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Abstract. We show that the symbol of a bounded composition operator on the Wiener algebra of Dirichlet series does not need to belong to this algebra. Our example even gives an absolutely summing (hence compact) composition operator.

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1 Introduction

In [3] (see also [5]), composition operators on the Wiener algebra \mathcal{A}^+ of all absolutely convergent Dirichlet series were studied.

Recall that \mathcal{A}^+ is the space of all analytic maps $f: \mathbb{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ which can be written

$$f(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s} \quad \text{with} \quad \|f\|_{\mathcal{A}^+} := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < +\infty,$$

where, for $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, we note $\mathbb{C}_\theta = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; \Re z > \theta\}$. If $\phi: \mathbb{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_0$ is an analytic function, the composition operator $C_\phi: \mathcal{A}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^+$ of symbol ϕ on this space is defined as $C_\phi(f) = f \circ \phi$. Gordon and Hedenmalm, for the Hilbert space \mathcal{H}^2 , showed in [6] that such a symbol has necessarily the form

$$(1.1) \quad \phi(s) = c_0 s + \varphi(s),$$

where $c_0 \geq 0$ is an integer and φ is a convergent Dirichlet series with values in \mathbb{C}_0 , that is $\varphi: \mathbb{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_0$ is an analytic function which can be written $\varphi(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n n^{-s}$ for $\Re s$ large enough. Moreover, this Dirichlet series is uniformly convergent in \mathbb{C}_ε for all $\varepsilon > 0$ ([13, pages 1625–1626 and Theorem 3.1]; see also [12, Theorem 8.4.1, page 245]).

It is shown in [3, Theorem 2.3] that C_ϕ is bounded on \mathcal{A}^+ if and only if $\sup_{N \geq 1} \|N^{-\phi}\|_{\mathcal{A}^+} < +\infty$, and that it is compact if and only if $\|N^{-\phi}\|_{\mathcal{A}^+} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$. Note that it is actually proved in [6, Theorem 4] that if $N^{-\phi}$ is a Dirichlet series

for all $N \geq 1$, then ϕ has necessarily the form (1.1). Then $\|N^{-\phi}\|_{\mathcal{A}^+} = \|N^{-\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{A}^+}$, so c_0 plays no role, so we assume in the sequel that $c_0 = 0$.

When X is a Banach space of analytic functions that contains the identity map $u: z \mapsto z$, and $C_\phi: X \rightarrow X$ is a composition operator, then $\phi = C_\phi(u)$ belongs to X . For $X = \mathcal{A}^+$, it is not the case, so it is natural to ask if $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}^+$ when $C_\varphi: \mathcal{A}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^+$ is a bounded composition operator. The object of this short note is to give a negative answer (Theorem 2.1).

Let us point out that it is proved in [3, Proposition 2.9] that $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}^+$ does not suffice to have a bounded composition operator on \mathcal{A}^+ ; the symbol is even a Dirichlet polynomial

$$\varphi(s) = c_1 + c_r r^{-s} + c_{r^2} r^{-2s}$$

where $r \geq 2$ is an integer and $c_r, c_{r^2} > 0$. For such a Dirichlet polynomial, it is proved that C_φ is not bounded if $\Re c_1 < \frac{(c_r)^2}{8c_{r^2}}$ and $c_r \leq 4c_{r^2}$ (for example, $c_r = 4$, $c_{r^2} = 1$ and $\Re c_1 < 2$).

2 Main result

Recall that $\varphi: \mathbb{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a convergent Dirichlet series, if φ is analytic on \mathbb{C}_0 and we can write $\varphi(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$ for $\Re s$ large enough.

Theorem 2.1. *There exists a convergent Dirichlet series φ inducing a bounded composition operator $C_\varphi: \mathcal{A}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^+$, but such that $\varphi \notin \mathcal{A}^+$. Moreover, $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}^p$ for all $p < \infty$ and C_φ is compact and absolutely summing.*

Let us recall the definition of the Hardy space \mathcal{H}^p of Dirichlet series, following [2]. That uses the Bohr representation of Dirichlet series. Let $(p_j)_{j \geq 1}$ be the increasing sequence of all the prime numbers (so $p_1 = 2$, $p_2 = 3$, $p_3 = 5$, and so on). If $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}$ is the decomposition of the integer n in prime factors, to the Dirichlet series $\varphi(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$ is associated the Taylor series $(\Delta\varphi)(z) = \sum_{\alpha} a_n z_1^{\alpha_1} z_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots z_r^{\alpha_r}$, where $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r, 0, 0, \dots)$. Due to Kronecker's theorem, φ is bounded if and only if $\Delta\varphi$ is bounded, and $\|\varphi\|_{\infty} = \|\Delta\varphi\|_{\infty}$. The Hardy space \mathcal{H}^p is the space of all convergent Dirichlet series φ for which $\Delta\varphi$ belongs to the Hardy space $H^p(\mathbb{T}^{\infty})$, with the norm $\|\varphi\|_{\mathcal{H}^p} = \|\Delta\varphi\|_{H^p}$.

Note that \mathcal{A}^+ is isometrically isomorphic, by this map Δ , to the Wiener algebra $A^+(\mathbb{T}^{\infty})$.

Let us also recall that a bounded linear map $u: X \rightarrow Y$ between two Banach spaces X and Y is r -summing ($1 \leq r < \infty$) if there is a positive constant K such that

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \|u(x_k)\|^r \right)^{1/r} \leq K \sup_{\xi \in B_{X^*}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |\xi(x_k)|^r \right)^{1/r}$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$, $n \geq 1$, and where B_{X^*} is the unit ball of X^* . For $r = 1$, these operators are also said absolutely summing.

Proof of the theorem. We are going to take a symbol φ of the form $\varphi(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k 2^{-ks} = f(2^{-s})$, where $f: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_0$ is an analytic function such that $\sup_{N \geq 1} \|N^{-f}\|_{A^+(\mathbb{D})} < +\infty$, but $f \notin H^\infty$.

Recall that $A^+ = A^+(\mathbb{D})$ is the space of all analytic functions $u: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $u(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$, with $\|u\|_{A^+(\mathbb{D})} := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n| < +\infty$.

We choose for f a conformal map sending the unit disk \mathbb{D} onto the half-strip

$$R = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; \Re z > 1 \text{ and } |\Im z| < \pi\}.$$

Explicitly, we take $f = \tau_1 \circ L \circ h \circ c \circ T$, where

$$\begin{aligned} T(z) &= \frac{1+z}{1-z}; & c(z) &= e^{i\pi/4} \sqrt{z}; \\ h(z) &= \frac{iz+1}{z+i}; & L(z) &= -2 \log z; \end{aligned}$$

and $\tau_1(z) = z + 1$. T maps the unit disk \mathbb{D} onto the right-half plane; then c sends the right-half plane onto the first quadrant; h the first quadrant onto the right-half of \mathbb{D} ; L this right-half of \mathbb{D} onto the half-strip $\{|\Im z| < \pi, \Re z > 0\}$, and finally the translation τ_1 sends this half-strip onto the half-strip R .

This map is clearly not in H^∞ , but, for every $\beta \in (0, \pi/2)$, there is a positive constant C_β such that $R + C_\beta$ is contained in the angular sector of vertex 0 and of opening β ; it follows (see [4, Theorem 3.2]) that $f + C_\beta \in H^p$ for all $p < \pi/\beta$; so $f \in H^p$ for all $p < \infty$. We can also see that

$$f(e^{it}) = \alpha \log |i - e^{it}| + g(t),$$

with $g \in L^\infty$ and α a constant, so that $f \in H^{\Psi_1}$, the Hardy-Orlicz space attached to the Orlicz function $\Psi_1(x) = e^x - 1$, and

$$\|f\|_p = O(p)$$

as p goes to infinity.

Since $f \notin H^\infty$, we a fortiori have $f \notin A^+$, so $\varphi \notin \mathcal{A}^+$. However $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}^p$ for all $p < \infty$ since $f \in H^p$ for these values of p .

We now have to show that $N^{-\varphi} \in \mathcal{A}^+$, i.e. $N^{-f} \in A^+$, for all $N \geq 1$. This is clear for $N = 1$. For $N \geq 2$, we have $N^{-f} = \exp(-f \log N)$, and the range of $f \log N$ is the half-strip

$$R_N = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; \Re z > \log N \text{ and } |\Im z| < \pi \log N\}.$$

Under the exponential map e^{-z} , ∂R_N is transformed as follows:

- 1) the vertical segment $[\log N - i\pi \log N, \log N + i\pi \log N]$ is sent onto the circle of center 0 and radius $1/N$, browsed $\log N$ times;
- 2) the half-line $\{t \log N + i\pi \log N; t \geq 1\}$ is one-to-one mapped onto the radius $(0, e^{-i\pi \log N}/N]$;
- 3) the half-line $\{t \log N - i\pi \log N; t \geq 1\}$ is one-to-one mapped onto the radius $(0, e^{i\pi \log N}/N]$.

Hence, if $F_N = N^{-f}$, we have

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |F'_N(e^{it})| dt = \frac{2}{N} + 2\pi \frac{\log N}{N} < +\infty,$$

so $(N^{-f})' \in H^1$. By Hardy's inequality (see [4, Corollary page 48]), it follows that $N^{-f} \in A^+$, and there exists a positive constant C such that $\|N^{-f}\|_{A^+} \leq C \log N/N$. In particular, $\|N^{-\varphi}\|_{A^+} = \|N^{-f}\|_{A^+} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$, so $C_\varphi: \mathcal{A}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^+$ is compact, by [3, Theorem 2.3].

To end the proof, remark that, writing $u_N(s) = N^{-s}$, we have

$$\sum_{N=2}^{\infty} \|C_\varphi(u_N)\|_{\mathcal{A}^+}^2 = \sum_{N=2}^{\infty} \|N^{-\varphi}\|_{\mathcal{A}^+}^2 \leq C^2 \sum_{N=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\log N)^2}{N^2} < +\infty.$$

Hence, using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we can define a bounded linear operator $S: \ell_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^+$ by sending the N -th vector e_N of the canonical basis of ℓ_2 to $N^{-\varphi}$, and we have the factorization $C_\varphi = ST$, where $T: \mathcal{A}^+ \rightarrow \ell_2$ is defined by setting $T(u_N) = e_N$. But \mathcal{A}^+ is isometrically isomorphic to ℓ_1 , and the canonical injection from ℓ_1 to ℓ_2 is 1-summing (this was first remarked by Pietsch [10, § 1, Satz 10], and it is a particular case of the Grothendieck theorem). Let us recall why that holds. To each $(\alpha_k)_{k \geq 1} \in \ell_1$, we associate the L^∞ function $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k r_k$, where $(r_k)_{k \geq 1}$ is the sequence of the Rademacher functions on $[0, 1]$; the canonical injection from $L^\infty(0, 1)$ into $L^1(0, 1)$ is absolutely summing (see [11, top of page 11], or [1, Remark 8.2.9]) and, by Khintchin's inequalities (see [8, Chapitre 0, Théorème IV.1], or [9, Chapter 1, Theorem IV.1]), the L^1 -norm of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k r_k$ is equivalent to $(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_k|^2)^{1/2}$.

It follows that C_φ is 1-summing. \square

Note that, since $\mathcal{A}^+ \cong \ell_1$ has the Schur property, and since every q -summing operator is weakly compact, every q -summing operator into \mathcal{A}^+ is compact.

A slight modification of the proof gives a variant of Theorem 2.1.

Theorem 2.2. *For every $p \in (1, \infty)$, there exists a convergent Dirichlet series φ such that $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}^q$ for all $q < p$, but $\varphi \notin \mathcal{H}^p$, and such that φ induces a bounded composition operator $C_\varphi: \mathcal{A}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^+$. Moreover, C_φ is compact and is absolutely summing.*

Proof. We replace the conformal map f of Theorem 2.1 by a conformal map f from \mathbb{D} onto the intersection of the angular sector $\{z \in \mathbb{C}_0; |\arg z| < \pi/2p\}$ with the half-plane \mathbb{C}_1 . We have $f \notin H^p$ though $f \in H^q$ for all $q < p$ (see [7, top of page 237]). We set $\varphi(s) = f(2^{-s})$ for $\Re s > 0$. We have $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}^q$ for all $q < p$, but $\varphi \notin \mathcal{H}^p$.

For all $N \geq 1$, we have $N^{-f} \in A^+$. This is clear for $N = 1$. For $N \geq 2$, let $\beta = \pi/2p$ and $\gamma_\pm(t) = \exp(-e^{\pm i\beta}t)$, with $t \geq \log N / \cos \beta$, then the boundary

of the range of $F_N = N^{-f}$ is the union of γ_+ and γ_- , and of the circle of radius $1/N$ browsed $(1/\pi)(\tan \beta) \log N$ times. Since

$$\int_{\log N / \cos \beta}^{+\infty} |\gamma'_{\pm}(t)| dt = \int_{\log N / \cos \beta}^{+\infty} e^{-(\cos \beta)t} dt = \frac{1}{\cos \beta} \frac{1}{N},$$

we get that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |F'_N(e^{it})| dt = \frac{2}{\cos \beta} \frac{1}{N} + \frac{\tan \beta}{\pi} \frac{\log N}{N} < +\infty,$$

so $F'_N \in H^1$ and $F_N = N^{-f} \in A^+$.

Moreover, $\|N^{-\varphi}\|_{A^+} = \|N^{-f}\|_{A^+} \lesssim \log N / N \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$, so C_φ is compact on \mathcal{A}^+ .

Since $\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \|N^{-\varphi}\|_{A^+}^2 < +\infty$, we get, as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, that C_φ is 1-summing. \square

3 Another result

Let us remark that the example of [3, Proposition 2.9] quoted in the Introduction is a Dirichlet polynomial φ such that $N^{-\varphi} \in \mathcal{A}^+$ for all $N \geq 1$, though the associated composition operator C_φ is not bounded from \mathcal{A}^+ into itself.

Theorem 3.1. *For any non-negative number $A \in \mathbb{R}_+$, there exists a convergent Dirichlet series φ such that $\varphi(\mathbb{C}_0) \subseteq \mathbb{C}_A$, but such that, for any $N \geq 2$, we have $N^{-\varphi} \notin \mathcal{A}^+$.*

In particular, the composition operator C_φ is not bounded from \mathcal{A}^+ into itself.

That will follow from the following result.

Lemma 3.2. *Let $N \geq 2$ and let $\varphi: \mathbb{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be an analytic function such that $N^{-\varphi} \in \mathcal{A}^+$. Then, for every $a \in \mathbb{R}$, either $\varphi(s)$ has a limit as s tends to ia , or $\Re \varphi(s)$ tends to $+\infty$ as s tends to ia .*

Proof. Since $N^{-\varphi}$ belongs to \mathcal{A}^+ , it is continuous on $\overline{\mathbb{C}_0}$; hence it has limits at every point $ia \in i\mathbb{R}$. If this limit is 0, that means that $\Re \varphi(s) \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow ia} +\infty$. If not, we have $\lim_{s \rightarrow ia} N^{-\varphi(s)} = c \neq 0$. Therefore, if $r < |c|$, there is some open disk V centered at ia such that $N^{-\varphi(s)} \in D(c, r)$ when $s \in V$. Let F be a determination of the logarithm in $D(c, r)$. Then

$$\psi(s) := F[N^{-\varphi(s)}] \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow ia} F(c).$$

Since

$$\exp[-\varphi(s) \log N] = N^{-\varphi(s)} = \exp[\psi(s)],$$

there exists $k = k(s) \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\psi(s) = -\varphi(s) \log N + 2k(s)\pi i$. But φ and ψ are continuous on $V \cap \mathbb{C}_0$; it follows that $k(s)$ is constant. Therefore

$$\varphi(s) = -\psi(s) + 2k\pi i \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow ia} -F(c) + 2k\pi i. \quad \square$$

Proof of Theorem 3.1. Let

$$\varphi(s) = A + 1 + \exp\left(-\frac{1 + 2^{-s}}{1 - 2^{-s}}\right).$$

Then φ is a convergent Dirichlet series and maps \mathbb{C}_0 into \mathbb{C}_A . However, $N^{-\varphi} \notin \mathcal{A}^+$ because φ does not have a limit as s goes to 0. \square

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