

## Structures of Inner Functions on Hardy Spaces via the Least Harmonic Majorants

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**ABSTRACT:** In this work we showed that the inner functions on Hardy space can be written in the canonical factorization form as exponential of least harmonic majorants.

**المستخلص:**

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### Definition of $H^p$

For  $1 \leq p < \infty$  the Hardy space  $H^p$  is defined as the space of all analytic functions  $\varphi$  in the unit disk  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$

□ for which the norm

$$\|\varphi\|_p = \sup_{r < 1} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |\varphi(re^{it})|^p dt \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (1)$$

is finite. The space  $H^\infty$  ( Banach space) consist of all bounded analytic functions  $\varphi$  on the disk, and the norm is now

$$\|\varphi\| = \sup_{|z| < 1} |\varphi(z)| \quad (2)$$

For function  $\varphi$  in  $H^p$ , for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the radial limit

$$\check{\varphi}(e^{it}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \varphi(re^{it}) \quad (3)$$

exists almost everywhere in  $t$  (Fatou's Theorem), and needed,  $\check{\varphi} \in L^p(T)$ , where  $T$  denotes the unit circle which we equip with normalized Lebesgue measure; moreover:

$$\|\varphi\|_H = \|\check{\varphi}\|_{L^p}.$$

We normally identify  $\varphi$  with  $\check{\varphi}$ , and can thus regard  $H^p$  as a closed subspace of  $L^p(T)$ . It is also possible to start by defining  $H^p$  directly as the subspace of those  $L^p(T)$  functions for which the negative Fourier coefficients vanish, that is:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \check{\varphi}(e^{it}) e^{-in t} dt = 0 \quad (4)$$

for all  $n < 0$ .

It is classical that  $\varphi \in H^p$  has the factorizations

$$\varphi = B S O \quad (5)$$

where  $B$  is a Blaschke product,  $S$  is a singular function, and  $O$  is an outer function. Specifically, these factors are:<sup>(1)</sup>

$$B(z) = z^m \prod \mu_k \cdot \frac{z_k - z}{1 - z\bar{z}_k}, \mu_k = \frac{|z_k|}{z_k} \quad (6)$$

where  $m$  is the order of the zeros of  $\varphi$  at the origin and  $z_1, z_2, \dots$  are the zeros of  $\varphi$  in  $D \setminus \{0\}$ ;

$$S(z) = \exp \left\{ - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{it} + z}{e^{it} - z} d\nu(t) \right\} \quad (7)$$

where  $\nu$  is a non-negative measure singular with respect to Lebesgue measure, and

$$O(z) = \lambda \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{it} + z}{e^{it} - z} k(e^{it}) dt \right\} \quad (8)$$

where  $\lambda$  is a unimodular constant and  $k$  is real-valued integrable function. Also  $\varphi$  has the factorization (canonical factorization)

$$\varphi = I O \quad (9)$$

where  $I$  is an inner function (has a unit modulus a.e on  $D$ ), and  $O$  as in Eq.(5).<sup>(1,2)</sup>

It is a well-known that if  $\varphi$  is an inner function, then  $\frac{w - \varphi(z)}{1 - \bar{w}\varphi(z)}$  is a Blaschke

product for all  $w \in D$  with the exception at most of a set of capacity zero<sup>(3)</sup>.

**Theorem A<sup>(3)</sup> :**

Let  $N_*$  denote the set of all analytic functions  $f$  on the unit disk such that the functions  $\log^+ |f_r|$  have uniformly absolutely continuous integrals, and let  $\varphi \in N_*$ , then the set of points  $w$  for which  $\varphi(z) - w$  has non-trivial singular inner factor has logarithmic capacity zero. Conversely, given any compact set  $E$  of logarithmic capacity zero, there is a bounded analytic function  $\varphi$  such that  $\varphi(z) - w$  has a non-trivial singular inner factor if and only if  $w \in E$ .

The converse statement is well-known. Let  $E$  be a compact set of capacity zero in  $D$ , the covering map  $F$  of the domain  $D \setminus E$  is an inner function since  $E$  has capacity zero. For each  $w \in E$ ,  $\frac{F(z) - w}{1 - \bar{w}F(z)}$  is a non-vanishing inner function and so is singular. Thus since  $1 - \bar{w}F(z)$  is an outer function,  $F(z) - w$  is a function with non-trivial singular inner factor for all  $w$  in  $E$ .

Note that for mutually prime inner functions  $u$  and  $v$  which have no zero in common and that there is singular inner function  $S$  with  $u = Su_1$  and  $v = Sv_1$  for inner functions  $u_1$  and  $v_1$ , and  $\rho > 0$ , the function  $u(z) + \rho e^{it} v(z)$  has a trivial singular inner factor for almost all (w.r.to Lebesgue measure) real  $t$ .

The generalization of the above concept is given in the following Theorem.

**Theorem B:** Let  $f, g \in H^p, 0 < p < \infty$ , have mutually prime singular inner factors. Then the set of points  $w$  for which  $f(z) - wg(z)$  has a non-trivial singular inner factor has logarithmic capacity zero<sup>(3)</sup>.

In Theorem B above, we see that if  $g$  is an outer function, then the lack of a singular factor in  $f(z) - wg(z)$  is equivalent to the lack of a singular factor in the decomposition of the function  $\frac{f(z)}{g(z)} - w$  in  $N_*$ , and is thus covered in Theorem A.

Now let  $\varphi \in H^2$ , then there exist a harmonic function  $h$  in  $D$ , such that

$$|\varphi(z)|^2 \leq h(z) \quad (10)$$

and  $h$  is called the harmonic majorant of  $\varphi$ <sup>(4-6)</sup>. It is well known that if  $\varphi$  has harmonic majorant in  $D$ , then there exist a least harmonic majorant, hence there exist a harmonic function  $h_\varphi$  in  $D$ , such that:

$$|\varphi(z)|^2 \leq h_\varphi(z) \quad (11)$$

and such that  $h_\varphi \leq h$ . Also if  $\varphi \in H^2$ , then for a fixed  $z_0 \in D$  there is a norm on  $H^2$  defined by:  $\|\varphi\| = \inf \left\{ h(z)^{\frac{1}{2}} : h \text{ is a harmonic majorant of } |\varphi|^2 \right\}$

Now, one can make the following definitions:

**Definition 1:** for  $\varphi \in H^2$ , we say that  $h$  is the harmonic majorant of  $\varphi$  in  $D$  if  $h$  is harmonic function in  $D$ , such that  $\varphi \leq h$ .

**Definition 2:** let  $\varphi \in H^2$ , and  $h$  is the harmonic majorant of  $\varphi$  in  $D$ , we say that  $h_\varphi$  is least harmonic majorant of  $\varphi$  in  $D$  if  $h_\varphi$  is harmonic function in  $D$ , such that  $\varphi \leq h_\varphi$ , and such that  $h_\varphi \leq h$ .

Now let  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi'$  be two functions in  $H^2$ . We say that  $\varphi$  divides  $\varphi'$  (or  $\varphi | \varphi'$ ), if  $\varphi'$  can be written as  $\varphi' = \varphi u$ , for some  $u \in H^2$ .

Now we need the following lemma.

**Lemma C<sup>(3)</sup>:**

If  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are inner functions without a common factor, then:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_r \log \left( \max \left\{ \left| \varphi_1(re^{i\theta}) \right|, \left| \varphi_2(re^{i\theta}) \right| \right\} \right) d\sigma(\theta) = 0$$

where  $d\sigma$  is the normalized Lebesgue measure on the unit circle  $T$ .

**proof:** The limit on the left side is the value at the origin of the least harmonic majorant in  $D$  of the subharmonic function  $\max\{\log|\varphi_1|, \log|\varphi_2|\}$ <sup>(2,8)</sup>. So it remains to show that this least harmonic majorant is the constant function 0. Let  $h$  denote this least harmonic majorant. Then  $\log|\varphi_1| \leq h \leq 0$ . This implies that  $h$  has radial limits 0 almost everywhere on  $T$ . So, if  $h$  is not identically zero, then  $h$  is the Poisson integral of a negative singular measure on  $T$ . Hence  $\varphi = e^{h+i\tilde{h}}$  is a singular inner function (here  $\tilde{h}$  denotes the harmonic conjugate of  $h$  in  $D$ <sup>(9)</sup>). Since  $|\varphi_1| \leq |e^{h+i\tilde{h}}|$ , the inner function  $\varphi$  divides  $\varphi_1$ . But  $|\varphi_2| \leq |e^{h+i\tilde{h}}|$  implies that  $\varphi$  also divides  $\varphi_2$ , contradicting our assumption about  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$ . Thus  $h \equiv 0$ . This completes the proof of the lemma.

## RESULTS

Now we arrive to the following theorem which gives the principle result of this paper.

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**Theorem 1:** If  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are inner functions with a common factor, say  $\varphi$ , then  $\varphi = e^{h+i\tilde{h}}$ , where  $\tilde{h}$  denotes the harmonic conjugate of  $h$  in  $D$ , and  $h$  is the least harmonic majorant of the subharmonic function  $\max\{\log|\varphi_1|, \log|\varphi_2|\}$ .

## Proof:

By lemma C above, if  $h$  denotes the least harmonic majorant of the subharmonic function  $\max\{\log|\varphi_1|, \log|\varphi_2|\}$ , then  $\log|\varphi_1| \leq h \leq 0$ . This implies that  $h$  has radial limits 0 almost everywhere on  $T$ . So, if  $h$  is not identically zero, then  $h$  is the Poisson integral of a negative singular measure on  $T$ . Hence  $\varphi = e^{h+i\tilde{h}}$  is a singular inner function. Since  $|\varphi_1| \leq |e^{h+i\tilde{h}}|$ , the inner function  $\varphi$  divides  $\varphi_1$ . But  $|\varphi_2| \leq |e^{h+i\tilde{h}}|$  implies that  $\varphi$  also divides  $\varphi_2$ , moreover this representation of inner function  $\varphi$  is similar to that one in Eq. (9), i.e.  $\varphi = e^{h+i\tilde{h}} = e^h \cdot e^{i\tilde{h}}$ , where  $e^{i\tilde{h}}$  determine the inner factor, and  $e^h$  determine the outer factor, and the theorem is proved.

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