

Integral Operators Between Fock Spaces*

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Abstract In this paper, the authors study the integral operator

$$S_\phi f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi(z, \bar{w}) f(w) d\lambda_\alpha(w)$$

induced by a kernel function $\phi(z, \cdot) \in F_\alpha^\infty$ between Fock spaces. For $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, they prove that $S_\phi : F_\alpha^1 \rightarrow F_\alpha^p$ is bounded if and only if

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \|S_\phi k_a\|_{p, \alpha} < \infty, \quad (\dagger)$$

where k_a is the normalized reproducing kernel of F_α^2 ; and, $S_\phi : F_\alpha^1 \rightarrow F_\alpha^p$ is compact if and only if

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow \infty} \|S_\phi k_a\|_{p, \alpha} = 0.$$

When $1 < q \leq \infty$, it is also proved that the condition (\dagger) is not sufficient for boundedness of $S_\phi : F_\alpha^q \rightarrow F_\alpha^p$.

In the particular case $\phi(z, \bar{w}) = e^{\alpha z \bar{w}} \varphi(z - \bar{w})$ with $\varphi \in F_\alpha^2$, for $1 \leq q < p < \infty$, they show that $S_\phi : F_\alpha^q \rightarrow F_\alpha^p$ is bounded if and only if $\varphi = 0$; for $1 < p \leq q < \infty$, they give sufficient conditions for the boundedness or compactness of the operator $S_\phi : F_\alpha^p \rightarrow F_\alpha^q$.

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1 Introduction

Fock spaces are deeply connected with quantum mechanics, partial differential equations, and harmonic analysis. For instance, creation and annihilation operators in quantum mechanics are multiplication and, respectively, differential operators on Fock spaces. Characterizing the zero sequence of Fock space is equivalent to studying the completeness of coherent state systems in quantum mechanics (see [4, 11] and the references therein).

Let α be a positive number, and $d\lambda_\alpha(z) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} e^{-\alpha|z|^2} dA(z)$ be the Gaussian measure on the complex plane \mathbb{C} , where dA is the Euclidean area measure on \mathbb{C} . For $0 < p < \infty$, the Fock

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space F_α^p consists of all entire functions f such that

$$\|f\|_{p,\alpha} = \left(\frac{p\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f(z)e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z|^2}|^p dA(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty. \tag{1.1}$$

The Fock space F_α^∞ (i.e., $p = \infty$) consists of all entire functions f such that

$$\|f\|_{\infty,\alpha} = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} |f(z)|e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z|^2} < \infty. \tag{1.2}$$

When $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, Fock space F_α^p is a Banach space. In particular, F_α^2 is a Hilbert space. $\{e_n(z) = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha^n}{n!}}z^n, n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ is an orthonormal basis for F_α^2 . The reproducing kernel of F_α^2 is given by $K_\alpha(z, w) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty e_n(z)\overline{e_n(w)} = e^{\alpha z\bar{w}}$, and the normalized reproducing kernel at $w \in \mathbb{C}$ is $k_w(z) = e^{\alpha z\bar{w} - \frac{\alpha}{2}|w|^2}$.

Integral operators on Fock spaces have been studied widely (see [1–3, 5, 11]). We know in [4] that every bounded operator T on Fock space F_α^2 can be expressed as the integral operator:

$$Tf(z) = \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi(z, \bar{w})f(w)d\lambda_\alpha(w),$$

where the kernel function $\phi(z, \bar{w}) = TK_\alpha(\cdot, w)(z)$, and $\phi(\cdot, w) \in F_\alpha^2$ for all $w \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\phi(z, \cdot) \in F_\alpha^2$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$. On the other hand, it is a difficult problem to obtain conditions on ϕ under which the corresponding integral operator is bounded or compact. In this paper, we study the boundedness and compactness of the integral operators induced by a kernel function $\phi(z, \cdot) \in F_\alpha^\infty$ between Fock spaces.

In [10], the authors gave some sufficient conditions for a linear operator on F_α^2 to be bounded and compact. The authors of [7] extended the work in [10] to F_α^p . Precisely, using the atomic decomposition of Fock spaces, the authors of [7] proved that for $0 < p \leq 1$ a linear operator $T : F_\alpha^p \rightarrow F_\alpha^p$ is bounded if and only if

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \|Tk_a\|_{p,\alpha} < \infty.$$

For $\phi(z, \cdot) \in F_\alpha^\infty$, let

$$S_\phi f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi(z, \bar{w})f(w)d\lambda_\alpha(w)$$

be the integral operator induced by ϕ . In Section 2, for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, we prove that $S_\phi : F_\alpha^1 \rightarrow F_\alpha^p$ is bounded if and only if

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \|S_\phi k_a\|_{p,\alpha} < \infty \tag{1.3}$$

(see Theorem 2.1); and, $S_\phi : F_\alpha^1 \rightarrow F_\alpha^p$ is compact if and only if $\lim_{|a| \rightarrow \infty} \|S_\phi k_a\|_{p,\alpha} = 0$ (see Theorem 2.3). When $1 < q \leq \infty$, it is also proved that the condition (1.3) is not sufficient for boundedness of $S_\phi : F_\alpha^q \rightarrow F_\alpha^p$ (see Theorem 2.2).

In particular, for $\varphi \in F_\alpha^2$, let $\phi(z, \bar{w}) = e^{\alpha z \bar{w}} \varphi(z - \bar{w})$, we consider corresponding integral operator

$$T_\varphi f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{C}} e^{\alpha z \bar{w}} \varphi(z - \bar{w}) f(w) d\lambda_\alpha(w).$$

Bounded operators on Fock space F_α^2 and on $L^2(\mathbb{R}, dx)$ can be connected through the unitary operator Bargmann transform. Using Bargmann transform, Zhu [12] transferred the classical Hilbert transform to the integral operator T_φ on F_α^2 , where $\varphi(z) = \int_0^{\frac{z}{\sqrt{2}}} e^{u^2} du$, and proposed a question: Find necessary and sufficient conditions in terms of $\varphi \in F_\alpha^2$ such that T_φ is bounded on F_α^2 . Recently, Cao et al. [1] proved that T_φ is bounded on F_α^2 if and only if there exists an $m \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$\varphi(z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-2(x - \frac{1}{2}z)^2} m(x) dx, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

In Section 3, we study boundedness and compactness of the integral operator T_φ from F_α^p to F_α^q . For $1 \leq q < p < \infty$, we proved that there are no non-zero bounded integral operators T_φ from F_α^p to F_α^q (see Theorem 3.1). But, when $1 < p \leq q < \infty$, we give sufficient conditions for T_φ from F_α^p to F_α^q to be bounded (see Theorem 3.2) and compact (see Theorem 3.3).

In this paper, we use C to denote a positive number, which may vary from place to place. For two quantities A and B , $A \lesssim B$ means that there exists a constant $C > 0$, independent of the involved variables, such that $A \leq CB$, and $A \simeq B$ if and only if $A \lesssim B$ and $B \lesssim A$.

2 Boundedness and Compactness of S_ϕ

In this section, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for integral operator S_ϕ from F_α^1 to F_α^p to be bounded, and, respectively, compact, for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$.

In order to prove Theorem 2.1, we need the following Minkowski's integral inequality from [9].

Lemma 2.1 *Let (X, μ) and (Y, ν) be two σ -finite measure spaces and let $1 \leq p < \infty$. For every nonnegative measurable function F on the product space $(X, \mu) \times (Y, \nu)$ we have*

$$\left[\int_Y \left(\int_X F(x, y) d\mu(x) \right)^p d\nu(y) \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \int_X \left[\int_Y F(x, y)^p d\nu(y) \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} d\mu(x).$$

The following result provides a necessary and sufficient condition for S_ϕ to be bounded.

Theorem 2.1 *Let $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. For any $z \in \mathbb{C}$, suppose $\phi(z, \cdot) \in F_\alpha^\infty$. Then S_ϕ is bounded from F_α^1 to F_α^p if and only if*

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \|S_\phi k_a\|_{p, \alpha} < \infty,$$

or equivalently

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\phi(z, \bar{a})| e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z|^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2}|a|^2} |z - a|^p dA(z) < \infty, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty;$$

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} |\phi(z, \bar{a}) e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z|^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2}|a|^2}| < \infty, \quad p = \infty.$$

Proof Assume that S_ϕ is bounded from F_α^1 to F_α^p . Since each k_a is a unit vector in F_α^1 , we have

$$\|S_\phi k_a\|_{p,\alpha} \leq \|S_\phi\|_{F_\alpha^1 \rightarrow F_\alpha^p}.$$

By the reproducing formula (see [2, Lemma 2.15]), we get

$$\begin{aligned} S_\phi k_a(z) &= \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi(z, \bar{w}) k_a(w) d\lambda_\alpha(w) \\ &= e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|a|^2} \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi(z, \bar{w}) e^{\alpha w \bar{a}} d\lambda_\alpha(w) \\ &= e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|a|^2} \phi(z, \bar{a}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\phi(z, \bar{a}) e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z|^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2}|a|^2}|^p dA(z) < \infty, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty$$

and

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} |\phi(z, \bar{a}) e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z|^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2}|a|^2}| < \infty, \quad p = \infty.$$

Conversely, when $1 \leq p < \infty$, let

$$C = \sup_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\phi(z, \bar{a}) e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha|a|^2}{2}}|^p dA(z) < \infty.$$

For $f \in F_\alpha^1$, by Lemma 2.1 and Fubini's Theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_\phi f\|_{p,\alpha} &= \left(\frac{p\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |S_\phi f(z) e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}}|^p dA(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(\frac{p\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi(z, \bar{w}) f(w) d\lambda_\alpha(w) \right|^p e^{-\frac{p\alpha|z|^2}{2}} dA(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{C}} \left(\frac{p\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\phi(z, \bar{w}) f(w)|^p e^{-\frac{p\alpha|z|^2}{2}} dA(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} d\lambda_\alpha(w) \\ &\lesssim \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}| dA(w) \left(\frac{p\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\phi(z, \bar{w})|^p e^{-\frac{p\alpha|z|^2}{2} - \frac{p\alpha|w|^2}{2}} dA(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\lesssim C^{\frac{1}{p}} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}| dA(w). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\|S_\phi f\|_{p,\alpha} \leq C^{\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{1,\alpha}.$$

For $p = \infty$, by Fubini's Theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} |S_\phi f(z) e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}}| \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\phi(z, \bar{w}) f(w)| d\lambda_\alpha(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\phi(z, \bar{w}) f(w)| e^{-\alpha|w|^2} dA(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{w \in \mathbb{C}} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} |\phi(z, \bar{w})| e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}| dA(w) \\ &= \sup_{w \in \mathbb{C}} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} |\phi(z, \bar{w})| e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}} \|f\|_{1,\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

By the assumption, we obtain

$$\|S_\phi f\|_{\infty,\alpha} \leq C \|f\|_{1,\alpha}.$$

This completes the proof.

The following result shows that the condition in Theorem 2.1 is no longer sufficient for S_ϕ to be bounded, when $q > 1$.

Theorem 2.2 *Let $1 < q \leq \infty$ and $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. For any $z \in \mathbb{C}$, there exists a function $\phi(z, \cdot) \in F_\alpha^\infty$ such that the integral operator S_ϕ satisfies*

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \|S_\phi k_a\|_{p,\alpha} < \infty,$$

but the operator S_ϕ is not bounded from F_α^q to F_α^p .

Proof When $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ and $1 < q \leq \infty$, we can choose some

$$\delta \in \left(\frac{1}{2q} - \frac{1}{2p}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p} \right).$$

Let

$$a_{n_k} = \begin{cases} \frac{n_k^\delta \alpha^{n_k}}{n_k!}, & n_k \geq 2^{\frac{k}{(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p}) - \delta}}; \\ 0, & \text{others} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\phi(z, \bar{w}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{n_k} z^{n_k} \bar{w}^{n_k}.$$

Then for $z \in \mathbb{C}$, we have

$$\phi(z, \cdot) \in F_\alpha^2 \subset F_\alpha^\infty.$$

Define the integral operator

$$S_\phi f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi(z, \bar{w}) f(w) d\lambda_\alpha(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

One can check that the operator S_ϕ is well-defined on some dense subset of F_α^q .

We first show that S_ϕ is not bounded from F_α^q to F_α^p . By direct calculation, we get

$$S_\phi e_{n_k}(z)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi(z, \bar{w}) e_{n_k}(w) d\lambda_{\alpha}(w) \\
 &= a_{n_k} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha^{n_k}}{n_k!}} z^{n_k} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |w|^{2n_k} d\lambda_{\alpha}(w) \\
 &= a_{n_k} n_k! e_{n_k}(z).
 \end{aligned}$$

We calculate the norm of $S_{\phi}e_{n_k}$ in F_{α}^p for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. By Stirling's formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|S_{\phi}e_{n_k}\|_{p,\alpha}^p \\
 &= \frac{p\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |a_{n_k} n_k! e_{n_k}(z) e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}}|^p dA(z) \\
 &= (|a_{n_k} n_k!|)^p \left(\frac{\alpha^{n_k}}{n_k!}\right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \frac{p\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |z^{n_k} e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}}|^p dA(z) \\
 &= (|a_{n_k} n_k!|)^p \left(\frac{\alpha^{n_k}}{n_k!}\right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \left(\frac{2}{\alpha p}\right)^{\frac{np}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n_k p}{2} + 1\right) \\
 &\sim (|a_{n_k} n_k!|)^p n_k^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{p}{4}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for $p = \infty$, we have $\|S_{\phi}e_{n_k}\|_{\infty,\alpha} \sim |a_{n_k} n_k! n_k^{-\frac{1}{4}}$. Therefore,

$$\|S_{\phi}e_{n_k}\|_{p,\alpha} \sim |a_{n_k} n_k! n_k^{\frac{1}{2p} - \frac{1}{4}}. \tag{2.1}$$

When $1 < q \leq \infty$, the norm estimate of e_n in F_{α}^q is

$$\|e_{n_k}\|_{q,\alpha} \sim n_k^{\frac{1}{2q} - \frac{1}{4}}. \tag{2.2}$$

Now combining (2.1) with (2.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\|S_{\phi}e_{n_k}\|_{p,\alpha}}{\|e_{n_k}\|_{q,\alpha}} &\sim |a_{n_k} n_k! n_k^{\frac{1}{2p} - \frac{1}{4}} \\
 &= \alpha^{n_k} n_k^{\delta - (\frac{1}{2q} - \frac{1}{2p})} \rightarrow \infty, \quad k \rightarrow \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

So S_{ϕ} is not bounded from F_{α}^q to F_{α}^p , when $1 < q \leq \infty$ and $1 \leq p \leq \infty$.

Next we prove that

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \|S_{\phi}k_a\|_{p,\alpha} < \infty.$$

Using the reproducing formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &S_{\phi}k_a(z) \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi(z, \bar{w}) k_a(w) d\lambda_{\alpha}(w) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{n_k} z^{n_k} \int_{\mathbb{C}} \bar{w}^{n_k} k_a(w) d\lambda_{\alpha}(w) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{n_k} z^{n_k} \bar{a}^{n_k} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|a|^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By computation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|S_\phi k_a\|_{p,\alpha} \\ & \leq \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_{n_k}| |a|^{n_k} \|z^{n_k}\|_{p,\alpha} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|a|^2} \\ & = \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_{n_k}| |a|^{n_k} e^{-\frac{\alpha|a|^2}{2}} \left(\frac{p\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |z^{n_k} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z|^2}|^p dA(z)\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ & \lesssim \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_{n_k}| \left(\max_{a \in \mathbb{C}} |a|^{n_k} e^{-\frac{\alpha|a|^2}{2}}\right) \left(\frac{n_k}{\alpha e}\right)^{\frac{n_k}{2}} n_k^{\frac{1}{2p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\max_{a \in \mathbb{C}} |a|^n e^{-\frac{\alpha|a|^2}{2}} = \left(\frac{n}{\alpha e}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}.$$

By Stirling's formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|S_\phi k_a\|_{p,\alpha} \\ & \lesssim \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_{n_k}| \left(\frac{n_k}{\alpha e}\right)^{n_k} n_k^{\frac{1}{2p}} \\ & \sim \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_{n_k}| \frac{n_k!}{\alpha^{n_k}} n_k^{\frac{1}{2p} - \frac{1}{2}} = \sum_{k=1}^\infty n_k^{\delta - (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p})} \\ & \leq \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{1}{2^k} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

We can characterize the compactness of S_ϕ completely.

Theorem 2.3 *Let $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. For any $z \in \mathbb{C}$, suppose $\phi(z, \cdot) \in F_\alpha^\infty$. Then S_ϕ is a compact operator from F_α^1 to F_α^p if and only if*

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow \infty} \|S_\phi k_a\|_{p,\alpha} = 0.$$

Proof We firstly prove that S_ϕ is a compact operator. Let f_n be a sequence in F_α^1 such that $\sup_n \|f_n\|_{1,\alpha} < \infty$ and $f_n \rightarrow 0$ uniformly on compact sets in \mathbb{C} . When $1 \leq p < \infty$, by the proof in Theorem 2.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|S_\phi f_n\|_{p,\alpha} \\ & = \left(\frac{p\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |S_\phi f_n(z) e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}}|^p dA(z)\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ & \leq \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f_n(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}| dA(w) \left(\frac{p\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\phi(z, \bar{w})|^p e^{-\frac{p\alpha|z|^2}{2} - \frac{p\alpha|w|^2}{2}} dA(z)\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ & = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f_n(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}| \|S_\phi k_w\|_{p,\alpha} dA(w). \end{aligned}$$

For any $0 < r < \infty$, we denote

$$D_r = \{w \in \mathbb{C} : |w| > r\}.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|S_\phi f_n\|_{p,\alpha} \\ & \leq \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f_n(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}| \|S_\phi k_w\|_{p,\alpha} dA(w) \\ & = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{D_r} |f_n(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}| \|S_\phi k_w\|_{p,\alpha} dA(w) \\ & \quad + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\{w \in \mathbb{C} : |w| \leq r\}} |f_n(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}| \|S_\phi k_w\|_{p,\alpha} dA(w) \\ & = I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

We estimate each item independently. We first estimate I_1 .

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 & = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{D_r} |f_n(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}| \|S_\phi k_w\|_{p,\alpha} dA(w) \\ & \leq \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f_n(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}| dA(w) \sup_{w \in D_r} \|S_\phi k_w\|_{p,\alpha} \\ & = \|f_n\|_{1,\alpha} \sup_{w \in D_r} \|S_\phi k_w\|_{p,\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\sup_n \|f_n\|_{1,\alpha} < \infty$, we see that $I_1 \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$. We need to make a similar conclusion for I_2 , and it follows from $\sup_{w \in \mathbb{C}} \|S_\phi k_w\|_{p,\alpha} < \infty$ that

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 & = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{\{w \in \mathbb{C} : |w| \leq r\}} |f_n(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}| \|S_\phi k_w\|_{p,\alpha} dA(w) \\ & \lesssim \sup_{\{w \in \mathbb{C} : |w| \leq r\}} |f_n(w)|. \end{aligned}$$

Since $f_n \rightarrow 0$ uniformly on compact sets in \mathbb{C} , we get that $I_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, $\|S_\phi f_n\|_{p,\alpha}$ converges to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$. So, S_ϕ is a compact operator.

Conversely, suppose that S_ϕ is a compact operator. Since k_a is a unit vector in F_α^1 and converges uniformly to 0 on any compact subset of \mathbb{C} as $|a| \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\|S_\phi k_a\|_{p,\alpha} \rightarrow 0, \quad |a| \rightarrow \infty.$$

For $p = \infty$, the proof is similar above, we omit it. This completes the proof.

3 Boundedness and Compactness of T_φ

The section is devoted to studying the integral operator

$$T_\varphi f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{C}} e^{\alpha z \bar{w}} \varphi(z - \bar{w}) f(w) d\lambda_\alpha(w)$$

between Fock spaces.

Let $B(z, r)$ be the open Euclidean disk centred at z with radius r . The following lemma gives us the optimal pointwise estimates for functions in Fock spaces.

Lemma 3.1 (see [5, Lemma 2.1]) *For any $r > 0$ and $p > 0$, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$|f(z)e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z|^2}|^p \leq C \int_{B(z,r)} |f(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|w|^2}|^p dA(w)$$

for all entire function f and all $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

For our next lemma, we need the concept of a lattice. For $r > 0$, a sequence $\{a_k\}$ in \mathbb{C} is called an r -lattice if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} B(a_k, r) = \mathbb{C}$.
- (2) $\{B(a_k, \frac{r}{2})\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ are mutually disjoint.

If $\{a_k\}$ is an r -lattice, then for any $\delta > 0$ there exists a positive integer m (depending only on r and δ) such that every point in \mathbb{C} belongs to at most m of the sets $B(a_k, \delta)$.

The following lemma is some partial result about atomic decomposition of Fock spaces.

Lemma 3.2 (see [6, Theorem 8.2]) *Let $r > 0$ and $\{a_k\}$ be an r -lattice. For $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ and $\{c_k\} \in l^p$, set*

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k e^{\alpha z \overline{a_k} - \frac{\alpha}{2} |a_k|^2}. \tag{3.1}$$

Then $f \in F_{\alpha}^p$. Moreover,

$$\|f\|_{p,\alpha} \lesssim \inf \|\{c_k\}\|_{l^p},$$

where the infimum is taken over all sequences $\{c_k\}$ that give rise to the representation of f in (3.1).

We shall use the following technique (due to Luecking [8]) in our proof of boundedness of the integral operator T_{φ} . Recall that the Rademacher functions r_k are defined by

$$r_0(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 0 \leq t - [t] < \frac{1}{2}, \\ -1, & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq t - [t] < 1 \end{cases}$$

and $r_k(t) = r_0(2^k t)$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots$, where $[t]$ denotes the largest integer not greater than t . An important property of Rademacher functions is the Khinchine's inequality: For any $0 < p < \infty$, there exist some positive constants C_1 and C_2 depending only on p such that

$$C_1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |b_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \leq \int_0^1 \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k r_k(t) \right|^p dt \leq C_2 \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |b_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{p}{2}}$$

for any complex number sequences $\{b_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$.

The following result shows that there are no non-zero bounded integral operators T_{φ} from F_{α}^p to F_{α}^q if $1 \leq q < p < \infty$.

Theorem 3.1 *Let $1 \leq q < p < \infty$. Suppose $\varphi \in F_\alpha^2$, then the integral operator T_φ is bounded from F_α^p to F_α^q if and only if $\varphi = 0$.*

Proof We need only to prove that $\varphi = 0$ if T_φ is bounded from F_α^p to F_α^q . Let $r > 0$ and let $\{a_k\}$ be an r -lattice. For any $\{c_k\} \in l^p$, then $\{c_k r_k(t)\} \in l^p$, where $r_k(t)$ is a Rademacher function. By Lemma 3.2, the function

$$f_t(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k r_k(t) k_{a_k}(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k r_k(t) e^{\alpha z \overline{a_k} - \frac{\alpha}{2} |a_k|^2}$$

belongs to F_α^p and $\|f_t\|_{p,\alpha} \lesssim \|\{c_k\}\|_{l^p}$. Since T_φ is bounded from F_α^p to F_α^q , we get

$$\|T_\varphi f_t\|_{q,\alpha} \leq \|T_\varphi\|_{F_\alpha^p \rightarrow F_\alpha^q} \|f_t\|_{p,\alpha} \lesssim \|T_\varphi\|_{F_\alpha^p \rightarrow F_\alpha^q} \|\{c_k\}\|_{l^p}.$$

In the above inequality, integrate with respect to t from 0 to 1. By Fubini's theorem and Khinchine's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \|T_\varphi f_t\|_{q,\alpha}^q dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{C}} |T_\varphi f_t(z) e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}}|^q dA(z) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{C}} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k r_k(t) T_\varphi k_{a_k}(z) \right|^q e^{-\frac{q\alpha|z|^2}{2}} dA(z) dt \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{C}} \int_0^1 \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k r_k(t) T_\varphi k_{a_k}(z) \right|^q dt e^{-\frac{q\alpha|z|^2}{2}} dA(z) \\ &\gtrsim \int_{\mathbb{C}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k|^2 |T_\varphi k_{a_k}(z)|^2 \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} e^{-\frac{q\alpha|z|^2}{2}} dA(z) \\ &\gtrsim \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(a_j,r)} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k|^2 |T_\varphi k_{a_k}(z)|^2 \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} e^{-\frac{q\alpha|z|^2}{2}} dA(z). \end{aligned}$$

For j fixed, we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k|^2 |T_\varphi k_{a_k}(z)|^2 \geq |c_j|^2 |T_\varphi k_{a_j}(z)|^2.$$

This, together with Lemma 3.1, shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(a_j,r)} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k|^2 |T_\varphi k_{a_k}(z)|^2 \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} e^{-\frac{q\alpha|z|^2}{2}} dA(z) \\ &\geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(a_j,r)} |c_j|^q |T_\varphi k_{a_j}(z)|^q e^{-\frac{q\alpha|z|^2}{2}} dA(z) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |c_j|^q \int_{B(a_j,r)} |T_\varphi k_{a_j}(z)|^q e^{-\frac{q\alpha|z|^2}{2}} dv(z) \\ &\gtrsim \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |c_j|^q |T_\varphi k_{a_j}(a_j)|^q e^{-\frac{q|a_j|^2}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

By direct calculation, we have

$$T_\varphi k_{a_j}(a_j)e^{-\frac{|a_j|^2}{2}} = \varphi(a_j - \bar{a}_j).$$

Therefore, we get

$$\sum_{j=1}^\infty |c_j|^q |\varphi(a_j - \bar{a}_j)|^q \lesssim \int_0^1 \|T_\varphi f_t\|_{q,\alpha}^q dt \lesssim \|T_\varphi\|_{F_\alpha^p \rightarrow F_\alpha^q}^q \|\{c_k\}\|_{l^p}^q.$$

Denote $d_j = |c_j|^q$, then

$$\sum_{j=1}^\infty |d_j| |\varphi(a_j - \bar{a}_j)|^q \lesssim \|T_\varphi\|_{F_\alpha^p \rightarrow F_\alpha^q}^q \|\{d_j\}\|_{l^{\frac{p}{p-q}}}.$$

Since the conjugate exponent of $\frac{p}{q}$ is $\frac{p}{p-q}$, by a duality argument $(l^{\frac{p}{q}})^* = l^{\frac{p}{p-q}}$, we imply that

$$\sum_{j=1}^\infty |\varphi(a_j - \bar{a}_j)|^{\frac{pq}{p-q}} \lesssim \|T_\varphi\|_{F_\alpha^p \rightarrow F_\alpha^q}^{\frac{pq}{p-q}}. \tag{3.2}$$

Notice that the above inequality (3.2) holds for any r -lattices. Choose a point $\xi_j \in \overline{B(a_j, r)}$ such that

$$|\varphi(\xi_j - \bar{\xi}_j)| = \sup_{z \in B(a_j, r)} |\varphi(z - \bar{z})|.$$

Hence, we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{z})|^{\frac{pq}{p-q}} dA(z) \\ & \leq \sum_{j=1}^\infty \int_{B(a_j, r)} |\varphi(z - \bar{z})|^{\frac{pq}{p-q}} dA(z) \\ & \lesssim \sum_{j=1}^\infty \sup_{z \in B(a_j, r)} |\varphi(z - \bar{z})|^{\frac{pq}{p-q}} \\ & \leq \sum_{j=1}^\infty |\varphi(\xi_j - \bar{\xi}_j)|^{\frac{pq}{p-q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that $\{\xi_j\}$ is a finite union of δ -lattices. This together with (3.2) shows

$$\int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{z})|^{\frac{pq}{p-q}} dA(z) < \infty,$$

which is impossible unless $\varphi = 0$. In fact, if $\varphi(z_0 - \bar{z}_0) \neq 0$, set $z = x + iy$, $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$, there exists $r > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{z})|^{\frac{pq}{p-q}} dA(z) \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\varphi(2iy)|^{\frac{pq}{p-q}} dy dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\geq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{y_0-r}^{y_0+r} |\varphi(2iy)|^{\frac{pq}{p-q}} dy dx = \infty.$$

This completes the proof.

The next result is a sufficient condition for T_φ to be bounded from F_α^p to F_α^q .

Theorem 3.2 *Let $1 < p \leq q < \infty$. If*

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{a})| e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z-a|^2} dA(z) < \infty,$$

then T_φ is bounded from F_α^p to F_α^q .

Proof By Hölder’s Inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & |T_\varphi f(z) e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}}| \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{C}} |e^{\alpha z \bar{w}} \varphi(z - \bar{w}) f(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}}| d\lambda_\alpha(w) \\ & = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}| |\varphi(z - \bar{w})| e^{-\frac{\alpha|z-w|^2}{2}} dA(w) \\ & \leq \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left(\int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{w})| e^{-\frac{\alpha|z-w|^2}{2}} dA(w) \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \\ & \quad \cdot \left(\int_{\mathbb{C}} |f(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}|^p |\varphi(z - \bar{w})| e^{-\frac{\alpha|z-w|^2}{2}} dA(w) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using hypothesis and Fubini’s Theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|T_\varphi f\|_{p,\alpha}^p \\ & = C \int_{\mathbb{C}} |T_\varphi f(z) e^{-\frac{\alpha|z|^2}{2}}|^p dA(z) \\ & \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{C}} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}|^p |\varphi(z - \bar{w})| e^{-\frac{\alpha|z-w|^2}{2}} dA(w) dA(z) \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}|^p dA(w) \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{w})| e^{-\frac{\alpha|z-w|^2}{2}} dA(z) \\ & \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f(w) e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}|^p dA(w). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\|T_\varphi f\|_{p,\alpha} \leq C \|f\|_{p,\alpha}.$$

Since $\|f\|_{q,\alpha} \lesssim \|f\|_{p,\alpha}$ if $p \leq q$ for any $f \in F_\alpha^p$, we see that T_φ is bounded from F_α^p to F_α^q . This completes the proof.

We also give a sufficient condition for T_φ to be a compact operator from F_α^p to F_α^q .

Theorem 3.3 *Let $1 < p \leq q < \infty$. If*

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{a})| e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z-a|^2} dA(z) = 0,$$

then T_φ is compact from F_α^p to F_α^q .

Proof By the argument in the proof of Theorem 3.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|T_\varphi f\|_{q,\alpha}^q \\ & \leq C \int_{\mathbb{C}} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}|^p |\varphi(z - \bar{w})|e^{-\frac{\alpha|z-w|^2}{2}} dA(w)dA(z) \\ & = C \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha|w|^2}{2}}|^p \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{w})|e^{-\frac{\alpha|z-w|^2}{2}} dA(z)dA(w). \end{aligned}$$

Let f_n be a sequence in F_α^p such that

$$\sup_n \|f_n\|_{p,\alpha} < \infty$$

and

$$f_n \rightarrow 0$$

uniformly on compact sets in \mathbb{C} . For any $0 < r < \infty$, we denote

$$D_r = \{w \in \mathbb{C} : |w| > r\}.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|T_\varphi f_n\|_{q,\alpha}^q \\ & \leq C \int_{D_r} |f_n(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|w|^2}|^p \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{w})|e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z-w|^2} dA(z)dA(w) \\ & \quad + \int_{\{w \in \mathbb{C} : |w| \leq r\}} |f_n(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|w|^2}|^p \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{w})|e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z-w|^2} dA(z)dA(w) \\ & = J_1 + J_2. \end{aligned}$$

We estimate each item independently. We first estimate J_1 .

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 & = \int_{D_r} |f_n(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|w|^2}|^p \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{w})|e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z-w|^2} dA(z)dA(w) \\ & \leq \|f_n\|_{p,\alpha}^p \sup_{w \in D_r} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{w})|e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z-w|^2} dA(z). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\sup_n \|f_n\|_{p,\alpha} < \infty$, we see that $J_1 \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$. We next estimate J_2 .

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 & = \int_{\{w \in \mathbb{C} : |w| \leq r\}} |f_n(w)e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|w|^2}|^p \int_{\mathbb{C}} |\varphi(z - \bar{w})|e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}|z-w|^2} dA(z)dA(w) \\ & \leq C \sup_{\{w \in \mathbb{C} : |w| \leq r\}} |f_n(w)|. \end{aligned}$$

Since $f_n \rightarrow 0$ uniformly on compact sets in \mathbb{C} , we get that $J_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, $\|T_\varphi f_n\|_{q,\alpha}$ converges to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$. So, T_φ is a compact operator. This completes the proof.

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