



## Isosymmetric composition operators on $H^2$

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we give some necessary and sufficient conditions for the composition operator  $C_\varphi$  to be isosymmetric on  $H^2$  when  $\varphi$  is a linear fractional self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $H$  be a complex Hilbert space,  $B(H)$  be the space of all bounded linear operators defined in  $H$ . An operator  $T \in B(H)$  is called normal if  $[T, T^*] = 0$ , where  $[T, T^*] = TT^* - T^*T$ . An operator  $T \in B(H)$  is called hyponormal if  $T^*T \geq TT^*$ . An operator  $T \in B(H)$  is subnormal if there is a Hilbert space  $K$  containing  $H$  and a normal operator  $N$  on  $K$  such that  $NH \subset H$  and  $T = N|_H$ . An operator  $T \in B(H)$  is quasinormal if  $T$  commutes with  $T^*T$ , that is,  $[T, T^*T] = 0$ . Quasimormal operators were first proposed, studied by Brown in [1].  $T \in B(H)$  is said to be binormal if  $[T^*T, TT^*] = 0$  (see [8]). An operator  $T$  is said to belong to  $\Theta$  class if  $[T^*T, T + T^*] = 0$ . From [2, 7], we obtain that

$$\text{quasinormal} \subset \text{binormal}.$$

$$\text{normal} \subset \text{quasinormal} \subset \text{subnormal} \subset \text{hyponormal}.$$

Stankus in [10] introduced and studied isosymmetric operators. According to [10] or [11], an operator  $T \in B(H)$  is said to be isosymmetric if

$$T^{*2}T - T^*T^2 - T^* + T = 0.$$

See [10, 11] for more properties of isosymmetric operators.

Let  $\mathbb{D}$  denote the open unit disc in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $H(\mathbb{D})$  be the space of those analytic functions on  $\mathbb{D}$ . A function  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$  belongs to the Hardy space  $H^2$  if

$$\|f\|_{H^2}^2 = \sup_{0 < r < 1} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta < \infty.$$

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In other words, the space  $H^2$  consists of all analytic functions on  $\mathbb{D}$  having power series representation with square summable complex coefficients. For any  $a \in \mathbb{D}$ , the function  $K_a(z) = \frac{1}{1-\bar{a}z}$  is called the reproducing kernel for  $a$  in  $H^2$  such that

$$f(a) = \langle f, K_a \rangle$$

for any  $f \in H^2$ . The space  $H^\infty$  denote the space of all bounded analytic functions  $f$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . The composition operator  $C_\varphi$  on  $H^2$  is defined by

$$C_\varphi f = f \circ \varphi, \quad f \in H^2.$$

It is well known that  $C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(z) = K_{\varphi(\alpha)}(z)$  for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ . In addition, for  $\psi \in H(\mathbb{D})$  and  $\varphi$  is an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ , the weighted composition operator  $W_{\psi, \varphi}$  is defined by

$$W_{\psi, \varphi} f = \psi \cdot f \circ \varphi.$$

The Toeplitz operator  $T_f$  on  $H^2$  is defined by

$$T_f(g) = P(fg)$$

for  $f \in L^\infty(\partial\mathbb{D})$  and  $g \in H^2$ , where  $P$  denotes the orthogonal projection of  $L^2$  onto  $H^2$ . It is easy to check that

$$T_f^* K_\alpha = \overline{f(\alpha)} K_\alpha$$

for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $f \in H^\infty$ .

Schwarz [9] showed that  $C_\varphi$  is normal on  $H^2$  if and only if  $\varphi(z) = az$  with  $|a| \leq 1$ . In [3], Cowen studied the subnormality and hyponormality of composition operators on  $H^2$  (in a more limited way). When  $\varphi$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{D}$  or  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  is a linear fractional self-map into  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $c = 0$ , Jung, Kim, and Ko [7] proved that  $C_\varphi \in \Theta$  if and only if  $C_\varphi$  is normal. In addition, if  $C_\varphi$  is a  $p$ -hyponormal operator in  $\Theta$ , then it must be normal. In [8], Jung, Kim, and Ko proved that  $C_\varphi$  is quasinormal if and only if  $C_\varphi$  is normal when  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  is a linear fractional self-map into  $\mathbb{D}$ . When  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  is a linear fractional self-map into  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\varphi(0) = 0$ , they proved that  $C_\varphi$  is binormal if and only if  $C_\varphi$  is normal or subnormal. When  $\varphi(z) = \frac{z}{uz+v}$  with  $u \neq 0$  and  $|v| \geq 1 + |u|$ , they also proved that  $C_\varphi$  is binormal if and only if  $C_\varphi$  is hyponormal or  $p$ -hyponormal for  $0 < p < 1$ . If  $C_\varphi \in \Theta$ , then  $C_\varphi$  is binormal if and only if it is normal. For more results on composition operators on  $H^2$ , see [3–9].

In this paper, we study isosymmetric composition operators with linear fractional symbols on  $H^2$ . We give some necessary and sufficient conditions for the composition operator  $C_\varphi$  to be isosymmetric when  $\varphi$  is automorphism or  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  is a linear fractional self-map into  $\mathbb{D}$ . In particular, we prove that  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric on  $H^2$  if and only if  $C_\varphi$  is normal when  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  is a linear fractional self-map into  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $c = 0$ .

## 2. Main results and proofs

### 2.1. Auxiliary results

To prove our main results in this paper, we need some lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** [9] Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then  $C_\varphi$  is normal if and only if  $\varphi(z) = \alpha z$  with  $|\alpha| \leq 1$ .

Let  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  be a nonconstant linear fractional self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ , where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $ad - bc \neq 0$ . Cowen in [3] proved that

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

where

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{\bar{a}z - \bar{c}}{-\bar{b}z + \bar{d}}, \quad g(z) = \frac{1}{-\bar{b}z + \bar{d}}, \quad h(z) = cz + d.$$

From now on, unless otherwise stated, we assume that  $\sigma, g$  and  $h$  are given as above.

Using this adjoint formula, Jung, Kim, and Ko in [8] obtained the following basic lemmas.

**Lemma 2.** [8] Let  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  be a linear fractional self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = -c \frac{\overline{g(\alpha)}}{\sigma(\alpha)} K_{\varphi(0)}(z) + h \left( \frac{1}{\sigma(\alpha)} \right) \overline{g(\alpha)} K_{\varphi(\sigma(\alpha))}(z)$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $a\bar{\alpha} \neq c$ .

The following lemma can be directly obtained by [8, Lemma 2.3].

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  be a linear fractional self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = \frac{c(a+d)}{c(a+d) - (a^2+bc)\bar{\alpha}} K_{\varphi(0)}(z) + \left( \frac{bc+d^2}{bc+d^2 - b(a+d)\bar{\alpha}} - \frac{c(a+d)}{c(a+d) - (a^2+bc)\bar{\alpha}} \right) K_{\varphi(\sigma_2(\alpha))}(z)$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $(a^2+bc)\bar{\alpha} \neq c(a+d)$ .

**Lemma 4.** [7, Lemma 2.1] Let  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  be a linear fractional self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = -c \frac{\overline{g(\alpha)}}{\sigma(\alpha)} K_{\varphi_2(0)}(z) + h \left( \frac{1}{\sigma(\alpha)} \right) \overline{g(\alpha)} K_{\varphi_2(\sigma(\alpha))}(z)$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $a\bar{\alpha} \neq c$ .

**Lemma 5.** [7, Lemma 2.3] Let  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  be a linear fractional self-map into  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $c = 0$ . Then

$$C_\varphi = C_{\tilde{\sigma}}^* T_{\tilde{g}}^*$$

where  $\tilde{\sigma}(z) = \frac{\bar{a}z}{-bz+d}$  and  $\tilde{g}(z) = \frac{\bar{d}}{-bz+d}$ .

### 2.2. Automorphism

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\varphi$  be an automorphism of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric on  $H^2$  if and only if  $\varphi(z) = -\lambda z, |\lambda| = 1$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric and  $\varphi(z) = \frac{\lambda(z-a)}{\bar{a}z-1}$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $|\lambda| = 1$ . Let  $\sigma(z) = \frac{\bar{\lambda}z-a}{\lambda a z-1}$ . We note that  $(\sigma \circ \varphi)(z) = (\varphi \circ \sigma)(z) = z$  and

$$\varphi_2(z) = \frac{\lambda(\lambda - |a|^2)z - \lambda a(\lambda - 1)}{(\lambda - 1)\bar{a}z - (\lambda|a|^2 - 1)}.$$

From Lemma 4, if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $\lambda\bar{\alpha} \neq \bar{a}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) \\ &= \frac{\bar{a}}{\bar{a} - \lambda\bar{\alpha}} K_{\varphi_2(0)}(z) + \left( -1 - \frac{\bar{a}(-1 + \lambda a\bar{\alpha})}{\bar{a} - \lambda\bar{\alpha}} \right) \frac{1}{-1 + \lambda a\bar{\alpha}} K_{\varphi_2(\sigma(\alpha))}(z) \\ &= \frac{\bar{a}}{\bar{a} - \lambda\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \overline{\varphi_2(0)}z} + \frac{\lambda\bar{\alpha}(1 - |a|^2)}{(\bar{a} - \lambda\bar{\alpha})(\lambda a\bar{\alpha} - 1)} \frac{1}{1 - \overline{\varphi_2(\sigma(\alpha))}z} \\ &= \frac{\bar{a}}{\bar{a} - \lambda\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda a(\bar{\lambda}-1)}{\lambda|a|^2-1}z} + \frac{\lambda\bar{\alpha}(1 - |a|^2)}{(\bar{a} - \lambda\bar{\alpha})(\lambda a\bar{\alpha} - 1)} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\bar{\lambda}(\bar{\alpha}-a)}{a\bar{\alpha}-1}z} \\ &= \frac{\bar{a}}{\bar{a} - \lambda\bar{\alpha}} \frac{\bar{\lambda}|a|^2 - 1}{\bar{\lambda}|a|^2 - 1 - \bar{\lambda}a(\bar{\lambda} - 1)z} + \frac{\lambda\bar{\alpha}(1 - |a|^2)}{(\bar{a} - \lambda\bar{\alpha})(\lambda a\bar{\alpha} - 1)} \frac{a\bar{\alpha} - 1}{a\bar{\alpha} - 1 - \bar{\lambda}(\bar{\alpha} - a)z}. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Also, we obtain from Lemma 3 that for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $\lambda(\lambda - |a|^2)\bar{\alpha} \neq \bar{a}(\lambda - 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) &= \frac{\bar{a}(\lambda - 1)}{\bar{a}(\lambda - 1) - \lambda(\lambda - |a|^2)\bar{\alpha}} K_{\varphi(0)}(z) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1 - \lambda|a|^2}{1 - \lambda|a|^2 + \lambda a(\lambda - 1)\bar{\alpha}} - \frac{\bar{a}(\lambda - 1)}{\bar{a}(\lambda - 1) - \lambda(\lambda - |a|^2)\bar{\alpha}} \right) K_{\varphi(\sigma_2(\alpha))}(z) \\ &= \frac{\bar{a}(\lambda - 1)}{\bar{a}(\lambda - 1) - \lambda(\lambda - |a|^2)\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \lambda a z} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1 - \lambda|a|^2}{1 - \lambda|a|^2 + \lambda a(\lambda - 1)\bar{\alpha}} - \frac{\bar{a}(\lambda - 1)}{\bar{a}(\lambda - 1) - \lambda(\lambda - |a|^2)\bar{\alpha}} \right) \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda\bar{\alpha} - \bar{a}}{\lambda a \bar{\alpha} - 1} z}. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

In addition,

$$C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(z) = K_{\varphi(\alpha)}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \varphi(\alpha)(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda(\bar{\alpha} - \bar{a})}{a\bar{\alpha} - 1} z} = \frac{a\bar{\alpha} - 1}{a\bar{\alpha} - 1 - \lambda(\bar{\alpha} - \bar{a})z} \tag{3}$$

and

$$C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = K_\alpha(\varphi(z)) = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\alpha}\varphi(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda(z - a)\bar{\alpha}}{a\bar{\alpha} - 1}} = \frac{\bar{a}z - 1}{\bar{a}z - 1 - \lambda(z - a)\bar{\alpha}}. \tag{4}$$

Taking  $z = 0$  in (1), (2), (3), and (4), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(0) &= \frac{\bar{a}}{\bar{a} - \lambda\bar{\alpha}} + \frac{\lambda\bar{\alpha}(1 - |a|^2)}{(\bar{a} - \lambda\bar{\alpha})(\lambda a \bar{\alpha} - 1)}, \\ C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_\alpha(0) &= \frac{1 - \lambda|a|^2}{1 - \lambda|a|^2 + \lambda a(\lambda - 1)\bar{\alpha}}, \quad C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(0) = 1, \quad C_\varphi K_\alpha(0) = \frac{-1}{\lambda a \alpha - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric, we have

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(0) - C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_\alpha(0) - C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(0) + C_\varphi K_\alpha(0) = 0$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ , i.e.,

$$\frac{\bar{a}}{\bar{a} - \lambda\bar{\alpha}} + \frac{\lambda\bar{\alpha}(1 - |a|^2)}{(\bar{a} - \lambda\bar{\alpha})(\lambda a \bar{\alpha} - 1)} - \frac{1 - \lambda|a|^2}{1 - \lambda|a|^2 + \lambda a(\lambda - 1)\bar{\alpha}} - 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda a \alpha - 1} = 0$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ , which implies that

$$\frac{1 + \lambda a \bar{\alpha}}{1 - \lambda a \bar{\alpha}} = \frac{1 - \lambda|a|^2}{1 - \lambda|a|^2 - \lambda a(\lambda - 1)\bar{\alpha}}$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ . After a calculation, we get

$$\lambda^2 a^2 (\lambda - 1) \bar{\alpha}^2 + \lambda a (1 + \lambda - 2\lambda|a|^2) \bar{\alpha} = 0$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ . By the assumption that  $|\lambda| = 1$ , we get  $a = 0$ . Hence,  $\varphi(z) = -\lambda z, |\lambda| = 1$ .

Conversely, let  $\varphi(z) = -\lambda z, |\lambda| = 1$ . Set  $\sigma(z) = -\lambda z$ . From Lemmas 3 and 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) &= K_{\varphi_2(\sigma(\alpha))}(z) = K_{\varphi(\alpha)}(z), \\ C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) &= K_{\varphi(\sigma_2(\alpha))}(z) = K_{\sigma(\alpha)}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \sigma(\alpha)z} = \frac{1}{1 + \lambda\bar{\alpha}z}, \end{aligned}$$

$$C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(z) = K_{\varphi(\alpha)}(z),$$

$$C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = K_\alpha(\varphi(z)) = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\alpha}\varphi(z)} = \frac{1}{1 + \bar{\alpha}\lambda z}.$$

From the above equalities, we get that

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) - C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) - C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(z) + C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = 0$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . It is well known that the linear span of uncountably many reproducing kernels is dense in  $H^2$ . Hence,  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric on  $H^2$ .  $\square$

### 2.3. Linear fractional self-maps with $c = 0$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  be a linear fractional self-map into  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $c = 0$ . Then  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric on  $H^2$  if and only if  $C_\varphi$  is normal.

*Proof.* Sufficiency. Since  $C_\varphi$  is normal, by Lemma 1 we see that  $\varphi(z) = \lambda z$ ,  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ . Similarly to the second part proof of Theorem 1, we see that

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) - C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) - C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(z) + C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = 0,$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Hence  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric.

Necessity. Since  $c = 0$ , set  $\varphi(z) = sz + t$ , where  $s = \frac{a}{d}$ ,  $t = \frac{b}{d}$  and  $|s| + |t| \leq 1$ . Put  $\sigma(z) = \frac{\bar{s}z}{1-\bar{t}z}$ ,  $g(z) = \frac{1}{1-\bar{t}z}$ . According to the proof of [7, Theorem 2.4], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) &= C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\sigma^* T_g^* K_\alpha(z) = \overline{g(\alpha)} K_{\varphi_2(\sigma(\alpha))}(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 - t\bar{\alpha}) - [\bar{t}(\bar{s} + 1) + (|s|^2\bar{s} - |t|^2\bar{s} - |t|^2)\bar{\alpha}]} z \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) &= C_\varphi^* C_\sigma^* T_g^* C_\sigma^* T_g^* K_\alpha(z) = \overline{g(\alpha)g(\sigma(\alpha))} K_{\varphi(\sigma_2(\alpha))}(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - t(s + 1)\bar{\alpha} - [\bar{t} + (|s|^2s - |t|^2s - |t|^2)\bar{\alpha}]} z \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

for any  $\alpha, z \in \mathbb{D}$ . In addition,

$$C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(z) = K_{\varphi(\alpha)}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \overline{\varphi(\alpha)}z} = \frac{1}{1 - (\bar{s}\alpha + \bar{t})z}, \tag{7}$$

and

$$C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = K_\alpha(\varphi(z)) = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\alpha}\varphi(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\alpha}(sz + t)} \tag{8}$$

for any  $\alpha, z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Taking  $\alpha = 0$  in (5), (6), (7), and (8), we get that

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_0(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{t}(\bar{s} + 1)z}, \quad C_\varphi^* K_0(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{t}z},$$

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_0(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{t}z}, \quad C_\varphi K_0(z) = 1.$$

Since  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric, we get that

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_0(z) - C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_0(z) - C_\varphi^* K_0(z) + C_\varphi K_0(z) = 0$$

for any  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , which implies that

$$\frac{1}{1 - \bar{t}(\bar{s} + 1)z} - \frac{2}{1 - \bar{t}z} + 1 = 0.$$

So

$$\bar{t}^2(\bar{s} + 1)z^2 + \bar{t}(\bar{s} - 1)z = 0$$

for any  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Hence  $t = 0$ . So  $\varphi(z) = sz, |s| \leq 1$ . Therefore,  $C_\varphi$  is normal by Lemma 1.  $\square$

From the last Theorem and the results in [7, 8], we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.** Let  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  be a linear fractional self-map into  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $c = 0$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i)  $C_\varphi$  is normal;
- (ii)  $C_\varphi$  is subnormal;
- (iii)  $C_\varphi$  is binormal;
- (iv)  $C_\varphi \in \Theta$ ;
- (v)  $C_\varphi$  is quasinormal;
- (vi)  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  be a linear fractional self-map into  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $c = 0$ . If  $C_\varphi^*$  is isosymmetric on  $H^2$ , then either  $b = 0$  or  $|\frac{b}{a}| \neq 1 - \frac{a}{d}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $C_\varphi^*$  is isosymmetric and  $b \neq 0$ . We suppose that  $|\frac{b}{a}| = 1 - \frac{a}{d}$ . Set  $\varphi(z) = sz + t$ , where  $s = \frac{a}{d}$  and  $t = \frac{b}{d}$ . Then  $t \neq 0$  and  $|t| = 1 - s$ . For a real number  $\eta$ . Define  $(U_\eta f)(z) = f(e^{i\eta}z)$  for any  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $f \in H^2(\mathbb{D})$ . Then  $U_\eta$  is unitary and

$$(U_\eta^* C_\varphi U_\eta f)(z) = U_\eta^* C_\varphi f(e^{i\eta}z) = U_\eta^* f(e^{i\eta}\varphi(z)) = f(e^{i\eta}\varphi(e^{-i\eta}z)) = f(\chi(z)) = (C_\chi f)(z)$$

for any  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $f \in H^2(\mathbb{D})$ . Hence, we know that  $C_\varphi$  is unitary equivalent to  $C_\chi$ , where  $\chi(z) = sz + (1 - s)$ . Since  $C_\varphi^*$  is isosymmetric, so does  $C_\chi^*$ , which means that

$$C_\chi C_\chi C_\chi^* - C_\chi C_\chi^* C_\chi^* - C_\chi + C_\chi^* = 0.$$

From Lemma 5, we get that

$$C_\chi = C_\sigma^* T_g^*$$

where  $\sigma(z) = \frac{sz}{1-(1-s)z}$  and  $g(z) = \frac{1}{1-(1-s)z}$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} C_\chi C_\chi C_\chi^* K_\alpha(z) &= C_\sigma^* T_g^* C_\sigma^* T_g^* K_{\chi(\alpha)}(z) = \overline{g(\chi(\alpha))g(\sigma(\chi(\alpha)))} K_{\sigma_2(\chi(\alpha))}(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - (1-s)\overline{\chi(\alpha)}} \frac{1}{1 - (1-s)\overline{\sigma(\chi(\alpha))}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\overline{\sigma(\chi(\alpha))}}{1-(1-s)\overline{\chi(\alpha)}}z} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - (1-s)\overline{\chi(\alpha)}} \frac{1}{1 - (1-s)\overline{\sigma(\chi(\alpha))} - \overline{\sigma(\chi(\alpha))}z} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - (1-s)\overline{\chi(\alpha)}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{s(1-s)\overline{\chi(\alpha)}}{1-(1-s)\overline{\chi(\alpha)}} - \frac{s^2\overline{\chi(\alpha)}}{1-(1-s)\overline{\chi(\alpha)}}z} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - (1-s)\overline{\chi(\alpha)} - s(1-s)\overline{\chi(\alpha)} - s^2\overline{\chi(\alpha)}z} \\ &= \frac{1}{s + s^2 - s|s|^2 + s(s^2 - 1)\bar{\alpha} - s^2(s\bar{\alpha} + 1 - s)z'} \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_\chi C_\chi^* C_\chi^* K_\alpha(z) &= C_\sigma^* T_g^* K_{\chi_2(\alpha)}(z) = \overline{g(\chi_2(\alpha))} K_{\sigma(\chi_2(\alpha))}(z) \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - (1-s)\overline{\chi_2(\alpha)}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{s\overline{\chi_2(\alpha)}}{1-(1-s)\overline{\chi_2(\alpha)}}z} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - (1-s)\overline{\chi_2(\alpha)} - s\overline{\chi_2(\alpha)}z} \\
 &= \frac{1}{s + s^2 - s|s|^2 + s^2(s-1)\overline{\alpha} - s(s^2\overline{\alpha} + 1 - |s|^2)z}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{10}$$

$$C_\chi K_\alpha(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \overline{\alpha}\chi(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - \overline{\alpha}(sz + 1 - s)},
 \tag{11}$$

and

$$C_\chi^* K_\alpha(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \chi(\alpha)z} = \frac{1}{1 - (s\overline{\alpha} + 1 - s)z}
 \tag{12}$$

for any  $\alpha, z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Since  $C_\chi^*$  is isosymmetric, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{s + s^2 - s|s|^2 + s(s^2 - 1)\overline{\alpha} - s^2(s\overline{\alpha} + 1 - s)z} + \frac{1}{1 - (s\overline{\alpha} + 1 - s)z} \\
 &= \frac{1}{s + s^2 - s|s|^2 + s^2(s-1)\overline{\alpha} - s(s^2\overline{\alpha} + 1 - |s|^2)z} + \frac{1}{1 - \overline{\alpha}(sz + 1 - s)}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{13}$$

for any  $\alpha, z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Take  $z = 0$  in (13), we get that

$$\frac{1}{s + s^2 - s|s|^2 + s(s^2 - 1)\overline{\alpha}} + 1 = \frac{1}{s + s^2 - s|s|^2 + s^2(s-1)\overline{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{1 + \overline{\alpha}(s-1)}$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ . Let  $A = s + s^2 - s|s|^2$ . We get

$$\frac{1}{A + s(s^2 - 1)\overline{\alpha}} + 1 = \frac{1}{A + s^2(s-1)\overline{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{1 + (s-1)\overline{\alpha}}$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ , which implies that

$$\frac{A + s(s^2 - 1)\overline{\alpha} + 1}{A + s(s^2 - 1)\overline{\alpha}} = \frac{1 + (s-1)\overline{\alpha} + A + s^2(s-1)\overline{\alpha}}{[A + s^2(s-1)\overline{\alpha}][1 + (s-1)\overline{\alpha}]}.
 \tag{14}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &[A + s(s^2 - 1)\overline{\alpha} + 1][A + s^2(s-1)\overline{\alpha}][1 + (s-1)\overline{\alpha}] \\
 &= [1 + (s-1)\overline{\alpha} + A + s^2(s-1)\overline{\alpha}][A + s(s^2 - 1)\overline{\alpha}]
 \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ . Comparing the coefficients of  $\overline{\alpha}^3$  and constant term in above equation, we obtain that

$$s^3(s+1)(s-1)^3 = 0.$$

Hence  $s = \pm 1 (s \neq 0)$ . If  $s = -1$ , the equation (14) is true for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then

$$1 = \frac{1}{1 - 2\overline{\alpha}}$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ . This is a contradiction. In addition, since  $s \neq 0$ , which yields  $s = 1$  and hence  $t = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $|\frac{b}{a}| \neq 1 - \frac{a}{a}$ .  $\square$

2.4. Linear fractional self-maps with  $\varphi(0) \neq 0$  and  $a = 0$

**Lemma 6.** Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  be a constant function. Then  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric on  $H^2$  if and only if  $\varphi$  is identically zero on  $\mathbb{D}$ .

*Proof.* Sufficiency. It is obvious.

Necessity. Let  $\varphi(z) \equiv b$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{D}$ . From Lemma 2, we obtain that

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = C_\varphi^* \frac{1}{1 - b\bar{\alpha}} K_{\varphi(0)}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - b\bar{\alpha}} K_{\varphi_2(0)}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - b\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \bar{b}z},$$

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(\varphi_2(z)) = \frac{1}{1 - b\bar{\alpha}} K_{\varphi(0)}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - b\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \bar{b}z},$$

$$C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(z) = K_{\varphi(\alpha)}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \varphi(\alpha)z} = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{b}z},$$

and

$$C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = K_\alpha(\varphi(z)) = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\alpha}\varphi(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\alpha}b}$$

for any  $\alpha, z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Since  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric, we have

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) - C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) - C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(z) + C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = 0$$

for any  $\alpha, z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Hence

$$\frac{1}{1 - b\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \bar{b}z} - \frac{1}{1 - b\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \bar{b}z} - \frac{1}{1 - \bar{b}z} + \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\alpha}b} = 0.$$

The above equation holds for any  $\alpha, z \in \mathbb{D}$  if and only if  $b = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  be a linear fractional self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $\varphi(0) \neq 0$  and  $a = 0$ . Then  $C_\varphi$  is not isosymmetric on  $H^2$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\varphi(0) \neq 0$  and  $a = 0$ , we can set  $\varphi(z) = \frac{1}{uz+v}$ , where  $u = \frac{c}{b}$  and  $v = \frac{d}{b}$ . If  $u = 0$ , then  $\varphi(z) = \frac{1}{v} \neq 0$  and so  $C_\varphi$  is not isosymmetric from Lemma 6.

Now we assume that  $u \neq 0$  and  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric. From Lemma 4, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) &= K_{\varphi_2(0)}(z) + \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{v - \bar{\alpha}} K_{\varphi_2(\sigma(\alpha))}(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \varphi_2(0)z} + \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{v - \bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \varphi_2(\sigma(\alpha))z} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\bar{v}z}{\bar{u} + \bar{v}^2}} + \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{v - \bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{(|u|^2 - |v|^2 + \bar{\alpha}v)z}{(\bar{u} + \bar{v}^2)(\bar{\alpha} - v) + |u|^2\bar{v}}} \\ &= \frac{\bar{u} + \bar{v}^2}{\bar{u} + \bar{v}^2 - \bar{v}z} + \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{v - \bar{\alpha}} \frac{(\bar{u} + \bar{v}^2)(\bar{\alpha} - v) + |u|^2\bar{v}}{(\bar{u} + \bar{v}^2)(\bar{\alpha} - v) + |u|^2\bar{v} - (|u|^2 - |v|^2 + \bar{\alpha}v)z} \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$



for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ . Since  $u \neq 0$  and  $|v| = |\varphi(0)|^{-1} > 1$ , by Lemma 3,

$$\begin{aligned} C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) &= \frac{v}{v-\bar{\alpha}} K_{\varphi(0)}(z) + \left( \frac{u+v^2}{u+v^2-v\bar{\alpha}} - \frac{v}{v-\bar{\alpha}} \right) K_{\varphi(\sigma_2(\alpha))}(z) \\ &= \frac{v}{v-\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1-\overline{\varphi(0)}z} + \left( \frac{u+v^2}{u+v^2-v\bar{\alpha}} - \frac{v}{v-\bar{\alpha}} \right) \frac{1}{1-\overline{\varphi(\sigma_2(\alpha))}z} \\ &= \frac{v}{v-\bar{\alpha}} \frac{\bar{v}}{\bar{v}-z} + \left( \frac{u+v^2}{u+v^2-v\bar{\alpha}} - \frac{v}{v-\bar{\alpha}} \right) \frac{1}{1-\frac{u-v(\bar{\alpha}-v)}{(|u|^2-|v|^2)(\bar{\alpha}-v)+u\bar{v}}z} \\ &= \frac{v}{v-\bar{\alpha}} \frac{\bar{v}}{\bar{v}-z} + \left( \frac{u+v^2}{u+v^2-v\bar{\alpha}} - \frac{v}{v-\bar{\alpha}} \right) \frac{(|u|^2-|v|^2)(\bar{\alpha}-v)+u\bar{v}}{(|u|^2-|v|^2)(\bar{\alpha}-v)+u\bar{v}-[u-v(\bar{\alpha}-\bar{v})]z} \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $u\bar{\alpha} \neq uv$ . In addition,

$$C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(z) = K_{\varphi(\alpha)}(z) = \frac{1}{1-\overline{\varphi(\alpha)}z} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{z}{u\bar{\alpha}+\bar{v}}} = \frac{\bar{u}\bar{\alpha}+\bar{v}}{u\bar{\alpha}+\bar{v}-z}, \tag{17}$$

$$C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = K_\alpha(\varphi(z)) = \frac{1}{1-\bar{\alpha}\varphi(z)} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{\bar{\alpha}}{uz+v}} = \frac{uz+v}{uz+v-\bar{\alpha}}. \tag{18}$$

Taking  $\alpha = 0$  in (15), (16), (17) and (18), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_0(z) &= \frac{\bar{u}+\bar{v}^2}{\bar{u}+\bar{v}^2-\bar{v}z}, & C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_0(z) &= \frac{\bar{v}}{\bar{v}-z}, \\ C_\varphi^* K_0(z) &= \frac{\bar{v}}{\bar{v}-z}, & C_\varphi K_0(z) &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_0(z) - C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_0(z) - C_\varphi^* K_0(z) + C_\varphi K_0(z) = 0$$

for any  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , we have

$$\frac{\bar{u}+\bar{v}^2}{\bar{u}+\bar{v}^2-\bar{v}z} - \frac{2\bar{v}}{\bar{v}-z} + 1 = 0$$

for any  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . This implies that  $v = 0$ . Moreover,  $|v| > 1$  since  $|\varphi(0)| = |\frac{1}{v}| < 1$  and  $\varphi(\mathbb{D}) \subset \mathbb{D}$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $C_\varphi$  is not isosymmetric.  $\square$

2.5. Linear fractional self-maps with  $\varphi(0) \neq 0$ ,  $a \neq 0$  and  $c \neq 0$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\varphi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  be a linear fractional self-maps with  $\varphi(0) \neq 0$ ,  $a \neq 0$  and  $c \neq 0$ . Then  $C_\varphi$  is not isosymmetric on  $H^2$ .

*Proof.* We prove it by contradiction. Assume that  $C_\varphi$  is isosymmetric. From Lemma 4, if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $a\bar{\alpha} \neq c$ ,

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) &= \frac{c}{c - a\bar{\alpha}} K_{\varphi_2(0)}(z) + \left( d - \frac{c(d - b\bar{\alpha})}{c - a\bar{\alpha}} \right) \frac{1}{d - b\bar{\alpha}} K_{\varphi_2(\sigma(\alpha))}(z) \\
 &= \frac{c}{c - a\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \varphi_2(0)z} + \left( d - \frac{c(d - b\bar{\alpha})}{c - a\bar{\alpha}} \right) \frac{1}{d - b\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \varphi_2(\sigma(\alpha))z} \\
 &= \frac{c}{c - a\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{a\bar{b} + b\bar{d}}{bc + d^2} z} + \left( d - \frac{c(d - b\bar{\alpha})}{c - a\bar{\alpha}} \right) \frac{1}{d - b\bar{\alpha}} \\
 &\quad \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{(\bar{a}^2 + \bar{b}c)(a\bar{\alpha} - c) + (\bar{a}b + \bar{b}d)(-b\bar{\alpha} + d)}{(\bar{a}c + \bar{c}d)(a\bar{\alpha} - c) + (\bar{b}c + \bar{d}^2)(-b\bar{\alpha} + d)} z} \\
 &= \frac{c}{c - a\bar{\alpha}} \frac{\bar{b}c + \bar{d}^2}{\bar{b}c + \bar{d}^2 - (\bar{a}b + \bar{b}d)z} + \left( d - \frac{c(d - b\bar{\alpha})}{c - a\bar{\alpha}} \right) \frac{1}{d - b\bar{\alpha}} \\
 &\quad \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{(\bar{a}^2 + \bar{b}c)(a\bar{\alpha} - c) + (\bar{a}b + \bar{b}d)(-b\bar{\alpha} + d)}{(\bar{a}c + \bar{c}d)(a\bar{\alpha} - c) + (\bar{b}c + \bar{d}^2)(-b\bar{\alpha} + d)} z}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

From Lemma 3, for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $(a^2 + bc)\bar{\alpha} \neq c(a + d)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) &= \frac{c(a + d)}{c(a + d) - (a^2 + bc)\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1 - \varphi(0)z} \\
 &\quad + \left( \frac{bc + d^2}{bc + d^2 - b(a + d)\bar{\alpha}} - \frac{c(a + d)}{c(a + d) - (a^2 + bc)\bar{\alpha}} \right) \frac{1}{1 - \varphi(\sigma_2(\alpha))z} \\
 &= \frac{c(a + d)}{c(a + d) - (a^2 + bc)\bar{\alpha}} \frac{\bar{d}}{\bar{d} - \bar{b}z} \\
 &\quad + \left( \frac{bc + d^2}{bc + d^2 - b(a + d)\bar{\alpha}} - \frac{c(a + d)}{c(a + d) - (a^2 + bc)\bar{\alpha}} \right) \frac{1}{1 - \frac{(|a|^2 - |b|^2)(a\bar{\alpha} - c) + (\bar{b}d - \bar{a}c)(-b\bar{\alpha} + d)}{(\bar{a}c - \bar{b}d)(a\bar{\alpha} - c) + (|d|^2 - |c|^2)(-b\bar{\alpha} + d)} z}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

In addition,

$$C_\varphi^* K_\alpha(z) = K_{\varphi(\alpha)}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{a\bar{\alpha} + \bar{b}}{c\bar{\alpha} + d} z} = \frac{\bar{c}\bar{\alpha} + \bar{d}}{\bar{c}\bar{\alpha} + \bar{d} - (\bar{a}\bar{\alpha} + \bar{b})z}. \tag{21}$$

$$C_\varphi K_\alpha(z) = K_\alpha(\varphi(z)) = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\alpha}\varphi(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\alpha} \frac{az + b}{cz + d}} = \frac{cz + d}{cz + d - \bar{\alpha}(az + b)}. \tag{22}$$

Taking  $\alpha = 0$  in (19), (20), (21), and (22), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_0(z) &= \frac{\bar{b}c + \bar{d}^2}{\bar{b}c + \bar{d}^2 - (\bar{a}b + \bar{b}d)z}, \\
 C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_0(z) &= \frac{\bar{d}}{\bar{d} - \bar{b}z}, \quad C_\varphi^* K_0(z) = \frac{\bar{d}}{\bar{d} - \bar{b}z}, \quad C_\varphi K_0(z) = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

By the assumption, we get

$$C_\varphi^* C_\varphi^* C_\varphi K_0(z) - C_\varphi^* C_\varphi C_\varphi K_0(z) - C_\varphi^* K_0(z) + C_\varphi K_0(z) = 0$$

for any  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , i.e.,

$$\frac{\overline{bc} + \overline{d}^2}{\overline{bc} + \overline{d}^2 - (\overline{ab} + \overline{bd})z} - \frac{2\overline{d}}{\overline{d} - \overline{bz}} + 1 = 0$$

for any  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . That is,

$$\frac{\overline{bc} + \overline{d}^2}{\overline{bc} + \overline{d}^2 - (\overline{ab} + \overline{bd})z} = \frac{\overline{d} + \overline{bz}}{\overline{d} - \overline{bz}}$$

for any  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . So if we cross multiply, we get that

$$(\overline{ab} + \overline{bd})\overline{bz}^2 + [(\overline{ab} + \overline{bd})\overline{d} - 2(\overline{bc} + \overline{d}^2)\overline{b}]z = 0$$

for any  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $C_\varphi$  is not isosymmetric. The proof is complete.  $\square$

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