

II. Composition operator adjoints

1. Last time:

- $\mathbb{U} = \{|z| < 1\}$
- $\varphi : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}$ holomorphic.
- $C_\varphi : \text{Hol}(\mathbb{U}) \rightarrow \text{Hol}(\mathbb{U})$ defined by:

$$C_\varphi f = f \circ \varphi.$$

(a) Littlewood (1925):

$$C_\varphi : H^2 \rightarrow H^2 \quad \text{bounded lin. op.}$$

(b) Intertwining: $XA = BX$ ($X \neq 0$)

- For $f, g \in H^\infty$:

$$C_\varphi T_g = T_h C_\varphi \iff g = h \circ \varphi.$$

- $(C_{z^2})^* T_{z^2} = T_z (C_{z^2})^*$,

HOWEVER

- No *comp. op.* intertwines T_{z^2} and T_z .

2. Question for today: $C_\varphi^* = ??$

(a) *Reproducing kernels.* For $a \in \mathbb{U}$:

$$K_a(z) := \frac{1}{1 - a^*z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a^*)^n z^n$$

Notation: $a^* := \bar{a}$

(b) *Recall:* $\forall f \in H^2$:

$$f(a) = \langle f, K_a \rangle \quad (a \in \mathbb{U})$$

(c) *Consequence:* $C_\varphi^* K_a = K_{\varphi(a)}$

Proof. $\forall a \in \mathbb{U}, f \in H^2$:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, C_\varphi^* K_a \rangle &= \langle C_\varphi f, K_a \rangle \\ &= \langle f \circ \varphi, K_a \rangle \\ &= f(\varphi(a)) \\ &= \langle f, K_{\varphi(a)} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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(d) *Recall:* $T_f^* K_a = f(a)^* K_a$

3. Cowen's Adjoint Thm.

If $\varphi : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}$ is linear fractional:

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \quad (\neq \text{constant})$$

then $C_\varphi^* = T_g C_\sigma T_h^*$

where

- $h(z) = cz + d \in H^\infty$

- $g(z) = \frac{1}{d^* - b^*z} \in H^\infty \quad (|d/b| = 1/|\varphi(0)| > 1)$

- $\sigma(z) = \frac{a^*z - c^*}{-b^*z + d^*} : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}$

$\sigma = (\rho \circ \varphi^{-1} \circ \rho)$ where

$\rho(z) = 1/z^*$; reflection in unit circle.)

4. Proof of Cowen's Theorem

Given: $\varphi(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}$

To Show: $C_\varphi^* = T_g C_\sigma T_h^*$

Enough to check this on *reproducing kernels* !

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_\varphi^* K_z(w) &= K_{\varphi(z)}(w) = \frac{1}{1 - \varphi(z)^* w} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{a^* z^* + b^*}{c^* z^* + d^*} \right) w} \\
 &= \frac{c^* z^* + d^*}{(c^* z^* + d^*) - (a^* z^* + b^*) w} \\
 &= \frac{c^* z^* + d^*}{(c^* - a^* w) z^* + (d^* - b^* w)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{d^* - b^* w} \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{a^* w - c^*}{-b^* w + d^*} \right) z^*} (cz + d)^* \\
 &= g(w) \quad K_z(\sigma(w)) \quad h(z)^* \\
 &= T_g C_\sigma T_h^* K_z \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Beyond Linear-fractional – I

Simplest case: $\varphi(z) = z^2$

$\forall f, g \in H^2$:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle (C_{z^2})^* f, g \rangle &= \langle f, C_{z^2} g \rangle \\ &= \langle \sum \hat{f}(n) z^n, \sum \hat{g}(n) z^{2n} \rangle \\ &= \sum \hat{f}(2n) \hat{g}(n)^* \\ &= \langle \sum \hat{f}(2n) z^n, \sum \hat{g}(n) z^n \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\forall f \in H^2$:

$$\begin{aligned}(C_{z^2})^* f(z) &= \sum \hat{f}(2n) z^n \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[f(\sqrt{z}) + f(-\sqrt{z})]\end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$C_{z^2} = \text{“} \frac{1}{2}(C_{\sqrt{z}} + C_{-\sqrt{z}}) \text{”}$$

6. Beyond Linear-fractional – II

$\varphi : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}$ rational.

- McDonald 2003 (Blaschke products)
- Martín–Vukotić 2006 (Residues)
- Cowen–Gallardo 2006 (“mult-valued” wtd. comp. ops.)
- Hammond–Moorhouse–Robbins (HMR) 2007 (complete solution)
- Bourdon–Shapiro 2008 “Branch-less” proof of (HMR)

TODAY: *The HMR formula.*

Thm (HMR). *If $\varphi : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}$ rat'l, degree $d \geq 1$:*

$$C_\varphi^* f(z) = \frac{f(0)}{1 - \varphi(\infty)^* z} + \sum_{j=1}^d g_j(z) f(\sigma_j(z))$$

where

- $z \in \mathbb{U} \setminus \{\text{finite set}\},$
- $\{\sigma_1(z), \dots, \sigma_d(z)\} = (\rho \circ \varphi \circ \rho)^{-1}(\{z\}),$
- $g_j(z) = z \frac{\sigma'_j(z)}{\sigma_j(z)} .$

7. HMR continued

Thm. $\varphi : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}$ rat'l, degree = d .

- $\varphi_e = \rho \circ \varphi \circ \rho : \mathbb{U}_e \rightarrow \mathbb{U}_e$.
- $z \in \mathbb{U} \setminus \{\varphi_e(0)\}$ regular for φ_e .
- $\varphi_e^{-1}(\{z\}) = \{\sigma_1(z), \dots, \sigma_d(z)\}$.
- $g_j(z) = z \frac{\sigma'_j(z)}{\sigma_j(z)}$.

\Rightarrow

$$C_\varphi^* f(z) = \frac{f(0)}{1 - \varphi(\infty)^* z} + \sum_{j=1}^d g_j(z) f(\sigma_j(z))$$

Example. $\varphi(z) \equiv z^2$

- $\varphi_e(z) \equiv z^2$, so $\varphi_e(\infty) = \infty$ and
- $\sigma_1(z) = \sqrt{z}$, $\sigma_2(z) = -\sqrt{z}$
- $g_j(z) \equiv 1/2$.

\Rightarrow

$$C_{z^2}^* f(z) = \frac{1}{2} f(\sqrt{z}) + \frac{1}{2} f(-\sqrt{z})$$

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\Rightarrow

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“Wishful Thinking Formula”

$$(WTF) \quad C_\varphi^* = \Lambda_\infty + \sum_{j=1}^d T_{g_j} C_{\sigma_j}$$

Qn. When is (WTF) “legitimate?”

NOT ALWAYS: e.g., $\varphi(z) = z^2$!!

9. Example: (WTF) “legitimate”

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{1}{3 - z - z^2}$$

$$\varphi_e(w) = 1/\varphi(1/w^*)^* = 3 - \frac{1}{w} - \frac{1}{w^2}$$

Solve $z = \varphi_e(w)$ to get $w = \sigma_j(z)$

$$\sigma_1(z) = \frac{1 + \sqrt{13 - 4z}}{2(2 - z)}$$

$$\sigma_2(z) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{13 - 4z}}{2(2 - z)}$$

where “ $\sqrt{\quad}$ ” = principal branch.

- σ_1, σ_2 holomorphic on $\mathbb{C} \setminus (\frac{13}{4}, \infty)$
- $\varphi(\infty) = 0$, so $\Lambda_\infty : f \rightarrow f(0)$

$$C_\varphi^* = \Lambda_\infty + T_{g_1}C_{\sigma_1} + T_{g_2}C_{\sigma_2}$$

a “legitimate operator equation.”

The Key: Critical values of φ all lie in \mathbb{U} !!

10. “Branch-less” proof of HMR

$$C_\varphi^* f(z) = \frac{f(0)}{1 - \varphi(\infty)^* z} + \sum_{j=1}^d g_j(z) f(\sigma_j(z))$$

(a) $C_\varphi^* f(z) = \langle C_\varphi^* f, K_z \rangle = \langle f, C_\varphi K_z \rangle = \langle f, K_z \circ \varphi \rangle$

(b) $C_\varphi^* f(0) = f(0)$

(c) Fix $z \in \mathbb{U} \setminus \{0, \rho(\varphi(\infty))\}$, reg. value of φ_e :

(d) $K_z(\varphi(w)) = \frac{1}{1 - z^* \varphi(w)}$

distinct poles $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d\} = \varphi^{-1}(\{\rho(z)\})$

$$\begin{aligned} K_z \circ \varphi(w) &= \alpha + \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\beta_j}{w - w_j} \quad (K_z(\varphi(\infty)) \neq \infty, w_j \in \mathbb{U}_e) \\ &= \alpha - \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\beta_j/w_j}{1 - w/w_j} \\ &= \alpha - \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\beta_j \rho(w_j)^*}{1 - \rho(w_j)^* w} \quad (\rho(w_j) \in \mathbb{U}) \\ &= \alpha - \sum_{j=1}^d \beta_j \rho(w_j)^* K_{\rho(w_j)}(w) \end{aligned}$$

$$C_\varphi^* f(z) = \frac{f(0)}{1 - \varphi(\infty) z^*} - \sum_{j=1}^d \beta_j^* \rho(w_j) f(\rho(w_j))$$

11. Computation of β_j 's

$$\text{Goal: } C_\varphi^* f(z) = \frac{f(0)}{1 - \varphi(\infty)^* z} + \sum_{j=1}^d g_j(z) f(\sigma_j(z))$$

So far:

- $C_\varphi^* f(z) = \langle f, K_z \circ \varphi \rangle$

- $K_z(\varphi(w)) = \alpha + \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\beta_j}{w - w_j}$ (finite at ∞ , simple poles)

- $C_\varphi^* f(z) = \frac{f(0)}{1 - \varphi(\infty)^* z} - \sum_{j=1}^d \beta_j^* \rho(w_j) f(\rho(w_j))$

(b) Compute β_j 's—residues!

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_j &= \lim_{w \rightarrow w_j} K_z(\varphi(w)) \\ &= \lim_{w \rightarrow w_j} \frac{w - w_j}{[1 - z^* \varphi(w)] - [1 - z^* \varphi(w_j)]} \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dw} [1 - z^* \varphi(w)]_{w=w_j} \right)^{-1} \\ &= -(z^* \varphi'(w_j))^{-1} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

So far:

$$C_\varphi^* f(z) = \frac{f(0)}{1 - \varphi(\infty)^* z} + \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\rho(w_j)}{z \varphi'(w_j)^*} f(\rho(w_j))$$

12. Endgame

$$\text{Goal: } C_\varphi^* f(z) = \frac{f(0)}{1 - \varphi(\infty)^* z} + \sum_{j=1}^d g_j(z) f(\sigma_j(z))$$

So far:

$$C_\varphi^* f(z) = \frac{f(0)}{1 - \varphi(\infty)^* z} + \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\rho(w_j)}{z \varphi'(w_j)^*} f(\rho(w_j))$$

- $\{w_j\}_1^d = \{\text{poles of } K_z(\varphi(w))\} = \varphi^{-1}(\{\rho(z)\})$
- $\{\rho(w_j)\} = \varphi_e^{-1}(\{z\}) = \{\sigma_1(z), \dots, \sigma_d(z)\}$

\Rightarrow

$$C_\varphi^* f(z) = \frac{f(0)}{1 - \varphi(\infty)^* z} + \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\sigma_j(z)}{z \varphi'(\rho(\sigma_j(z)))^*} f(\sigma_j(z))$$

To Show:

$$g_j(z) := \frac{z \sigma_j'(z)}{\sigma_j(z)} = \frac{\sigma_j(z)}{z \varphi'(\rho(\sigma_j(z)))^*}$$

13. End of endgame

Given: $\varphi_e(\sigma(z)) \equiv z, \quad \varphi_e = \rho \circ \varphi \circ \rho$

Show: $\frac{\sigma(z)}{z \varphi'(\rho(\sigma(z)))^*} = z \frac{\sigma'(z)}{\sigma(z)}$

Proof. Write $\varphi^*(z) = \varphi(z^*)^*$.

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_e(\sigma(z)) \equiv z &\iff \varphi^*(1/\sigma(z)) = 1/z \\ &\Rightarrow 1/z^2 = \varphi^{*'}(1/\sigma(z)) \sigma(z)^{-2} \sigma'(z) \\ &= \varphi'(1/\sigma(z)^*)^* \sigma(z)^{-2} \sigma'(z) \\ &= \varphi'(\rho(\sigma(z)))^* \sigma(z)^{-2} \sigma'(z) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma(z)}{z \varphi'(\rho(\sigma(z)))^*} = \frac{\sigma(z)}{z} \frac{z^2 \sigma'(z)}{\sigma(z)^2} \\ &= z \frac{\sigma'(z)}{\sigma(z)} \end{aligned}$$

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