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**Matthew A Pons\*** (map6h@virginia.edu), University of Virginia, Department of Mathematics, Kerchof Hall, P.O. Box 400137, Charlottesville, VA 22904-4137. *Composition operators on Banach spaces of analytic functions of the unit ball.*

Let  $\varphi$  be an analytic map of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) into itself and let  $\mathcal{Y}$  be a Banach space of analytic functions on the ball. We then define the composition operator  $C_\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{Y}$  by

$$C_\varphi f = f \circ \varphi$$

for  $f$  in  $\mathcal{Y}$ . In particular we are interested in the operator theoretic properties of these operators when the map  $\varphi$  is a linear fractional self-map of the unit ball. The class of linear fractional self-maps of the ball include the class of automorphisms of the ball and much attention is given to these. Much work has been done recently in the case when  $\mathcal{Y}$  is the classical Dirichlet space of the unit disk and we extend some of these results to the weighted Dirichlet and Besov type spaces of the unit ball ( $n \geq 1$ ). (Received September 25, 2006)