COMPOSITION OPERATORS ON BANACH FUNCTION SPACES

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Abstract. We study the boundedness and the compactness of composition operators on some Banach function spaces such as absolutely continuous Banach function spaces on a $\sigma$–finite measure space, Lorentz function spaces on a $\sigma$–finite measure space and rearrangement invariant spaces on a resonant measure space. In addition, we study some properties of the spectra of a composition operator on the general Banach function spaces.

1. Introduction

Let $\Omega = (\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ be a $\sigma$–finite measure space. Let $T : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ be a non–singular measurable transformation, that is, $\mu(T^{-1}(A)) = 0$ for each $A \in \Sigma$ whenever $\mu(A) = 0$. Then $T$ induces a well–defined composition transformation $C_T$ from $L(\mu)$ into itself defined by

$$C_T f(x) = f(T(x)), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad f \in L(\mu),$$

where $L(\mu)$ denotes the linear space of all equivalence classes of $\Sigma$–measurable functions on $\Omega$ and we identify any two functions that are equal $\mu$–almost everywhere on $\Omega$. If $C_T$ maps a Banach function space $X$ into itself, then we call $C_T$ a composition operator on $X$ induced by $T$.

There is a vast literature on composition operators and their applications (see [2], [5], [19] and [21]).

In particular, for composition operators on measurable function spaces and their applications, one can refer to [4], [6], [7], [10], [11], [12], [14], [15], [16], [20], [21], [22] and the references therein.

Let $M_\mu$ be the class of all functions in $L(\mu)$ that are finite $\mu$–a.e. For $f \in M_\mu$, we define the distribution function of $|f|$ on $0 < \lambda < \infty$ by

$$\mu_f(\lambda) = \mu(\{x \in \Omega : |f(x)| > \lambda\}),$$

and the non–increasing rearrangement of $f$ on $(0, \infty)$ by

$$f^*(t) = \inf \{\lambda > 0 : \mu_f(\lambda) \leq t\} = \sup \{\lambda > 0 : \mu_f(\lambda) > t\}.$$
The Banach function space $\mathcal{X}$ is defined as

$$\mathcal{X} = \{f \in L(\mu) : \|f\|_\mathcal{X} < \infty\},$$

where the norm $\| \cdot \|_\mathcal{X}$ on $\mathcal{X}$ has the following properties:

for each $f, g, f_n \in L(\mu)$, $n \geq 1$, we have

1. $0 \leq |g| \leq |f|$ $\mu$-a.e. $\Rightarrow \|g\|_\mathcal{X} \leq \|f\|_\mathcal{X}$,
2. $0 \leq |f_n| \nrightarrow |f|$ $\mu$-a.e. $\Rightarrow \|f_n\|_\mathcal{X} \nrightarrow \|f\|_\mathcal{X}$, and
3. $E \in \Sigma$ with $\mu(E) < \infty \Rightarrow \|\chi_E\|_\mathcal{X} < \infty$ and $\int_E |f| \ d\mu \leq c_E \|f\|_\mathcal{X}$ for some constant $0 < c_E < \infty$ depending on $E$ and the norm $\| \cdot \|_\mathcal{X}$ but independent of $f$.

See [1] for details on Banach function spaces.

A function $f$ in a Banach function space $\mathcal{X}$ is said to have absolutely continuous norm if $\|\chi_{E_n}\|_\mathcal{X} \to 0$ for each sequence $\{E_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ satisfying $E_n \to \emptyset$ $\mu$-a.e. If each function in $\mathcal{X}$ has absolutely continuous norm, then we say $\mathcal{X}$ is a Banach function space with absolutely continuous norm.

A rearrangement invariant space is a Banach function space $\mathcal{X}$ such that whenever $f \in \mathcal{X}$ and $g$ is an equimeasurable function with $f$, then $g \in \mathcal{X}$ and $\|g\|_\mathcal{X} = \|f\|_\mathcal{X}$. For the sake of completeness of the definition, we recall a result from [1, p. 59].

**Proposition 1.1.** Let $(\mathcal{X}, \| \cdot \|_\mathcal{X})$ be a rearrangement invariant Banach function space on a resonant measure space $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$. Then the associate space $\mathcal{X}'$ is also a rearrangement invariant space (under the norm $\| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{X}'}$) and these norms are given by

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{X}'} = \sup \{ \int_0^\infty f^*(s)g^*(s) \, ds : \|f\|_\mathcal{X} \leq 1\}, \ g \in M_0,$$

and

$$\|g\|_{\mathcal{X}'} = \sup \{ \int_0^\infty f^*(s)g^*(s) \, ds : \|g\|_{\mathcal{X}'} \leq 1\}, \ f \in M_0.$$

See [1], [8] and [12] for details on rearrangement invariant spaces. The study of composition operators on Lorentz spaces $L(pq, \mu)$, $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$, or $p = 1 = \infty$, has been initiated in [9].

The Lorentz spaces $L^{pq}(\mu)$ are the Banach function spaces continuously embedded in $M_0$ under the norms

$$\|f\|_{pq} = \begin{cases} \left[ \int_0^\infty \left( t^{1/p} f^{**}(t) \right)^q dt / t \right]^{1/q} & \text{if } 1 < p < \infty, 1 \leq q < \infty, \\ \sup_{0 < t < \infty} t^{1/p} f^{**}(t) & \text{if } 1 < p < \infty, q = \infty, \end{cases}$$

where $f^{**}(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f^*(s) \, ds$ is the average function.

We refer to $p$ as the principal index. The Lorentz space $L^{pq}(\mu)$, for $1 < p < \infty$, $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ is a rearrangement invariant Banach function space with upper and lower Boyd indices both equal to $1/p$. For $1 < p < \infty$, the Lebesgue spaces $L^p(\mu)$ are equivalent to $L^{pp}(\mu)$.

**Definition 1.2.** Let $M$ and $N$ be two normed linear spaces. Then a mapping $S : M \to N$ is called non-expansive if $\|S(x) - S(y)\| \leq \|x - y\|$, for each $x, y \in M$.

**Theorem 1.3** (cf. [11 p. 221]). Let $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ be a resonant measure space. For $1 < p < \infty, 1 \leq q < \infty$ (or $p = q = 1$), the dual as well as the associate space of $L^{pq}(\mu)$ is, up to the equivalence of norms, the Lorentz space $L^{p'q'}(\mu)$, where $1/p + 1/p' = 1/q + 1/q' = 1$. 
The main aim of this paper is to study the boundedness and the compactness of composition operators on Lorentz spaces $L^{pq}(\mu)$, for $1 < p < \infty$, $1 \leq q \leq \infty$. In section 1, we study the boundedness of the composition operators on Banach function spaces. In section 2, we discuss the compactness of composition operators on rearrangement invariant spaces. In section 3, we study the spectra of $C_T$ on the general Banach function spaces on a $\sigma$-finite measure space and in section 4, we give some examples.

2. Boundedness

Let $\mathcal{K}$ denote the family of all characteristic functions of the members of $\Sigma$, that is,

$$\mathcal{K} = \{\chi_A : A \in \Sigma\}.$$ 

Let $K = \mathcal{K} \cap X$. The next theorem shows under what conditions a bounded linear operator is a composition operator on a general Banach function space $X$.

**Theorem 2.1.** If $A$ is a composition operator on a Banach function space $X$, then $K$ is invariant under $A$. Conversely, if $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ is a Borel $\sigma$–finite measure space and $A$ is a positive bounded linear operator on an absolutely continuous Banach function space $X$, then $A$ is a composition operator on $X$.

**Proof.** The proof is along similar lines as in [21, Theorem 2.1.13, p. 23]. □

**Corollary 2.2.** Let $A$ be a composition operator on a Banach function space $X$. Then $A(f \cdot g) = A(f) \cdot A(g)$, whenever $f, g, f \cdot g \in X$. Conversely, if $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ is a $\sigma$–finite Borel measure space, $A$ is a positive bounded linear operator on an absolutely continuous Banach function space $X$ and $A(f \cdot g) = A(f) \cdot A(g)$, whenever $f, g, f \cdot g \in X$, then $A$ is a composition operator on $X$.

The following theorem gives a necessary and sufficient condition for the continuity of composition operators on the Lorentz spaces $L^{pq}(\mu)$, for $1 < p < \infty$, $1 \leq q \leq \infty$.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let $T : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ be a non–singular measurable transformation. Then $T$ induces a composition operator $C_T$ on $L^{pq}(\mu)$, $1 < p < \infty$, $1 \leq q \leq \infty$, if and only if there exists some constant $M > 0$ such that

$$\mu \circ T^{-1}(A) \leq M \mu(A), \text{ for each } A \in \Sigma.$$  

Moreover,

$$\|C_T\| = \sup_{A \in \Sigma, 0 < \mu(A) < \infty} \left(\frac{\mu \circ T^{-1}(A)}{\mu(A)}\right)^{1/p}.$$ 

**Proof.** Suppose the condition (2.1) holds. Then

$$\mu_{C_T}(\lambda) = \mu(\{x \in \Omega : |f(T(x))| > \lambda\}) = \mu(\{T^{-1}(y) \in \Omega : |f(y)| > \lambda\}) \leq M \mu(\{y \in \Omega : |f(y)| > \lambda\}) \leq M \mu_f(\lambda).$$

Also, for each $t \geq 0$, we have

$$(C_Tf)^*(t) = \sup \{\lambda > 0 : \mu_{C_T}(\lambda) > t\} \leq \sup \{\lambda > 0 : M \mu_f(\lambda) > t\} = f^*(t/M),$$

which implies that

$$(C_Tf)^**(t) \leq f^{**}(t/M).$$
So for \( q \neq \infty \), we have

\[
\|C_T f\|_{pq} = \left[ \int_0^\infty \left( t^{1/p}(C_T f)^{**}(t) \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right]^{1/q}
\]

\[
\leq \left[ \int_0^\infty \left( t^{1/p} f^{**}(t/M) \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right]^{1/q}
\]

\[
= \left[ \int_0^\infty (M^{1/p} t^{1/p} f^{**}(t)) q \frac{dt}{t} \right]^{1/q} = M^{1/p} \|f\|_{pq}.
\]

Also for \( q = \infty \), we have

\[
\|C_T f\|_{p\infty} = \sup_{0 < t < \infty} t^{1/p}(C_T f)^{**}(t)
\]

\[
\leq \sup_{0 < t < \infty} M^{1/p}(t/M)^{1/p} f^{**}(t/M) = M^{1/p} \|f\|_{p\infty}.
\]

Thus, we conclude that \( C_T \) is a bounded linear operator on \( L^p(\mu) \) and clearly \( \|C_T\| \leq M^{1/p} \).

Conversely, suppose \( C_T \) is a bounded operator. For \( E \in \Sigma \) with \( 0 < \mu(E) < \infty \), we have \( \chi_E \in L^p(\mu) \) as

\[
\|\chi_E\|_{pq} = \left( \frac{1}{p} \right)^{1/q} \left( \frac{1}{p-1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \mu(E) \right)^{1/p} < \infty.
\]

Since \( C_T \) is bounded, we have for \( q \neq \infty \), \( \|C_T \chi_E\|_{pq} \leq k \|\chi_E\|_{pq} \) for some \( k > 0 \), i.e.,

\[
(p/q)^{1/q} \left( p/(p-1) \right)^{1/p} \left( \mu T^{-1}(E) \right)^{1/p} \leq k(p/q)^{1/q} \left( p/(p-1) \right)^{1/p} \left( \mu(E) \right)^{1/p}.
\]

Hence,

\[
\mu \circ T^{-1}(E) \leq k^p \mu(E) \quad \text{for} \ E \in \Sigma.
\]

Also for \( q = \infty \), we have

\[
\|\chi_E\|_{p\infty} = \sup_{0 < t < \infty} t^{1/p} \chi^{**}(t) = \sup_{0 < t < \infty} t^{1/p} = (\mu(E))^{1/p} < \infty.
\]

So the inequality holds. Thus \( \mu \circ T^{-1}(E) \leq M \mu(E) \), for \( E \in \Sigma \) with \( M = k^p > 0 \).

Further, we see that

\[
\|C_T\| = \sup_{A \in \Sigma, 0 < \mu(A) < \infty} \left( \frac{\mu \circ T^{-1}(A)}{\mu(A)} \right)^{1/p}.
\]

**Theorem 2.4.** Let \( X \) and \( X' \) be the rearrangement invariant spaces on a resonant measure space \((\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)\) with the fundamental functions \( \varphi_X \) and \( \varphi_{X'} \), respectively. Let \( T : \Omega \to \Omega \) be a non-singular measurable transformation. Then \( C_T \) is a bounded composition operator on \( X \) and \( X' \) if and only if the condition \((\text{2.4})\) holds.

**Proof.** By using Theorem 2.3, we have

\[
(C_T f)^{*}(t) \leq f^{*}(t/M), \quad \text{for} \ t \geq 0, \ f \in M_0.
\]

For \( M \geq 1 \), using the fact that \( g^{*} \) is a decreasing function, we see that

\[
\int_0^\infty (C_T f)^{*}(s) g^{*}(s) \, ds \leq \int_0^\infty f^{*}(s/M) g^{*}(s) \, ds = \int_0^\infty f^{*}(u) g^{*}(Mu) M \, du \leq M \int_0^\infty f^{*}(u) g^{*}(u) \, du.
\]
Taking the supremum over all \( g \in X' \) with \( \|g\|_{X'} \leq 1 \), we get
\[ \|C_T f\|_X \leq M \|f\|_X, \forall f \in X. \]
Similarly, we have
\[ \int_0^\infty f^*(s)(C_T g)^*(s) \, ds \leq M \int_0^\infty f^*(u)g^*(u) \, du. \]
Again, taking the supremum over all \( f \in X \) with \( \|f\|_X \leq 1 \), we get
\[ \|C_T g\|_{X'} \leq M \|g\|_{X'}, \forall g \in X'. \]
Thus \( C_T \) is a bounded composition operator on \( X \) and \( X' \).

Conversely, let \( E \in \Sigma \) with \( 0 < \mu(E) < \infty \). Then by definition \( \chi_E \in X \) and \( \chi_E \in X' \), and so we have
\[ \|C_T \chi_E\|_X \leq k\|\chi_E\|_X, \text{ for some } k > 0, \]
which implies that
\[ \varphi_X(\mu T^{-1}(E)) \leq k\varphi_X(\mu(E)), \text{ for some } k > 0. \]
Similarly, we have
\[ \varphi_X(\mu T^{-1}(E)) \leq k'\varphi_X(\mu(E)), \text{ for some } k' > 0. \]
Multiplying the above two inequalities and using [1, Theorem 5.2, p. 66], we get
\[ \mu T^{-1}(E) \leq kk'\mu(E). \]
Thus \( \mu T^{-1}(E) \leq m\mu(E) \), for some \( m = kk' > 0 \). \( \square \)

The largest rearrangement invariant space over a resonant measure space \((\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)\) with the fundamental function \( \varphi_X \) is also defined as
\[ V(X) = \{ f \in M_0 : \|f\|_{V(X)} = \|f\|_{\infty}\varphi_X(0+) + \int_0^\infty f^*(s)\Phi_X(s) \, ds < \infty \}, \]
where the fundamental function \( \varphi_X \) can be represented as the integral of a nonnegative, decreasing function, say \( \Phi_X \), on \((0,\infty)\).

**Theorem 2.5.** For a non–singular measurable transformation \( T : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega \), we have \( C_T \) is bounded on \( V(X) \) and \( V(X') \) if and only if the condition (2.1) holds.

**Proof.** Using the fact that \( \Phi_X \) is decreasing and \( M \geq 1 \), we have
\[
\|C_T f\|_{V(X)} = \|C_T f\|_{\infty} \varphi_X(0+) + \int_0^\infty (C_T f)^*(s)\Phi_X(s) \, ds \\
\leq \|f\|_{\infty} \varphi_X(0+) + \int_0^\infty f^*(s/M)\Phi_X(s) \, ds \\
= \|f\|_{\infty} \varphi_X(0+) + M \int_0^\infty f^*(u)\Phi_X(Mu) \, du \\
\leq M(\|f\|_{\infty} \varphi_X(0+) + \int_0^\infty f^*(u)\Phi_X(u) \, du ) \\
= M\|f\|_{V(X)},
\]
for each \( f \in V(X) \). Thus, \( C_T \) is bounded on \( V(X) \) and also on \( V(X') \).

The converse follows along similar lines as in the converse part of Theorem 2.4. \( \square \)
The next theorem characterises those maps $T$ for which $C_T$ is non-expansive. A map $T : X \mapsto X$ is said to be $\mu$-expansive, if $\mu(E) \leq \mu(T(E))$ for all $E \in \Sigma$.  

**Theorem 2.6.** Let $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ be a $\sigma$-finite standard Borel measure space. Let $T(E) \in \Sigma$ whenever $E \in \Sigma$. The following are equivalent.

1. $\|C_T\| \leq 1$.
2. $C_T$ is non-expansive on $L^p(\mu), 1 < p < \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$, or on rearrangement invariant spaces $X$ and $X'$ on a resonant measure space.
3. $T$ is $\mu$-expansive.
4. $\mu(T^{-1}(E)) \leq \mu(E)$, for all $E \in \Sigma$.

**Proof.** The proof follows from Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4.

3. **COMPACTNESS**

In this section, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for the compactness of composition operators on $L^p(\mu), 1 < p < \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$. Also, we discuss the compactness of the composition operators on rearrangement invariant spaces $X$ on a non-atomic measure space.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let $C_T$ be a composition operator on the Lorentz spaces $L^{pq}(\mu)$, for $1 < p < \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$, induced by a non-singular measurable transformation $T$ on $\Omega$ and let $\{A_n\}$ be all the atoms of $\Omega$ with $\mu(A_n) = a_n > 0$, for each $n$. Then $C_T$ is compact if and only if $\mu$ is purely atomic and

$$b_n = \frac{\mu T^{-1}(A_n)}{\mu(A_n)} \rightarrow 0.$$

**Proof.** We have $\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$, $\Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2 = \emptyset$, where $\mu_1 = \mu |_{\Omega_1}$ is non-atomic and $\mu_2 = \mu |_{\Omega_2}$ is atomic so that $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$. Since $\mu \circ T^{-1} \ll \mu$, so by the Radon-Nikodym theorem, there exists $h \in L^\infty(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ such that $h$ is locally integrable on $\Omega_1$ and

$$\mu \circ T^{-1}(E) = \int_{E} h(t) \, d\mu, \text{ for } E \in \Sigma \cap \Omega_1.$$  

Let $E = \{x \in \Omega_1 : h(x) > 0\}$. Then $E \in \Sigma \cap \Omega_1$.

Firstly, we prove that $\mu(E) = 0$. Suppose $\mu(E) \neq 0$. So there is some $\epsilon > 0$ such that

$$E_\epsilon = \{x \in X_1 : h(x) \geq \epsilon^p\} \in \Sigma \cap \Omega_1 \text{ with } \mu(E_\epsilon) > 0.$$  

Since $(\Omega_1, \Sigma \cap \Omega_1, \mu_1)$ is non-atomic, we have $\mu(F) = \mu_1(F)$ whenever $F \in \Sigma \cap X_1$. So we can choose a contracting sequence $\{E_n\}$ of subsets of $E_\epsilon$ such that for some $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$0 < \mu(E_n) = \mu_1(E_n) < 1/n, \text{ for all } n > n_0.$$  

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define

$$f_n(x) = \frac{\chi_{E_n}(x)}{\|\chi_{E_n}\|_{pq}}, \quad x \in X.$$  

Then $f_n \rightarrow 0$ weakly, $\|f_n\|_{pq} = 1$ and

$$(C_T f_n)(x) = \frac{\chi T^{-1}(E_n)(x)}{\|\chi_{E_n}\|_{pq}}, \quad x \in X.$$  

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For \( n > n_0 \), we have
\[
\| C_T f_n \|_{pq} = \frac{\| \chi_{T^{-1}(E_n)} \|_{pq}}{\| \chi_{E_n} \|_{pq}} = \left( \frac{\mu(T^{-1}(E_n))}{\mu(E_n)} \right)^{1/p} \mu(E_n) \geq \epsilon,
\]
which implies that \( C_T f_n \nrightarrow 0 \) strongly. This contradicts the compactness of \( C_T \).
Thus \( \mu(E) = 0 \). Therefore,
\[
\mu \circ T^{-1}(X_1) = 0 = \int_{X_1} h(t) d\mu(t) \geq \epsilon \mu(X_1).
\]
Hence \( \mu \) is purely atomic.

Next, we claim that \( b_n \rightarrow 0 \). Suppose the contrary. Then there exists some \( \epsilon > 0 \) such that \( b_n \geq \epsilon \), for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). Let \( \Omega = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \), where each \( A_n \) is an atom. For each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), let
\[
f_n = \frac{\chi_{A_n}}{\| \chi_{T^{-1}(A_n)} \|_{pq}}.
\]
Then for each \( n \), we have
\[
\| f_n \|_{pq} = \frac{\| \chi_{A_n} \|_{pq}}{\| \chi_{T^{-1}(A_n)} \|_{pq}} = \left( \frac{\mu(A_n)}{\mu(T^{-1}(A_n))} \right)^{1/p} \mu(T^{-1}(A_n)) \leq 1/b_n^{1/p} 
\]
and \( \| C_T f_n \|_{pq} = 1 \).

Also for \( n \neq m \), since \( C_T f_n \) and \( C_T f_m \) have disjoint supports, we have
\[
\| C_T f_n - C_T f_m \|_{pq} = \| C_T f_n + C_T f_m \|_{pq}.
\]
Thus,
\[
1 = \frac{1}{2} \| C_T f_n + C_T f_m \|_{pq} \leq \frac{1}{2} \| C_T f_n - C_T f_m + C_T f_n + C_T f_n \|_{pq} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \| C_T f_n - C_T f_m \|_{pq} + \| C_T f_n + C_T f_m \|_{pq} \right) = \| C_T f_n - C_T f_m \|_{pq},
\]
which contradicts the compactness of \( C_T \). Hence \( b_n \rightarrow 0 \).

Conversely, since \( (\Omega, \Sigma, \mu) \) is atomic with atoms \( A_n \) and \( b_n \rightarrow 0 \), note that \( f \) and \( \sum f(A_n) \chi_{A_n} \) are equal \( \mu \)-a.e. For each \( N \in \mathbb{N} \), define \( C_T^{(N)} \) by
\[
C_T^{(N)} f = \sum_{n \leq N} f(A_n) \chi_{T^{-1}(A_n)}.
\]
Then for each \( \lambda > 0 \), we have
\[
\mu(\{ C_T - C_T^{(N)} \} f(\lambda)) \leq \sum_{n > N, |f(A_n)| > \lambda} \mu(T^{-1}(A_n)) \leq (\sup_{n > N} b_n) \sum_{n > N} \mu(A_n) = (\sup_{n > N} b_n) \mu_f(\lambda).
\]
Therefore
\[ \| C_T - C_T^{(N)} \| \leq (\sup_{n>N} b_n)^{1/p} \to 0 \]
as \( N \to \infty \). Since \( C_T \) is the limit of finite rank operators \( C_T^{(N)} \), it is compact. \( \square \)

**Theorem 3.2.** Let \( X \) be a rearrangement invariant Banach function space over a non–atomic measure space \((\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)\) with a concave fundamental function \( \varphi_X \). Let \( T : \Omega \to \Omega \) be a non–singular measurable transformation. Then there is no non–trivial compact composition operator on \( X \).

**Proof.** Suppose \( C_T \) is a non–trivial compact composition operator on \( X \). Since \( C_T \) is bounded and \( T \) is non–singular, there exists some \( h \in L^\infty(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu) \) such that \( h \) is locally integrable on \( \Omega \) and
\[ \mu \circ T^{-1}(E) = \int_E h(t) \, d\mu, \text{ for each } E \in \Sigma. \]
Let \( E = \{ x \in \Omega : h(x) \geq 0 \} \). Then \( \mu(E) = 0 \). If not, then there is some \( \epsilon > 0 \) such that
\[ E_\epsilon = \{ x \in \Omega : h(x) > \epsilon \} \in \Sigma \text{ with } \mu(E_\epsilon) > 0. \]
Without loss of generality, we assume that \( \epsilon \in (0, 1) \). Since \((\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)\) is non–atomic, we can extract a contracting sequence \( \{ E_n \} \) of subsets of \( E_\epsilon \) such that \( 0 < \mu(E_n) < 1/n \), for each \( n > n_\epsilon \), for some \( n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N} \). For each \( n \geq 1 \), set
\[ f_n(x) = \frac{\chi_{E_n}(x)}{\| \chi_{E_n} \|_X}, \quad x \in X. \]
Then \( f_n \to 0 \) weakly, \( \| f_n \|_X = 1 \) and
\[ (C_T f_n)(x) = \frac{\chi_{T^{-1}(E_n)}(x)}{\| \chi_{E_n} \|_X}. \]
For \( n > n_\epsilon \), using the concavity of \( \varphi_X \) we see that
\[ \| C_T f_n \|_X \geq \frac{\varphi_X(\mu(T^{-1}(E_n)))}{\varphi_X(\mu(E_n))} \geq \frac{\varphi_X(\epsilon \mu(E_n))}{\varphi_X(\mu(E_n))} = \epsilon. \]
This implies that \( C_T f_n \not\to 0 \) strongly, which contradicts the compactness of \( C_T \). \( \square \)

4. Spectrum

In this section, we examine the spectrum \( \sigma(C_T) \), the approximate spectrum \( \sigma_{ap}(C_T) \), the point spectrum \( \sigma_p(C_T) \) and the compression spectrum \( \sigma_c(C_T) \) of a bounded composition operator \( C_T \) on a general Banach function space \( X \) induced by a non–singular measurable transformation \( T : \Omega \to \Omega \). Let \( U \) denote the open unit disc and \( \partial U \) be the unit circle in the complex plane \( \mathbb{C} \). These results generalise the results of Ridge [17]. Using the fact that the norm \( \| \cdot \|_X \) is increasing on \( X \), the following results generalise the results of [17] without any extra effort.

**Theorem 4.1.** \( \sigma_{ap}(C_T) \cap \partial U \) is a union of subgroups of \( \partial U \).

**Corollary 4.2.** \( \sigma_p(C_T) \cap \partial U \) is a union of subgroups of \( \partial U \).
Let $\Omega = \Sigma = \text{Borel } \sigma\text{-algebra}$, $\mu = \text{Lebesgue measure.}$ If $t \in \mathbb{R}$ is fixed, define $T_t : \Omega \to \Omega$ by $T_t(x) = x + t$, for each $x \in \Omega$. Then $\mu \circ T_t^{-1} \ll \mu$ and $\|C_{T_t}\| = 1$ on $L^p(\mu)$, for $1 < p < \infty$, $1 \le q < \infty$. Using [10] Proposition 3.1 with $E_0 = [t/2,t]$, we see that $\sigma_p(C_{T_t}) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| < 1 \}$. Also, it can be easily seen that the family $\{C_{T_t} : t \ge 0\}$ is a strongly continuous semigroup on $L^p(\mu)$; see [13] p. 34.

Example 5.4. Let $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$, $\Sigma = \text{Borel } \sigma\text{-algebra}$, $\mu = \text{Lebesgue measure.}$ If $t > 0$ is fixed, we define $T : \Omega \to \Omega$ by

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} x + t & \text{if } x > 0, \\ x - t & \text{if } x \le 0. \end{cases}$$

Then, again $\mu \circ T^{-1} \ll \mu$ and $\|C_T\| = 1$ on $L^p(\mu)$, for $1 < p < \infty$, $1 \le q < \infty$ and $\sigma_p(C_T) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| < 1 \}$. The authors are grateful to the referee for the valuable suggestions and comments.

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