 N_{\phi,2}(z) dA(z) \le 16 \|g\|_{A^2}^2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{D}} N_{\phi,2}(z) dA(z)
\le 16 \|\phi\|_{A^2}^2 \|g\|_{A^2}^2.$$
(2.10)

Since g(0) = 0, by Lemma 2.4 we have

$$||g \circ \phi||_{A^2}^2 \approx \int_{\mathbb{D}} |g'(z)|^2 N_{\phi,2}(z) dA(z).$$
 (2.11)

Combine with (2.9), (2.10) and (2.11), we obtain

$$||g \circ \phi||_{A^2} \lesssim ||\phi||_{A^2} ||g||_{A^2},$$

as desired. In particular, for all $f \in \mathcal{B}$, $a \in \mathbb{D}$ and $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$, if we set

$$g = f \circ \sigma_{\varphi(a)} - f(\varphi(a)), \ \phi = \sigma_{\varphi(a)} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a,$$

we get

$$||f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - f(\varphi(a))||_{A^2} \lesssim ||\sigma_{\varphi(a)} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a||_{A^2} ||f \circ \sigma_a - f(a)||_{A^2}. \qquad \Box$$

For the simplicity of the rest of this paper, we introduce the following abbreviation. Set

$$\alpha(u, \varphi, a) = |u(a)| \cdot \|\sigma_{\varphi(a)} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a\|_{A^2},$$

$$\beta(u, \varphi, a) = \log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^2} \|u \circ \sigma_a - u(a)\|_{A^2},$$

where $a \in \mathbb{D}$, $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$ and $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$.

Theorem 2.8. Let $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$ and $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$. Then

$$||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \approx |u(0)|\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(0)|^2} + \sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}} \alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}} \beta(u,\varphi,a).$$

Proof. First we give the upper estimate for $||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}$. For all $f\in\mathcal{B}$, using the triangle inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(uC_{\varphi}f) \circ \sigma_{a} - (uC_{\varphi}f)(a)\|_{A^{2}} \\ &= \|(u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)) \cdot (f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a))) \\ &+ u(a)(f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a))) + (u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a))f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^{2}} \\ &\leq \|(u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)) \cdot (f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a)))\|_{A^{2}} \\ &+ |u(a)| \|f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^{2}} + |f(\varphi(a))| \|u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)\|_{A^{2}}. \end{aligned}$$
 (2.12)

By Lemmas 2.1 and 2.7, we have

$$|u(a)| \|f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^{2}} + |f(\varphi(a))| \|u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$\lesssim \alpha(u, \varphi, a) |\|f \circ \sigma_{a} - f(a)\|_{A^{2}} + \log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^{2}} \|u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)\|_{A^{2}} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\lesssim (\alpha(u, \varphi, a) + \beta(u, \varphi, a)) \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}.$$
(2.13)

From Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, we get

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|(u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)) \cdot (f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a)))\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$\lesssim \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \log 2 \|u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)\|_{A^{2}} \|f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$\lesssim \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^{2}} \|u \circ \sigma_{a} - \psi(a)\|_{A^{2}} \|f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$\lesssim \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \beta(u, \varphi, a) \|f \circ \varphi\|_{\mathcal{B}} \lesssim \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \beta(u, \varphi, a) \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}. \tag{2.14}$$

Then, by (2.12), (2.13) and (2.14), we have

$$\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}} \|(uC_{\varphi}f)\circ\sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}f)(a)\|_{A^2} \lesssim \left(\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}} \alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}} \beta(u,\varphi,a)\right) \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

In addition, by Lemma 2.1, $|(uC_{\varphi}f)(0)| \lesssim |u(0)|\log \frac{2}{1-|\varphi(0)|^2}||f||_{\mathcal{B}}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\|uC_{\varphi}f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \\ &\approx |(uC_{\varphi}f)(0)| + \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|(uC_{\varphi}f) \circ \sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}f)(a)\|_{A^2} \\ &\lesssim |u(0)| \log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(0)|^2} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} + \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \alpha(u, \varphi, a) \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} + \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \beta(u, \varphi, a) \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \lesssim |u(0)|\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(0)|^2} + \sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\beta(u,\varphi,a).(2.15)$$

Next we find the lower estimate for $||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}$. Let f=1. It is easy to see that $||u||_{\mathcal{B}} \leq ||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}$. For any $a \in \mathbb{D}$, set

$$f_a(z) = \sigma_{\varphi(a)}(z) - \varphi(a), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$
 (2.16)

Then, $f_a(0) = 0$, $f_a(\varphi(a)) = -\varphi(a)$, $||f_a||_{\mathcal{B}} \le 4$ and $||f_a||_{\infty} \le 2$. Using the triangle inequality, we get

$$\alpha(u, \varphi, a) = |u(a)| \cdot ||\sigma_{\varphi(a)} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - \varphi(a) + \varphi(a)||_{A^{2}}
= ||u(a) \cdot (f_{a} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f_{a}(\varphi(a)))||_{A^{2}}
\leq ||(u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)) \cdot f_{a} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a}||_{A^{2}}
+ ||(u \circ \sigma_{a}) \cdot f_{a} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)f_{a}(\varphi(a))||_{A^{2}}
\leq 2||u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)||_{A^{2}} + ||(uC_{\varphi}f_{a}) \circ \sigma_{a} - (uC_{\varphi}f_{a})(a)||_{A^{2}}
\leq 2||u||_{\mathcal{B}} + 4||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}} \leq 6||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}}.$$
(2.17)

Set

$$h_a(z) = \log \frac{2}{1 - \overline{\varphi(a)}z}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$
 (2.18)

Then, $h_a \in \mathcal{B}$, $h_a(\varphi(a)) = \log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^2}$ and $\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} ||h_a||_{\mathcal{B}} \le 2 + \log 2$. Using the triangle inequality and Lemma 2.7, we obtain

$$\beta(u, \varphi, a) = \|\log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^{2}} \cdot (u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a))\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$= \|h_{a}(\varphi(a))(u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a))\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$\leq \|(h_{a} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - h_{a}(\varphi(a))) \cdot (u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a))\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$+ \|(u \circ \sigma_{a}) \cdot h_{a} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)h_{a}(\varphi(a))\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$+ \|u(a)(h_{a} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - h_{a}(\varphi(a)))\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$\leq \|(h_{a} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - h_{a}(\varphi(a))) \cdot (u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a))\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$+ \|(uC_{\varphi}h_{a}) \circ \sigma_{a} - (uC_{\varphi}h_{a})(a)\|_{A^{2}} + \alpha(u, \varphi, a)\|h_{a} \circ \sigma_{a} - h_{a}(a)\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$\leq \|(h_{a} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - h_{a}(\varphi(a))) \cdot (u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a))\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$+ (2 + \log 2)\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}} + (2 + \log 2)\alpha(u, \varphi, a). \tag{2.19}$$

By Lemmas 2.2 and 2.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|(h_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - h_a(\varphi(a))) \cdot (u \circ \sigma_a - u(a))\|_{A^2} \\ &\lesssim \|(h_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - h_a(\varphi(a)))\|_{A^2} \|u \circ \sigma_a - u(a)\|_{A^2} \\ &\leq \|h_a \circ \varphi\|_{\mathcal{B}} \|u\|_{\mathcal{B}} \lesssim \|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}}. \end{aligned}$$
(2.20)

Combining (2.17), (2.19) and (2.20), we have

$$\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\alpha(u,\varphi,a)+\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\beta(u,\varphi,a)\lesssim \|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}.$$

Moreover,

$$|u(0)|\log \frac{2}{1-|\varphi(0)|^2} = |(uC_{\varphi}h_0)(0)| \le (2+\log 2)||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \lesssim ||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}.$$

Therefore,

$$|u(0)|\log \frac{2}{1-|\varphi(0)|^2} + \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \beta(u,\varphi,a) \lesssim ||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}}. \quad \Box$$

Lemma 2.9. Suppose that $uC_{\varphi}: \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$ is bounded. Then

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|uC_{\varphi}(\sigma_{\varphi(a)} - \varphi(a))\|_{\mathcal{B}} \approx \sup_{n > 0} \|u\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}}$$
 (2.21)

and

$$\lim_{|\varphi(a)| \to 1} \|uC_{\varphi}(\sigma_{\varphi(a)} - \varphi(a))\|_{\mathcal{B}} \lesssim \lim_{n \to \infty} \|u\varphi^{n}\|_{\mathcal{B}}.$$
 (2.22)

Proof. From Corollary 2.1 of [3], we see that

$$\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}} \|uC_{\varphi}\sigma_{\varphi(a)}\|_{\mathcal{B}} \approx \sup_{n\geq 0} \|u\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

Then (2.21) follows immediately.

The Taylor expansion of $\sigma_{\varphi(a)} - \varphi(a)$ is

$$\sigma_{\varphi(a)} - \varphi(a) = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\overline{\varphi(a)}\right)^n (1 - |\varphi(a)|^2) z^{n+1}.$$

Then, by the boundedness of $uC_{\varphi}: \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$ we have

$$||uC_{\varphi}(\sigma_{\varphi(a)} - \varphi(a))||_{\mathcal{B}} \leq (1 - |\varphi(a)|^2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\varphi(a)|^n ||u\varphi^{n+1}||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

For each N, set

$$M_1 =: \sum_{n=0}^{N} |\varphi(a)|^n ||u\varphi^{n+1}||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

Then we get

$$||uC_{\varphi}(\sigma_{\varphi(a)} - \varphi(a))||_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\leq (1 - |\varphi(a)|^{2}) \sum_{n=0}^{N} |\varphi(a)|^{n} ||u\varphi^{n+1}||_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$+ (1 - |\varphi(a)|^{2}) \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |\varphi(a)|^{n} ||u\varphi^{n+1}||_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\leq M_{1}(1 - |\varphi(a)|^{2}) + ((1 - |\varphi(a)|^{2}) \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |\varphi(a)|^{n} \sup_{n \geq N+1} ||u\varphi^{n+1}||_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\leq M_{1}(1 - |\varphi(a)|^{2}) + 2 \sup_{n \geq N+1} ||u\varphi^{n+1}||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

Taking $\limsup_{|\varphi(a)|\to 1}$ in the last inequality and then letting $N\to\infty$, we get the desired result.

Proposition 2.10. Let $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$ and $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$. Then the following claims hold.

(i) For $a \in \mathbb{D}$, let $f_a(z) = \sigma_{\varphi(a)} - \varphi(a)$. Then

$$\alpha(u,\varphi,a) \lesssim \frac{\beta(u,\varphi,a)}{\log \frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}} + \|(uC_{\varphi}f_a) \circ \sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}f_a)(a)\|_{A^2}.$$

(ii) For
$$a \in \mathbb{D}$$
, let $g_a = \frac{h_a^2}{h_a(\varphi(a))}$, where $h_a(z) = \log \frac{2}{1 - \overline{\varphi(a)}z}$. Then
$$\beta(u, \varphi, a) \lesssim \alpha(u, \varphi, a) + \|(g_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - g_a(\varphi(a))) \cdot (u \circ \sigma_a - u(a))\|_{A^2} + \|(uC_{\varphi}g_a) \circ \sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}g_a)(a)\|_{A^2}.$$

(iii) For all $f \in \mathcal{B}$ and $a \in \mathbb{D}$,

$$\|(uC_{\varphi}f) \circ \sigma_{a} - (uC_{\varphi}f)(a)\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$\lesssim \|(u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)) \cdot (f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a)))\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$+ (\alpha(u, \varphi, a) + \beta(u, \varphi, a))\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

(iv) For all $f \in \mathcal{B}$ and $a \in \mathbb{D}$,

$$\|(u \circ \sigma_a - u(a)) \cdot (f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - f(\varphi(a)))\|_{A^2}$$

$$\lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \min \left\{ \sup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} \beta(u, \varphi, w), \frac{\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^2}}} \right\}.$$

Proof. (i) It is easy to see that $||f_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a||_{\infty} \leq 2$. For any $a \in \mathbb{D}$, we get

$$\begin{split} \alpha(u,\varphi,a) &= |u(a)| \|f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^2} \\ &= \|(u \circ \sigma_a - u(a)) \cdot f_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}f_a) \circ \sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}f_a)(a)\|_{A^2} \\ &\lesssim \|u \circ \sigma_a - u(a)\|_{A^2} + \|(uC_{\varphi}f_a) \circ \sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}f_a)(a)\|_{A^2} \\ &\leq \frac{\beta(u,\varphi,a)}{\log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^2}} + \|(uC_{\varphi}f_a) \circ \sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}f_a)(a)\|_{A^2}. \end{split}$$

(ii) It is obvious that $g_a(\varphi(a)) = \log \frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}$. Since $(g_a \circ \sigma_{\varphi(a)} - g_a(\varphi(a)))(0) = 0$,

$$g_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - g_a(\varphi(a)) = g_a \circ \sigma_{\varphi(a)} \circ (\sigma_{\varphi(a)} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a) - g_a(\varphi(a)),$$

by Lemma 2.7 and the fact that $\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}} \|g_a\|_{\mathcal{B}} < \infty$ we obtain

$$|u(a)| \|g_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - g_a(\varphi(a))\|_{A^2} \lesssim \alpha(u, \varphi, a) \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|g_a\|_{\mathcal{B}} \lesssim \alpha(u, \varphi, a).$$

By the triangle inequality we get

$$\begin{split} &\beta(u,\varphi,a) \\ &= \|g_a(\varphi(a)) \cdot (u \circ \sigma_a - u(a))\|_{A^2} \\ &= \|(g_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - g_a(\varphi(a))) \cdot (u \circ \sigma_a - u(a)) \\ &+ u(a)(g_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - g_a(\varphi(a))) - (u(a)g_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - u(a)g_a(\varphi(a)))\|_{A^2} \\ &\leq \|(g_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - g_a(\varphi(a))) \cdot (u \circ \sigma_a - u(a))\|_{A^2} \\ &+ |u(a)| \|g_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - g_a(\varphi(a))\|_{A^2} + \|(uC_{\varphi}g_a) \circ \sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}g_a)(a)\|_{A^2} \\ &\lesssim \alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \|(g_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - g_a(\varphi(a))) \cdot (u \circ \sigma_a - u(a))\|_{A^2} \\ &+ \|(uC_{\varphi}g_a) \circ \sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}g_a)(a)\|_{A^2}, \end{split}$$

as desired.

(iii) See the proof of Theorem 2.8.

(iv) Using the fact that $\log 2 \le \log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^2}$ and Theorem 2.8, we have $\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|u \circ \sigma_a - u(a)\|_{A^2} \le \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \beta(u, \varphi, a) \lesssim \|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}}. \tag{2.23}$

By Lemma 2.2 and the Hölder inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\|(u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)) \cdot (f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a)))\|_{A^{2}}^{2} \\ &= \|(u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a))^{2} (f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a)))^{2}\|_{A^{1}} \\ &\leq \|u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)\|_{A^{2}} \|u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)\|_{A^{4}} \|f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^{8}}^{2} \\ &\leq \|u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)\|_{A^{2}} \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)\|_{A^{4}} \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^{8}}^{2} \\ &\lesssim \beta(u, \varphi, a) \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)\|_{A^{2}} \frac{\sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|f \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^{2}}^{2}}{\log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^{2}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by the boundedness of C_{φ} on \mathcal{B} and (2.23), we obtain

$$\begin{split} &\beta(u,\varphi,a)\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\|u\circ\sigma_a-u(a)\|_{A^2}\frac{\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\|f\circ\varphi\circ\sigma_a-f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^2}^2}{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}}\\ &\lesssim (\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\beta(u,\varphi,a))^2\frac{\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\|f\circ\varphi\circ\sigma_a-f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^2}^2}{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}}\\ &\lesssim \sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\|f\circ\varphi\circ\sigma_a-f(\varphi(a))\|_{A^2}^2\min\left\{\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\beta(u,\varphi,a),\frac{\|uC_\varphi\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}}}\right\}^2\\ &\lesssim \|f\circ\varphi\|_{\mathcal{B}}^2\min\left\{\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\beta(u,\varphi,a),\frac{\|uC_\varphi\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}}}\right\}^2\\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}^2\min\left\{\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\beta(u,\varphi,a),\frac{\|uC_\varphi\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}}}\right\}^2\\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}^2\min\left\{\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\beta(u,\varphi,a),\frac{\|uC_\varphi\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}}}\right\}^2, \end{split}$$

Theorem 2.11. Let $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$ and $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$. Suppose that uC_{φ} is bounded on \mathcal{B} . Then

$$||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \approx |u(0)|\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(0)|^2} + \sup_{n>0} ||u\varphi^n||_{\mathcal{B}} + \sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}} \beta(u,\varphi,a).$$

Proof. For any $f \in \mathcal{B}$, by (iii) and (iv) of Proposition 2.10, we get

$$||uC_{\varphi}f||_{\beta} \lesssim \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} (\alpha(u, \varphi, a) + \beta(u, \varphi, a)) ||f||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

By Lemma 2.9 and (i) of Proposition 2.10, we have

as desired.

$$\alpha(u, \varphi, a) \lesssim \beta(u, \varphi, a) / \log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^2} + \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} ||uC_{\varphi}f_a||_{\mathcal{B}}$$
$$\lesssim \beta(u, \varphi, a) + \sup_{n \geq 0} ||u\varphi^n||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

Thus,

$$||uC_{\varphi}f||_{\beta} \lesssim \left(\sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\beta(u,\varphi,a) + \sup_{n>0}||u\varphi^n||_{\mathcal{B}}\right)||f||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

In addition, $(uC_{\varphi}f)(0)| = |u(0)||f(\varphi(0))| \lesssim |u(0)||\log \frac{2}{1-|\varphi(0)|^2}||f||_{\mathcal{B}}$. Thus,

$$||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \lesssim |u(0)|\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(0)|^2} + \sup_{n>0}||u\varphi^n||_{\mathcal{B}} + \sup_{a\in\mathbb{D}}\beta(u,\varphi,a).$$

On the other hand, let $p_n(z) = z^n$. Then $p_n \in \mathcal{B}$ for all $n \geq 0$. Thus

$$\sup_{n>0} \|u\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}} = \sup_{n>0} \|(uC_{\varphi})p_n\|_{\mathcal{B}} \le \|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} < \infty,$$

which, together with Theorem 2.8, implies

$$|u(0)|\log \frac{2}{1-|\varphi(0)|^2} + \sup_{n} ||u\varphi^n||_{\mathcal{B}} + \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \beta(u,\varphi,a) \lesssim ||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}}.$$

Corollary 2.12. Let $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$ and $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$. Then $uC_{\varphi} : \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$ is bounded if and only if

$$\sup_{n\geq 0} \|u\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}} < \infty \ and \ \sup_{a\in \mathbb{D}} \log \frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2} \|u\circ\sigma_a - u(a)\|_{A^2} < \infty.$$

3. Essential Norm of uC_{φ} on the Bloch Space

In this section we characterize the essential norm of the weighted composition operator $uC_{\varphi}: \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$ in several forms, specially we will give characterizations in terms of the Bloch norm of $u\varphi^n$. For $t \in (0,1)$, we define

$$E(\varphi, a, t) = \{ z \in \mathbb{D} : |(\sigma_{\varphi(a)} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a)(z)| > t \}.$$

Similarly to the proof of Lemma 9 of [9], we get the following result. Since the proof is similar, we omit the details.

Lemma 3.1. Let $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$ and $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$. Then

$$\widetilde{\gamma} := \limsup_{r \to 1} \sup_{t \to 1} \sup_{|\varphi(a)| \le r} \left(\int_{E(\varphi, a, t)} |u(\sigma_a(z))|^4 dA(z) \right)^{1/4} \lesssim \limsup_{n \to \infty} ||u\varphi^n||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

Theorem 3.2. Let $u \in H(\mathbb{D})$ and $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{D})$ such that $uC_{\varphi} : \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$ is bounded. Then

$$\begin{split} \|uC_{\varphi}\|_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} &\approx \limsup_{n\to\infty} \|u\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}} + \limsup_{|\varphi(a)|\to 1} \|uC_{\varphi}g_a\|_{\mathcal{B}} \\ &\approx \widetilde{\alpha} + \widetilde{\beta} + \widetilde{\gamma} \\ &\approx \widetilde{\alpha} + \limsup_{|\varphi(a)|\to 1} \|uC_{\varphi}g_a\|_{\mathcal{B}} + \widetilde{\gamma} \\ &\approx \limsup_{n\to\infty} \|u\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}} + \widetilde{\beta}, \end{split}$$

where $\widetilde{\alpha} = \limsup_{|\varphi(a)| \to 1} \alpha(u, \varphi, a), \ \widetilde{\beta} = \limsup_{|\varphi(a)| \to 1} \beta(u, \varphi, a)$ and

$$g_a(z) = \left(\log \frac{2}{1 - \overline{\varphi(a)}z}\right)^2 \left(\log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^2}\right)^{-1}.$$

Proof. Set $f_n(z) = z^n$. It is well known that $f_n \in \mathcal{B}$ and $f_n \to 0$ weakly in \mathcal{B} as $n \to \infty$. Then

$$||uC_{\varphi}||_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \gtrsim \limsup_{n\to\infty} ||uC_{\varphi}f_n||_{\mathcal{B}} = \limsup_{n\to\infty} ||u\varphi^n||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$
 (3.1)

Choose $a_n \in \mathbb{D}$ such that $|\varphi(a_n)| \to 1$ as $n \to \infty$. It is easy to check that g_{a_n} are uniformly bounded in \mathcal{B} and converges weakly to zero in \mathcal{B} (see [14]). By these facts we obtain

$$||uC_{\varphi}||_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \gtrsim \limsup_{n\to\infty} ||uC_{\varphi}g_{a_n}||_{\mathcal{B}} = \limsup_{|\varphi(a)|\to 1} ||uC_{\varphi}g_a||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$
 (3.2)

By (3.1) and (3.2), we obtain

$$||uC_{\varphi}||_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \gtrsim \limsup_{n\to\infty} ||u\varphi^n||_{\mathcal{B}} + \limsup_{|\varphi(a)|\to 1} ||uC_{\varphi}g_a||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$
(3.3)

From (i) of Proposition 2.10, we see that

$$\alpha(u, \varphi, a) \lesssim \frac{\beta(u, \varphi, a)}{\log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^2}} + ||uC_{\varphi}f_a||_{\mathcal{B}},$$

which together with Lemma 2.9 implies that

$$\widetilde{\alpha} = \limsup_{|\varphi(a)| \to 1} \alpha(u, \varphi, a) \lesssim \limsup_{|\varphi(a)| \to 1} ||uC_{\varphi}f_a||_{\mathcal{B}} \lesssim \limsup_{n \to \infty} ||u\varphi^n||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$
(3.4)

From (ii) and (iv) of Proposition 2.10, we see that

$$\beta(u,\varphi,a) \lesssim \alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \|(g_a \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - g_a(\varphi(a))) \cdot (u \circ \sigma_a - u(a))\|_{A^2}$$

$$+ \|(uC_{\varphi}g_a) \circ \sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}g_a)(a)\|_{A^2}$$

$$\lesssim \alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \|g_a\|_{\mathcal{B}} \frac{\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log \frac{2}{1 - |\varphi(a)|^2}}} + \|uC_{\varphi}g_a\|_{\mathcal{B}},$$

which implies that

$$\widetilde{\beta} = \limsup_{|\varphi(a)| \to 1} \beta(u, \varphi, a) \lesssim \widetilde{\alpha} + \limsup_{|\varphi(a)| \to 1} ||uC_{\varphi}g_a||_{\mathcal{B}}.$$
(3.5)

By Lemma 3.1, (3.3), (3.4) and (3.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|uC_{\varphi}\|_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \gtrsim \widetilde{\alpha} + \widetilde{\gamma} + \limsup_{|\varphi(a)|\to 1} \|uC_{\varphi}g_a\|_{\mathcal{B}} \\ \gtrsim \widetilde{\alpha} + \widetilde{\gamma} + \widetilde{\beta}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \gtrsim \limsup_{n\to\infty} \|u\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}} + \widetilde{\alpha} + \limsup_{|\varphi(a)|\to 1} \|uC_{\varphi}g_a\|_{\mathcal{B}}$$
$$\gtrsim \limsup_{n\to\infty} \|u\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}} + \widetilde{\beta}.$$

Next we give the upper estimate for $||uC_{\varphi}||_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}$. For $n\geq 0$, we define the linear operator on \mathcal{B} by $(K_nf)(z)=f(\frac{n}{n+1}z)$. It is easy to check that K_n is a compact operator on \mathcal{B} . Thus

$$||uC_{\varphi}||_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \le \limsup_{n\to\infty} \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}<1} ||uC_{\varphi}(I-K_n)f||_{\mathcal{B}},$$

where I is the identity operator. Let $S_n = I - K_n$. Then,

$$\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \leq \liminf_{n\to\infty} \|uC_{\varphi}S_n\|_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$= \liminf_{n\to\infty} \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}\leq 1} (|u(0)(S_nf)(\varphi(0))| + \|(uC_{\varphi}S_nf\|_{\beta})$$

$$= \liminf_{n\to\infty} \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}\leq 1} \|uC_{\varphi}S_nf\|_{\beta}. \tag{3.6}$$

Let $f \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $||f||_{\mathcal{B}} \leq 1$. Fix $n \geq 0$, $r \in (0,1)$ and $t \in (\frac{1}{2},1)$. Then

$$\|uC_{\varphi}S_{n}f\|_{\beta} \approx \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|(uC_{\varphi}S_{n}f) \circ \sigma_{a} - (uC_{\varphi}S_{n}f)(a)\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$\leq \sup_{|\varphi(a)| \leq r} \|(uC_{\varphi}S_{n}f) \circ \sigma_{a} - (uC_{\varphi}S_{n}f)(a)\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$+ \sup_{|\varphi(a)| > r} \|(uC_{\varphi}S_{n}f) \circ \sigma_{a} - (uC_{\varphi}S_{n}f)(a)\|_{A^{2}}. \quad (3.7)$$

By (iii) and (iv) of Proposition 2.10, we have

$$\sup_{|\varphi(a)|>r} \|(uC_{\varphi}S_nf) \circ \sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}S_nf)(a)\|_{A^2}$$

$$\lesssim \|S_nf\|_{\mathcal{B}} \sup_{|\varphi(a)|>r} \left(\alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \beta(u,\varphi,a) + \frac{\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}}}\right). \quad (3.8)$$

In addition,

$$\sup_{|\varphi(a)| \le r} \|(uC_{\varphi}S_{n}f) \circ \sigma_{a} - (uC_{\varphi}S_{n}f)(a)\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$\le \sup_{|\varphi(a)| \le r} (|(S_{n}f)(\varphi(a))| \|u \circ \sigma_{a} - u(a)\|_{A^{2}}$$

$$+ \|u \circ \sigma_{a} \cdot ((C_{\varphi}S_{n}f) \circ \sigma_{a} - (C_{\varphi}S_{n}f)(a))\|_{A^{2}})$$

$$\le \|u\|_{\mathcal{B}} \max_{|w| \le r} |(S_{n}f)(w)| + I_{1}^{1/2} + I_{2}^{1/2}, \tag{3.9}$$

where

$$I_{1} = \sup_{|\varphi(a)| \le r} \int_{\mathbb{D} \setminus E(\varphi, a, t)} \left| (u \circ \sigma_{a})(z) \cdot ((S_{n}f) \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a}(z) - (S_{n}f)(\varphi(a))) \right|^{2} dA(z),$$

$$I_{2} = \sup_{|\varphi(a)| \le r} \int_{E(\varphi, a, t)} \left| (u \circ \sigma_{a})(z) \cdot ((S_{n}f) \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a}(z) - (S_{n}f)(\varphi(a))) \right|^{2} dA(z).$$

Let $\varphi_a = \sigma_{\varphi(a)} \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a$. Then by (3.19) in [8, p. 37], we have

$$|(S_n f) \circ \sigma_{\varphi(a)} \circ \varphi_a(z) - (S_n f \circ \varphi)(a)|$$

$$\lesssim \sup_{|w| \le t} |((S_n f) \circ \sigma_{\varphi(a)})(w) - (S_n f)(\varphi(a))|$$

for $z \in \mathbb{D} \backslash E(\varphi, a, t)$. Since

$$||u \circ \sigma_a \cdot \varphi_a||_{A^2} \leq ||u \circ \sigma_a - u(a)||_{A^2} ||\varphi_a||_{\infty} + |u(a)|||\varphi_a||_2$$

$$\lesssim \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} ||u \circ \sigma_a - u(a)||_{A^2} + \alpha(u, \varphi, a_n)$$

$$\lesssim ||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}},$$

we have

$$I_{1} \lesssim \sup_{|\varphi(a)| \leq r} \sup_{|w| \leq t} |((S_{n}f) \circ \sigma_{\varphi(a)})(w) - (S_{n}f)(\varphi(a))|^{2} ||u \circ \sigma_{a} \cdot \varphi_{a}||_{A^{2}}^{2}$$

$$\lesssim ||uC_{\varphi}||_{\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}}^{2} \sup_{|z| \leq \frac{t+r}{t+r}} |(S_{n}f)(z)|^{2}.$$

By Lemma 2.2, we get

$$\|(S_n f) \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - (S_n f)(\varphi(a))\|_{A^4}^2$$

$$\leq \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|(S_n f) \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_a - (S_n f)(\varphi(a))\|_{A^4}^2$$

$$\lesssim \sup_{a \in \mathbb{D}} \|f \circ \sigma_a - f(a)\|_{A^2}^2 \leq 1,$$

which implies that

$$I_{2} \leq \sup_{|\varphi(a)| \leq r} \left(\int_{E(\varphi,a,t)} |u(\sigma_{a}(z))|^{4} dA(z) \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\times \|(S_{n}f) \circ \varphi \circ \sigma_{a} - (S_{n}f)(\varphi(a))\|_{A^{4}}^{2}$$

$$\leq \sup_{|\varphi(a)| \leq r} \left(\int_{E(\varphi,a,t)} |u(\sigma_{a}(z))|^{4} dA(z) \right)^{1/2}.$$

By combining the above estimates, for $r \in (0,1)$ and $t \in (\frac{1}{2},1)$, we obtain

$$\|uC_{\varphi}S_{n}f\|_{\beta}$$

$$\lesssim \sup_{|\varphi(a)|>r} \left(\alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \beta(u,\varphi,a) + \frac{\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^{2}}}}\right)$$

$$+ \sup_{|\varphi(a)|\leq r} \left(\int_{E(\varphi,a,t)} |u(\sigma_{a}(z))|^{4} dA(z)\right)^{1/4}$$

$$+ \sup_{|z|\leq \frac{t+r}{1+tr}} |(S_{n}f)(z)| \|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}.$$

Taking the supremum over $||f||_{\mathcal{B}} \leq 1$ and letting $n \to \infty$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|uC_{\varphi}\|_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} &\lesssim \sup_{|\varphi(a)|>r} \left(\alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \beta(u,\varphi,a) + \frac{\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}}}\right) \\ &+ \sup_{|\varphi(a)|\leq r} \left(\int_{E(\varphi,a,t)} |u(\sigma_a(z))|^4 dA(z)\right)^{1/4}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$||uC_{\varphi}||_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \lesssim \widetilde{\alpha} + \widetilde{\beta} + \widetilde{\gamma}.$$

By (3.4), (3.5) and Lemma 3.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|uC_{\varphi}\|_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} &\lesssim \widetilde{\beta} + \limsup_{n\to\infty} \|u\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}} \\ &\lesssim \widetilde{\alpha} + \limsup_{|\varphi(a)|\to 1} \|uC_{\varphi}g_a\|_{\mathcal{B}} + \limsup_{n\to\infty} \|u\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}} \\ &\lesssim \limsup_{|\varphi(a)|\to 1} \|uC_{\varphi}g_a\|_{\mathcal{B}} + \limsup_{n\to\infty} \|u\varphi^n\|_{\mathcal{B}}. \end{aligned}$$

By (ii), (iv) of Proposition 2.10, we have

$$\begin{split} &\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{|\varphi(a)|>r} \left(\alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \beta(u,\varphi,a) + \frac{\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}}}\right) \\ &+ \sup_{|\varphi(a)|\leq r} \left(\int_{E(\varphi,a,t)} |u(\sigma_a(z))|^4 dA(z)\right)^{1/4} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{|\varphi(a)|>r} \left(\alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \|(uC_{\varphi}g_a)\circ\sigma_a - (uC_{\varphi}g_a)(a)\|_{A^2} \\ &+ \|(u\circ\sigma_a - u(a))\cdot(g_a\circ\varphi\circ\sigma_a - g_a(\varphi(a)))\|_{A^2} + \frac{\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}}}\right) \\ &+ \left(\int_{E(\varphi,a,t)} |u(\sigma_a(z))|^4 dA(z)\right)^{1/4} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{|\varphi(a)|>r} \left(\alpha(u,\varphi,a) + \|uC_{\varphi}g_a\|_{\mathcal{B}} + \|g_a\|_{\mathcal{B}} \frac{\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}}} \\ &+ \frac{\|uC_{\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\log\frac{2}{1-|\varphi(a)|^2}}}\right) + \left(\int_{E(\varphi,a,t)} |u(\sigma_a(z))|^4 dA(z)\right)^{1/4}, \end{split}$$

which implies that

$$||uC_{\varphi}||_{e,\mathcal{B}\to\mathcal{B}} \lesssim \widetilde{\alpha} + \limsup_{|\varphi(a)|\to 1} ||uC_{\varphi}g_a||_{\mathcal{B}} + \widetilde{\gamma}.$$

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