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## MULTIPLICATION OPERATORS ON CESÀRO-ORLICZ SEQUENCE SPACES

ABSTRACT. In this paper, we characterize the compact, invertible, Fredholm and closed range multiplication operators on Cesàro-Orlicz sequence spaces.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Cesàro sequence spaces  $Ces_p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , appeared for the first time in 1968 as a problem of finding their duals [1]. Some basic properties of these spaces were studied in the early seventies by Shiue [23] and Leibowitz [13]. In 1974 Jagers [9] found the dual space of  $Ces_p$  (see also [12]). In the late nineties mathematicians became interested in geometric properties of these spaces. Cui and Pluciennik studied Local Uniform Nonsquareness [6] and Banach-Saks Property and Property  $\beta$  [7], Cui and Hudzik studied Fixed Point Property [5] and obtained the Packing Constant [3].

An Orlicz function  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a continuous, non-decreasing and convex such that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ ,  $\varphi(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$  and  $\varphi(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . An Orlicz function is said to satisfy the  $\delta_2$ -condition if there exists  $K > 0$  such that  $\varphi(Lx) \leq KL\varphi(x)$ , for all  $x \geq 0$  and for  $L > 1$ . By  $w$  we shall denote the space of all complex sequences. The Cesàro-Orlicz sequence space  $Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  is defined as

$$Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N}) = \left\{ x = (x_k) \in w : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |\lambda x_k|\right) < \infty \right\}.$$

The space  $Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  is a Banach space under the norm

$$\|x\| = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |x_k|}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\} \quad (\text{see [17]}).$$

The Cesàro-Orlicz sequence spaces  $Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  appeared for the first time in 1988, when Lim and Lee [11] found their dual spaces. Recently, Cui et al. [4] obtained important properties of the spaces. In 2007 Maligranda et al. [14] showed that  $Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  is not B-convex, if  $\varphi \in \delta_2$  and  $Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N}) \neq \{0\}$ . The extreme points and strong  $U$ -points of  $Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  have been characterized by Foralewski et al. in [8]. Although the spaces  $Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  have been studied by several mathematicians, some essential and basic properties remain still unknown but recently some of its properties have been discussed by Damian in [10].

In the case when  $\varphi(x) = |x|^p$ , ( $p > 1$ ) the Cesàro-Orlicz sequence space  $Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  becomes the Cesàro sequence space  $Ces_p$ .

Let  $u : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a function such that  $u \cdot f \in Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  for every  $f \in Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$ , then we can define a multiplication transformation  $M_u : Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  by

$$M_u f = u f, \quad \forall f \in Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N}).$$

If  $M_u$  is continuous, we call it a multiplication operator induced by  $u$ . These operators received considerable attention over the past several decades especially on  $L^p$ -spaces and Bergman spaces. From the recent literature available in Operator theory we find that multiplication operators are very much intimately connected with the composition operators as most of the properties of composition operators on  $L^p$ -spaces can be stated in terms of properties of multiplication operators. For example Singh and Kumar [21] proved that a composition operator on  $L^p(X, \mathbb{C})$  is compact if and only if the multiplication operator  $M_u$  is compact, where  $u = \frac{d\mu T^{-1}}{d\mu}$ , the Radon-Nikodym derivative of the measure  $\mu T^{-1}$  with respect to the measure  $\mu$ . Infact the multiplication operators play an important role in the theory of Hilbert space operators. One of the main application is that every normal operator on a separable Hilbert space is unitarily equivalent to a multiplication operator. Moreover, multiplication operators has its roots in the spectral theory and is being pursued today in such guises as the theory of subnormal operators and the theory of Toeplitz operators. For more details on multiplication operators we refer to ([2], [18], [19], [20], [22], [24]) and references therein. Moreover, Compact operators on sequence spaces have recently been studied by Mursaleen and Noman in ([15], [16]). By  $B(Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N}))$  we denote the set of all bounded linear operators from  $Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  into itself.

A bounded linear operator  $A : E \rightarrow E$  (where  $E$  is a Banach space) is called compact if  $A(B_1)$  has compact closure, where  $B_1$  denotes the closed unit ball of  $E$ .

A bounded linear operator  $A : E \rightarrow E$  is called Fredholm if  $A$  has closed range,  $\dim(\ker A)$  and  $\text{co-dim}(\text{ran} A)$  are finite. The main purpose of this paper is to characterize the boundedness, compactness, closed range and Fredholmness of multiplication operators on Cesàro-Orlicz sequence spaces.

### 2. Multiplication operators

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $u : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a mapping. Then  $M_u : Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  is bounded if and only if  $u$  is a bounded function.*

**Proof.** Suppose  $u$  is a bounded function. Then there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $|u_n| \leq M, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $x \in Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u x\| &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |(ux)_k|}{\lambda}\right) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |u_k| |x_k|}{\lambda}\right) \\ &\leq M \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |x_k|}{\lambda}\right) \\ &= M \|x\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|M_u x\| \leq M \|x\|, \forall x \in Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  which implies that  $M_u$  is a bounded operator.

Conversely, suppose that  $M_u$  is a bounded operator. We show that  $u$  is a bounded function. For, if  $u$  is not a bounded function, then for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists some  $p_n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|u(p_n)| > n$ . Now  $\|e^{p_n}\| = \sum_{m=p_n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m\lambda\varphi^{-1}(1)}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u e^{p_n}\| &= \left(\sum_{m=p_n}^{\infty} \frac{|u_m|}{m\lambda\varphi^{-1}(1)}\right) \\ &> n \left(\sum_{m=p_n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m\lambda\varphi^{-1}(1)}\right) \\ &= n \|e^{p_n}\|. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $M_u$  is not a bounded operator. Hence,  $u$  must be a bounded function. ■

**Theorem 2.**  $M_u$  is an isometry if and only if  $|u_n| = 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose first that  $|u_n| = 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u x\| &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |u_k x_k|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |x_k|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \|x\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\|M_u x\| = \|x\|, \forall x \in Ces_{\varphi}(\mathbb{N})$  and hence  $M_u$  is an isometry.

Conversely, suppose that  $|u_n| \neq 1$  for some  $n = n_0$ . Then  $\|e^{n_0}\| = \sum_{m=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m\lambda\varphi^{-1}(1)}$ . Suppose  $|u_{n_0}| > 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u e^{n_0}\| &= \left( \sum_{m=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{|u_{n_0}|}{m\lambda\varphi^{-1}(1)} \right) \\ &> \sum_{m=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m\lambda\varphi^{-1}(1)} \\ &= \|e^{n_0}\|. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly if  $|u_{n_0}| < 1$ , then we can show that  $\|M_u e^{n_0}\| < \|e^{n_0}\|$ . In both cases, when  $|u_{n_0}| < 1$  or  $|u_{n_0}| > 1$ , we get contradiction. Hence,  $|u_n| = 1 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . ■

### 3. Compact multiplication operators

**Theorem 3.** Let  $M_u \in B(Ces_{\varphi}(\mathbb{N}))$ . Then  $M_u$  is a compact operator if and only if  $u(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Proof.** We first assume that  $M_u$  is a compact operator. We show that  $u(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . For if this were not true, then there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that the set  $A_{\epsilon} = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |u_k| \geq \epsilon\}$  is an infinite set. Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, \dots$  be in  $A_{\epsilon}$ . Then  $\{e^{p_n} : p_n \in A_{\epsilon}\}$  is an infinite bounded set in  $Ces_{\varphi}(\mathbb{N})$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u e^{p_n} - M_u e^{p_s}\| &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |u(k)e^{p_n}(k) - u(k)e^{p_s}(k)|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |u(k)||e^{p_n}(k) - e^{p_s}(k)|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &\geq \epsilon \|e^{p_n} - e^{p_s}\|, \forall p_n, p_s \in A_{\epsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves that  $\{e^{p_n} : p_n \in A_\epsilon\}$  is a bounded sequence which cannot have a convergent subsequence under  $M_u$ . This shows that  $M_u$  cannot be a compact operator, which is a contradiction. Hence,  $u(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Conversely, suppose  $u(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , the set  $A_\epsilon = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : |u(n)| \geq \epsilon\}$  is a finite set. Then  $Ces_\varphi(A_\epsilon)$  is a finite dimensional space for each  $\epsilon > 0$ . Therefore,  $M_u|_{Ces_\varphi(A_\epsilon)}$  is a compact operator. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $u_n : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$u_n(m) = \begin{cases} u(m), & \forall m \in A_{\frac{1}{n}} \\ 0, & \forall m \notin A_{\frac{1}{n}}. \end{cases}$$

Clearly,  $M_{u_n}$  is a compact operator as the space  $Ces_\varphi(A_{\frac{1}{n}})$  is finite dimensional for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \|(M_{u_n} - M_u)x\| &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |u_n(k)x_k - u(k)x_k|}{\lambda}\right) \\ &= \sum_{m \in A_{\frac{1}{n}}}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |u_n(k)x_k - u(k)x_k|}{\lambda}\right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{m \in A'_{\frac{1}{n}}}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |u_n(k)x_k - u(k)x_k|}{\lambda}\right) \\ &= \sum_{m \in A'_{\frac{1}{n}}}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |u(k)x_k|}{\lambda}\right) \\ &< \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m \in A'_{\frac{1}{n}}}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |x_k|}{\lambda}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \|x\| \end{aligned}$$

or  $\|(M_{u_n} - M_u)(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{n} \|x\|$ . This proves that  $\|(M_{u_n} - M_u)\| \leq \frac{1}{n}$  and that  $M_u$  is a limit of compact operators and hence,  $M_u$  is a compact operator. ■

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $M_u \in B(Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N}))$ . Then  $M_u$  has closed range if and only if  $u$  is bounded away from zero on  $\mathbb{N} \setminus keru = S$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $u$  is bounded away from zero on  $S$ . Then there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $|u_n| \geq \epsilon \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus keru$ . We have to prove that  $ranM_u$

is closed. Let  $z$  be a limit point of  $\text{ran}M_u$ . Then there exists a sequence  $M_u x^n \rightarrow z$ . Clearly, the sequence  $\{M_u x^n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u x^n - M_u x^m\| &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |u_k x_k^n - u_k x_k^m|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \in S}}^m |u_k| |x_k^n - x_k^m|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &\geq \epsilon \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \in S}}^m |x_k^n - x_k^m|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \epsilon \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |\tilde{x}_k^n - \tilde{x}_k^m|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \epsilon \|\tilde{x}^n - \tilde{x}^m\|, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{x}_k^n = \begin{cases} x_k^n, & \text{if } k \in S \\ 0, & \text{if } k \notin S. \end{cases}$$

This proves that  $\{\tilde{x}_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Ces_{\varphi}(\mathbb{N})$ . But  $Ces_{\varphi}(\mathbb{N})$  is complete. Therefore, there exists  $x \in Ces_{\varphi}(\mathbb{N})$  such that  $\tilde{x}^n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . In view of continuity of  $M_u$ ,  $M_u \tilde{x}^n \rightarrow M_u x$ . But  $M_u x^n = M_u \tilde{x}^n \rightarrow z$ . Therefore,  $M_u x = z$ . Hence,  $z \in \text{ran}M_u$ . This proves that  $M_u$  has closed range.

Conversely, suppose that  $M_u$  has closed range. Then  $M_u$  is bounded away from zero on  $(\ker M_u)^{\perp} = Ces_{\varphi}(\mathbb{N} \setminus \ker u)$ . That is, there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that

$$(1) \quad \|M_u x\| \geq \epsilon \|x\| \quad \forall x \in Ces_{\varphi}(\mathbb{N} \setminus \ker u).$$

Let  $G = \{k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \ker u : |u_k| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}\}$ . If  $G \neq \emptyset$ , then for  $n_0 \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u e^{n_0}\| &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |u(k) e^{n_0}(k)|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=n_0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{|u(n_0)|}{m \lambda \varphi^{-1}(1)} \right) \\ &< \epsilon \sum_{m=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m \lambda \varphi^{-1}(1)} \\ &= \epsilon \|e^{n_0}\|. \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $\|M_u e^{n_0}\| < \epsilon \|e^{n_0}\|$  which contradicts (1). Hence,  $G = \emptyset$  so that  $|u_k| \geq \epsilon, \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \ker u$ . This proves the theorem.  $\blacksquare$

#### 4. Invertible and Fredholm multiplication operators

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $u : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a mapping. Then  $M_u : Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  is invertible if and only if there exist  $m > 0$  and  $M > 0$  such that  $m < u_n < M, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that the condition is true. Define  $\gamma : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $\gamma_n = \frac{1}{u_n}$ . Then  $M_u$  and  $M_\gamma$  are bounded linear operators in view of Theorem 1. Also  $M_u \cdot M_\gamma = M_\gamma \cdot M_u = I$ . Hence,  $M_\gamma$  is the inverse of  $M_u$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $M_u$  is invertible. Then  $ran M_u = Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$ . Therefore,  $ran M_u$  is closed. Hence, by Theorem 4, there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $|u_n| \geq \epsilon \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus ker u$ . Now  $ker u = \emptyset$ , otherwise  $u_{n_0} = 0$ , for some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , in which case  $e^{n_0} \in ker M_u$  which is a contradiction, since  $ker M_u$  is trivial. Hence,  $|u_n| \geq \epsilon \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $M_u$  is bounded, so by Theorem 1, there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $|u_n| \leq M, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus, we have proved that  $\epsilon \leq |u_n| \leq M, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . ■

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $M_u : Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  be a bounded operator. Then  $M_u$  is Fredholm operator if and only if*

- (i) *keru is a finite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ .*
- (ii)  *$|u_n| \geq \epsilon, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus keru$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $M_u$  is Fredholm. If  $keru$  is an infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ , then  $e^n \in ker M_u \forall n \in keru$ . But  $e^n$ 's are linearly independent, which shows that  $ker M_u$  is an infinite dimensional which is a contradiction. Hence,  $keru$  must be a finite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ . The condition (ii) follows from Theorem 4.

Conversely, If the conditions (i) and (ii) are true, then we prove that  $M_u$  is Fredholm. In view of Theorem 4, the condition (ii) implies that  $M_u$  has closed range. The condition (i) implies that  $ker M_u$  and  $ker M_u^*$  are finite dimensional. This proves that  $M_u$  is Fredholm. ■

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