

Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors for Compact Composition operators on H^2 , A^2 , weighted Bergman spaces, and many others

Recall that on these spaces C_φ compact implies that the D.W. point of φ is in \mathbb{D} because compactness implies φ has no finite angular derivatives, i.e. no fixed point b on $\partial\mathbb{D}$ with $\varphi'(b) < \infty$.

This means that, a, the D.W. point of φ is in \mathbb{D} .

Without loss of generality $a=0$ because $\psi(z) = \frac{a-z}{1-\bar{a}z}$ is an automorphism of the disk so that $\psi(a)=0$ and $\psi(0)=a$ (and indeed $\psi^{-1} = \bar{\psi}$).

$$\text{Thus } C_{\psi^{-1}} C_\varphi C_\psi = C_{\psi^{-1}} C_\varphi C_\psi = C_\psi C_\varphi C_\psi = C_{\psi \circ \varphi \circ \psi}$$

So C_φ is similar to $C_{\psi \circ \varphi \circ \psi}$ and this means

C_φ compact $\Leftrightarrow C_{\psi \circ \varphi \circ \psi}$ compact and

λ is an eigenvalue of $C_\varphi \Leftrightarrow \lambda$ is an eigenvalue of $C_{\psi \circ \varphi \circ \psi}$ and both have same multiplicity, etc.

Notice That $\psi(\varphi(\psi(0))) = \psi(\varphi(a)) = \psi(a) = 0$ so $\psi \circ \varphi \circ \psi$ is a map of \mathbb{D} into \mathbb{D} with D.W. point 0.

Since C_φ is assumed compact and we know $\sigma(C_\varphi)$ is $\{0\}$ together with (possibly) a sequence of eigenvalues converging to 0, we want to find from H^2 and $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ so that

$$C_\varphi f = \lambda f, \quad \text{We know } f \circ \varphi \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow f \equiv 0$$

so $\lambda=0$ is not an eigenvalue and we know that $1 \circ \varphi = 1 \circ 1$ so $\lambda=1$ is always an eigenvalue for C_φ .

Also, if C_φ is compact φ is not an automorphism.

The functional equation $f \circ \varphi = \lambda f$ for a given φ is called Schroeder's functional equation and it was first solved by Koenigs in 1884.

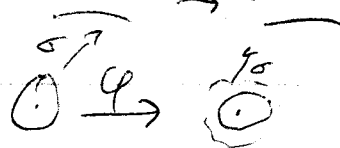
Koenigs proved that for $\varphi: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ $\varphi(0) = 0$ and $\varphi'(0) \neq 0$ then the functional equation $f \circ \varphi = \lambda f$ has a solution $\Leftrightarrow \lambda = \varphi'(0)^n$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and for each $\lambda = \varphi'(0)^n$ the solution space is 1-dimensional.

The solution of $f \circ \varphi = \varphi'(0) f$ and $f'(0) = 1$ is often called "Koenigs' function".

We will take a different approach but Koenig's proof is to use a normal families argument to show that $\sigma(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi_n(z)}{\varphi'(0)^n}$ exists as an almost uniform

a limit uniformly convergent on compact sets, gives $\sigma'(0) = 1$ and $\sigma \circ \varphi = \varphi'(0) \sigma$. This proof does not generalize to \mathbb{C}^n , where φ maps ball to ball or polydisk to polydisk.

Of course, since $\varphi'(0) \neq 0$ in Koenigs result, $\varphi: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ and 0 is D.W. point, we know φ is in plane-dilatation case. Koenigs function is exactly the map in the model!



Let us look naively at the problem:

$\varphi(0) = 0$ so Taylor series for φ is

$$\varphi(z) = a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots$$

and we seek $f: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ so that $f \circ \varphi = \lambda f$

Then f has a power series $f(z) = b_0 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots$

Let us equate the series $f \circ \varphi$ and the series λf .

We do not want $f \equiv 0$ so one of $b_j \neq 0$

$$f \circ \varphi(z) = b_0 + b_1 (a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots) + b_2 (a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots)^2 + \dots$$

$$\lambda f(z) = \lambda b_0 + \lambda b_1 z + \lambda b_2 z^2 + \dots$$

So $\lambda b_0 = b_0$ from equality of constant terms.

If $b_0 \neq 0$ then $\lambda = 1$

In this case the coefficients of z are $b_1 a_1 = \lambda b_1 = b_1$
so either $a_1 = 1$ or $b_1 = 0$

But Schwarz says (since φ is not an automorphism)

$a_1 = 1$ is not possible! so $b_1 = 0$

Now the coefficients of z^2 are $b_2 a_1^2 = \lambda b_2 = b_2$

so either $a_1^2 = 1$ or $b_2 = 0$

$a_1^2 = 1$ is not possible so $b_2 = 0$ also

etc!

So we see $f \equiv b_0$ is a solution of $f \circ \varphi = \lambda f$ and these are the only solutions for $\lambda = 1$.

So we assume $b_0 = 0$.

Constant terms of both $f \circ \varphi$ and λf are 0

so look at coefficients of z :

these are $b_1 a_1 = \lambda b_1$ so either $\lambda = a_1 = \varphi'(0)$

or $b_1 = 0$

If $b_1 \neq 0$ then ~~$\lambda = a_1$~~ $\lambda = a_1 = \varphi'(0)$
and the z coefficients are equal.

now the z^2 coefficients are

$$b_1 a_2 + a_1^2 b_2 = \lambda b_2 = \cancel{\varphi'(0)} a_1 b_2$$

Notice that if $b_1 \neq 0$, since we know $f \circ \varphi = \varphi'(0) f$ has a solution $\Rightarrow 5f$ or $8f$ or $(3-2i)f$ is also a solution, WLOG $b_1 = 1$

Indeed in $f(z) = b_0 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots$
we may assume WLOG that if $b_0 = b_1 = \dots = b_{k-1} = 0$
and $b_k \neq 0$ then $b_k = 1$, that is the first coefficient of f
that is non-zero is 1.

Now the equation is $a_2 + a_1^2 b_2 = a_1 b_2$

$$\text{so } a_2 = (a_1 - a_1^2) b_2$$

$$\text{and } b_2 = a_2 / (a_1 - a_1^2)$$

Since $a_1 \neq 0$, $a_1 \neq 1$

b_2 is determined.

Similarly coefficients of z^3

$$\text{are } b_1 a_3 + 2b_2 a_1 a_2 + b_3 a_1^3 = \lambda b_3 = a_1 b_3$$

$$\text{so } a_3 + 2b_2 a_1 a_2 = (a_1 - a_1^3) b_3$$

$$\text{and } b_3 = (a_3 + 2b_2 a_1 a_2) / (a_1 - a_1^3)$$

Since $a_1 \neq 0$
and $a_1^2 \neq 1$

b_3 is determined, etc. So there is a 1-dim'l
solution for the Taylor coefficients based on $b_1 \neq 0$
and $a_1 = \varphi'(0) \neq 0$

Continuing in this way we see if $b_0 = 0$, $b_1 = 0$, $b_2 \neq 0$
then $\lambda = a_1^2 = \varphi'(0)^2$ and b_3, b_4, \dots are determined by b_2 .

this shows if f has power series then $f \circ \varphi = \lambda f \Leftrightarrow \lambda = \varphi'(0)^n$
and solution space is 1-dim'l

Now this does not show f is analytic in \mathbb{D} !

Rather it shows if f is analytic & satisfies $f \circ \varphi = \lambda f$ then $\lambda = \varphi'(b)^n$ and all f 's are multiples of one solution, say with $b_k = 1$ for 1st non-zero coeff of f .

Now notice if σ solves $\sigma \circ \varphi = \lambda \sigma$ then σ^2 solves $\sigma^2 \circ \varphi = \lambda^2 \sigma^2$ etc.

Thus, the solutions of $f \circ \varphi = \varphi'(b)^n f$ are just $f = \mu \sigma^n$ for σ the solutions of $\sigma \circ \varphi = \varphi'(b) \sigma$ and $\sigma(b) = 1$, and $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$.

Now $\varphi(b) = 0 \Rightarrow C_\varphi \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & a_1 & 0 & 0 & & \\ 0 & a_2 & a_1^2 & 0 & & \\ 0 & a_3 & 2a_1 a_2 & a_1^3 & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{pmatrix}$

with respect to basis $1, z, z^2, \dots$

and $C_\varphi^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \bar{a}_1 & \bar{a}_2 & \bar{a}_3 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{a}_1^2 & 2\bar{a}_1 \bar{a}_2 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{a}_1^3 & \dots \end{pmatrix}$

Now C_φ^* clearly has $\text{span}[1, z, z^2, \dots, z^n]$ as an invariant subspace of H^2 = polynomials of degree $\leq n$ and C_φ^* has eigenvalues $1, \bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_1^2, \dots, \bar{a}_1^n$ on this subspace!

If f is poly of degree $\leq n$ and $C_\varphi^* f = \lambda f$ then $f \in H^2$ and $C_\varphi f = \lambda f$ so

C_φ ball op on H^2 and $\varphi(0) = 0 \Rightarrow$
 $1, \overline{\varphi'(0)}, \overline{\varphi'(0)^2}, \dots \in \sigma(C_\varphi^*)$.

Moreover, if $0 < |\varphi'(0)| < 1$, we see each $\overline{\varphi'(0)^k}$
 is eigenspace of dimension 1.

Now for C_φ compact and $\lambda \neq 0$
 λ eigenvalue of C_φ of ~~dimension~~ eigenspace of dimension k
 $\Leftrightarrow \overline{\lambda}$ eigenvalue of C_φ^* eigenspace of dimension k .

Therefore C_φ compact on $H^2 \Rightarrow \sigma(C_\varphi) = \{0\} \cup \{|\varphi'(0)|^n\}$
 and each eigenspace $1, \overline{\varphi'(0)^n}$ (if $\varphi'(0) \neq 0$) $n=1, 2, \dots$
 is dimension 1, and eigenvectors
 are $\mu \sigma^n$ where $\sigma \circ \varphi = \varphi'(0) \sigma$ and $\sigma(0) = 1$
 So in particular C_φ compact $\Rightarrow \sigma^n \in H^2$
 for all n .

As it happens converse is also true!
 $\varphi(0) = 0, \varphi'(0) \neq 0, \sigma^n \in H^2 \forall n \Rightarrow C_\varphi$ is compact on H^2 .

This generalizes: if $\varphi: B_N \rightarrow B_N$ or $\mathbb{D}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^N$
 \uparrow ball \uparrow polydisc in \mathbb{C}^N

$\varphi(0) = 0$ and $\varphi'(0)$ is $N \times N$ matrix
 and C_φ compact on $H^2(B_N)$ $H^2(\mathbb{D}^N)$ etc
 then $\sigma(C_\varphi) = \{0\} \cup \{|\lambda|\} \cup \{ \text{all products of eigenvalues of } \varphi'(0) \}$