

THE HARMONIC FUNCTIONS IN A HALF-PLANE AND FOURIER TRANSFORMS

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1. Introduction. Let $f(x+iy)=f(z)$ be regular in the upper half-plane $y>0$ satisfying the condition

$$(1.1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x+iy)|^p dx \leq C, \quad p>0,$$

where C is a constant independent of $y>0$. We say the class of such functions H^p . The following theorem concerning a function of H^p is well known.

Theorem A. Let $f(z) \in H^p$, $p>0$.

Then

- (i) $f(x+iy)$ converges to a function $f(x)$ as $y \rightarrow +0$ for almost all x , which is said the boundary function of $f(z)$,
(ii) $f(x+iy)$ converges to $f(x)$ in mean with index p , or

$$(1.2) \|f(x+iy) - f(x)\|_p^p = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x+iy) - f(x)|^p dx \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } y \rightarrow +0,$$

- (iii) $\|f(x+iy)\|$ is a non-increasing function of y and (as a consequence of (ii)) $\|f(x+iy)\|$ tends to $\|f(x)\|$, and

(iv) $f(z)$ can be represented as a Poisson integral of the boundary function $f(x)$ or in other words

$$(1.3) f(x+iy) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(\xi) y}{(\xi-x)^2 + y^2} d\xi.$$

The case $p \geq 1$ is due to E. Hille and J. D. Tamarkin⁽¹⁾ and the case $0 < p < 1$ was proved by the author⁽²⁾. Analogous results for functions regular in the unit circle are well known⁽³⁾.

Consider the function $f(x, y)$ harmonic in $y>0$, such that

$$(1.4) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x+iy)|^p \leq C, \quad y>0, \quad p \geq 1,$$

C being a constant independent of $y>0$. When $p=1$, we consider the harmonic function satisfying (1.4) with $p=1$ and in addition satisfying the condition that

$$(1.5) \int_{\mathcal{E}} |f(x, y)| dx < \varepsilon,$$

where ε is a given arbitrary positive number and \mathcal{E} is any set such that $m(\mathcal{E}) \leq \delta$, ($\delta = \delta(\varepsilon)$). We shall denote the class of functions having these properties, $H_{\mathcal{A}}^p$. In § 2, we shall prove the analogous theorem for a function of $H_{\mathcal{A}}^p$ as Theorem A.

The main arguments of Hille and Tamarkin for proving Theorem A is to transform the theorem into the one for functions regular in the unit circle, using a fact due to Gabriel⁽⁴⁾ concerning subharmonic functions. The proof of Theorem 1 in § 2 consists, on the contrary, of showing, first, the fact (iv) and then of deducing (i), (ii) and (iii) and we do not use the transformation of a half-plane into a circle. Thus it gives incidentally another proof for analytic case $p>1$.

We can also prove the theorem by reducing to Theorem A. Indeed originally I have proved Theorem 1 in this way. Afterwards Mr. T. Ugaeri has given the proof written in this paper. With his permission I have given his proof.

S. Verblunsky⁽⁵⁾ has proved the Theorem B. Let $g(u)$ be a function such that

$$(1.6) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y|u|} |g(u)| du < \infty$$

for every $y>0$ and

$$(1.7) f(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y|u|} e^{ixu} g(u) du$$

is bounded for x and $y>0$. Then $f(x, y)$ converges to a function $f(x)$ for almost every x as $y \rightarrow +0$, and

$$(1.8) g(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ixt} f(x) dx \quad (C, 1).$$

A. C. Offord⁽⁶⁾ generalized this theorem assuming only the fact that (1.7) exists in some Cesàro sense for $y>0$ and $f(x, y)$ is bound in x and $y(>0)$.

In Verblunsky's theorem $f(x, y)$ evidently defines a harmonic function in the upper half-plane and is a consequence of the well known theorem of Fatou (transforming the half-plane into unit circle).

A. C. Offord, on the other hand, has also considered a general class of functions and treated the analogous Fourier transform problems (7).

Write

$$(1.9) f_{\omega}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\omega}^{\omega} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) g(u) e^{-ixu} du$$

and suppose that if $p>1$

$$(1.10) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_{\omega}(x)|^p dx \leq C,$$

C being a constant independent of ω and if $p \geq 1$, $f_\omega(x)$ satisfies (1.10) with $p=1$ and in addition

$$(1.11) \quad \int_e |f_\omega(x)| dx < \varepsilon,$$

for every set e such that $m(e) \leq \delta$, $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon)$. We call the class of such functions H_{α}^p . Orford proved that if $g(u) \in H_{\alpha}^p$, $p \geq 1$, then

$$(1.12) \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u) e^{-ixu} du \quad (C.1),$$

exists for almost all x and further $g(u)$ has Fourier transform $f(x)$ in L_p or

$$(1.13) \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-T}^T g(u) e^{-ixu} du - f(x) \right|^p dx = 0.$$

In proving these facts, he avoids the use of harmonic functions and mainly uses weak convergence.

In § 4, we consider the more general class H_{α}^p of functions

$$(1.14) \quad f_\omega(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{-y|u|} g(u) e^{-ixu} du$$

with the condition

$$(1.15) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_\omega(x, y)|^p dx \leq C, \quad p > 1,$$

C being a constant independent of ω ($\omega > 0$) and $y > 0$, and when $p = \frac{1}{2}$, in addition

$$(1.16) \quad \int_e |f_\omega(x, y)| dx \leq \varepsilon, \quad y > 0,$$

e being any set $m(e) \leq \delta$, $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon)$.

We shall prove the Fourier transform theorem concerning H_{α}^p .

2. The harmonic function in a half-plane. We shall prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1. If $f(x, y) \in H_{\alpha}^p$ ($p \geq 1$), then

- (i) $f(x, y)$ converges to a function $f(x)$ as $y \rightarrow +0$ for almost all x ,
- (ii) $f(x, y)$ converges to $f(x)$ in mean with index p , and hence $f(x) \in L_p$,
- (iii) $\|f(x, y)\|$ tends increasingly to $\|f(x)\|$ as $y \rightarrow +0$, and
- (iv) $f(x, y)$ can be represented as the Poisson integral of $f(x)$, or

$$(2.1) \quad f(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{y}{(\xi-x)^2 + y^2} f(\xi) d\xi$$

Proof. We shall first that if $f(x, y) \in H_{\alpha}^p$ ($p \geq 1$), then $f(x, y)$ is bounded for $y \geq y_0$ (> 0), $-\infty < x < \infty$, y_0 being an arbitrary but fixed positive number.

Let γ be a positive fixed constant

less than y_0 . Since $f(x, y)$ is harmonic, we have, for $0 < p < \gamma$

$$(2.2) \quad f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x + p \cos \theta, y + p \sin \theta) d\theta$$

from which it results

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\gamma^2}{2} |f(x, y)| &= \int_0^{\gamma} p |f(x, y)| dp \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\gamma} |f(x + p \cos \theta, y + p \sin \theta)| p dp d\theta \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^{1/p} \frac{\gamma^{2(p-1)/p}}{2^{(p-1)/p}} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\gamma} |f(x + p \cos \theta, y + p \sin \theta)|^p dp d\theta \right\}^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, y)|^p &\leq C_{\gamma} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\gamma} |f(x + p \cos \theta, y + p \sin \theta)|^p p dp d\theta \\ &\leq C_{\gamma} \int \int_{(\xi-x)^2 + (\eta-y)^2 \leq \gamma} |f(\xi, \eta)|^p d\xi d\eta \\ &\leq C_{\gamma} \int_{y-\gamma}^{y+\gamma} d\eta \int_{x-\gamma}^{x+\gamma} |f(\xi, \eta)|^p d\xi \\ &\leq C_{\gamma} \int_{y-\gamma}^{y+\gamma} d\eta \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(\xi, \eta)|^p d\xi \leq C_{\gamma} \cdot C \cdot 2\gamma, \end{aligned}$$

where C_{γ} is dependent only of γ .

Hence $f(x, y)$ is bounded for $y \geq y_0$.

Now for fixed y_0 , we consider the function

$$f^*(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(\xi, y_0)}{(\xi-x)^2 + y^2} d\xi,$$

which is evidently a harmonic function for $-\infty < x < \infty$, $y > 0$. Since $f(x, y_0)$ is bounded, setting $|f(x, y_0)| \leq M$

$$|f^*(x, y)| \leq M \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{y}{(\xi-x)^2 + y^2} d\xi = M,$$

And by the known fact, $f^*(x, y)$ converges $f(x, y_0)$ for almost all x . If we consider the function

$$F(x, y) = f^*(x, y) - f(x, y + y_0)$$

which is clearly harmonic for $y > y_0$ and bounded in $-\infty < x < \infty$, $y > 0$, then since $f(x, y + y_0) \rightarrow f(x, y_0)$, $F(x, y) \rightarrow 0$ as $y \rightarrow +0$. Thus by Fatou's theorem $F(x, y) = 0$ for $y > 0$.

Then we get

$$(2.3) \quad f(x, y + y_0) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(\xi, y_0)}{(\xi-x)^2 + y^2} d\xi \quad (2)$$

Now we vary y_0 , and fix y . By (1.4) and (1.5) and known theorem on weak convergence, there exists a function $f(x)$ $\in L_p$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.4) \quad \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(\xi, y_n)}{(\xi-x)^2 + y^2} d\xi \\ \rightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(\xi)}{(\xi-x)^2 + y^2} d\xi \end{aligned}$$

for suitable sequence y_n ($y_n \rightarrow 0$). Since the left side of (2.3) tends to

$f(x, y)$ as $y_0 \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$(2.5) \quad f(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\xi) \frac{y}{(\xi-x)^2 + y^2} d\xi.$$

From this, (i) is trivial and (ii) is also well known⁽³⁾. (iii) is an immediate consequence of Jensen's inequality and of (1.3) for

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x, y + y_0)|^p dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left| \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\xi) \frac{y}{(\xi-x)^2 + y^2} d\xi \right|^p \\ &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(\xi + x, y_0)|^p \frac{y}{\xi^2 + y^2} d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{y}{\xi^2 + y^2} d\xi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(\xi + x, y_0)|^p dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{y}{\xi^2 + y^2} d\xi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x, y_0)|^p dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x, y_0)|^p dx. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the theorem is proved.

We remark that $f(x, y)$ tends to zero as $x \rightarrow \infty$ uniformly in $y \geq \delta > 0$, δ being an arbitrary but fixed positive number. This is a consequence of (2.3). For if $p=1$, this is evident since Poisson kernel $y/((y-x)^2 + y^2)$ is boundedly convergent to zero as $x^2 + y^2 \rightarrow \infty$. When $p>1$, by Jensen's inequality

$$|f(x, y + y_0)|^p \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(\xi, y_0)|^p \frac{y}{(\xi-x)^2 + y^2} d\xi,$$

from which our assertion follows.

3. Analogue of Theorem B. First we shall prove the following theorem which is an immediate consequence of Theorem 1 and is an L_p -analogue of Verblunsky's theorem B.

Theorem 2. Let

$$(3.1) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y|u|} |g(u)| du < \infty \text{ for every } y > 0$$

and write

$$(3.2) \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y|u|} g(u) e^{-ixu} du = f(x, y).$$

If, $p > 1$

$$(3.3) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x, y)|^p dx \leq C, \quad y > 0,$$

C being independent of $y > 0$ and when $p=1$, if in addition, for given $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x, y)| dx \leq \varepsilon$$

ε being an arbitrary set $m(\varepsilon) \leq \delta$, $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon)$, then there exists a function $f(x) \in L_p$, such that

(1) $\lim_{y \rightarrow +0} f(x, y) = f(x)$ for almost all values of x ,

(ii) $f(x, y)$ converges in mean with index p to $f(x)$,

(iii) $\|f(x, y)\|_p \uparrow \|f(x)\|_p$ as $y \rightarrow +0$

and

(iv) $f(x, y)$ can be represented as Poisson integral of $f(x)$.

This is trivial since $f(x, y)$ in (2.2) defines a harmonic function in $y > 0$. We can further show that thus gotten $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are Fourier transform in each other.

Theorem 3. Let $p \geq 1$. Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2, we have

$$(3.4) \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u) e^{-ixu} du \quad (C, 1)$$

almost everywhere,

$$(3.5) \quad g(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ixu} dx \quad (C, 1)$$

almost everywhere.

Theorem 4. Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2, $f(x)$ is the Fourier transform in L_p of $g(u)$ if $p > 1$.

The following argument is completely analogous as the one used by A. C. Offord.

Let $r(x)$ bounded and of $L_1(-\infty, \infty)$ and its Fourier transform be $s(x)$. Then we have, $f(x)$ being the one in Theorem 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) r(x) dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) r(x) dx \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r(x) dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y|t|} e^{-ixt} g(t) dt \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y|t|} g(t) dt \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r(x) e^{-ixt} dx \\ (3.6) \quad &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y|t|} g(t) s(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now put, x being fixed,

$$r(t) = \frac{2}{\pi \omega} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2} \omega(x-t)}{(x-t)^2},$$

$$s(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{-ixu}, \quad |u| \leq \omega$$

$$= 0, \quad |u| > \omega.$$

Then we have by (3.6)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2}{\pi\omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u) \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}\omega(x-u)}{(x-u)^2} du \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\omega}^{\omega} \left(1 - \frac{|t|}{\omega}\right) e^{-y|t|} g(t) e^{-ixt} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\omega}^{\omega} \left(1 - \frac{|t|}{\omega}\right) g(t) e^{-ixt} dt \end{aligned}$$

As is well known, the left side tends to $f(x)$ almost everywhere, we get (2.4).

Before proving (3.5), we shall prove Theorem 4. If we put in (2.6)

$$\begin{aligned} S(u) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-ixu}, \quad |u| \leq \omega \\ &= 0, \quad |u| > \omega \\ r(t) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\sin \omega(x-t)}{x-t}, \end{aligned}$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} I(x, \omega) &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\omega}^{\omega} g(t) e^{-ixt} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\omega}^{\omega} g(t) e^{-ixt} dt \\ (3.7) \quad &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \frac{\sin \omega(x-t)}{x-t} dt. \end{aligned}$$

($r(x)$ does not belong to L_1 , but has the Fourier transform $S(u)$ in B sense (11) and (3.6) also holds). A result due to E. Hille and J. D. Tamarkin shows that (3.7) tends to $f(x)$ in mean with index $p > 1$.

Now we shall prove (3.5). Similarly as (3.7) we have

$$(3.8) \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\omega} g(t) e^{-ixt} dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \frac{\sin \omega(x-t)}{x-t} e^{\frac{i\omega t}{2}} dt$$

If (3.3) is satisfied, then $f(x) \in L_p$. Thus for $p > 1$, putting $x = x$ in (3.8) and using Holder's inequality to the right side, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\omega} g(t) dt \right| &\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)|^p dt \right)^{1/p} \\ &\cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\sin \omega t}{t} \right|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq C \omega^{1/p}, \end{aligned}$$

where C is an absolute constant. Hence

$$(3.9) \quad \left| \int_0^t g(u) du \right| \leq C t^{1/p}, \quad p > 1.$$

Now since by Theorem 4, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\omega}^{\omega} g(t) e^{-ixt} dt$ converges in mean with index p to $f(x)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\omega}^{\omega} f(u) \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{ixu} du \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\omega}^{\omega} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{ixu} du \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-A}^A g(v) e^{-iuv} dv \\ &= \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\omega}^{\omega} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{ixu} du \int_{-A}^A g(v) e^{-iuv} dv \\ &= \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi\omega} \int_{-A}^A g(v) dv \int_{-\omega}^{\omega} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{i u(x-v)} du \\ &= \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi\omega} \int_{-A}^A g(v) \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}\omega(x-v)}{(x-v)^2} dv \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi\omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(v) \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}\omega(x-v)}{(x-v)^2} dv \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi\omega} \int_{-K}^K + \frac{2}{\pi\omega} \int_{-\infty}^{-K} + \frac{2}{\pi\omega} \int_K^{\infty} \\ (3.10) \quad &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3, \end{aligned}$$

say. Let $p > 1$. Then integration by parts shows, denoting $\int_0^t g(u) du = G(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= -\frac{2}{\pi\omega} G(K) \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}\omega(x-K)}{(x-K)^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{\pi\omega} \int_K^{\infty} G(t) \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}\omega(x-t)}{(x-t)^2} dt \\ &= -\frac{2}{\pi\omega} G(K) \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}\omega(x-K)}{(x-K)^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{4}{\pi\omega} \int_K^{\infty} G(t) \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}\omega(x-t)}{(x-t)^3} dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_K^{\infty} G(t) \frac{\sin \omega(x-t)}{(x-t)^2} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Hence for $\omega > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} |I_3| &\leq |G(K)| \frac{1}{(K-x)^2} + \frac{4}{\pi} \int_K^{\infty} \frac{t^{1/p} dt}{(t-x)^3} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_K^{\infty} \frac{t^{1/p} dt}{(t-x)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus taking K sufficiently large ($> x$), we can take

$$(3.11) \quad |I_3| < \varepsilon.$$

Similarly we may have

$$(3.12) \quad |I_2| < \varepsilon.$$

Since I_1 tends to $g(x)$ as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ at almost every x less than K in absolute value, and by (3.11), (3.12) and (3.10), ε being arbitrary, we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} f(u) \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{ixu} du \rightarrow g(x)$$

for almost all values of x . Thus (3.5) is proved for $p > 1$. For $p = 1$, $f(t) \in L_1(-\infty, \infty)$ and (3.8) gives for $x = 0$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\omega} g(t) dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\omega} du \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} e^{iut} f(t) dt$$

Hence

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} e^{ixt} f(t) dt$$

holds almost everywhere which proves (3.5). Thus Theorem 3 is proved.

4. The class $H_{0,a}^p$. Let $g(u)$ be a function integrable in every finite interval and put

(4.1)

$$f_{\omega}(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{-y|u|} e^{-ixu} g(u) du$$

for $-\infty < x < \infty$, $y > 0$ and $\omega > 0$. We shall first show the following theorem.

Theorem 5. If $p \geq 1$

$$(4.2) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_{\omega}(x, y)|^p dx \leq C, \quad y > 0,$$

C being a constant independent of y , then $f_{\omega}(x, y)$ converges in mean with index p to a harmonic function $f(x, y)$ uniformly as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ for every $y > y_0$, y_0 being an arbitrary but fixed constant, or in other words

$$(4.3) \quad \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_{\omega}(x, y) - f(x, y)|^p dx = 0$$

holds uniformly with respect to $y \geq y_0$. Furthermore $f_{\omega}(x, y)$ converges uniformly in ordinary sense to $f(x, y)$ with respect to $-\infty < x < \infty$ and $y \geq y_0$.

Let $y = y_1 + y_2$, where $y_1 = y_0/2$. Then $y_2 \geq y_0/2$. If we put

$$(4.4) \quad f_2(x, y; \omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\omega} du \int_{-u}^u e^{-y_1|v|} g(v) e^{-ixv} dv$$

then evidently

$$(4.5) \quad f_{\omega}(x, y) = \frac{1}{\omega} f_2(x, y; \omega)$$

Twice integrations by parts yield that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega f_{\omega}(x, y) &= e^{-y_1\omega} f_2(x, y_2; \omega) + 2y_1 \int_0^{\omega} e^{-y_1 u} f_2(x, y_2; u) du \\ &\quad + y_1 \int_0^{\omega} (\omega - u) e^{-y_1 u} f_2(x, y_2; u) du \\ &= \omega I_1(\omega) + \omega I_2(\omega) + \omega I_3(\omega), \end{aligned}$$

say.

By (4.2) and (4.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_1(\omega)|^p dx &= e^{-y_1 p \omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{\omega} f_2(x, y_2; \omega) \right|^p dx \\ (4.6) \quad &\leq C e^{-y_1 p \omega} = C e^{-y_0 p \omega / 2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$, $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_1(\omega)|^p dx$ tends to zero uniformly for $y \geq y_0$. If $p > 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_2(\omega)|^p dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_0^{\omega} \frac{1}{\omega^p} \left| \int_0^u e^{-y_1 u} \frac{1}{u} f_2(x, y_2; u) du \right|^p dx \\ &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2y_1}{\omega^p} dx \left(\int_0^{\omega} e^{-y_1 u} u^q du \right)^{p/q} \\ &\quad \int_0^{\omega} \left| \frac{1}{u} f_2(x, y_2; u) \right|^p du, \end{aligned}$$

where $1/p + 1/q = 1$. Putting

$$A_p = \left(\int_0^{\infty} e^{-y_0 u / 2} u^q du \right)^{p/q}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_2(\omega)|^p dx &\leq A_p \frac{2y_1}{\omega^p} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_0^{\omega} \left| \frac{1}{u} f_2(x, y_2; u) \right|^p du \\ &= A_p \frac{2y_1}{\omega^p} \int_0^{\omega} du \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{u} f_2(x, y_2; u) \right|^p dx \\ &\leq A_p y_0 \omega^{-p} C, \end{aligned}$$

which converges to zero uniformly for $y \geq y_0$ as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$.

If $p = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_2(\omega)| dx &\leq \frac{2y_1}{\omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_0^{\omega} e^{-y_1 u} u \left| \frac{1}{u} f_2(x, y_2; u) \right| du \\ &= \frac{2y_1}{\omega} \int_0^{\omega} e^{-y_1 u} u du \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{u} f_2(x, y_2; u) \right| dx \\ &\leq \frac{C y_0}{\omega} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y_1 u} u du = \frac{A_1 C y_0}{\omega}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(4.7) \quad \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_2(\omega)|^p dx = 0$$

holds uniformly for $y \geq y_0$.

Lastly, we have, for $\omega' > \omega$.

$$\begin{aligned} I_3(\omega') - I_3(\omega) &= y_1^2 \int_{\omega}^{\omega'} e^{-y_1 u} f_2(x, y_2; u) du \\ &\quad - y_1^2 \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^{\omega'} u e^{-y_1 u} f_2(x, y_2; u) du \\ &\quad + y_1^2 \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^{\omega} u e^{-y_1 u} f_2(x, y_2; u) du \\ &= I_4(\omega, \omega') - I_5(\omega') + I_5(\omega), \end{aligned}$$

say.

We can prove that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_5(\omega')|^p dx = o(1)$,
 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_6(\omega)|^p dx = o(1)$ uniformly for $y \geq y_0$,
 as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$, $\omega' \rightarrow \infty$, quite analogously
 as in the case of $I_2(\omega)$. We shall
 show here that

$$(4.8) \quad \lim_{\omega, \omega' \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_4(\omega, \omega')|^p dx = 0$$

uniformly for $y \geq y_0$.

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_4(\omega, \omega')|^p dx \\ &= y_1^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left| \int_{\omega}^{\omega'} e^{-y_1 u} u f_2(x, y_2; u) du \right|^p \\ &= y_1^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left| \int_{\omega}^{\omega'} e^{-y_1 u} u^{\frac{1}{p}} \frac{1}{u^{\frac{1}{p}}} f_2(x, y_2; u) du \right|^p. \end{aligned}$$

Putting $A_p(\omega, \omega') = \int_{\omega}^{\omega'} e^{-y_1 u} u^{\frac{1}{p}} du$,

we have by Jensen's inequality, $p \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} J &= y_1^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx A_p^{1/p}(\omega, \omega') \left| \int_{\omega}^{\omega'} \frac{e^{-y_1 u} u^{\frac{1}{p}}}{A_p(\omega, \omega')} \frac{1}{u^{\frac{1}{p}}} f_2(x, y_2; u) du \right|^p \\ &\leq y_1^2 A_p^{1/p}(\omega, \omega') \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_{\omega}^{\omega'} \frac{e^{-y_1 u} u^{\frac{1}{p}}}{A_p(\omega, \omega')} \left| \frac{1}{u^{\frac{1}{p}}} f_2(x, y_2; u) \right|^p du \\ &= \frac{y_0^2}{4} A_p^{1/p}(\omega, \omega') \int_{\omega}^{\omega'} \frac{e^{-y_1 u} u^{\frac{1}{p}}}{A_p(\omega, \omega')} du \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_2(x, y_2; u)|^p dx \\ &\leq C \frac{y_0^2}{4} A_p^{1/p}(\omega, \omega') \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero uniformly for $y > y_0$
 as $\omega, \omega' \rightarrow \infty$. Thus we have that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_{\omega}(x, y) - f_{\omega'}(x, y)|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \\ &= \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_1(\omega) + I_2(\omega) + I_3(\omega) - I_1(\omega') - I_2(\omega') - I_3(\omega')|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_1(\omega)|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} + \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_2(\omega)|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \\ &+ \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_1(\omega')|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} + \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_2(\omega')|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \\ &+ \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_4(\omega, \omega')|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} + \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_5(\omega')|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \\ &+ \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |I_6(\omega)|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

which converges to zero uniformly for
 $y \geq y_0$ as $\omega, \omega' \rightarrow \infty$. Thus

$$(4.9) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_{\omega}(x, y) - f_{\omega'}(x, y)|^p dx = o(1)$$

as $\omega, \omega' \rightarrow \infty$, uniformly for $y \geq y_0$
 (> 0), from which it results that there
 exists a function $f(x, y)$ such that
 (4.3) holds.

Now since $f_{\omega}(x, y)$ is harmonic
 for $-\infty < x < \infty$, $y > 0$, $\Phi_{\omega, \omega'}(x, y) = f_{\omega}(x, y)$

$-f_{\omega'}(x, y)$ is also harmonic for every $\omega, \omega' > 0$
 and hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\omega, \omega'}(x, y) \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \Phi_{\omega, \omega'}(x + r \cos \theta, y + r \sin \theta) d\theta \end{aligned}$$

where $r \leq y_0/2$, $y \geq y_0$, y_0 being an
 arbitrary but fixed positive number.
 Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r^2}{2} |\Phi_{\omega, \omega'}(x, y)| &\leq \int_0^r \rho |\Phi_{\omega, \omega'}(x, y)| d\rho \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^r |\Phi_{\omega, \omega'}(x + \rho \cos \theta, y + \rho \sin \theta)| \rho d\rho \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \right)^{1/p} \frac{r^{2(p-1)/p}}{2^{(p-1)/p}} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^r |\Phi_{\omega, \omega'}(x + \rho \cos \theta, y + \rho \sin \theta)|^p \rho d\rho d\theta \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C_r \left\{ \int \int_{(y-x)^2 + (y-y')^2 \leq r^2} |\Phi_{\omega, \omega'}(\xi, \eta)|^p d\xi d\eta \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C_r \left\{ \int_{y-r}^{y+r} d\eta \int_{x-r}^{x+r} |\Phi_{\omega, \omega'}(\xi, \eta)|^p d\xi \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C_r \left\{ \int_{y-r}^{y+r} d\eta \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Phi_{\omega, \omega'}(\xi, \eta)|^p d\xi \right\}^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

Since by (4.9)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Phi_{\omega, \omega'}(\xi, \eta)|^p d\xi = o(1)$$

as $\omega, \omega' \rightarrow \infty$ uniformly for $y > y_0/2$,
 noticing $y-r > y_0/2$, if $y > y_0$,
 we have

$$\lim_{\omega, \omega' \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{\omega, \omega'}(x, y) = 0$$

uniformly for $-\infty < x < \infty$ and $y \geq y_0$.
 Hence $F_{\omega}(x, y)$ converges to a function
 $F^*(x, y)$ uniformly as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$.
 And $F^*(x, y)$ is harmonic and coincides
 with $F(x, y)$ for almost all x for every
 $y (> 0)$. Thus $F^*(x, y) = F(x, y)$ for
 almost all x , $y (> 0)$. Hence we may
 consider $F(x, y)$ to be harmonic in $y > 0$.
 We have completely proved the theorem.

5. The Fourier transforms of a
 function of H_{α}^p . Let $g(u)$ be a func-
 tion integrable in every finite interval
 and be of the class H_{α}^p ($p \geq 1$), or let

$$(5.1) \quad f_{\omega}(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{-y|u|} g(u) e^{-ixu} du$$

satisfy the condition (1.10) for $p > 1$,
 and for $p = 1$ let (5.1) satisfy (1.10)
 with (1.11). Then by Theorem 5, $f_{\omega}(x, y)$
 converges uniformly for $y \geq y_0$,

to a harmonic function $F(x, y)$ and moreover $f_\omega(x, y)$ converges in mean with index p to $f(x, y)$ for fixed $y > 0$. It is almost trivial that $f(x, y)$ belongs to H_a^p . For by Fatou's lemma,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x, y)|^p dx \leq \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_\omega(x, y)|^p dx \leq C, \quad y > 0$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{C}} |f(x, y)| dx \leq \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |f_\omega(x, y)| dx \leq \varepsilon.$$

Hence by Theorem 1, $f(x, y)$ converges for almost all x to a function $f(x)$ as $y \downarrow 0$, and further $f(x, y)$ converges to $f(x)$ in mean with index p . With these notations we have the following theorems.

Theorem 6. Let $g(u) \in H_{oa}^p (p \geq 1)$. Then

$$(5.3) \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u) e^{-ixu} du \quad (C, 1)$$

almost everywhere

and

$$(5.4) \quad g(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ixu} dx \quad (C, 1)$$

almost everywhere.

Theorem 7. Let $g(u) \in H_{oa}^p (p > 1)$. Then $f(x)$ in Theorem 6 is the Fourier transform in L_p or

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u) e^{-ixu} du$$

converges to $f(x)$ in mean with index $p(>1)$.

The proofs of these Theorems run similarly as in the proofs of Theorems 3 and 4.

Let $r(x)$ be bounded and of $L_1(-\infty, \infty)$ and its Fourier transform be $S(x)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) r(x) dx &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_\omega(x, y) r(x) dx \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_\omega(x, y) r(x) dx \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r(x) dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{-y|u|} e^{-ixu} g(u) du \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{-y|u|} g(u) du \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r(x) e^{-ixu} dx \\ (5.5) \quad &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{-y|u|} g(u) S(u) du. \end{aligned}$$

If we put,

$$r(t) = \frac{2}{\pi A} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2} A(x-t)}{(x-t)^2},$$

and

$$S(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{A}\right) e^{-ixu}, \quad -A \leq u \leq A, \\ = 0,$$

then by (5.5) we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{2}{\pi A} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2} A(x-t)}{(x-t)^2} dt \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-A}^A \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{\omega}\right) e^{-y|u|} g(u) \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{A}\right) e^{-ixu} du \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-A}^A e^{-y|u|} g(u) \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{A}\right) e^{-ixu} du \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-A}^A \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{A}\right) g(u) e^{-ixu} du \end{aligned}$$

from which (5.3) follows.

The proofs of (5.4) and Theorem 7 can be performed quite similarly as those of (3.5) and Theorem 4, using the argument in proving (5.3) above and we shall omit the detail proofs here.

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