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*Classifying solutions for an important functional equation in Complex Analysis.*

Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  be a non-constant rational map in the Hardy space, and let  $C_\varphi$  act on act on the Hardy space. Set

$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{\varphi^{-1}(\sqrt{z})}$ ,  $\psi(z) = \frac{z\sigma'(z)}{\sigma(z)}$ , and  $\varphi(\infty) = \lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(z)$ . Then,

$$(C_\varphi^* f)(z) = \frac{f(0)}{1 - \varphi(\infty)z} + \sum \psi(z)f(\sigma(z))$$

where the sum is taken over the branches of  $\sigma$ . The kernel of  $C_\varphi^*$  is a subset of  $H^2$  such that if  $f \in \ker(C_\varphi^*)$ , then  $C_\varphi^*(f) = 0$ . It is very important but also turns out to be very hard to classify the kernel of  $C_\varphi^*$ . According to the previous research, the following functional equation point out a possible way to classify the kernel of  $C_\varphi^*$ .

$$U(z)f(z) + zU'(z)f(U(z)) = 0$$

$U$  is always represented by one of following 5 forms:  $-z$ ,  $\frac{m}{z}$ ,  $m - z$ ,  $\frac{-z}{1 + mz}$ ,  $\frac{-m + z}{1 + tz}$ , where  $m, t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $m \neq 0, t \neq 0$ .

To classify the kernel of  $C_\varphi^*$ , the research was conducted to investigating the solutions of each case of  $u$  for the functional equation. (Received September 17, 2019)