

## VANISHING LOGARITHMIC CARLESON MEASURES

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ABSTRACT. Vanishing Carleson-type measures defined with additional logarithmic terms are characterized by using functions in *BMOA* and the Bloch space. The results are applied to Cesàro type operators on *BMOA* and the Bloch space.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  be the unit disk in the complex plane and let  $H(D)$  denote the space of all analytic functions on  $D$ . Recall that a positive Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $D$  is called a Carleson measure if there is a positive finite constant  $K$  such that

$$(1) \quad \mu(S(I)) \leq K|I|$$

for all arcs  $I \subset \partial D$ , where  $|I|$  denotes the normalized arc length of  $I$  (so that  $|\partial D| = 1$ ) and  $S(I)$  is the Carleson square defined by

$$S(I) = \{z : 1 - |I| < |z| < 1, z/|z| \in I\}.$$

Carleson measures are ubiquitous in the study of function-theoretic operator theory. A fundamental property of Carleson measures due to L. Carleson addresses the issue of when the inclusion map is bounded from the Hardy space  $H^p$  to  $L^p(D, d\mu)$ . Recall that for  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $H^p$  consists of the functions  $f \in H(D)$  satisfying

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

**THEOREM A (CARLESON'S THEOREM).** *For  $\mu$  a positive Borel measure on  $D$  and  $0 < p < \infty$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\mu$  is a Carleson measure.
- (ii) There is a constant  $C_1 > 0$  such that, for all  $f \in H^p$ ,

$$\int_D |f(z)|^p d\mu(z) \leq C_1 \|f\|_p^p.$$

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(iii) There is a constant  $C_2 > 0$  such that, for every  $a \in D$ ,

$$\int_D |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu(z) \leq C_2,$$

where  $\varphi_a(z) = (a - z)/(1 - \bar{a}z)$  is an automorphism of  $D$ .

For a proof see, for example, [D] or [CM]. If we write  $\|\mu\|$  for

$$\sup_{I \subset \partial D} \frac{\mu(S(I))}{|I|},$$

then in Carleson's theorem the quantities  $C_1, C_2$ , and  $\|\mu\|$  are comparable, meaning that there are absolute constants bounding the ratio of any two of them.

If we have

$$\lim_{|I| \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu(S(I))}{|I|} = 0,$$

then we say that  $\mu$  is a *vanishing Carleson measure*. For vanishing Carleson measures we have the following well-known analogue of Theorem A:

**THEOREM B.** *For  $\mu$  a positive Borel measure on  $D$  and  $0 < p < \infty$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\mu$  is a vanishing Carleson measure.
- (ii) The identity mapping  $I$  from  $H^p$  into  $L^p(D, \mu)$  is a compact operator.
- (iii)  $\mu$  satisfies

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1^-} \int_D |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu(z) = 0.$$

A proof can be found in [Z, Theorem 8.2.5]; the equivalence of (i) and (iii) is contained in our proof of Theorem 2 below (with  $p = 0$  and  $s = 1$ ).

For  $0 \leq p < \infty$  and  $0 < s < \infty$ , we define *p-logarithmic s-Carleson measures* by replacing the condition (1) by the following condition:

$$(2) \quad \mu(S(I)) \leq K \frac{|I|^s}{(\log \frac{2}{|I|})^p}.$$

If  $s = 1$ , we call  $\mu$  a *p-logarithmic Carleson measure*; if moreover  $p = 2$ , we call  $\mu$  a *logarithmic Carleson measure*. In [Zh] the second author characterized the *p-logarithmic s-Carleson measures* by criteria involving *BMOA* functions when  $s = 1$  and Bloch functions when  $s > 1$ . Recall that *BMOA* consists of the analytic functions  $f$  on  $D$  for which

$$\|f\|_* \equiv \sup_{a \in D} \|f \circ \varphi_a - f(a)\|_2 < \infty,$$

where  $\varphi_a(z)$  is a disk automorphism as defined in Theorem A. The John-Nirenberg Theorem ensures that  $\|f\|_* \approx \sup_{a \in D} \|f \circ \varphi_a - f(a)\|_p$  for  $0 < p <$

$\infty$ . This means that there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{C} \|f\|_* \leq \sup_{a \in D} \|f \circ \varphi_a - f(a)\|_p \leq C \|f\|_*.$$

$BMOA$  is a Banach space under the norm  $\|f\|_{BMOA} = |f(0)| + \|f\|_*$ .

The purpose of this paper is to develop analogous criteria for vanishing measures, defined by replacing the condition (2) by the corresponding little-oh condition. Thus a positive Borel measure of  $D$  is said to be a *vanishing  $p$ -logarithmic  $s$ -Carleson measure* if

$$\mu(S(I)) = o\left(\frac{|I|^s}{(\log \frac{2}{|I|})^p}\right) \text{ as } |I| \rightarrow 0$$

More briefly, if  $s = 1$ , we call  $\mu$  a *vanishing  $p$ -logarithmic Carleson measure*; if moreover  $p = 2$ , we call  $\mu$  a *vanishing logarithmic Carleson measure*.

Our main result in the case  $s = 1$  is the following theorem.

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $0 < p < \infty$  and let  $\mu$  be a positive Borel measure on  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\mu$  is a vanishing  $p$ -logarithmic Carleson measure.
- (ii)  $\mu$  satisfies

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \left(\log \frac{2}{1 - |a|}\right)^p \int_D |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu(z) = 0.$$

- (iii) For any bounded sequence  $\{f_n\} \subset BMOA$  satisfying  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{a \in D} \int_D |f_n(z)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu(z) = 0.$$

- (iv) For  $0 < q < \infty$ , and for any bounded sequence  $\{f_n\} \subset BMOA$  satisfying  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{g \in H^q, \|g\|_q = 1} \int_D |f_n(z)|^p |g(z)|^q d\mu(z) = 0.$$

Theorem 1 will be proved in Section 2, after we provide a general characterization of vanishing  $p$ -logarithmic  $s$ -Carleson measures. Then we will give an application of Theorem 1 to certain Cesàro type operators on  $BMOA$ .

In Section 3, we will give the corresponding results on  $p$ -logarithmic  $s$ -Carleson measures for  $s > 1$ . Here the role of  $BMOA$  will be replaced by the Bloch space, defined below. We will also give a similar application to Cesàro type operators on the Bloch space.

In the following, we use the convention that  $C$  will be a finite positive constant whose value may vary from line to line.

### 2. Vanishing $p$ -logarithmic Carleson measures

Before proving Theorem 1, we will give a general result for any vanishing  $p$ -logarithmic  $s$ -Carleson measure for  $0 \leq p < \infty$  and  $0 < s < \infty$ . The  $p = 0$  case of this result was first proved in [ASX].

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $0 \leq p < \infty$  and  $0 < s < \infty$ . Let  $\mu$  be a positive Borel measure on  $D$ . Then  $\mu$  is a vanishing  $p$ -logarithmic  $s$ -Carleson measure if and only if*

$$(3) \quad \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a|} \right)^p \int_D |\varphi'_a(z)|^s d\mu(z) = 0.$$

*Proof.* Let (3) be satisfied. Take any  $I \subset \partial D$ . Let  $a = (1 - |I|)e^{i\theta}$ , where  $e^{i\theta}$  is the center of  $I$ . Then  $1 - |a| = |I|$ , and since for any  $z \in S(I)$ ,  $|\varphi'_a(z)| \geq C/|I|$ , we get

$$\frac{(\log \frac{2}{|I|})^p}{|I|^s} \mu(S(I)) \leq C \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a|} \right)^p \int_D |\varphi'_a(z)|^s d\mu(z).$$

Taking the limit as  $|I| \rightarrow 0$  (or, equivalently,  $|a| \rightarrow 1$ ) we see that

$$\lim_{|I| \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\log \frac{2}{|I|})^p}{|I|^s} \mu(S(I)) = 0.$$

Thus  $\mu$  is a vanishing  $p$ -logarithmic  $s$ -Carleson measure.

Conversely, let  $\mu$  be a vanishing  $p$ -logarithmic  $s$ -Carleson measure. For any fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that for all arcs  $I \subset \partial D$  with  $|I| \leq \delta$ ,

$$\frac{(\log \frac{2}{|I|})^p}{|I|^s} \mu(S(I)) < \varepsilon.$$

Suppose  $a = re^{i\theta}$  and  $r > 1 - \delta$ . Denote by  $I_\delta$  the arc centered at  $e^{i\theta}$  satisfying  $|I_\delta| = \delta$ , and by  $S(I_\delta)$  the corresponding Carleson box. Then

$$\begin{aligned} K(a) &= \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a|} \right)^p \int_D |\varphi'_a(z)|^s d\mu(z) \\ &= \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a|} \right)^p \int_{D \setminus S(I_\delta)} |\varphi'_a(z)|^s d\mu(z) \\ &\quad + \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a|} \right)^p \int_{S(I_\delta)} |\varphi'_a(z)|^s d\mu(z) \\ &= K_1(a) + K_2(a). \end{aligned}$$

To estimate  $K_2(a)$ , let  $\{I_n\}$  be the arcs centered at  $e^{i\theta}$  with  $|I_n| = \alpha^{(n-1)}(1 - |a|)$ , where  $1 < \alpha < 2/\delta$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$  and  $N$  is the smallest integer such

that  $\alpha^{(N-1)}(1 - |a|) \geq \delta$ . Thus

$$\log_\alpha \frac{\delta\alpha}{1 - |a|} \leq N \leq \log_\alpha \frac{\delta\alpha}{1 - |a|} + 1.$$

Setting  $I_0 = \emptyset$ , a calculation shows that for  $z \in S(I_n) \setminus S(I_{n-1})$ ,

$$|\varphi'_a(z)|^s \leq \frac{C}{\alpha^{2ns}(1 - |a|)^s}.$$

Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{S(I_\delta)} |\varphi'_a(z)|^s d\mu(z) &\leq \frac{C}{(1 - |a|)^s} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\alpha^{2ns}} \mu(S(I_n) \setminus S(I_{n-1})) \\ &\quad + \frac{C}{(1 - |a|)^s} \frac{1}{\alpha^{2Ns}} \mu(S(I_\delta) \setminus S(I_{N-1})) \\ &\leq \frac{C}{(1 - |a|)^s} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\alpha^{2ns}} \frac{\varepsilon |I_n|^s}{(\log \frac{2}{|I_n|})^p} \\ &\quad + \frac{C}{(1 - |a|)^s} \frac{\varepsilon |I_\delta|^s}{\alpha^{2Ns} (\log \frac{2}{|I_\delta|})^p} \\ &\leq \frac{C\varepsilon}{(1 - |a|)^s} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\alpha^{2ns}} \frac{|I_n|^s}{(\log \frac{2}{|I_n|})^p} \\ &\leq C\varepsilon \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\alpha^{ns}} \frac{1}{(\log \frac{2}{\alpha^{n-1}(1 - |a|)})^p}. \end{aligned}$$

We may bound this last expression by

$$C\varepsilon \frac{1}{(\log \frac{2}{1 - |a|})^p}.$$

When  $p = 0$  this is obvious; for  $p > 0$  the sum is bounded above by

$$C \int_1^{2 + \log_\alpha \delta - \log_\alpha(1 - |a|)} \frac{1}{\alpha^{ts}} \frac{1}{(\log \frac{2}{\alpha^{t-1}(1 - |a|)})^p} dt,$$

since  $N \leq \log_\alpha(\delta\alpha/(1 - |a|)) + 1 = 2 + \log_\alpha \delta - \log_\alpha(1 - |a|)$ . Standard estimates show that for  $|a| \geq 3/4$  this integral is bounded above by

$$C \frac{1}{(\log \frac{2}{1 - |a|})^p}$$

for some constant  $C$ . Thus

$$(4) \quad K_2(a) < \varepsilon$$

for  $|a|$  sufficiently close to 1. To estimate  $K_1(a)$ , notice that for  $z \in D \setminus S(I_\delta)$ ,  $|1 - \bar{a}z| \geq \delta$ . Thus

$$(5) \quad K_1(a) \leq \frac{1}{\delta^{2s}}(1 - |a|^2)^s \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a|} \right)^p \mu(D) < \varepsilon$$

if  $|a|$  is sufficiently close to 1. Combining (4) and (5) we see that

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} K(a) = 0,$$

which finishes the proof. □

In order to prove Theorem 1, we need the following lemma.

LEMMA 1. *If  $\mu$  is a vanishing  $p$ -logarithmic Carleson measure, and  $\{f_n\}$  is a bounded sequence in  $BMOA$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then*

$$(6) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{a \in D} \int_D |f_n(a)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu = 0.$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 2, given any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we may find  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{a \in D \setminus \bar{D}_\delta} \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a|} \right)^p \int_D |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu(z) < \varepsilon,$$

where  $D_\delta = \{z \in D : |z| < \delta\}$ . Since point evaluation at  $a$  is a bounded linear functional on  $BMOA$ , with uniformly bounded norm as  $a$  ranges over  $\bar{D}_\delta$  (specifically  $|f_n(a)| \leq C\|f_n\|_* \log(2/(1 - |a|))$ ), and  $\{f_n\}$  is bounded in  $BMOA$ , we have

$$(7) \quad \sup_{a \in D \setminus \bar{D}_\delta} \int_D |f_n(a)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu \leq C \sup_{a \in D \setminus \bar{D}_\delta} \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a|} \right)^p \int_D |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu < C\varepsilon.$$

Also, since  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$ , we see that for  $n$  sufficiently large,

$$(8) \quad \sup_{a \in \bar{D}_\delta} \int_D |f_n(a)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu \leq \varepsilon \sup_{a \in \bar{D}_\delta} \int_D |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu \leq C\|\mu\|\varepsilon.$$

Combining (7) and (8) we see we can make

$$\sup_{a \in D} \int_D |f_n(a)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu$$

as small as desired by choosing  $n$  sufficiently large, and so (6) is proved. □

*Proof of Theorem 1.* The equivalence of (i) and (ii) is the special case  $s = 1$  of Theorem 2. Now we prove that (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii). Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a bounded sequence in  $BMOA$  satisfying  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$ . Consider

$$\int_D |f_n(z) - f(a)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu.$$

Since (ii) clearly guarantees that  $\mu$  is a vanishing Carleson measure, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we may find  $r \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\mu|_{D \setminus \bar{D}_r} = \mu_r$  is a Carleson measure with Carleson constant  $\|\mu_r\| < \varepsilon$  (see, [CM, p. 130]). For fixed  $a \in D$  let

$$g_{n,a}(z) = (f_n(z) - f_n(a))(\varphi'_a(z))^{1/p}.$$

Since  $\{f_n\}$  is a bounded sequence in  $BMOA$ ,  $\{g_{n,a}\}$  is a bounded sequence in  $H^p$ , with  $H^p$  norms bounded independently of  $a \in D$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (9) \quad & \sup_{a \in D} \int_{D \setminus \bar{D}_r} |f_n(z) - f_n(a)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu(z) \\ &= \sup_{a \in D} \int_{D \setminus \bar{D}_r} |g_{n,a}(z)|^p d\mu_r(z) \leq C \sup_{a \in D} \|\mu_r\| \|g_{n,a}\|_p^p < C\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$ , we have

$$\sup_{a \in D} \int_{\bar{D}_r} |f_n(z)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu \leq \varepsilon \sup_{a \in D} \int_{\bar{D}_r} |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu \leq C\|\mu\|\varepsilon$$

for  $n$  sufficiently large. By Lemma 1 we know that, for  $n$  large enough,

$$\sup_{a \in D} \int_{\bar{D}_r} |f_n(a)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu < C\varepsilon.$$

Thus, for  $n$  sufficiently large,

$$(10) \quad \sup_{a \in D} \int_{\bar{D}_r} |f_n(z) - f_n(a)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu(z) < C\varepsilon.$$

Combining (9) and (10) with Lemma 1, we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{a \in D} \int_D |f_n(z)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu = 0.$$

Thus (iii) is true.

Next we prove that (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Suppose (i) does not hold. Then there is a sequence of arcs  $\{I_n\} \subset \partial D$  with  $|I_n| \rightarrow 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$(11) \quad \mu(S(I_n)) \geq \varepsilon \frac{|I_n|}{(\log \frac{2}{|I_n|})^p}.$$

Let  $a_n = (1 - |I_n|)e^{i\theta_n}$ , where  $e^{i\theta_n}$  is the center of  $I_n$ . Consider the sequence of functions  $\{g_n\}$  defined by

$$g_n(z) = \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a_n|} \right)^{-1} \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - \bar{a}_n z} \right)^2.$$

Then it is easy to check that  $\{g_n\}$  is a bounded sequence in  $BMOA$ , and  $g_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

By (iii),

$$\sup_{a \in D} \int_D |g_n(z)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu(z) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus

$$(12) \quad \frac{C}{|I_n|} \int_{S(I_n)} |g_n(z)|^p d\mu(z) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

since  $|\varphi'_{a_n}(z)| \geq C/|I_n|$  for any  $z \in S(I_n)$ , for some absolute constant  $C$ . But on  $S(I_n)$ ,

$$|g_n(z)|^p \geq \left[ \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a_n|} \right)^{-1} \left( k \log \frac{2}{|I_n|} \right)^2 \right]^p$$

for some constant  $k$ . Using the estimate in (12) we see that

$$\frac{1}{|I_n|} \left( \log \frac{2}{|I_n|} \right)^p \mu(S(I_n)) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

which contradicts (11). Thus (i) must hold.

Finally, we prove that (iii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iv). Let  $X_\mu^p$  be the space of analytic functions  $f$  on the unit disk  $D$  such that

$$\|f\|_{X_\mu^p}^p \equiv \sup_{a \in D} \int_D |f(z)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)| d\mu(z) < \infty,$$

and for  $0 < q < \infty$ , let  $Y_\mu^{p,q} = Y_\mu^p$  the space of analytic functions  $f$  on  $D$  such that

$$\|f\|_{Y_\mu^p}^p \equiv \sup_{g \in H^q, \|g\|_q=1} \int_D |f(z)|^p |g(z)|^q d\mu(z) < \infty.$$

Then  $f \in X_\mu^p$  if and only if  $d\mu_f(z) = |f(z)|^p d\mu(z)$  is a Carleson measure, which by Theorem A is equivalent to the condition

$$\sup_{g \in H^q, \|g\|_q=1} \int_D |f(z)|^p |g(z)|^q d\mu(z) < \infty.$$

Thus  $X_\mu^p = Y_\mu^p$ , and in fact, by the equivalence of the various constants in the statement of Carleson's theorem we know  $\|f\|_{X_\mu^p}$  and  $\|f\|_{Y_\mu^p}$  are comparable. Consequently, (iii) and (iv) are equivalent. The proof is completed.  $\square$

As an application of Theorem 1 we characterize the compactness of a Cesàro type integral operator on  $BMOA$ . For  $f, g \in H(D)$ , the integral operator  $J_f$  with symbol  $f$  is defined by

$$J_f g(z) = \int_0^z g(\zeta) f'(\zeta) d\zeta.$$



If  $f(z) = -\log(1 - z)$  then  $J_f$  is the well-known Cesàro operator. It was first shown by Ch. Pommerenke [Po] that  $J_f$  is bounded on  $H^2$  if and only if  $f \in BMOA$ . This operator was systematically studied by A. Aleman and A. Siskakis [AS1][AS2]. In [AS1], it was proved that  $J_f$  is bounded on the Hardy space  $H^p$  for any  $p \geq 1$ , if and only if  $f \in BMOA$ . The boundedness and compactness of  $J_g$  on  $BMOA$  was characterized by Siskakis and the second author in [SZ]. Here we derive the criterion of compactness of  $J_g$  on  $BMOA$  from Theorem 1. This result was first proved in [SZ].

COROLLARY 1. For  $f \in H(D)$ ,  $J_f$  is compact on  $BMOA$  if and only if

$$(13) \quad \lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a|} \right)^2 \int_D |f'(z)|^2 (1 - |\varphi_a(z)|^2) dA(z) = 0,$$

where  $dA(z) = dx dy / \pi$  is the normalized Lebesgue measure on  $D$ .

*Proof.* We will use the following criterion for a function in  $BMOA$ : if  $f \in H(D)$ , then  $f \in BMOA$  if and only if

$$B(f) = \sup_{a \in D} \int_D |f'(z)|^2 (1 - |\varphi_a(z)|^2) dA(z) < \infty,$$

and  $B(f)$  is comparable to  $\|f\|_*^2$  (see, for example, [AXZ]).

Since  $(J_f g)' = g f'$ , and  $1 - |\varphi_a(z)|^2 = (1 - |z|^2) |\varphi'_a(z)|$ , we know that  $J_f$  is compact on  $BMOA$  if and only if, for any bounded sequence  $\{g_n\} \subset BMOA$  with  $g_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{a \in D} \int_D |g_n(z)|^2 |f'(z)|^2 (1 - |z|^2) |\varphi'_a(z)| dA(z) = 0.$$

By Theorem 1, this means that  $d\mu_f(z) = |f'(z)|^2 (1 - |z|^2) dA(z)$  is a vanishing logarithmic Carleson measure, or (13) is satisfied. The proof is complete.  $\square$

### 3. The case $s > 1$

When  $s > 1$ ,  $s$ -Carleson measures are closely related, by analogues of Theorems A and B, to the weighted Bergman spaces  $L_a^{p,\alpha}$  defined for  $0 < p < \infty$  and  $\alpha > -1$  as those  $f \in H(D)$  for which

$$\|f\|_{L_a^{p,\alpha}}^p \equiv \int_D |f(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z) < \infty.$$

The analogue of Theorem A asserts the equivalence of the conditions

- (i)  $\mu$  is an  $s$ -Carleson measure.
- (ii) The identity map from  $L_a^{p,s-2}$  to  $L^p(D, d\mu)$  is bounded.
- (iii) There is a finite constant  $C > 0$  such that, for every  $a \in D$ ,

$$\int_D |\varphi'_a(z)|^s d\mu(z) \leq C.$$

(See, for example, Theorem 2.36 in [CM].) Similarly there is a characterization of vanishing  $s$ -Carleson measures, analogous to Theorem B, with  $H^p$  replaced by  $L_a^{p,s-2}$ .

Correspondingly we may obtain a version of Theorem 1 characterizing vanishing  $p$ -logarithmic  $s$ -Carleson measures for  $s > 1$  and  $p > 0$ , where the role of  $BMOA$  is now played by the Bloch space  $B$  defined as follows. A function  $f \in H(D)$  is said to be in the Bloch space  $B$  if

$$\|f\|_B \equiv |f(0)| + \sup_{z \in D} |f'(z)|(1 - |z|^2) < \infty.$$

For any  $s > 1$  we have the following result:

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $1 < s < \infty$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ , and let  $\mu$  be a positive Borel measure on  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\mu$  is a vanishing  $p$ -logarithmic  $s$ -Carleson measure.
- (ii)

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a|} \right)^p \int_D |\varphi'_a(z)|^s d\mu(z) = 0.$$

- (iii) For any bounded sequence  $\{f_n\} \subset B$  satisfying  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{a \in D} \int_D |f_n(z)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)|^s d\mu(z) = 0$$

- (iv) For  $0 < q < \infty$ , and for any bounded sequence  $\{f_n\} \subset B$  satisfying  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{g \in L_a^{q,s-2}, \|g\|=1} \int_D |f_n(z)|^p |g(z)|^q d\mu(z) = 0.$$

The proof of Theorem 3 follows by arguments quite similar to those used in Theorem 1, beginning with a version of Lemma 1 for the Bloch space, in which condition (6) of that lemma is replaced by

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{a \in D} \int_D |f_n(a)|^p |\varphi'_a(z)|^s d\mu = 0$$

for every  $s > 1$ . While the details of the proof of Theorem 3 are left to the interested reader, we make a few comments about the relevant changes in the proof of Theorem 1.

For the implication (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii), we begin with the fact that when (ii) holds, the norm of the restriction measure  $\mu_r = \mu|_{D \setminus \bar{D}_r}$  (defined by setting  $\|\mu_r\| = \sup\{\mu_r(S(I))/|I|^s : I \subset \partial D\}$ ) can be made as small as desired by choosing  $r$  sufficiently close to 1. This is obtained for  $s > 1$  by an easy adaptation of the argument in [CM, p. 130] in the case  $s = 1$ . Then assuming  $\{f_n\}$  is a bounded sequence in the Bloch space, the functions

$$g_{n,a}(z) = (f_n(z) - f_n(a))(\varphi'_a(z))^{s/p}$$

will be bounded in  $L_a^{p,s-2}$  for all  $n$  and  $a \in D$ . This follows from the fact that for  $f \in H(D)$ , the quantities

$$\sup_{a \in D} \|f \circ \varphi_a - f(a)\|_{L_a^{p,s-2}}$$

and

$$\sup_{z \in D} |f'(z)|(1 - |z|^2)$$

are comparable (see [A]). The remainder of the argument for (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) then proceeds as in the proof of Theorem 1.

For (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) we make use of exactly the same test functions as in equation (12); these are also a bounded sequence in  $B$ .

The equivalence of (iii) and (iv) follows from the chain of equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{a \in D} \int_D |f|^p |\varphi'_a|^s d\mu < \infty \\ \Leftrightarrow |f|^p d\mu \text{ is an } s\text{-Carleson measure} \\ \Leftrightarrow \sup \left\{ \int_D |f|^p |g|^q d\mu : g \in L_a^{q,s-a}, \|g\| = 1 \right\} < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

with the two supremums being comparable for fixed  $f \in H(D)$ .

We may apply Theorem 3 to study compactness of the integral operator  $J_f$  on  $B$ .

**COROLLARY 2.** *For  $f \in H(D)$ ,  $J_f$  is compact on  $B$  if and only if for some (all)  $s > 1$*

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \left( \log \frac{2}{1 - |a|} \right)^2 \int_D |f'(z)|^2 (1 - |\varphi_a(z)|^2)^s dA(z) = 0.$$

Since for  $f$  analytic in the disk and any  $\alpha > -1$ ,  $\sup_{a \in D} \|f \circ \varphi_a - f(a)\|_{L_a^{2,\alpha}}$  and  $\sup_{z \in D} |f'|^2(1 - |z|^2)$  are comparable,  $f \in B$  if and only if

$$\sup_{a \in D} \int_D |f'|^2 (1 - |\varphi_a|^2)^s dA < \infty$$

for some (all)  $s > 1$ . Thus Corollary 2 is proved in the same manner as Corollary 1.

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