

RESTRICTIONS OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS. II

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ABSTRACT. An isometric expansion is derived which recaptures any H^2 function from a restriction of its boundary function to a Borel set.

1. Introduction. Let Δ be a Borel subset of the real line such that neither Δ nor its complement Δ^c is a Lebesgue null set. Let $f(x)$ be a complex valued measurable function on Δ . In [4] we derived conditions for the existence of a function $F(z)$ in H^2 whose boundary function $F(x)$ agrees with $f(x)$ a.e. on Δ . General methods for recapturing $F(z)$ from a knowledge of $f(x)$ have been given by Golusin and Krylov [1] and Patil [3]. When Δ is an interval, say $\Delta = (0, \infty)$, there is a more refined theory due to van Winter [9] which shows how $F(z)$ can be recaptured from $f(x)$ by means of reciprocal formulas of the Mellin form. Closely related results were obtained independently by Kreĭn and Nudel'man [2]. See also Steiner [7].

We give a new derivation of the Mellin representation of H^2 . Our main purpose, however, is to extend the representation to the case where Δ is a general Borel set. The proof uses Cayley inner functions and the methods of [5] to reduce the general result to the special case where Δ is an interval.

2. Mellin representation of H^2 functions. By H^2 we mean the space of functions $F(z)$ analytic for $y > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{y>0} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |F(x + iy)|^2 dx < \infty.$$

Theorem 1 (van Winter [9]). (i) *If $\mathcal{F}(t)$ is a measurable function on $(-\infty, \infty)$ such that*

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$$(1) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (1 + e^{2\pi t}) |\mathcal{F}(t)|^2 dt < \infty,$$

then

$$(2) \quad F(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} z^{-\frac{1}{2} + it} \mathcal{F}(t) dt, \quad 0 < \arg z < \pi,$$

defines a function in H^2 whose boundary function $F(x) = F(x + i0)$ satisfies

$$(3) \quad \int_0^\infty |F(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\mathcal{F}(t)|^2 dt,$$

$$(4) \quad \int_{-\infty}^0 |F(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{2\pi t} |\mathcal{F}(t)|^2 dt,$$

and indeed, more generally,

$$(5) \quad \int_0^{+\infty} |F(re^{i\theta})|^2 dr = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{2\theta t} |\mathcal{F}(t)|^2 dt$$

for each fixed θ , $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$. Conversely, if $F(z)$ is an H^2 function, there exists an essentially unique function $\mathcal{F}(t)$ satisfying (1) such that (2)–(5) hold. The inversion formula

$$(6) \quad \mathcal{F}(t) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{1/T}^T (re^{i\theta})^{-\frac{1}{2} + it} F(re^{i\theta}) e^{i\theta} dr$$

holds for each fixed θ , $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, where convergence is in the metric of $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$.

(ii) Suppose $F(x) \in L^2(0, \infty)$, and define

$$(7) \quad \mathcal{F}(t) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{1/T}^T x^{-\frac{1}{2} + it} F(x) dx$$

with convergence in the metric of $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$. Then there exists a function $F(z)$ in H^2 such that $F(x + i0) = F(x)$ a.e. on $(0, \infty)$ if and only if $\mathcal{F}(t)$ satisfies (1), and in this case $F(z)$ satisfies (2)–(6).

Proof. The space H^2 , regarded as a Hilbert space in the usual norm, has reproducing kernel $K_0(w, z) = (2\pi i)^{-1} (w^* - z)^{-1}$. Let \mathcal{K} be the Hilbert space of functions

$$(8) \quad G(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{tz} \mathcal{F}(t) dt, \quad 0 < \operatorname{Re} z < \pi,$$

where $\mathcal{F}(t)$ satisfies (1) and $\|G\|^2$ is equal to the expression in (1). Routine arguments show that \mathcal{K} has reproducing kernel

$$K(w, z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{tz} e^{tw^*} (1 + e^{2\pi t})^{-1} dt.$$

Since by [8, p. 192]

$$\int_0^\infty x^{s-1}(1+x)^{-1} dx = \pi \csc(\pi s), \quad 0 < \operatorname{Re} s < 1,$$

we obtain

$$K(w, z) = e^{iz/2} K_0(e^{iw}, e^{iz}) e^{-iw^*/2}.$$

It follows that $F(z) \rightarrow e^{iz/2} F(e^{iz})$ is an isometry mapping H^2 onto \mathcal{K} with inverse $G(z) \rightarrow z^{-1/2} G(-i \log z)$, $0 < \arg z < \pi$. Therefore H^2 is exactly the set of functions in the upper half-plane of the form

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= z^{-1/2} G(-i \log z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} z^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-it \log z} \mathcal{F}(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} z^{-1/2 - it} \mathcal{F}(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\mathcal{F}(t)$ and $F(z)$ be related as above, and define $G(z)$ by (8), so $G(z) = e^{iz/2} F(e^{iz})$. Define

$$\begin{aligned} (9) \quad G(0 + iy) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{t(0+iy)} \mathcal{F}(t) dt, \\ G(\pi + iy) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{t(\pi+iy)} \mathcal{F}(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

where the integrals are taken in the mean square sense. By Parseval's formula, $\lim G(x + iy) = G(0 + iy)$ as $x \searrow 0$ and $\lim G(x + iy) = G(\pi + iy)$ as $x \nearrow \pi$ in the metric of $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$. The limits hold a.e. also because $F(x) = \lim F(x + iy)$ as $y \searrow 0$ nontangentially a.e. Therefore the relation

$$G(\theta + iy) = e^{i(\theta+iy)/2} F(e^{i(\theta+iy)})$$

holds not only for $0 < \theta < \pi$, but also a.e. when $\theta = 0, \pi$. Now if $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |G(\theta + iy)|^2 dy = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-y} |F(e^{-y} e^{i\theta})|^2 dy = \int_0^\infty |F(re^{i\theta})|^2 dr.$$

But by Parseval's formula

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |G(\theta + iy)|^2 dy = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{2\theta t} |\mathcal{F}(t)|^2 dt.$$

so (3)–(5) follow. Using (8) when $0 < \theta < \pi$ and (9) when $\theta = 0, \pi$, we obtain a.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{F}(t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ity} e^{-\theta t} G(\theta + iy) dy \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ity} e^{i\theta(\frac{1}{2}+it)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y} F(e^{-y} e^{i\theta}) dy \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} (re^{i\theta})^{-\frac{1}{2}+it} F(re^{i\theta}) e^{i\theta} dr,
\end{aligned}$$

where the integrals are taken in the mean square sense. This yields (6) and completes the proof of (i). The assertions in (ii) follow directly from (i).

3. Generalization. Let Δ be a Borel subset of the real line such that neither Δ nor Δ^c is a Lebesgue null set. In the terminology of [5], a Cayley inner function mapping Δ on $(0, \infty)$ is any function $\xi(z)$ which is analytic and satisfies $\xi(z^*) = \xi(z)^*$ for $z \neq z^*$ and

- (i) $\text{Im } \xi(z) > 0$ for $y > 0$,
- (ii) $\xi(x + i0) = \xi(x - i0)$ a.e. on $(-\infty, \infty)$, and
- (iii) $\xi(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \xi(x + i0) = \xi(x - i0)$ satisfies $\xi(x) > 0$ a.e. on Δ and $\xi(x) < 0$ a.e. on Δ^c .

The general form of such a function [5, Theorem 2.2] is given by

$$\xi(z) = -1/\exp\left(k + \int_{\Delta} \frac{1+tz}{t-z} \frac{dt}{1+t^2}\right)$$

where k is a real number. We understand that some such function is chosen and held fixed in the discussion. When $\Delta = \bigcup_1^r (a_j, b_j)$ where $-\infty < a_1 < b_1 < a_2 < b_2 < \dots < a_r < b_r < \infty$, a convenient choice is

$$\xi(z) = -1/\exp\left(\int_{\Delta} \frac{dt}{t-z}\right) = -\prod_1^r \frac{a_j - z}{b_j - z}.$$

If $\Delta = (0, \infty)$, then necessarily $\xi(z) = rz$ where $0 < r < \infty$, and we may choose $\xi(z) = z$.

We introduce the notation

$$l(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\xi(\alpha) - \xi(\beta)^*}{\alpha - \beta^*} \quad \text{and} \quad l(t, \beta) = \frac{\xi(t) - \xi(\beta)^*}{t - \beta^*}$$

for $\alpha \neq \alpha^*$, $\beta \neq \beta^*$, and t real. As noted in [5], ‘composition with $\xi(t)$ ’ is a meaningful operation in the class of a.e. defined functions on the real line. By [5, Theorem 3.3], if $f(t) \in L^1(-\infty, \infty)$ and $g(t) \in L^1(0, \infty)$, and $\alpha \neq \alpha^*$, $\beta \neq \beta^*$, then

$$(10) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} l(t, \alpha) l(t, \beta)^* f(\xi(t)) dt = l(\beta, \alpha) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) dt,$$

and

$$(11) \quad \int_{\Delta} l(t, \alpha) l(t, \beta)^* g(\xi(t)) dt = l(\beta, \alpha) \int_0^{\infty} g(t) dt,$$

where the integrals on the left are absolutely convergent.

Theorem 2. (i) If $\mathcal{F}(t)$ is a measurable function on $(-\infty, \infty)$ such that

$$(12) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (1 + e^{2\pi\xi(t)}) |\mathcal{F}(t)|^2 dt < \infty,$$

then

$$(13) \quad F(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\xi(t) - \xi(z)}{t - z} \xi(z)^{-1/2 - i\xi(t)} \mathcal{F}(t) dt$$

defines a function in H^2 whose boundary function $F(x) = F(x + i0)$ satisfies

$$(14) \quad \int_{\Delta} |F(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\mathcal{F}(t)|^2 dt$$

and

$$(15) \quad \int_{\Delta^c} |F(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{2\pi\xi(t)} |\mathcal{F}(t)|^2 dt.$$

Conversely, if $F(z)$ is an H^2 function, there exists an essentially unique function $\mathcal{F}(t)$ satisfying (12) such that (13)–(15) hold. The inversion formula

$$(16) \quad \mathcal{F}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\lim_{\epsilon \searrow 0} \int_{\Delta_+} + \lim_{\epsilon \nearrow 0} \int_{\Delta_-} \right) \frac{\xi(x) - \xi(t + i\epsilon)}{x - t - i\epsilon} \xi(x)^{-1/2 + i\xi(t + i\epsilon)} F(x) dx$$

holds a.e. and in the metric of $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$, where $\Delta_+ = \{x: \xi(x) > 1\}$ and $\Delta_- = \{x: 0 < \xi(x) < 1\}$.

(ii) For every $F(x) \in L^2(\Delta)$, (16) defines a function $\mathcal{F}(t) \in L^2(-\infty, \infty)$. There exists a function $F(z)$ in H^2 such that $F(x + i0) = F(x)$ a.e. on Δ if and only if $\mathcal{F}(t)$ satisfies (12), and then (13)–(15) hold.

Proof. Let $W(t) = 1 + e^{2\pi\xi(t)}$ and let $L^2(W)$ denote the Lebesgue space associated with the measure $W dx$ on $(-\infty, \infty)$. We first exhibit a special dense subspace of $L^2(W)$. Define $L^2(W_0)$ similarly for $W_0(t) = 1 + e^{2\pi t}$. We assert that functions of the form

$$(17) \quad \mathcal{F}(t) = l(t, w) \mathcal{F}_0(\xi(t)),$$

where $w \neq w^*$ and $\mathcal{F}_0 \in L^2(W_0)$, belong to $L^2(W)$ and span a dense subspace of $L^2(W)$. By (10) such functions belong to $L^2(W)$. To see that there are

enough to span a dense subspace, choose $\mathcal{F}_0(t) = \chi_{(-A, A)}(t)/(t - \xi(w)^*)$, where $w \neq w^*$ and $A > 0$. It follows that $\chi_{\{x: |\xi(x)| < A\}}(t)/(t - w^*)$ belongs to the set, and so density follows by routine arguments.

Next we exhibit a special dense subspace of H^2 . Namely, we assert that functions of the form

$$(18) \quad F(z) = l(z, w)F_0(\xi(z)), \quad y > 0,$$

where $w \neq w^*$ and $F_0 \in H^2$, belong to H^2 and span a dense subspace of H^2 . Assume $F_0 \in H^2$, $w \neq w^*$, and define F by (18). By Cauchy's formula,

$$F_0(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{F_0(t)}{t - z} dt, \quad y > 0.$$

By (10) the function $F(x) = l(x, w)F_0(\xi(x))$ is in $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$. We note that by a theorem of Ryff [6], $F(x) = F(x + i0)$ is the boundary function of $F(z)$. This justifies the notation, but logically it is not needed here. It will be used later. We obtain

$$F(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{F(x)}{t - z} dt, \quad y > 0,$$

from the Cauchy representation of $F_0(z)$ using (10). Thus $F \in H^2$. Choosing $F_0(z) = 1/[z - \xi(w)^*]$, we obtain $F(z) = 1/(z - w^*)$, and so density follows.

Next we show that (13) defines an isometry $U_+: \mathcal{F}(t) \rightarrow F(z)$ mapping $L^2(W)$ onto H^2 . Straightforward estimates show that for each fixed z in the upper half-plane the integral in (13) is a continuous linear functional of \mathcal{F} on $L^2(W)$. By what was proved above, it therefore suffices to check that

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} &\langle l(t, \alpha)\mathcal{F}_0(\xi(t)), l(t, \beta)\mathcal{G}_0(\xi(t)) \rangle_{L^2(W)} \\ &= \langle l(z, \alpha)F_0(\xi(z)), l(z, \beta)G_0(\xi(z)) \rangle_{H^2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(20) \quad = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} l(t, z)^* \xi(z)^{-1/2 - i\xi(t)} l(t, w) \mathcal{F}_0(\xi(t)) dt, \quad y > 0,$$

for any nonreal numbers α, β, w and any $\mathcal{F}_0, \mathcal{G}_0 \in L^2(W_0)$ and $F_0, G_0 \in H^2$ which are connected by

$$(21) \quad F_0(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} z^{-1/2 - it} \mathcal{F}_0(t) dt, \quad G_0(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} z^{-1/2 - it} \mathcal{G}_0(t) dt$$

for $y > 0$. Here, of course, implicit use is made of Theorem 1 in knowing

that F_0 and G_0 exist given \mathcal{F}_0 and \mathcal{G}_0 , and conversely any F_0 and G_0 arise from some \mathcal{F}_0 and \mathcal{G}_0 . In fact, Theorem 1 combined with (10) yields (19). We obtain (20) from (10) and (21). The details are left to the reader.

Let \mathcal{C} be the Hilbert space with reproducing kernel $l(z, w)$, $w \neq w^*$, $z \neq z^*$. The elements of \mathcal{C} are functions separately analytic for $y > 0$ and $y < 0$. We see from (10) and (11) that the linear transformations

$$P: \mathcal{C} \otimes L^2(0, \infty) \rightarrow L^2(\Delta) \quad \text{and} \quad Q: \mathcal{C} \otimes L^2(-\infty, \infty) \rightarrow L^2(-\infty, \infty)$$

specified by

$$P: l(z, w) \otimes f(t) \rightarrow l(z, w)f(\xi(t)) \quad \text{and} \quad Q: l(z, w) \otimes g(t) \rightarrow l(z, w)g(\xi(t)),$$

where w is any nonreal number, $f \in L^2(0, \infty)$, $g \in L^2(-\infty, \infty)$, and \otimes denotes the Hilbert space tensor product, are isometric isomorphisms. Next we place $\mathcal{C} \otimes L^2(0, \infty)$ and $\mathcal{C} \otimes L^2(-\infty, \infty)$ in linear isometric correspondence by $I \otimes M$, where M is the Mellin transform, so

$$I \otimes M: l(z, w) \otimes f(t) \rightarrow l(z, w) \otimes \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{1/T}^T x^{-1/2+it} f(x) dx$$

and

$$(I \otimes M)^{-1}: l(z, w) \otimes g(t) \rightarrow l(z, w) \otimes \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-T}^{+T} t^{-1/2-ix} g(x) dx$$

for each $f \in L^2(0, \infty)$ and $g \in L^2(-\infty, \infty)$.

By construction $U = P(I \otimes M)^{-1}Q^{-1}$ maps $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$ isometrically onto $L^2(\Delta)$. Note that $L^2(W)$ is contained in $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$ and the inclusion mapping is bounded by 1. We assert that if $\mathcal{F} \in L^2(W)$, $U_+: \mathcal{F}(t) \rightarrow F(z)$, and $U: \mathcal{F}(t) \rightarrow F_\Delta(x)$, then $F_\Delta(x)$ is the restriction to Δ of the boundary function $F(x) = F(x + i0)$ of $F(z)$. It is enough to check this for a set which is dense in $L^2(W)$. It is true for functions of the form (17) by direct calculation. The general case follows by linearity and continuity. We now have the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C} \otimes L^2(-\infty, \infty) & \xleftarrow{I \otimes M} & \mathcal{C} \otimes L^2(0, \infty) \\ \downarrow Q & & \downarrow P \\ L^2(-\infty, \infty) & \xrightarrow{U} & L^2(\Delta) \\ \text{injection} \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{restriction to } \Delta \\ L^2(W) & \xrightarrow{U_+} & H^2 \end{array}$$

where $I \otimes M$, P , Q , U , and U_+ are isometric isomorphisms.

Now if $\mathcal{F} \in L^2(W)$ and if F in H^2 is the corresponding function given by (13), then because U_+ and U are unitary

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |F(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [1 + e^{2\pi\xi(t)}] |\mathcal{F}(t)|^2 dt$$

and

$$\int_{\Delta} |F(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\mathcal{F}(t)|^2 dt,$$

so (14) and (15) hold.

The inversion formula (16) involves an explicit calculation of U^{-1} , which we give next. If $\mathcal{F} \in L^2(-\infty, \infty)$, then

$$\mathcal{F}(t) = \lim_{\epsilon \searrow 0} \frac{\epsilon}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\mathcal{F}(x)}{(x-t)^2 + \epsilon^2} dx$$

a.e. and in the metric of $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$. We assert that if $U\mathcal{F} = F$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\epsilon}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\mathcal{F}(x)}{(x-t)^2 + \epsilon^2} dx &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\Delta_+} l(x, t+i\epsilon) \xi(x)^* \xi(x)^{-1/2+i\xi(t+i\epsilon)} F(x) dx \\ (22) \quad &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\Delta_-} l(x, t-i\epsilon) \xi(x)^* \xi(x)^{-1/2+i\xi(t-i\epsilon)} F(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

for t real, $\epsilon > 0$. Now for fixed t and ϵ , the left side of (22) equals

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \mathcal{F}(x) [(x-t-i\epsilon)^{-1} - (x-t+i\epsilon)^{-1}] dx \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \langle U^{-1}F, (x-t+i\epsilon)^{-1} - (x-t-i\epsilon)^{-1} \rangle_{L^2(-\infty, \infty)} \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \langle F, U(x-t+i\epsilon)^{-1} - U(x-t-i\epsilon)^{-1} \rangle_{L^2(\Delta)}, \end{aligned}$$

where here and in the rest of the proof x is used as a dummy variable. We can derive (22) and consequently (16) by calculating $U(x-t+i\epsilon)^{-1}$ and $U(x-t-i\epsilon)^{-1}$. We find that

$$\begin{aligned} Q^{-1}: (x-t+i\epsilon)^{-1} &\rightarrow l(z, t+i\epsilon) \otimes [x-\xi(t+i\epsilon)^*]^{-1}, \\ (I \otimes M)^{-1} Q^{-1}: (x-t+i\epsilon)^{-1} &\rightarrow -i\sqrt{2\pi} l(z, t+i\epsilon) \otimes x^{-1/2-i\xi(t+i\epsilon)^*} \chi_{(1, \infty)}(x), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$U: (x-t+i\epsilon)^{-1} \rightarrow \begin{cases} -i\sqrt{2\pi} l(x, t+i\epsilon) \xi(x)^{-1/2-i\xi(t+i\epsilon)^*} & \text{on } \Delta_+, \\ 0 & \text{on } \Delta_-. \end{cases}$$

Similarly

$$U: (x-t-i\epsilon)^{-1} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{on } \Delta_+, \\ i\sqrt{2\pi} l(x, t-i\epsilon) \xi(x)^{-1/2-i\xi(t-i\epsilon)^*} & \text{on } \Delta_-. \end{cases}$$

This implies (22) and completes the proof of (i). The assertions in (ii) are evident from our constructions.

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