

FAMILIES OF TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE FUNCTION SPACES H^p

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I. Introduction

Let the interior of the unit circle be denoted by Δ ; and let the set of functions single-valued and analytic in Δ be denoted by \mathfrak{A} .

It is well known that certain subsets of \mathfrak{A} can be made into Banach spaces by the introduction of suitable norms. In particular, if $f \in \mathfrak{A}$, and if, for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$,

$$(I.1) \quad \mathcal{M}_p(f; r) = \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right\}^{1/p}, \quad p < \infty$$

$$\mathcal{M}_p(f; r) = \sup_{|z| < r} |f(z)|, \quad p = \infty$$

and if $\sup_{r < 1} \mathcal{M}_p(f; r) < \infty$, then f is said to be in the set H^p . Also, H^p is a Banach space with

$$(I.2) \quad \|f\|_{H^p} = \sup_{r < 1} \mathcal{M}_p(f; r)$$

A proof of these statements, together with a discussion of many properties of the spaces H^p , can be found in [8].

This paper is concerned with certain transformations in the spaces H^p .

Let $\omega(z)$ be a function of z which is analytic in Δ and such that $|\omega(z)| < 1$ for $z \in \Delta$. If $f \in \mathfrak{A}$, then so is the function defined by $f[\omega(z)]$. For $f \in \mathfrak{A}$, we define

$$(I.3) \quad T_\omega f = g \iff f[\omega(z)] = g(z) \text{ for } z \in \Delta.$$

T_ω is clearly an additive, homogeneous transformation.

It is well known [4] that if $f \in H^p$ and $\omega(0) = 0$, then $T_\omega f \in H^p$ and $\|T_\omega f\| \leq \|f\|$. In other words, if $\omega(0) = 0$, then $T_\omega \in [H^p]$ (the set of all linear bounded transformations on H^p to H^p), and $\|T_\omega\| \leq 1$. Our first task is to prove the following.

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¹ In the following, all statements about H^p refer to $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ unless further qualified.