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# On Convexity of Composition and Multiplication Operators on Weighted Hardy Spaces

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A bounded linear operator  $T$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , satisfying  $\|T^2h\|^2 + \|h\|^2 \geq 2\|Th\|^2$  for every  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ , is called a convex operator. In this paper, we give necessary and sufficient conditions under which a convex composition operator on a large class of weighted Hardy spaces is an isometry. Also, we discuss convexity of multiplication operators.

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## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

We denote by  $B(\mathcal{H})$  the space of all bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be *convex*, if

$$\|T^2h\|^2 + \|h\|^2 \geq 2\|Th\|^2 \quad (1.1)$$

for each  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ . Note that if  $T$  is a convex operator then the sequence  $(\|T^n h\|^2)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  forms a convex sequence for every  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ . Taking  $\Delta_T = T^*T - I$ , it is easily seen that  $T$  is a convex operator if and only if  $T^*\Delta_T T \geq \Delta_T$ .

A weighted Hardy space is a Hilbert space of analytic functions on the open unit disc  $\mathbf{D}$  for which the sequence  $(z^j)_{j=0}^{\infty}$  forms a complete orthogonal set of nonzero vectors. It is usually assumed that  $\|1\| = 1$ . Writing  $\beta(j) = \|z^j\|^2$ , this space is denoted by  $H^2(\beta)$  and its norm is given by

$$\left\| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j z^j \right\|^2 = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |a_j|^2 \beta(j). \quad (1.2)$$

Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic map of the open unit disc  $\mathbf{D}$  into itself, and define  $C_\varphi(f) = f \circ \varphi$  whenever  $f$  is analytic on  $\mathbf{D}$ . The function  $\varphi$  is called the symbol of the composition operator. For a positive integer  $n$ , the  $n$ th iterate of  $\varphi$ , denoted by  $\varphi_n$ , is the function obtained by composing  $\varphi$  with itself  $n$  times; also  $\varphi_0$  is defined to be the identity function. Denote the reproducing kernel at  $z \in \mathbf{D}$ , for the space  $H^2(\beta)$ , by  $K_z$ . Then  $\langle f, K_z \rangle = f(z)$  for every  $f \in H^2(\beta)$ . It is known that  $C_\varphi^*(K_z) = K_{\varphi(z)}$  for all  $z$  in  $\mathbf{D}$ . The generating function for  $H^2(\beta)$  is the function given by

$$k(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{\beta(j)^2}. \quad (1.3)$$

This function is analytic on  $\mathbf{D}$ . Moreover, if  $w \in \mathbf{D}$  then  $K_w(z) = k(\bar{w}z)$  and  $\|K_w\|^2 = k(|w|^2)$  (see [1]).

Recently, there has been a great interest in studying operator theoretic properties of composition and weighted composition operators, see, for example, monographs [1, 2], papers [3–16], as well as the reference therein.

Isometric operators on weighted Hardy spaces, especially those that are composition operators are discussed by many authors. Isometries of the Hardy space  $H^2$  among composition operators are characterized in [17, page 444], [18] and [12, page 66]. Indeed, it is shown that the only composition operators on  $H^2$  that are isometries are the ones induced by inner functions vanishing at the origin. Bayart [5] generalized this result and showed that every composition operator on  $H^2$  which is similar to an isometry is induced by an inner function with a fixed point in the unit disc. The surjective isometries of  $H^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$  that are weighted composition operators have been described by Forelli [19]. Carswell and Hammond [6] proved that the isometric composition operators of the weighted Bergman space  $A_\alpha^2$  are the rotations. Cima and Wogen [20] have characterized all surjective isometries of the Bloch space. Furthermore, the identification of all isometric composition operators on the Bloch space is due to Colonna [8]. Some related results can be found also in [3, 4, 6, 21–25].

Herein, we are interested in studying the convexity of composition and multiplication operators acting on a weighted Hardy space  $H^2(\beta)$ . First, we give some preliminary facts on convex operators. Next, we will offer necessary and sufficient conditions under which a convex composition operator may be isometry on a large class of weighted Hardy spaces containing Hardy, Bergman, and Dirichlet spaces. We also discuss on convexity of the adjoint of a composition operator. Finally, we will obtain similar results for multiplication operators and their adjoints. For a good reference on isometric multiplication operators the reader can see [3].

Throughout this paper,  $T$  is assumed to be a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . It is easy to see that for every convex operator  $T$ , the sequence  $(T^{*n} \Delta_T T^n)_n$  forms an increasing sequence. We use this fact to prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.** *If  $T$  is a convex operator then so is every nonnegative integer power of  $T$ .*

*Proof.* We argue by using mathematical induction. The convexity of  $T$  implies that the result holds for  $k = 1$ . Suppose that  $T^{*n} \Delta_T T^n \geq \Delta_{T^n}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} T^{*(n+1)} \Delta_{T^{n+1}} T^{n+1} - \Delta_{T^{n+1}} &= T^{*(n+1)} (T^* \Delta_T T + \Delta_T) T^{n+1} - \Delta_{T^{n+1}} \\ &= T^{*2} (T^{*n} \Delta_T T^n) T^2 + T^{*(n+1)} \Delta_T T^{n+1} - \Delta_{T^{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq T^{*2} \Delta_T T^2 + T^{*n} \Delta_T T^n - \Delta_{T^{n+1}} \\
&= T^{*2} (T^{*n} T^n - I) T^2 + T^{*n} \Delta_T T^n - T^* (T^{*n} T^n - I) T - \Delta_T \\
&= T^{*n} (T^{*2} T^2) T^n - T^{*2} T^2 + T^{*n} \Delta_T T^n - T^{*n} (T^* T) T^n + T^* T - \Delta_T \\
&= T^{*n} (T^{*2} T^2 - I) T^n - T^{*2} T^2 + I \\
&\geq 2T^{*n} \Delta_T T^n - T^{*2} T^2 + I \\
&\geq 2T^* \Delta_T T - T^{*2} T^2 + I \\
&= T^* \Delta_T T - \Delta_T \geq 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

So the result holds for  $k = n + 1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 1.2.** *If  $T$  is a convex operator, then for every nonnegative integer  $n$ ,*

$$T^{*n} T^n \geq n\Delta_T + I. \tag{1.5}$$

*Proof.* We give the assertion by using mathematical induction on  $n$ . The result is clearly true for  $n = 1$ . Suppose that  $T^{*n} T^n \geq n\Delta_T + I$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
T^{*(n+1)} T^{n+1} &= T^* (T^{*n} T^n) T \\
&\geq T^* (n\Delta_T + I) T \\
&= nT^* \Delta_T T + T^* T \\
&= n(T^{*2} T^2 - 2T^* T + I) + nT^* T + T^* T - nI \\
&\geq (n+1)T^* T - nI \\
&= (n+1)\Delta_T + I.
\end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

So the result holds for  $k = n + 1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 1.3.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be a convex operator and let  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  be such that  $\sup_{k \geq 0} \|T^k h\| < \infty$ . If  $\Delta_T \geq 0$ , then  $\|Th\| = \|h\|$ .*

*Proof.* By applying Proposition 1.2, we observe that for every nonnegative integer  $n$ ,

$$n\langle \Delta_T h, h \rangle + \|h\|^2 \leq \|T^n h\|^2 \leq \sup_{k \geq 0} \|T^k h\|^2 < \infty. \tag{1.7}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the positivity of  $\Delta_T$  implies that  $\Delta_T h = 0$ ; hence,  $\|Th\| = \|h\|$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 1.4.** Let  $\{e_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$  and let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be a convex operator satisfying  $\Delta_T \geq 0$ . Suppose that there is a nonnegative integer  $i$  and a scalar  $\alpha_i$  with  $0 < |\alpha_i| \leq 1$  so that  $Te_i = \alpha_i e_i$ , then  $\mathcal{M} = \vee_{n \neq i} \{e_n\}$  is an invariant subspace for  $T$ .

*Proof.* Using Proposition 1.2, we see that

$$\|e_i\|^2 \geq \|\alpha_i^n e_i\|^2 = \|T^n e_i\|^2 = \langle T^{*n} T^n e_i, e_i \rangle \geq n \langle \Delta_T e_i, e_i \rangle + \|e_i\|^2 \quad (1.8)$$

for every  $n \geq 0$ . Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\Delta_T$  is a positive operator, we conclude that  $\Delta_T e_i = 0$ . Consequently,  $T^* e_i = (1/\alpha_i) T^* T e_i = (1/\alpha_i) e_i$ . Now, if  $f \in \mathcal{M}$  then  $\langle T f, e_i \rangle = 0$ ; hence,  $T f \in \mathcal{M}$ .  $\square$

## 2. Composition Operators

Our purpose in this section is to discuss on convex composition operators on a weighted Hardy space. Recall that an operator  $T$  in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is an isometry, if  $\Delta_T = 0$ . At first, we give an example of a nonisometric composition operator  $T$  on a weighted Hardy space such that  $T^* \Delta_T T \geq \Delta_T \geq 0$ . For simplicity of notation,  $\Delta_{C_\varphi}$  is denoted by  $\Delta_\varphi$ .

*Example 2.1.* Consider the weighted Hardy space  $H^2(\beta)$  with weight sequence  $(\beta(n))_n$  given by  $\beta(n) = n + 1$ . Define  $\varphi : \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  by  $\varphi(z) = z^2$ . It is easily seen that  $C_\varphi(H^2(\beta)) \subseteq H^2(\beta)$ , and an application of the closed graph theorem shows that  $C_\varphi$  is bounded. Now, a simple calculation shows that

$$\left\langle (C_\varphi^* \Delta_\varphi C_\varphi - \Delta_\varphi)(z^k), z^k \right\rangle = \|C_{\varphi^2} z^k\|^2 - 2\|C_\varphi z^k\|^2 + \|z^k\|^2 > 0 \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $k \geq 0$ ; besides

$$\left\langle \Delta_\varphi z^k, z^k \right\rangle = \|C_\varphi z^k\|^2 - \|z^k\|^2 \quad (2.2)$$

which is positive for all  $k \geq 1$ , and zero whenever  $k = 0$ . It follows that  $C_\varphi^* \Delta_\varphi C_\varphi \geq \Delta_\varphi \geq 0$ , but  $C_\varphi$  is not an isometry.

**Proposition 2.2.** Suppose that  $T : H^2(\beta) \rightarrow H^2(\beta)$  is a convex operator satisfying  $T1 = 1$  and  $\Delta_T \geq 0$ , then

$$M = \{f \in H^2(\beta) : f(0) = 0\} \quad (2.3)$$

is a nontrivial invariant subspace of  $T$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $M$  is a nontrivial closed subspace of  $T$ . To show that  $M$  is invariant for  $T$ , apply Proposition 1.4 for the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} = H^2(\beta)$ , the orthonormal basis  $\{e_n\}_n$  given by  $e_n = z^n / \beta(n)$ ,  $i = 0$  and  $\alpha_0 = 1$ .  $\square$

*Example 2.3.* Consider the Bergman space  $A^2(\mathbf{D})$  consisting of all analytic functions  $f$  on the open unit disc  $\mathbf{D}$ , for which

$$\|f\|^2 = \int_{\mathbf{D}} |f(z)|^2 dA(z) < \infty, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $dA(z)$  is the normalized Lebesgue area measure on  $\mathbf{D}$ . If  $f \in A^2(\mathbf{D})$  is represented by  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ , then

$$\|f\|^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|^2}{n+1}. \quad (2.5)$$

Also,  $\{z^k\}_k$  forms an orthogonal basis for  $A^2(\mathbf{D})$ . Fix nonnegative integers  $k$  and  $n$ , and observe that

$$\|C_{\varphi}^n z^k\|^2 = \|\varphi_k^n\|^2 = \int_{\mathbf{D}} |\varphi_k^n(z)|^2 dA(z) \leq \int_{\mathbf{D}} dA(z) = 1. \quad (2.6)$$

Thus, Proposition 1.3 implies that  $C_{\varphi}^* \Delta_{\varphi} C_{\varphi} \geq \Delta_{\varphi} \geq 0$  if and only if  $C_{\varphi}$  is an isometry. In this case, taking  $T = C_{\varphi}$  and  $f(z) = z$  in Proposition 2.2, we conclude that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ ; thus, the Schwarz lemma implies that  $|\varphi(z)| \leq |z|$  for all  $z \in \mathbf{D}$ . On the other hand, if  $f(z) = z$  then

$$\int_{\mathbf{D}} |\varphi(z)|^2 dA(z) = \|C_{\varphi} f\|^2 = \|f\|^2 = \int_{\mathbf{D}} |z|^2 dA(z), \quad (2.7)$$

and so  $|\varphi(z)| = |z|$  almost everywhere with respect to the area measure. Hence,  $\varphi(z) = e^{i\theta} z$  for some  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ .

*Example 2.4.* Consider the Hardy space  $H^2(\mathbf{D})$ . If  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of the unit disc, then  $\varphi$  induces a bounded composition operator, and  $\|C_{\varphi}^n z^k\| \leq 1$  for all nonnegative integers  $n$  and  $k$ . Thus, by Proposition 1.3,  $C_{\varphi}^* \Delta_{\varphi} C_{\varphi} \geq \Delta_{\varphi} \geq 0$  if and only if  $C_{\varphi}$  is an isometry.

Recall that the Dirichlet space  $\mathfrak{D}$  is the set of all functions analytic on  $\mathbf{D}$  whose derivatives lie in the Bergman space  $A^2(\mathbf{D})$ . The Dirichlet norm is defined by

$$\|f\|_{\mathfrak{D}}^2 = |f(0)|^2 + \int_{\mathbf{D}} |f'(z)|^2 dA(z). \quad (2.8)$$

If  $\varphi$  is a univalent self-map of  $\mathbf{D}$ , then  $C_{\varphi}$  is bounded on  $\mathfrak{D}$  [2, page 18]. Also, the area formula [1, page 36], shows that

$$\|C_{\varphi} f\|_{\mathfrak{D}}^2 = |(f \circ \varphi)(0)|^2 + \int_{\mathbf{D}} |f'(z)|^2 n_{\varphi}(z) dA(z), \quad (2.9)$$

where  $n_{\varphi}(z)$  is, as usual, the counting function defined as the cardinality of the set  $\{w \in \mathbf{D} : \varphi(w) = z\}$ .

In the next theorem, we characterize all convex composition operators  $C_\varphi$  on  $\mathfrak{D}$  satisfying  $\Delta_\varphi \geq 0$ . Note that we cannot use Proposition 1.3 for the Dirichlet space, thanks to the fact that in general the positive powers of  $C_\varphi$  are not uniformly bounded on the  $z^i$ 's.

**Theorem 2.5.** *If  $C_\varphi$  is convex on the Dirichlet space  $\mathfrak{D}$ , then  $\Delta_\varphi \geq 0$  if and only if  $C_\varphi$  is an isometry.*

*Proof.* One implication is clear. Suppose that  $\Delta_\varphi$  is a positive operator, and take  $T = C_\varphi$  in Proposition 2.2. Since the identity function is in the subspace  $M = \{f \in \mathfrak{D} : f(0) = 0\}$ , we conclude that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ . Thus, in light of (2.9), to show that  $C_\varphi$  is an isometry it is sufficient to prove that

$$\int_{\mathbf{D}} |f'(z)|(1 - n_\varphi)(z)dA(z) = 0, \quad \forall f \in \mathfrak{D}. \quad (2.10)$$

Let  $f$  be any function in the Dirichlet space  $\mathfrak{D}$ . Then

$$0 \leq \left\langle \left( C_\varphi^* \Delta_\varphi C_\varphi - \Delta_\varphi \right) (f), f \right\rangle = \int_{\mathbf{D}} |f'(z)|^2 (n_{\varphi_2} - 2n_\varphi + 1)(z)dA(z). \quad (2.11)$$

Furthermore,

$$0 \leq \langle \Delta_\varphi f, f \rangle = \int_{\mathbf{D}} |f'(z)|^2 (n_\varphi - 1)(z)dA(z). \quad (2.12)$$

By summing up these two relations we get

$$\int_{\mathbf{D}} |f'(z)|^2 (n_{\varphi_2} - n_\varphi)(z)dA(z) \geq 0. \quad (2.13)$$

But  $n_{\varphi_2}(z) \leq n_\varphi(z)$ , and so

$$\int_{\mathbf{D}} |f'(z)|^2 (n_{\varphi_2} - n_\varphi)(z)dA(z) = 0, \quad \forall f \in \mathfrak{D}. \quad (2.14)$$

This, in turn, implies that  $n_{\varphi_2}(z) = n_\varphi(z)$  almost everywhere. Substituting this in (2.11), and then considering (2.12) the assertion will be completed.  $\square$

Observe that if  $\varphi(0) = 0$ ,  $n_{\varphi_2} - 2n_\varphi + 1 \geq 0$  almost everywhere, and  $C_\varphi$  is bounded on  $\mathfrak{D}$  then it is convex. Indeed,

$$\left\langle \left( C_\varphi^* \Delta_\varphi C_\varphi - \Delta_\varphi \right) f, f \right\rangle = \int_{\mathbf{D}} |f'(z)|^2 (n_{\varphi_2} - 2n_\varphi + 1)(z)dA(z) \geq 0. \quad (2.15)$$

In the next theorem, we turn to the adjoint of a composition operator and give necessary and sufficient conditions under which a convex operator  $C_\varphi^*$  is an isometry.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbf{D}$  with  $\varphi(0) = 0$ . If  $C_\varphi^*$  is a convex operator on  $H^2(\beta)$ , then it is an isometry if and only if  $\Delta_{C_\varphi^*} \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\Delta_{C_\varphi^*} \geq 0$ , and assume that  $\varphi$  is not the identity or an elliptic automorphism. By the Denjoy-Wolff theorem  $\varphi_n$  converges uniformly to zero on compact subsets of  $\mathbf{D}$  [1], and so for every  $z \in \mathbf{D}$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|K_{\varphi_n(z)}\| = \|K_0\|. \tag{2.16}$$

Proposition 1.2 coupled with the fact that  $C_\varphi^{*n} K_z = K_{\varphi_n(z)}$  implies that for all  $z \in \mathbf{D}$  and all nonnegative integers  $n$ ,

$$\|K_{\varphi_n(z)}\|^2 \geq n \left( \|K_{\varphi(z)}\|^2 - \|K_z\|^2 \right) + \|K_z\|^2. \tag{2.17}$$

Furthermore, the positivity of  $\Delta_T$  shows that  $\|K_{\varphi(z)}\| \geq \|K_z\|$ . Thus, in light of (2.16) and (2.17) we conclude that  $\|K_z\| = \|K_{\varphi(z)}\|$  for all  $z \in \mathbf{D}$ , and so  $\|K_z\| = \|K_{\varphi_n(z)}\|$  for every positive integer  $n$ . Consequently,  $\|K_z\| = \|K_0\|$  for all  $z \in \mathbf{D}$ . It follows that

$$1 = \|K_0\|^2 = \|K_z\|^2 = k \left( |z|^2 \right) = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left( |z|^2 \right)^j}{\beta(j)^2}, \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbf{D}. \tag{2.18}$$

This contradiction shows that  $\varphi$  is the identity or an elliptic automorphism. Thus, there is a  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$  so that  $\varphi(z) = e^{i\theta} z$  for all  $z \in \mathbf{D}$ . Now, if  $\omega \in \mathbf{D}$  then

$$C_\varphi^* K_\omega(z) = K_{\varphi(\omega)}(z) = k \left( \overline{\varphi(\omega)} z \right) = K_\omega \left( e^{-i\theta} z \right) = K_\omega \left( \varphi^{-1}(z) \right) = C_{\varphi^{-1}} K_\omega(z). \tag{2.19}$$

It follows that  $C_\varphi^* = C_{\varphi^{-1}}$ . But it is easily seen that  $\|C_{\varphi^{-1}} f\| = \|f\|$  for every  $f \in H^2(\beta)$ . Hence,  $C_\varphi^*$  is an isometry. The converse is obvious.  $\square$

### 3. Multiplication Operators

This section deals with convex multiplication operators on a weighted Hardy space. Recall that a multiplier of  $H^2(\beta)$  is an analytic function  $\varphi$  on  $\mathbf{D}$  such that  $\varphi H^2(\beta) \subseteq H^2(\beta)$ . The set of all multipliers of  $H^2(\beta)$  is denoted by  $M(H^2(\beta))$ . It is known that  $M(H^2(\beta)) \subseteq H^\infty$ . In fact, if  $\varphi \in M(H^2(\beta))$  and  $f$  is the constant function 1 then for every positive integer  $n$  and for every  $z \in \mathbf{D}$  we have

$$|\varphi(z)| = \left| \left\langle M_\varphi^n f, K_z \right\rangle \right|^{1/n} \leq \|M_\varphi^n f\|^{1/n} \|K_z\|^{1/n} \leq \|M_\varphi\| \|K_z\|^{1/n}. \tag{3.1}$$

Now, letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we conclude that  $\varphi$  is bounded. This coupled with the fact that  $\varphi \in H^2(\beta)$  implies that  $\varphi \in H^\infty$ . If  $\varphi$  is a multiplier, then the multiplication operator  $M_\varphi$ , defined by  $M_\varphi f = \varphi f$ , is bounded on  $H^2(\beta)$ . Also note that for each  $\lambda \in \mathbf{D}$ ,  $M_\varphi^* K_\lambda = \overline{\varphi(\lambda)} K_\lambda$ .

In what follows, the operator  $M_\varphi$  is assumed to be convex. First, we present an example of a nonisometric convex multiplication operator  $T$  with  $\Delta_T \geq 0$ .

*Example 3.1.* Consider the weighted Hardy space  $H^2(\beta)$  with weight sequence  $(\beta(n))_n$  given by  $\beta(n) = n + 1$ . Define the mapping  $\varphi$  on  $\mathbf{D}$  by  $\varphi(z) = z^2$ . Obviously,  $M_\varphi$  is bounded. Furthermore, it is easy to see that for every nonnegative integer  $k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_\varphi^2 z^k\|^2 - 2\|M_\varphi z^k\|^2 + \|z^k\|^2 &> 0, \\ \|M_\varphi z^k\| &> \|z^k\|. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Consequently,  $M_\varphi$  is convex but not an isometry. Besides,  $\Delta_{M_\varphi}$  is a positive operator.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $H^\infty$  consist of all multipliers of  $H^2(\beta)$ , and let  $\varphi \in H^\infty$  be such that  $\|\varphi\|_\infty \leq 1$ . If  $T = M_\varphi$  or  $T = M_\varphi^*$  then  $T^* \Delta_T T \geq \Delta_T \geq 0$  if and only if  $T$  is an isometry.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $T$  is  $M_\varphi$  or  $M_\varphi^*$  and  $T^* \Delta_T T \geq \Delta_T \geq 0$ . Define the linear mapping  $S : H^\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(H^2(\beta))$  by  $S(\psi) = M_\psi$ . An application of the closed graph theorem implies that  $S$  is bounded. Therefore, there is  $c > 0$  such that for all  $\psi \in H^\infty$ ,

$$\|M_\psi\| \leq c \|\psi\|_\infty. \quad (3.3)$$

It follows that for every  $f \in H^2(\beta)$  and every nonnegative integer  $n$ ,

$$\|M_\varphi^n f\| \leq c \|\varphi^n\|_\infty \|f\| \leq c \|f\|. \quad (3.4)$$

Thus,  $\sup_{n \geq 0} \|M_\varphi^n f\| < \infty$  for every  $f \in H^2(\beta)$ . Since  $\|M_\varphi^*\| = \|M_\varphi\|$  for all  $\varphi \in H^\infty$ , by a similar method one can show that  $\sup_{n \geq 0} \|M_\varphi^{*n} f\| < \infty$  for all  $f \in H^2(\beta)$ . Therefore, the result follows from Proposition 1.3.  $\square$

*Example 3.3.* Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the Bergman space or the Hardy space and let  $T$  be  $M_\varphi$  or its adjoint on  $\mathcal{H}$ . It is well known that  $M(\mathcal{H}) = H^\infty$ . So if  $\varphi$  is a multiplier with  $\|\varphi\|_\infty \leq 1$ , then by applying the preceding theorem, we observe that  $T^* \Delta_T T \geq \Delta_T \geq 0$  if and only if  $T$  is an isometry.

We remark herein that if  $\varphi(z) = z$  and  $T = M_\varphi$  on the Dirichlet space  $\mathfrak{D}$ , then it is easily seen that  $T^* \Delta_T T \geq \Delta_T \geq 0$  but  $T$  is not an isometry.

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