

52. Area Integrals for Normal and Yosida Functions

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1. Introduction. We shall consider necessary and sufficient conditions for a meromorphic function to be normal or Yosida ([1], [6]).

A function f meromorphic in $D = \{ |z| < 1 \}$ is called normal if

$$k(f) = \sup_{z \in D} (1 - |z|^2) f^*(z) < \infty,$$

where $f^* = |f'| / (1 + |f|^2)$ is the spherical derivative. In terms of the non-Euclidean hyperbolic distance :

$$\sigma(z, w) = \tanh^{-1} |\phi_w(z)|,$$

where

$$\phi_w(z) = (z - w) / (1 - \bar{w}z), \quad z, w \in D,$$

the non-Euclidean open disk of center $a \in D$ and radius $\tanh^{-1} \rho$ ($0 < \rho \leq 1$) is given by

$$A(a, \rho) = \{ |\phi_a(z)| < \rho \}.$$

Theorem 1. *Let f be meromorphic in D . Then the following are mutually equivalent.*

- (1) f is normal.
 (2) For each $A > 0$ there exists $\rho \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$(1.1) \quad \sup_{a \in D} \sup_{z \in A(a, \rho)} \left| \frac{f(z) - f(a)}{1 + \overline{f(a)}f(z)} \right| < A.$$

- (3) There exist ρ and λ in $(0, 1)$ such that

$$(1.2) \quad \sup_{\lambda < |a| < 1} \iint_{A(a, \rho)} \left| \frac{f(z) - f(a)}{1 + \overline{f(a)}f(z)} \right|^2 \frac{dx dy}{(1 - |z|^2)^2} < \infty.$$

Here, $(f(z) - f(a)) / (1 + \overline{f(a)}f(z)) = 1/f(z)$ if $f(a) = \infty$. We note that $(1 - |z|^2)^{-2} dx dy$ is the non-Euclidean area element at $z = x + iy \in D$.

A function f meromorphic in $C = \{ |z| < \infty \}$ is called Yosida if

$$l(f) = \sup_{z \in C} f^*(z) < \infty.$$

See [2], [3], [4], and [5]. We next consider the Euclidean disks :

$$U(a, \rho) = \{ |z - a| < \rho \}, \quad a \in C, \quad \rho > 0.$$

Theorem 2. *Let f be meromorphic in C . Then the following are mutually equivalent.*

- (4) f is Yosida.
 (5) For each $A > 0$ there exists $\rho \in (0, \infty)$ such that

$$(1.3) \quad \sup_{a \in C} \sup_{z \in U(a, \rho)} \left| \frac{f(z) - f(a)}{1 + \overline{f(a)}f(z)} \right| < A.$$

- (6) There exist ρ and λ in $(0, \infty)$ such that

$$(1.4) \quad \sup_{\lambda < |a| < \infty} \iint_{U(a, \rho)} \left| \frac{f(z) - f(a)}{1 + \overline{f(a)}f(z)} \right|^2 dx dy < \infty.$$

Let N_0 be the family of meromorphic functions f in D such that

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1} (1 - |z|^2) f^*(z) = 0,$$

and let Y_0 be the family of meromorphic functions f in C such that

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} f^*(z) = 0.$$

Obviously each f of N_0 (Y_0) is normal (Yosida). The results similar to Theorems 1 and 2 can be proved for f to be of N_0 and Y_0 , and will be proposed in Section 4.

The situation resembles that for holomorphic case, the Bloch-function criteria. This time, $f - f(a)$ instead of $(f - f(a))/(1 + \bar{f}(a)f)$ for f holomorphic in D should be considered. However, in this case, we can prove much more, and the details will be published in the other paper.

2. Proof of Theorem 1. The chordal distance $X(z, w) \geq 0$ of z and w in $C \cup \{\infty\}$ is given by

$$X(z, w)^2 = |F_w(z)|^2 / [1 + |F_w(z)|^2],$$

where

$$F_w(z) = \begin{cases} (z - w)/(1 + \bar{w}z) & \text{if } w \neq \infty, \\ = 1/z & \text{if } w = \infty. \end{cases}$$

In the proof of (1) \Rightarrow (2) we first note that

$$X(f(z), f(w)) \leq k\sigma(z, w), \quad z, w \in D, \quad k = k(f).$$

Given $A > 0$ we can find $\rho \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$k^2\sigma(\rho, 0)^2 < A^2/(1 + A^2).$$

Then, for each $z \in \Delta(a, \rho)$, with $P = X(f(z), f(a))$, we have

$$|F_{f(a)} \circ f(z)|^2 = \frac{P^2}{1 - P^2} \leq \frac{k^2\sigma(\rho, 0)^2}{1 - k^2\sigma(\rho, 0)^2} < A^2,$$

whence (2).

Since the proof of (2) \Rightarrow (3) is easy, it remains to observe (3) \Rightarrow (1). By the square integral condition, the meromorphic function $F_{f(a)} \circ f$ has no pole in $\Delta(a, \rho)$ ($\lambda < |a| < 1$). Then, there exists a holomorphic function g in the disk $\{|w| < \rho\}$ such that

$$h(w) \equiv F_{f(a)} \circ f \circ \phi_{-a}(w) = wg(w), \quad |w| < \rho.$$

Furthermore,

$$(2.1) \quad |g(0)| = (1 - |a|^2) f^*(a).$$

Since $\log |g|$ is subharmonic in $\{|w| < \rho\}$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \log |g(0)| &\leq \frac{1}{\pi\rho^2} \iint_{|w| < \rho} \log |g(w)| \, dudv \quad (w = u + iv) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi\rho^2} \iint_{|w| < \rho} \log |h(w)| \, dudv + \frac{1}{\pi\rho^2} \iint_{|w| < \rho} \log \frac{1}{|w|} \, dudv \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \log \left[\frac{1}{\pi\rho^2} \iint_{|w| < \rho} |h(w)|^2 \, dudv \right] + \log \frac{1}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

whence

$$(2.2) \quad (1 - |a|^2) f^*(a) \leq \rho^{-1} e^{1/2} \left[\frac{1}{\pi\rho^2} \iint_{|w| < \rho} |h(w)|^2 \, dudv \right]^{1/2}.$$

On the other hand, since

$$(1-|z|^2)|\phi'_a(z)| \leq 1 \quad (z \in D),$$

it follows on setting $w = \phi_a(z)$ that

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\pi\rho^2} \iint_{|w| < \rho} |h(w)|^2 \, dudv \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi\rho^2} \iint_{\Delta(a, \rho)} |F_{f(a)} \circ f(z)|^2 |\phi'_a(z)|^2 \, dxdy \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\pi\rho^2} \iint_{\Delta(a, \rho)} |F_{f(a)} \circ f(z)|^2 \frac{dxdy}{(1-|z|^2)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

It now follows from (2.2) and (2.3) that

$$(2.4) \quad (1-|a|^2)f^*(a) \leq \rho^{-1}e^{1/2} \left[\frac{1}{\pi\rho^2} \iint_{\Delta(a, \rho)} \left| \frac{f(z)-f(a)}{1+\overline{f(a)}f(z)} \right|^2 \frac{dxdy}{(1-|z|^2)^2} \right]^{1/2},$$

where $\lambda < |a| < 1$. Since f^* is continuous in D , it follows that f is normal in D .

3. Proof of Theorem 2. The proof is in spirit the same as that of Theorem 1 and will be only sketched.

For the proof of (4) \Rightarrow (5) we note that

$$X(f(z), f(a)) \leq l\rho \quad \text{for } z \in U(a, \rho), \quad l = l(f).$$

Letting $\rho > 0$ so small that $l^2\rho^2 < A^2/(1+A^2)$, we obtain

$$|F_{f(a)} \circ f(z)|^2 \leq \frac{l^2\rho^2}{1-l^2\rho^2} < A^2, \quad z \in U(a, \rho).$$

Since (5) \Rightarrow (6) is trivial we prove (6) \Rightarrow (4). This time we consider

$$F_{f(a)} \circ f(w+a) = wg(w), \quad |w| < \rho.$$

Then, $|g(0)| = f^*(a)$, and our final estimate corresponding to (2.4) is

$$(3.1) \quad f^*(a) \leq \rho^{-1}e^{1/2} \left[\frac{1}{\pi\rho^2} \iint_{U(a, \rho)} \left| \frac{f(z)-f(a)}{1+\overline{f(a)}f(z)} \right|^2 \, dxdy \right]^{1/2}.$$

4. N_0 and Y_0 functions. It is now an easy exercise to prove the following, in particular, with the aid of (2.4) and (3.1).

Theorem 3. *Let f be meromorphic in D . Then the following are mutually equivalent.*

(7) $f \in N_0$.

(8) For each $\rho \in (0, 1)$,

$$\limsup_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \sup_{z \in \Delta(a, \rho)} \left| \frac{f(z)-f(a)}{1+\overline{f(a)}f(z)} \right| = 0.$$

(9) There exists $\rho \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow 1} \iint_{\Delta(a, \rho)} \left| \frac{f(z)-f(a)}{1+\overline{f(a)}f(z)} \right|^2 \frac{dxdy}{(1-|z|^2)^2} = 0.$$

Theorem 4. *Let f be meromorphic in C . Then the following are mutually equivalent.*

(10) $f \in Y_0$.

(11) For each $\rho \in (0, \infty)$,

$$\limsup_{|a| \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{z \in U(a, \rho)} \left| \frac{f(z)-f(a)}{1+\overline{f(a)}f(z)} \right| = 0.$$

(12) There exists $\rho \in (0, \infty)$ such that

$$\lim_{|a| \rightarrow \infty} \iint_{U(a, \rho)} \left| \frac{f(z) - f(a)}{1 + \overline{f(a)}f(z)} \right|^2 dx dy = 0.$$

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