

# Multiplication Operators on Second Order Cesàro-Orlicz Sequence Spaces

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## Abstract

The main purpose of this paper is to characterize the compact, invertible, Fredholm and closed range multiplication operators on second Cesàro-Orlicz sequence spaces.

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## 1. Preliminaries, background and notation

Over years, the interest on properties of multipliers between functional Banach spaces have increased. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces consisting of sequences with real or complex terms. A numeric sequence  $u = (u_n)$  such that  $uf = (u_n f_n) \in Y$  for all  $f \in X$  is called a multiplier for  $X$  and  $Y$ . Each multiplier  $u = (u_n)$  induces a linear operator  $M_u : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $M_u(f) = uf$ . If  $M_u$  is continuous, it is called the *multiplication operator* with symbol  $u$ .

Several studies on multiplication operators have been carried out. Mostly, multipliers of spaces of measurable functions have been thoroughly examined. In Halmos's monograph [1], one can find important knowledge about multiplication operators on the Hilbert space of square integrable measurable functions with respect to a given measure. In [2, 3], Singh and Kumar present good works on properties of multiplication operators on spaces of measurable functions and they study compactness and closedness of the range of multiplication operators on certain Hilbert spaces. Mursaleen et al. [4], İlkhani et al. [5] have studied multiplication operators on Cesàro function spaces. Further, Castillo et al. [6–8], obtained significant results and modified the techniques used by the others to study multiplication operators on Orlicz-Lorentz spaces, weak  $L_p$  spaces and variable Lebesgue spaces.

The Cesàro sequence space  $Ces_p$  was firstly introduced by Shiue [9] as the set of all real sequences  $x = (x_n)$  satisfying

$$\|x\|_{Ces_p} = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k| \right)^p \right)^{1/p} < \infty,$$

where  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Some topological and geometrical properties of Cesàro spaces were studied by Shiue [9], Leibowitz [10], Jagers [11], Cui and Pluciennik [12], Cui and Hudzik [13], Altay and Kama [14], Kama [15].

A continuous, non-decreasing and convex function  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called an Orlicz function if it satisfies the following conditions:

- $\varphi(0) = 0$ ,
- $\varphi(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$ ,
- $\varphi(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

Additionally, if there exists  $K > 0$  such that  $\varphi(Lx) \leq KL\varphi(x)$  for all  $x \geq 0$  and for  $L > 1$ , then we say that Orlicz function satisfies the  $\delta_2$ -condition. We write  $e = (e_k)$  and  $e^n = (e_k^n)$  for the sequences with  $e_k = 1$  for all  $k$ , and  $e_n^n = 1$  and  $e_k^n = 0$  for  $k \neq n$ .

Lindenstrauss and Tzafriri [16] define the Orlicz sequence space

$$\ell_\varphi = \left\{ x = (x_k) \in \omega : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{|x_k|}{\lambda}\right) < \infty, \text{ for some } \lambda > 0 \right\}$$

using the idea of Orlicz function. Here and what follows, the space of all complex sequences is denoted by  $\omega$ . The Orlicz space  $\ell_\varphi$  with the norm

$$\|x\| = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{|x_k|}{\lambda}\right) \leq 1 \right\}$$

is a Banach space.

The space

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

is called the Cesàro-Orlicz sequence space which is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|x\|_{Ces_\varphi} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m |x_k|}{\lambda}\right) \leq 1 \right\}$$

(see [17]). If  $\varphi(x) = |x|^p$  ( $p > 1$ ), then the Cesàro-Orlicz sequence space  $Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$  reduces to the Cesàro sequence space  $Ces_p$ .

After Lim and Lee [18] found the dual spaces of Cesàro-Orlicz sequence spaces  $Ces_\varphi(\mathbb{N})$ , Cui et al. [19] and Damian [20] investigated some properties of these spaces. Later, the authors in [21] studied the multiplication operators on Cesàro-Orlicz sequence spaces.

In 2016, N. Braha [22] defined the second-order Cesàro sequence space as

$$Ces^2(p) = \left\{ x = (x_k) \in \omega : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^n (n+1-k)|x_k| \right)^p < \infty \right\}$$

for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and he examined some topological and geometrical properties of the space  $Ces^2(p)$ .

Now, we define the second-order Cesàro-Orlicz sequence space by

$$Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N}) = \left\{ x = (x_k) \in \omega : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k)|\lambda x_k|\right) < \infty \right\}.$$

It is clear that the sequence space  $Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$  is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|x\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{\frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k)|x_k|}{\lambda}\right) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

In this paper, we give the characterization of the boundedness, compactness, closed range and Fredholmness for the multiplication operators  $M_u : Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$  defined by  $M_u f = uf$  for any  $u \in \omega$ .

## 2. Boundedness of Multiplication Operators

In this section, we will prove the theorems related to isometry and boundedness of multiplication operators.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Given any sequence  $u \in \omega$ , the multiplication operator  $M_u : Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$  is bounded if and only if the sequence  $u$  is bounded.*

*Proof.* Let  $M_u$  be a bounded operator. On the contrary, assume that  $u$  is not a bounded sequence. Then, given any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists some  $k_n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|u_{k_n}| > n$ . It is clear that  $\|e^{k_n}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} = \sum_{m=k_n}^{\infty} \frac{m+1-k}{(m+1)(m+2)\lambda\varphi^{-1}(1)}$ . Set  $\widehat{e}^{k_n} = \frac{e^{k_n}}{\|e^{k_n}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2}}$ . Then, we have  $\|\widehat{e}^{k_n}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} = 1$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u \widehat{e}^{k_n}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} &= \frac{\|M_u e^{k_n}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2}}{\|e^{k_n}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{m=k_n}^{\infty} \frac{(m+1-k)|u_{k_n}|}{(m+1)(m+2)\lambda\varphi^{-1}(1)}}{\|e^{k_n}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2}} \\ &= |u_{k_n}| > n. \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the fact that  $M_u$  is a bounded operator. Hence, we conclude that  $u$  is bounded.

Conversely, let  $u$  be a bounded sequence. Then, there exists  $K > 0$  such that  $|u_n| \leq K$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Given any  $x \in Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u x\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k)|(ux)_k|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k)|u_k||x_k|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &\leq K \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k)|x_k|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= K \|x\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $M_u$  is a bounded operator. □

**Theorem 2.2.** *The multiplication operator  $M_u : Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$  is an isometry if and only if  $|u_n| = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*Proof.* On the contrary, assume that  $|u_{n_0}| \neq 1$  for some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ . Clearly, we have  $\|e^{n_0}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} = \sum_{m=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{m+1-k}{(m+1)(m+2)\lambda\varphi^{-1}(1)}$ . Let  $|u_{n_0}| > 1$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u e^{n_0}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} &= \left( \sum_{m=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{(m+1-k)|u_{n_0}|}{(m+1)(m+2)\lambda\varphi^{-1}(1)} \right) \\ &> \sum_{m=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{m+1-k}{(m+1)(m+2)\lambda\varphi^{-1}(1)} \\ &= \|e^{n_0}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} \end{aligned}$$

holds. Similarly, if  $|u_{n_0}| < 1$ ,  $\|M_u e^{n_0}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} < \|e^{n_0}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2}$  holds. Thus, we obtain a contradiction. Hence, we conclude that  $|u_n| = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now, suppose that  $|u_n| = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u x\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k)|u_k x_k|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{\frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k)|x_k|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \|x\|_{Ces_\varphi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\|M_u x\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} = \|x\|_{Ces_\varphi^2}$  for all  $x \in Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$  and hence  $M_u$  is an isometry. □

### 3. Compactness of Multiplication Operators

Before we prove our main result in this section, remember the definition of a compact operator.

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $B_1$  be the closed unit ball in  $X$ . If the closure of the set  $T(B_1)$  is compact, then the bounded linear operator  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be *compact*.

By  $B(Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N}))$  we denote the set of all bounded linear operators from  $Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$  into itself. Now, we give our main results about the compactness of the multiplication operator.

**Theorem 3.1.** *A bounded linear multiplication operator  $M_u : Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$  is compact if and only if  $u_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

*Proof.* Firstly, let  $M_u$  be a compact operator. On the contrary, assume that  $u_n \not\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, there exists  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that the set  $N_{\varepsilon_0} = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |u_k| \geq \varepsilon_0\}$  is an infinite set and we can write  $N_{\varepsilon_0} = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, \dots\}$ . Then, the set  $\{e^{p_n} : p_n \in N_{\varepsilon_0}\}$  is bounded in  $Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|M_u e^{p_n} - M_u e^{p_s}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k) |u(k) e^{p_n}(k) - u(k) e^{p_s}(k)|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k) |u(k)| |e^{p_n}(k) - e^{p_s}(k)|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &\geq \varepsilon_0 \|e^{p_n} - e^{p_s}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $p_n, p_s \in N_{\varepsilon_0}$ . This shows that  $\{M_u e^{p_n} : p_n \in N_{\varepsilon_0}\}$  cannot have a convergent subsequence. This contradicts the fact that  $M_u$  is a compact operator. Thus,  $u_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  holds.

Conversely, let  $u_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the set  $N_\varepsilon = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : |u_n| \geq \varepsilon\}$  is a finite set. Hence, the space  $Ces_\varphi^2(N_\varepsilon)$  is finite dimensional and so  $M_u|_{Ces_\varphi^2(N_\varepsilon)}$  is a compact operator. Let  $u_n \in \omega$  be defined by

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

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $M_{u_n}$  is a compact operator since the space  $Ces_\varphi^2(N_{\frac{1}{n}})$  is finite dimensional for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(M_{u_n} - M_u)x\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k) |u_n(k)x_k - u(k)x_k|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m \in N_{\frac{1}{n}}} \varphi \left( \frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k) |u_n(k)x_k - u(k)x_k|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{m \notin N_{\frac{1}{n}}} \varphi \left( \frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k) |u_n(k)x_k - u(k)x_k|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m \notin N_{\frac{1}{n}}} \varphi \left( \frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k) |u(k)x_k|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &< \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m \notin N_{\frac{1}{n}}} \varphi \left( \frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k) |x_k|}{\lambda} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \|x\|_{Ces_\varphi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have  $\|(M_{u_n} - M_u)\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} \leq \frac{1}{n}$  and so  $M_u$  is a compact operator. □

**Theorem 3.2.** *A bounded linear multiplication operator  $M_u : Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$  has closed range if and only if  $u$  is bounded away from zero on  $S = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : u_k \neq 0\}$ .*

*Proof.* If the range of  $M_u$  is closed, then  $M_u$  is bounded away from zero on  $(ker M_u)^\perp = Ces_\varphi^2(S)$ . This means that there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\|M_u x\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} \geq \varepsilon \|x\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} \quad (3.1)$$

for all  $x \in Ces_\varphi^2(S)$ . Set  $H = \{k \in S : |u_k| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$ . If  $H \neq \emptyset$ , then for  $n_0 \in H$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u e^{n_0}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k) |u(k) e^{n_0}(k)|\right) \\ &= \sum_{m=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{(m+1-k) |u(n_0)|}{(m+1)(m+2) \lambda \varphi^{-1}(1)} \\ &< \varepsilon \sum_{m=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{(m+1-k)}{(m+1)(m+2) \lambda \varphi^{-1}(1)} \\ &= \varepsilon \|e^{n_0}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $\|M_u e^{n_0}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} < \|e^{n_0}\|_{Ces_\varphi^2}$  which contradicts (3.1). Hence,  $H = \emptyset$  so that  $|u_k| \geq \varepsilon$  for all  $k \in S$ .

For the converse, let  $u$  be bounded away from zero on  $S$ . Then, there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $|u_n| \geq \varepsilon$  for all  $n \in S$ . Choose a limit point  $z$  in range of  $M_u$ . Then there exists a sequence  $(M_u x^n)$  which converges to  $z$ . Clearly, the sequence  $\{M_u x^n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. We obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u x^n - M_u x^m\|_{Ces_\varphi^2} &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k) |u_k x_k^n - u_k x_k^m|\right) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \sum_{k \in S}^m (m+1-k) |u_k| |x_k^n - x_k^m|\right) \\ &\geq \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \sum_{k \in S}^m (m+1-k) |x_k^n - x_k^m|\right) \\ &= \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{(m+1)(m+2)} \sum_{k=0}^m (m+1-k) |\widetilde{x}_k^n - \widetilde{x}_k^m|\right) \\ &= \varepsilon \|\widetilde{x}^n - \widetilde{x}^m\|_{Ces_\varphi^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where

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

Hence,  $\{\widetilde{x}^n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$ . Since  $Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$  is a complete space, the sequence  $\{\widetilde{x}^n\}$  converges to a point  $x \in Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$ . By continuity of  $M_u$ ,  $M_u \widetilde{x}^n \rightarrow M_u x$ . Also, we have  $M_u x^n = M_u \widetilde{x}^n \rightarrow z$  and so  $M_u x = z$ . Hence,  $z \in ran M_u$  which means that the range of  $M_u$  is closed.  $\square$

## 4. Invertible and Fredholm Multiplication Operators

Before we prove our main results in this section, remember the definition of the Fredholm operator.

If  $T$  has closed range,  $\dim(ker T)$  and  $\text{co-dim}(ran T)$  are finite, then the bounded linear operator  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a Fredholm operator.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Given any sequence  $u \in \omega$ , the multiplication operator  $M_u : Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$  is invertible if and only if there exist  $K_1 > 0$  and  $K_2 > 0$  such that  $K_1 < u_n < K_2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M_u$  be an invertible operator. Then, the range of  $M_u$  is  $Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$  and so it is closed. From Theorem 3.2, there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $|u_n| \geq \varepsilon$  for all  $n \in S$ . If  $u_k = 0$ , for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $e^k \in ker M_u$  which is a

contradiction, since  $\ker M_u$  is trivial. Hence, we have  $|u_n| \geq \varepsilon$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By boundedness of  $M_u$  and Theorem 2.1, there exists  $K > 0$  such that  $|u_n| \leq K$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus, we conclude that  $\varepsilon \leq |u_n| \leq K$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For the converse, define a sequence  $\gamma \in \omega$  as  $\gamma_n = \frac{1}{u_n}$ . Theorem 2.1 implies that  $M_u$  and  $M_\gamma$  are bounded linear operators. Also  $M_u \cdot M_\gamma = M_\gamma \cdot M_u = I$  which means  $M_u$  is invertible and  $M_\gamma$  is its inverse.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *A bounded multiplication operator  $M_u : Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N})$  is a Fredholm operator if and only if*

(i) *the set  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : u_k = 0\}$  is finite,*

(ii)  *$|u_n| \geq \varepsilon$ , for all  $n \in S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M_u$  be a Fredholm operator. If the set  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : u_k = 0\}$  is infinite, then  $M_u e^n = (0, 0, \dots, 0, \dots)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $u_n = 0$ . Since  $e^n$ 's are linearly independent, the space  $\{x \in Ces_\varphi^2(\mathbb{N}) : M_u x = (0, 0, \dots, 0, \dots)\}$  is infinite dimensional. This is a contradiction. Thus, we conclude that (i) holds. Also, from Theorem 3.2, (ii) holds.

Conversely, let the conditions (i) and (ii) hold. By Theorem 3.2 and the condition (ii), we obtain that the range of  $M_u$  is closed. The condition (i) implies that  $\ker M_u$  and  $\ker M_u^*$  are finite dimensional. Hence, we conclude that  $M_u$  is Fredholm.  $\square$

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