

UNIQUENESS AND INTERPOLATION RESULTS FOR ENTIRE FUNCTIONS OF EXPONENTIAL TYPE¹

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1. Introduction. Let $K[\Omega]$ denote the collection of entire functions of exponential type whose Borel transforms are analytic on Ω^c , the complement of Ω taken relative to the sphere. The domain Ω is assumed to be simply connected throughout the article. This note discusses a new approach for proving theorems about uniqueness classes of the form $K[\Omega]$ for sequences of linear functionals $\{L_n\}$, where

$$(1.1) \quad L_n(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} g_n(\lambda) F(\lambda) d\lambda \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots).$$

Each g_n ($n = 0, 1, \dots$) is in $H(\Omega)$, the collection of all functions holomorphic on Ω , F denotes the Borel transform of f , and Γ is a simple closed contour in Ω with F holomorphic outside and on Γ . We shall also characterize sequences of complex numbers $\{b_n\}$ which can be interpolated by $K[\Omega]$ relative to $\{L_n\}$.

Our results on uniqueness and interpolation require the following setting. Place the topology of uniform convergence on compact subsets of Ω on $H(\Omega)$. Then the dual space of $H(\Omega)$ can be identified with the collection of functions holomorphic on Ω^c which vanish at ∞ [8]. This collection will be denoted by $H_0(\Omega^c)$. Note that $H_0(\Omega^c)$ is also the collection of Borel transforms of all functions in $K[\Omega]$. The bilinear form relating $H(\Omega)$ and $H_0(\Omega^c)$ is given by

$$\langle \alpha, F \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \alpha(\lambda) F(\lambda) d\lambda$$

for each α in $H(\Omega)$ and each F in $H_0(\Omega^c)$.

Let Ω_λ and Ω_ζ be simply connected domains in the plane and let T denote a continuous linear operator from $H(\Omega_\lambda)$ to $H(\Omega_\zeta)$. For $\{g_n\}$ with each g_n in $H(\Omega_\lambda)$ define $\{L_{T_n}\}$ by

$$L_{T_n}(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} [T(g_n)](\zeta) F(\zeta) d\zeta \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots)$$

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