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SOME THEOREMS FOR HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS WITH  
PROXIMATE ORDER  $1 + \log(\log r)/\log r$ .

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1. Introduction.

In this paper we treat holomorphic functions, which are defined in the right half plane and satisfies the following estimate:

for any positive number  $\epsilon$  and  $\epsilon'$ , there exists  $C_{\epsilon, \epsilon'}$  such that

$$(*) \quad |F(z)| \leq C_{\epsilon, \epsilon'} \exp(x \log x + k|y| + \epsilon|z|)$$

for  $x = \operatorname{Re} z \geq \epsilon'$ .

The characterization of entire function with this kind of estimate (entire functions with proximate order  $1 + \log(\log r)/\log r$  is given by Palamodov in [8] by using the Fourier transforms of rapidly decreasing generalized function. We will give some theorems (for example, Carlson's theorem, Liouville type theorem) for holomorphic functions which satisfies the above estimate (\*). In section 2, we consider the Mellin transform of holomorphic functions with proximate order  $1 + \log(\log r)/\log r$ . We will deduce strong asymptotic expansion of the Mellin transform  $MF(w)$ . In section 3 we will give the integral representation of  $F(z)$  by means of Mellin transform of  $F(z)$ . Finally in section 4, we will give some theorems for holomorphic functions defined in the direct product of the right half plane with proximate order  $1 + \log(\log r)/\log r$ . For the details of proximate order, we refer the reader to [3] and [4].

2. Mellin transform of holomorphic functions with proximate order  
 $1 + \log(\log r)/\log r$ .

In this section we will investigate the Mellin transform  $MF(w)$  of holomorphic functions  $F(z)$  with proximate order  $1 + \log(\log r)/\log r$ . Especially we deduce the strong asymptotic expansion of  $MF(w)$ . The strong asymptotic expansion of  $MF(w)$  is given by Kubyshin in [2] and by the author in [11]. Now we define the

Mellin transform of holomorphic function defined in the right plane with proximate order  $1 + \log(\log r)/\log r$ .

**Definition.**

Let  $F(z)$  be holomorphic in the right half plane  $\{z \in \mathbb{C}; \operatorname{Re} z > 0\}$  and satisfy the estimate (\*). The Mellin transform  $MF(w)$  of the function  $F(z)$  is defined as follows:

$$MF(w) = -(2i)^{-1} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} F(z)(-w)^z (\sin \pi z)^{-1} dz,$$

where  $c$  is an arbitrary number between 0 and 1.

$MF(w)$  has the following properties:

**Proposition 1.** (Kubyshin [2] and Yoshino [3])

- (i)  $MF(w)$  is holomorphic in  $S_k = \{w \in \mathbb{C}; k < |\arg w| \leq \pi\}$ .
- (ii)  $MF(w)$  has the following asymptotic expansion in any subsector  $S_{k+\varepsilon}$  of  $S_k$

$$MF(w) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F(n)w^n.$$

More precisely, the following estimate is valid: for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\varepsilon' > 0$  and natural number  $N$ , there exist constants  $C_{\varepsilon, \varepsilon'}, A > 0$  and  $\delta$  ( $0 < \delta < 1$ ) such that

$$|MF(w) - \sum_{n=0}^N F(n)w^n| < C_{\varepsilon, \varepsilon'} A^N N! |w|^{N+\delta}.$$

For details of the strong asymptotic expansion, we refer the reader to Nevanlinna [6], [7] and Reed and Simon [9] and Sokal [10].

The following proposition shows the importance of strong asymptotic expansion.

**Proposition 2.** ([6],[7],[9] and [10]).

Let  $f(w)$  be holomorphic in the sector  $S_k$  and have strong asymptotic expansion there. If the coefficients in expansion are all zero and  $k$  is less than  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $f(w)$  vanishes identically there.

**3. Integral representation of  $F(z)$  by  $MF(w)$ .**

In this section we give integral representation of  $F(z)$  by  $MF(w)$ . Namely the following integral formula is valid.

**Proposition 3.**

Let  $F(z)$  be a holomorphic function defined on the right half plane with proximate order  $1 + \log(\log r)/\log r$ . Then the following integral representation is valid.

$$F(z) = (2\pi i)^{-1} \int_{\Gamma} MF(w)w^{-z-1}dw,$$

where  $\Gamma$  is a contour shown in Figure 1.

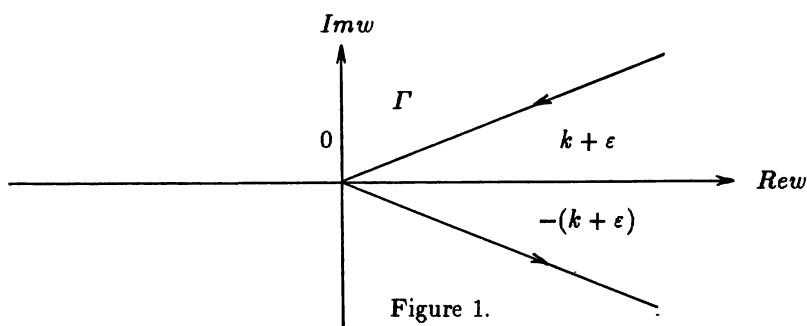


Figure 1.

**Proof.**

We calculate the right hand side of the formula by making use of residue theorem. First we insert the definition of  $MF(w)$  and exchange the order of integrations. Then we obtain

$$(2\pi i)^{-1}(2i)^{-1} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} dt F(t) (\sin(\pi t))^{-1} \int_{\Gamma} w^{-z-1} (-w)^t dw.$$

The integral

$$(2i)^{-1} \int_{\Gamma} w^{-z-1} (-w)^t dw$$

is equal to  $(t-z)^{-1} \sin(\pi z - (k+\epsilon)(t-z)) \epsilon^{t-z}$ . By the residue theorem we have

$$-(2\pi i)^{-1} \int_{\text{Re } t=c'} F(t) (t-z)^{-1} \sin(\pi z - (k+\epsilon)(t-z)) \sin(\pi z)^{-1} \epsilon^{t-z} dt + F(z).$$

As  $t$  varies on the vertical line  $\text{Re } z = c$ ,  $\text{Re}(t-z)$  is positive. If  $\epsilon$  tends to zero then the integral above goes to zero. Hence we obtain the desired result.

**4. Applications.**

In this section we show some applications concerning the holomorphic functions with proximate order  $1 + \log(\log r)/\log r$ . We begin with the Carlson type theorem.

**Theorem 1.**

Let  $F(z)$  be holomorphic in the right half plane  $\{Re z > 0\}$  and satisfy the estimate  $(*)$  with  $k < \pi/2$ . If  $F(n)$  vanishes for all natural numbers  $n$ , then  $F(z)$  vanishes identically.

**Proof.**

We consider the Mellin transform of  $F(z)$ . From Proposition 1 and the assumption,  $MF(w)$  has the strong asymptotic expansion with 0 coefficient. So  $MF(w)$  vanishes identically. By virtue of the integral representation,  $F(z)$  vanishes identically.

**Remark.**

The assumption  $k < \pi/2$  is crucial in Theorem 1. Let  $F(z)$  be  $1/\Gamma(z)$  ( $\Gamma$  denotes Euler Gamma function). Then  $F(z)$  satisfies the estimate  $(*)$  with  $k = \pi/2$  and all assumptions in Theorem 1, but  $F(z)$  does not vanish identically.

Next we will prove the following Liouville type theorem.

**Theorem 2.**

Let  $F(z)$  be a holomorphic function defined in the right half plane  $\{z \in \mathbb{C}; Re z > 0\}$  satisfy the estimate  $(*)$  with  $k < \pi/2$ . If  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |F(n)|^{1/n} = A$ , then  $F(z)$  is a holomorphic function of exponential type.

**Proof.**

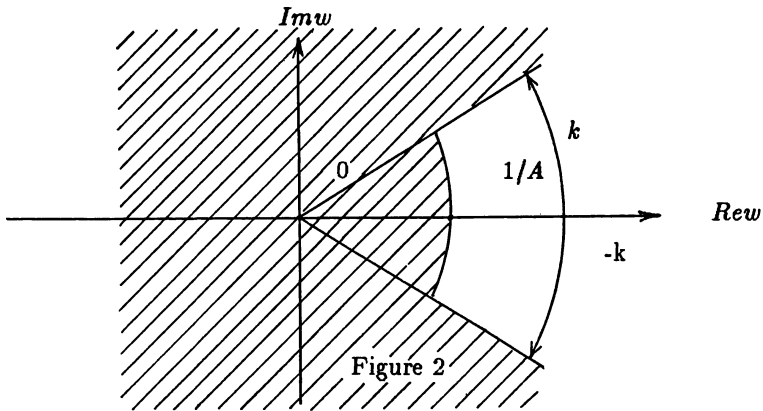
From Proposition 1,  $MF(w)$  has the following strong asymptotic expansion in the sector  $S_\epsilon$

$$MF(w) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F(n)w^n.$$

By the assumption on  $F(n)$ , the formal series in the above converges in the circle with radius  $1/A$  and center 0. So the series define a holomorphic function in this circle. Hence we obtain the following equality:

$$MF(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F(n)w^n \quad (|w| < 1/A).$$

Hence  $MF(w)$  is holomorphic in the shaded region shown in Figure 2. By virtue of the integral representation of  $F(z)$ ,  $F(z)$  is a holomorphic function of exponential type defined in the right half plane.



**Corollary 1.** (Carlson type theorem)

Let  $F(z)$  be holomorphic function with the estimate  $(*)$  defined on the right half plane. If  $F(n) = 0$  is valid for all natural number  $n$ , then  $F(z)$  vanishes identically.

**Proof.**

By virtue of Theorem 2,  $F(z)$  is holomorphic function of exponential type. So Carlson's theorem yields our desired result (see [1] and [5]).

**Corollary 2.** (Cartright type theorem)

Let  $F(z)$  be holomorphic in the right half plane and satisfy the estimate  $(*)$ . If  $|F(n)| \leq M$  is valid for all natural number  $n$ , then  $F(z)$  is bounded on the real axis.

**Proof**

From the assumption and Theorem 1,  $F(z)$  is exponential type function in the right half plane. So we obtain our desired result from the usual Cartright theorem ( see [1] ).

**Theorem 3.** (Phragmen-Lindelof type theorem)

Let  $F(z)$  be an entire function with estimate  $(*)$  and satisfy  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |F(n)|^{1/n} = A$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |F(-n)|^{1/n} = B$ , then  $F(z)$  is an entire function of exponential type.

**Proof.**

This is a consequence of Theorem 2.

**Theorem 4.** (Liouville type theorem, see Yoshino [12])

Let  $F(z)$  be entire function with estimate (\*) with  $k = 0$  and furthermore  $F(n) = O(|n|^p)$  for all integer  $n$ . Then  $F(z)$  is a polynomial with degree at most  $p$ .

Proof.

From same argument in proof of Theorem 1, we conclude that  $MF(w)$  is holomorphic except the origin. The origin is pole (degree at most  $p$ ) of  $MF(w)$ . The integral representation of  $F(z)$  and residue theorem yield our desired result.

Note.

All results in this paper can be generalized to  $n$ -dimensional case without any difficulties.

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