ASYMPTOTIC VALUES OF MODULUS 1 OF FUNCTIONS IN THE UNIT BALL OF H^∞

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ABSTRACT. The main purpose of this paper is to prove a theorem concerning a necessary and sufficient condition for an inner function to have a limiting value of modulus 1 along an arc inside the unit disc, terminating at a point of the unit circle.

1. Introduction. A function $h(z)$ defined and analytic in the unit disc $U = \{z: |z| < 1\}$ is said to be in the unit ball $\mathcal{B}$ of H^∞ if $|h(z)| \leq 1$ for all $z \in U$. A sequence $\{a_n\}$ of complex numbers is called a Blaschke sequence if $\sum_{n=1}^\infty (1 - |a_n|)$ converges and $0 \leq |a_n| < 1$. If $\{a_n\}$ is a Blaschke sequence of nonzero numbers the associated Blaschke product is defined by the formula

$$(1.1) \quad B(z, \{a_n\}) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{a_n} \frac{a_n - z}{1 - \bar{a}_n z}.$$

We assume that the function $h(z)$ in $\mathcal{B}$ has no zeros at the origin. It is well known that the zeros $\{a_n\}$ of $h(z)$ form a Blaschke sequence, and $h(z)$ admits the following factorization:

$$(1.2) \quad h(z) = c B(z, \{a_n\}) \phi(z)$$

where c is a constant of modulus one. The function $\phi(z)$ is defined such that

$$(1.3) \quad \phi(z) = \exp \left\{ - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} d\mu(\theta) \right\}$$

where μ is a positive finite Borel measure defined on the unit circle $\partial U = \{z: |z| = 1\}$.

A function $h_1(z)$ in $\mathcal{B}$ is said to be a divisor of the function $h(z)$ in $\mathcal{B}$ provided that

$$(1.4) \quad h_1(z) = c_1 B(z, \{b_n\}) \phi_E(z)$$

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where c_1 is a constant of modulus one, $\{b_n\}$ is a subset of the set $\{a_n\}$ of zeros of $h(z)$ and

$$(1.5) \quad \phi_E(z) = \exp \left\{ - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} d\mu_E(\theta) \right\}$$

where μ_E is the restriction of μ to a measurable subset E of ∂U .

Ahern and Clark [1] have proved the following result.

THEOREM A. *A necessary and sufficient condition for each divisor of a function $h(z)$ in $\mathcal{B}$ to have a radial limit of modulus one at the point 1 is $\mu(\{0\}) = 0$ and*

$$(1.6) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - |a_n|}{|1 - a_n|} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{|1 - e^{i\theta}|} < \infty.$$

It should be noted that Theorem A has been proved by Frostman [5] in the case $h(z) = B(z, \{a_n\})$.

In [6] we obtained the following result for the case $h(z) = B(z, \{a_n\})$.

THEOREM B. *Let r denote a function which is decreasing on an interval $(0, \theta_0)$, let $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} r(\theta) = 1$, and let r satisfy a Lipschitz condition*

$$(1.7) \quad |r(\theta) - r(\theta')| \leq Q|\theta - \theta'|$$

for some constant Q , let $\{r_n e^{i\theta_n}\}$ be a Blaschke sequence, and let $\Gamma = \{r(\theta)e^{i\theta}, \theta \in (0, \theta_0)\}$. Then $\lim_{z \rightarrow 1, z \in \Gamma} B(z, \{b_n\})$ exists, and has modulus one for each subsequence $\{b_n\}$ of $\{r_n e^{i\theta_n}\}$ if and only if both of the conditions

$$(1.8) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - r_n}{|1 - r_n e^{i\theta_n}|} < \infty$$

and

$$(1.9) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \sum_{t/2 < \theta_n < 2t} \frac{1 - r_n}{1 - r(t) + |t - \theta_n|} = 0$$

hold.

The main purpose of this paper is to extend Theorem B to the general inner functions.

2. We first prove the following lemma.

LEMMA 1. *Let μ be a positive Borel measure defined on ∂U and assume that $\mu(\{0\}) = 0$, and*

$$(2.1) \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{|\theta|} < \infty.$$

Let ϕ be the function in $\mathcal{B}$ associated with μ . Let Γ be a curve as defined in Theorem B. Then if $0 < \epsilon < \sqrt{2}/4\pi$, there exists a positive number δ such that

$$(2.2) \quad |\phi_E(z) - \phi^*(1)| < 52\epsilon$$

for each $E = (-\pi, \pi) \setminus (t/2, 2t)$, $z = r(t)e^{it}$, $0 < t < \delta/2$, and $\phi^*(1)$ is the radial limit of ϕ at 1.

PROOF. We first have, for each number f ,

$$(2.3) \quad |1 - e^f| = \left| 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^n}{n!} \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|f|^n}{n!} = |f| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|f|^n}{(n+1)!} \leq |f|e^{|f|}.$$

From (2.1) we can find a positive number $\delta_1 < \pi/2$ such that $r(\delta_1) > 1/2$ and

$$(2.4) \quad \int_{-\Phi}^{\Phi} d\mu(\theta)/|\theta| < \epsilon$$

for all $\Phi \in (0, \delta_1)$.

We denote the set $[-\Phi, \Phi]$ by E_1 . Let t be a positive number less than $\Phi/2$. Then

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} |\phi_E(z) - \phi^*(1)| &\leq |\phi_E(z) - \phi_{\partial U \setminus E_1}(z)| + |\phi_{\partial U \setminus E_1}(z) - \phi_{\partial U \setminus E_1}^*(1)| \\ &\quad + |\phi_{\partial U \setminus E_1}^*(1) - \phi^*(1)|. \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_{\partial U \setminus E_1}^*(1) - \phi^*(1)| &= \left| \exp \left\{ - \int_{\partial U \setminus E_1} \frac{e^{i\theta} + 1}{e^{i\theta} - 1} d\mu(\theta) \right\} - \exp \left\{ - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta} + 1}{e^{i\theta} - 1} d\mu(\theta) \right\} \right| \\ &= \left| 1 - \exp \left\{ - \int_{E_1} \frac{e^{i\theta} + 1}{e^{i\theta} - 1} d\mu(\theta) \right\} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\int_{E_1} \left| \frac{e^{i\theta} + 1}{e^{i\theta} - 1} \right| d\mu(\theta) < 2\pi \int_{E_1} \frac{e^{i\theta} + 1}{e^{i\theta} - 1} d\mu(\theta) < 2\pi\epsilon < 1.$$

We therefore have

$$(2.6) \quad |\phi_{\partial U \setminus E_1}^*(1) - \phi^*(1)| < 21\epsilon.$$

Since the function $\phi_{\partial U \setminus E_1}$ is analytic at 1, there exists a positive number δ_2 such that

$$(2.7) \quad |\phi_{\partial U \setminus E_1}(z) - \phi_{\partial U \setminus E_1}^*(1)| < \epsilon$$

for all $z = r(t)e^{it}$, $0 < t \leq \delta_2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
|\phi_E(z) - \phi_{\partial U \setminus E_1}(z)| &= \left| \exp \left\{ - \int_E \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} d\mu(\theta) \right\} - \exp \left\{ - \int_{\partial U \setminus E_1} \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} d\mu(\theta) \right\} \right| \\
&< \left| 1 - \exp \left\{ - \int_{E \cap E_1} \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} d\mu(\theta) \right\} \right|.
\end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{E \cap E_1} \left| \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} \right| d\mu(\theta) &\leq \int_{E \cap E_1} \frac{2}{|e^{i\theta} - z|} d\mu(\theta) \\
&= \int_{E \cap E_1} \frac{2d\mu(\theta)}{((1 - r(t))^2 + 4r(t) \sin^2(\theta - t)/2)^{1/2}} \\
&\leq \int_{E \cap E_1} \frac{2d\mu(\theta)}{((1 - r(t))^2 + 2(2/\pi)^2 (\theta - t)^2/4)^{1/2}} \\
&\leq \int_{E \cap E_1} \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{2} |\theta - t|} d\mu(\theta) \\
&= \int_{-\Phi}^{t/2} \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{2} |\theta - t|} d\mu(\theta) + \int_{2t}^{\Phi} \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{2} |\theta - t|} d\mu(\theta) \\
&\leq \int_{-\Phi}^{t/2} \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{2} |\theta|} d\mu(\theta) + \int_{2t}^{\Phi} \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{2} |\theta|} d\mu(\theta) \\
&\leq \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{E_1} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{|\theta|} \leq \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon < 1
\end{aligned}$$

for $z = r(t)e^{it}$, $\pi/2 > t > 0$, $r(t) > 1/2$.

Again applying (2.3) we have

$$(2.8) \quad |\phi_E(z) - \phi_{\partial U \setminus E_1}(z)| < 2^{-1/2} 4\pi\epsilon e^{4\pi\epsilon/2^{1/2}} < 30\epsilon.$$

Combining (2.6), (2.7), (2.8) and taking $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$, we have

$$(2.2) \quad |\phi_E(z) - \phi^*(1)| < 52\epsilon.$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 1.

The following theorem is an extension of Theorem B.

THEOREM 1. *Let h be a function in $\mathcal{B}$ with factorization (1.2), let $a_n = r_n e^{i\theta_n}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, and let $\mu(\{0\}) = 0$. Let Γ be a curve as defined in Theorem B. Then, for the limit*

$$(2.9) \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 1; z \in \Gamma} h_1(z)$$

to exist and have modulus 1 for each divisor h_1 of h , it is necessary and sufficient that both of the conditions

$$(2.10) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1-r_n}{|1-r_n e^{i\theta_n}|} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{|1-e^{i\theta}|} < \infty$$

and

$$(2.11) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \left(\sum_{t/2 < \theta_n < 2t} \frac{1-r_n}{1-r(t)+|t-\theta_n|} + \int_{t/2}^{2t} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{1-r(t)+|t-\theta|} \right) = 0$$

hold.

PROOF. Theorem B is the special case of Theorem 1 where $h(z) =$

$B(z, \{a_n\})$.

We now prove Theorem 1 for the case that $h(z) = \phi(z)$.

Let $z = r(t)e^{it}$, $t > 0$, $r(t) > 1/2$. Since $|(e^{i\theta} + z)/(e^{i\theta} - z)| < c/(1-r(t)+|t-\theta|)$ for some positive constant c , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} \right| d\mu(\theta) &\leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{c}{1-r(t)+|t-\theta|} d\mu(\theta) \\ &\leq c \int_{2t}^{\pi} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{|t-\theta|} + c \int_{-\pi}^{t/2} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{|t-\theta|} + c \int_{t/2}^{2t} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{1-r(t)+|t-\theta|} \\ &\leq 2c \int_{2t}^{\pi} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{|\theta|} + c \int_{-\pi}^{t/2} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{|\theta|} + c \int_{t/2}^{2t} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{1-r(t)+|t-\theta|} \\ &\leq 3c \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{|\theta|} + c \int_{t/2}^{2t} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{1-r(t)+|t-\theta|}. \end{aligned}$$

Now (2.10) and (2.11) imply the uniform convergence [8] of the integral $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (e^{i\theta} + z)/(e^{i\theta} - z) d\mu(\theta)$ when $z = r(t)e^{it}$ for all $t \in (0, C_1)$ for some $C_1 > 0$. Therefore the limit

$$(2.12) \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 1; z \in \Gamma} \phi(z)$$

exists and has modulus one. The same arguments are also valid for the divisors of $\phi(z)$.

To see the converse, we assume that each divisor of $\phi(z)$ has a limit of modulus one as $z \rightarrow 1$, along the curve Γ . A theorem of Lindelöf [4, p. 10] implies that each divisor of $\phi(z)$ has a radial limit of modulus one at 1. By Theorem A, we have $\mu(\{0\}) = 0$ and

$$(2.13) \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{|\theta|} < \infty.$$

We want to show that

$$(2.14) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \int_{t/2}^{2t} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{1 - r(t) + |t - \theta|} = 0.$$

Suppose, on the contrary,

$$(2.15) \quad \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow 0+} \int_{t/2}^{2t} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{1 - r(t) + |t - \theta|} > 0$$

then

$$(2.16) \quad \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow 0+} \int_{t/2}^{2t} \frac{1 - r(t) + |t - \theta|}{(1 - r(t) + |t - \theta|)^2} d\mu(\theta) > 0.$$

Hence one of the following two cases must arise

$$(2.17) \quad (I) \quad \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow 0+} \int_{t/2}^{2t} \frac{1 - r(t)}{(1 - r(t) + |t - \theta|)^2} d\mu(\theta) > 0,$$

$$(2.18) \quad (II) \quad \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow 0+} \int_{t/2}^{2t} \frac{|t - \theta|}{(1 - r(t) + |t - \theta|)^2} d\mu(\theta) > 0.$$

In the case (I) there is a positive number $p > 0$ such that

$$(2.19) \quad \int_{t_n/2}^{2t_n} \frac{1 - r(t_n)}{(1 - r(t_n) + |t_n - \theta|)^2} d\mu(\theta) > p$$

for each $t_n \in F$, where F is a set of positive numbers with 0 as an accumulation point. But we have for $z_n = r(t_n)e^{it_n}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(z_n)| &= \exp \left\{ -\operatorname{Re} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} d\mu(\theta) \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ -\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1 - r(t_n)^2}{[1 - r(t_n)]^2 + 4r(t_n)\sin^2(t_n - \theta)/2} d\mu(\theta) \right\} \\ &\leq \exp \left\{ -\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1 - r(t_n)}{[1 - r(t_n)]^2 + (t_n - \theta)^2} d\mu(\theta) \right\} \\ &\leq \exp \left\{ -\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1 - r(t_n)}{(1 - r(t_n) + |t_n - \theta|)^2} d\mu(\theta) \right\} \\ &\leq \exp \left\{ -\int_{t_n/2}^{2t_n} \frac{1 - r(t_n)}{(1 - r(t_n) + |t_n - \theta|)^2} d\mu(\theta) \right\} \\ &< \exp(-p) < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence in the case (I) if the limit (2.12) exists, it cannot have modulus one. Therefore

$$(2.20) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \int_{t/2}^{2t} \frac{1 - r(t)}{(1 - r(t) + |t - \theta|)^2} d\mu(\theta) = 0.$$

It remains to consider the case (II). In this case we construct a divisor of $\phi(z)$ which does not have the appropriate limit

$$(2.18) \quad \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow 0+} \int_{t/2}^{2t} \frac{|t - \theta|}{(1 - r(t) + |t - \theta|)^2} d\mu(\theta) > 0;$$

then either

$$(2.21) \quad \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow 0+} \int_t^{2t} \frac{\theta - t}{(1 - r(t) + \theta - t)^2} d\mu(\theta) > 0$$

or

$$(2.22) \quad \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow 0+} \int_{t/2}^t \frac{t - \theta}{(1 - r(t) + t - \theta)^2} d\mu(\theta) > 0.$$

We suppose without loss of generality that it is the case that (2.21) holds. Then there exist a positive constant q and a set $\{t_n\} \subset (0, \pi)$, $t_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $4t_{n+1} < t_n$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$, such that for some $\xi_n \in [t_n, 2t_n]$

$$q < \int_{t_n}^{\xi_n} \frac{\theta - t_n}{(1 - r(t_n) + \theta - t_n)^2} d\mu(\theta) < 2q < \frac{1}{2}\pi.$$

Let $F_n = [t_n, \xi_n]$ and let $F = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$; condition (2.13) implies that if $\phi_F(z)$ has a limit as $z \rightarrow 1$ along Γ , then this limit is $\phi_F^*(1)$. We can show that $\phi_F(z)$ does not have this limit by verifying that the argument of $\phi_{F_n}(z_n)$ ($z_n = r(t_n)e^{it_n}$) does not have 0 as a limit (modulo 2π) as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Since

$$\frac{e^{i\theta} + r(t)e^{it}}{e^{i\theta} - r(t)e^{it}} = \frac{1 - r(t)^2 + i[2r(t)\sin(t - \theta)]}{|e^{i\theta} - r(t)e^{it}|^2},$$

by our choice of the sequence $\{t_n\}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \phi_{F_n}(z_n) &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{2r(t_n)\sin(\theta - t_n)}{|e^{i\theta} - r(t_n)e^{it_n}|^2} d\mu_{F_n}(\theta) \\ &= \int_{t_n}^{\xi_n} \frac{2r(t_n)\sin(\theta - t_n)}{|e^{i\theta} - r(t_n)e^{it_n}|^2} d\mu(\theta) \\ &= [2 - \delta(n)] \int_{t_n}^{\xi_n} \frac{\sin(\theta - t_n)}{|1 - r(t_n) + i(\theta - t_n)|^2} d\mu(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

where $\delta(n) > 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta(n) = 0$. Since $2^{-1/2}[1 - r(t_n) + (\theta - t_n)] < |1 - r(t_n) + i(\theta - t_n)| < 1 - r(t_n) + (\theta - t_n)$ for $\theta \in F_n$, we see that

$$(2.23) \quad q < \arg \phi_{F_n}(z_n) < 2q$$

for sufficiently large n . Apply Lemma 1 with μ replaced by μ_F ; we have $\mu_E = \mu_{F \setminus F_n}$. So the lemma implies $\phi_{F \setminus F_n}(z_n) \rightarrow \phi_F^*(1)$, and this gives a contradiction to (2.23).

This completes the proof of Theorem 1 for the case $h(z) = \phi(z)$.

Combining the proof for the cases $h(z) = B(z, \{a_n\})$, and $h(z) = \phi(z)$, the theorem follows without difficulty.

3. Upon generalizing theorems of Ahern and Clark [1] and Leung and Linden [6], we obtain the following.

THEOREM 2. *Let h be a function in $\mathcal{B}$ with factorization (1.2) and $\gamma \geq 1$. A necessary and sufficient condition for h and all its divisors to have T_γ limits of modulus 1 at the point 1 is that*

$$(3.1) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - |a_n|}{|1 - a_n|} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{|1 - e^{i\theta}|} < \infty$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \left\{ \sum_{t/2 < |\theta_n| < 2t} \frac{1 - r_n}{t^\gamma + |t - |\theta_n||} + \left(\int_{-2t}^{-t/2} + \int_{t/2}^{2t} \right) \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{t^\gamma + |t - |\theta||} \right\} = 0$$

hold.

THEOREM 3. *Let $\gamma \geq 1$, and k be a nonnegative integer. Then the k th derivatives of the function $h(z)$ in $\mathcal{B}$ and all its divisors have T_γ limits at 1 if*

$$(3.3) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - |a_n|}{|1 - a_n|^{k+1}} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{|1 - e^{i\theta}|^{k+1}} < \infty$$

and

$$(3.4) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \left\{ \sum_{t/2 < |\theta_n| < 2t} \frac{1 - r_n}{(t^\gamma + |t - |\theta_n||)^{k+1}} + \left(\int_{-2t}^{-t/2} + \int_{t/2}^{2t} \right) \frac{d\mu(\theta)}{(t^\gamma + |t - |\theta||)^{k+1}} \right\} = 0$$

hold.

4. The method we used in the previous sections also applies to the class N of holomorphic functions of bounded characteristic. A function f holomorphic in the unit disc is said to be in the class N if and only if

$$\sup_{0 < r < 1} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta < \infty.$$

It is well known that if $f \in N$, then it admits the factorization that

$$(4.1) \quad f(z) = cz^m B(z, \{a_n\}) Q(z),$$

where m is the order of zeros of $f(z)$ at the origin, $B(z, \{a_n\})$ is the Blaschke product associated with the zeros $\{a_n\}$ of $f(z)$ with $a_n \neq 0$. Hence $Q(z)$ is defined by the relation

$$Q(z) = \exp \left\{ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} d\sigma(\theta) \right\}, \quad d\sigma(\theta) = -d\mu(\theta) + (2\pi)^{-1} \log |f^*(e^{i\theta})| d\theta,$$

where f^* is the boundary function of f , μ is a positive singular Borel measure defined on ∂U , and c is a constant.

Again we assume without loss of generality that $m = 0$.

We obtain the following result.

THEOREM 4. *Let $f \in N$ with factorization (4.1), let $\gamma \geq 1$, and let k be a nonnegative integer. If*

$$(4.2) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - |a_n|}{|1 - a_n|^{k+1}} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d|\sigma(\theta)|}{|1 - e^{i\theta}|^{k+1}} < \infty$$

and

$$(4.3) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \left\{ \sum_{|t/2 < |\theta_n| < 2t} \frac{1 - r_n}{(t^\gamma + |t - |\theta_n||)^{k+1}} + \left(\int_{-2t}^{-t/2} + \int_{t/2}^{2t} \right) \frac{d|\sigma(\theta)|}{(t^\gamma + |t - |\theta||)^{k+1}} \right\} = 0$$

then the T_γ limit of $f^{(k)}$ exists.

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