

A uniqueness theorem for holomorphic functions of exponential type

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§ 1. Introduction.

In this paper we treat a uniqueness theorem for holomorphic functions of exponential type on a half plane from the point of view of the theory of analytic functionals with non-compact carrier.

Avanissian and Gay [1] proved among others the following Theorem 1 using the theory of analytic functionals of Martineau [4].

THEOREM 1. *Let $F(\zeta)$ be an entire function of type $< \pi$. If we have $F(-n) = 0$ for every $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, then the entire function $F(\zeta)$ vanishes identically.*

Theorem 1 is a corollary to Carlson's theorem (see Boas [2] p. 153).

THEOREM 2. (Carlson) *Let $F(\zeta)$ be a holomorphic function on the half plane $\{\zeta = \xi + i\eta; \xi = \operatorname{Re} \zeta < 0\}$. Suppose that there exist real numbers a, k with $0 \leq k < \pi$ and $C \geq 0$ such that*

$$|F(\zeta)| \leq C \exp(a\xi + k|\eta|) \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re} \zeta < 0.$$

If we have $F(-n) = 0$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, then the function $F(\zeta)$ vanishes identically.

We will prove Carlson's theorem by means of the theory of analytic functionals with non-compact carrier, which was introduced by the first named author [5] in connection with the theory of ultra-distributions of exponential growth of Sebastião-è-Silva [6], namely Fourier ultra-hyperfunctions.

Following the sections we outline the results. In § 2 we define the fundamental space $\mathcal{D}(L; k)$, the element of which is a holomorphic function in a tubular neighborhood L_ϵ of the closed half strip $L = [a, \infty) + i[k_1, k_2]$. A continuous linear functional on the space $\mathcal{D}(L; k)$ is, by definition, an analytic functional with carrier in L and of (exponential) type $\leq k$. The image of the Laplace transformation of $\mathcal{D}'(L; k)$ is characterized in Theorem 3. As in Avanissian-Gay [1] we define in § 3 the transformation G_μ

of an analytic functional $\mu \in \mathcal{O}'(L; k')$ by the formula: $G_\mu(\zeta) = \langle \mu_z, (1 - \zeta e^z)^{-1} \rangle$ and call it the Avanissian-Gay transformation. The Avanissian-Gay transformation is defined for $0 \leq k' < 1$ and G_μ is a holomorphic function on the complement of the set $\exp(-L)$, vanishes at the infinity and satisfies a certain growth condition at the origin. We show in § 4 the Avanissian-Gay transformation is injective if the width of the half strip L is less than 2π , proving the inversion formula (Theorem 4). As a corollary, we have the above mentioned Carlson theorem. In the last section, we determine the image of the Avanissian-Gay transformation (Theorem 6).

§ 2. Analytic functionals with half strip carrier and their Laplace transformation.

In this section we recall the definition of analytic functionals with non-compact carrier and characterize their Laplace transformation.

We begin with some notations. In the sequel, L denotes the closed half strip in the complex number plane \mathbf{C} :

$L = A + iK$, $A = [a, \infty)$, $K = [k_1, k_2]$ and $i = \sqrt{-1}$, namely, $L = \{z = x + iy \in \mathbf{C}; x \geq a, k_1 \leq y \leq k_2\}$. By L_ε we denote the ε -neighborhood of L :

$$L_\varepsilon = L + [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon] + i[-\varepsilon, \varepsilon].$$

For $\varepsilon > 0$, $\varepsilon' > 0$ and $0 \leq k' < \infty$, we define the function space $\mathcal{O}_b(L_\varepsilon; k' + \varepsilon')$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_b(L_\varepsilon; k' + \varepsilon') \\ = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{O}(\text{int } L_\varepsilon) \cap \mathcal{C}(L_\varepsilon); \sup_{z \in L_\varepsilon} |f(z)| \exp((k' + \varepsilon')x) < \infty \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{O}(\text{int } L_\varepsilon)$ denotes the space of holomorphic functions on the interior $\text{int } L_\varepsilon$ of L_ε and $\mathcal{C}(L_\varepsilon)$ denotes the space of continuous functions on L_ε . Endowed with the norm

$$\sup_{z \in L_\varepsilon} |f(z)| \exp((k' + \varepsilon')x),$$

the space $\mathcal{O}_b(L_\varepsilon; k' + \varepsilon')$ becomes a Banach space. If $\varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon$ and $\varepsilon'_1 < \varepsilon'$, the restriction mapping

$$\mathcal{O}_b(L_\varepsilon; k' + \varepsilon') \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_b(L_{\varepsilon_1}; k' + \varepsilon'_1) \quad (2.1)$$

is defined and a continuous linear injection. Following the mappings (2.1), we form the locally convex inductive limit:

$$\mathcal{O}(L; k') = \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon > 0, \\ \varepsilon' > 0}} \text{ind } \mathcal{O}_b(L_\varepsilon; k' + \varepsilon').$$

If we put $X_n = \mathcal{O}_b(L_{1/n}; k' + 1/n)$, then with mappings (2.1) we have a sequence of Banach spaces with compact injective mappings $X_j \rightarrow X_{j+1}$:

$$X_1 \rightarrow X_2 \rightarrow X_3 \rightarrow \dots$$

As we have clearly $\mathcal{O}(L; k') = \lim \text{ind } X_j$, the locally convex space $\mathcal{O}(L; k')$ is a DFS space (namely the dual space of a Fréchet-Schwartz space). We denote the dual space of $\mathcal{O}(L; k')$ by $\mathcal{O}'(L; k')$, an element of which is, by definition, an analytic functional with carrier in L and of type $\leq k'$.

We denote by $h_L(\zeta)$ the supporting function of the half strip L :

$$h_L(\zeta) = \sup_{z \in L} \text{Re } \zeta z = \begin{cases} a\xi - k_1\eta & \text{if } \xi \leq 0 \text{ and } \eta \geq 0 \\ a\xi - k_2\eta & \text{if } \xi \leq 0 \text{ and } \eta \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

Remark $h_L(\zeta) = \infty$ if $\text{Re } \zeta > 0$. For $k' \geq 0$ we denote by $\text{Exp}((-\infty, -k') + i\mathbf{R}; L)$ the space of all holomorphic functions φ on the open half plane $(-\infty, -k') + i\mathbf{R}$ for which

$$\sup_{\text{Re } \zeta \leq -k' - \epsilon'} |\varphi(\zeta)| \exp(-h_L(\zeta) - \epsilon|\zeta|) < \infty \tag{2.2}$$

for every $\epsilon > 0$ and $\epsilon' > 0$. An element of the space $\text{Exp}((-\infty, -k') + i\mathbf{R}; L)$ is said to be a holomorphic function of exponential type in L . Endowed with the norms (2.2), the space $\text{Exp}((-\infty, -k') + i\mathbf{R}; L)$ is an FS space (namely a Fréchet-Schwartz space). (As for the DFS spaces and FS spaces, we refer the reader to Komatsu [3].)

We define the Laplace transformation of an analytic functional μ with carrier in L and of type $\leq k'$ as follows:

$$\tilde{\mu}(\zeta) = \langle \mu_z, \exp(z\zeta) \rangle. \tag{2.3}$$

Remark that $\tilde{\mu}(\zeta)$ is defined for ζ of the half plane $\{\zeta; \text{Re } \zeta < -k'\}$. The next Paley-Wiener type theorem characterizes the Laplace transformation of the analytic functionals with carrier in L and of type $\leq k'$.

THEOREM 3. (Morimoto [5]) *The Laplace transformation (2.3) is a linear topological isomorphism of the space $\mathcal{O}'(L; k')$ onto the space $\text{Exp}((-\infty, -k') + i\mathbf{R}; L)$.*

We have the following density theorem.

PROPOSITION 1. *For $h \in \mathcal{O}(L; k')$, we have*

$$\lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} h(z) \exp(-\delta z^2) = h(z)$$

in the topology of $\mathcal{O}(L; k')$.

PROOF. By the definition of the space $\mathcal{O}(L; k')$, there exist $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\varepsilon' > 0$ such that $h \in \mathcal{O}_\delta(L_{2\varepsilon}; k' + 2\varepsilon')$.

In particular, we have

$$\sup_{z \in L_{2\varepsilon}} |h(z)| \exp((k' + 2\varepsilon')x) = M > \infty.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{z \in L_\varepsilon} |h(z)| |1 - \exp(-\delta z^2)| \exp((k' + \varepsilon')x) \\ \leq M \sup_{z \in L_\varepsilon} |1 - \exp(-\delta z^2)| \exp(-\varepsilon'x). \end{aligned}$$

As the righthand side tends to 0 as $\delta \downarrow 0$, $h(z) \exp(-\delta z^2)$ tends to $h(z)$ in the topology of $\mathcal{O}_\delta(L_\varepsilon; k' + \varepsilon')$ as $\delta \downarrow 0$.

q. e. d.

COROLLARY. If $k'_1 > k'$, then the space $\mathcal{O}(L; k'_1)$ is a dense subspace of the space $\mathcal{O}(L; k')$. The dual space $\mathcal{O}'(L; k')$ can be considered as a subspace of $\mathcal{O}'(L; k'_1)$.

PROOF. If $\delta > 0$ and $h \in \mathcal{O}(L; k')$, then $h(z) \exp(-\delta z^2)$ belongs to $\mathcal{O}(L; k'_1)$. The second assertion results from the Hahn-Banach theorem.

q. e. d.

§ 3. The Avanissian-Gay transformation.

If $0 \leq k' < 1$ and $\zeta \notin \exp(-L)$, then the function of z , $(1 - \zeta e^z)^{-1}$ belongs to the space $\mathcal{O}(L; k')$. Following Avanissian-Gay [1] we define the transformation G_μ of an analytic functional $\mu \in \mathcal{O}'(L; k')$ as follows:

$$G_\mu(\zeta) = \langle \mu_z, (1 - \zeta e^z)^{-1} \rangle.$$

$G_\mu(\zeta)$ is a function of $\zeta \notin \exp(-L)$ and has the following properties.

PROPOSITION 2. Suppose $\mu \in \mathcal{O}'(L; k')$, $0 \leq k' < 1$.

- (i) $G_\mu(\zeta)$ is a holomorphic function on the complement of $\exp(-L)$.
- (ii) The following Laurent expansion is valid:

$$G_\mu(\zeta) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \zeta^{-n} \tilde{\mu}(-n)$$

for $|\zeta| > e^{-a}$.

- (iii) $\lim_{|\zeta| \rightarrow \infty} |G_\mu(\zeta)| = 0$.

PROOF. (i) can be derived from Morera's theorem.

- (ii) We have the following expansion:

$$(1 - \zeta e^z)^{-1} = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \zeta^{-n} \exp(-nz).$$

By elementary calculations, we can show that this series converges uniformly with respect to ζ with $|\zeta| \geq e^{-a+\varepsilon}$, $\varepsilon > 0$, in the topology of $\mathcal{O}(L; k')$. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\mu}(\zeta) &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \zeta^{-n} \langle \mu_z, \exp(-nz) \rangle \\ &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \zeta^{-n} \tilde{\mu}(-n). \end{aligned}$$

(iii) is a trivial consequence of (ii). q. e. d.

If the half strip L has the width $k_2 - k_1 < 2\pi$, the complement of the set $\exp(-L)$ contains the open angular domain

$$A(-k_1, -k_2 + 2\pi) = \{ \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (0); -k_1 < \arg \zeta < -k_2 + 2\pi \}.$$

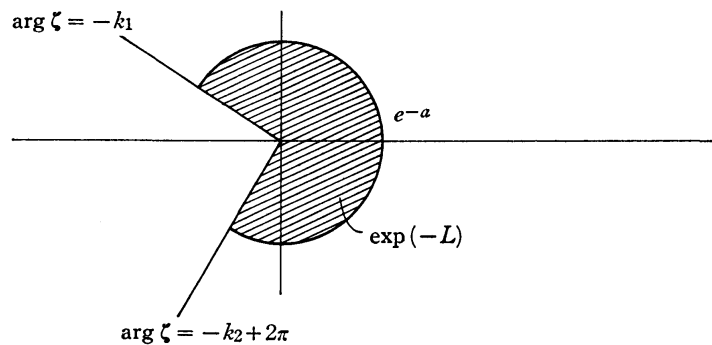


Fig. 1.

We shall investigate, for further purposes, the behavior of the function $G_{\mu}(\zeta)$ in this angular domain.

PROPOSITION 3. Suppose the half strip $L = [a, \infty) + i[k_1, k_2]$ has the width $k_2 - k_1 < 2\pi$ and $0 \leq k' < 1$. If $\mu \in \mathcal{O}'(L; k')$, then, for any ε with $0 < 2\varepsilon < 2\pi + k_1 - k_2$ and any ε' with $0 < \varepsilon' < 1 - k'$, there exists a constant $C \geq 0$ such that

$$|G_{\mu}(\zeta)| \leq C |\zeta|^{-k' - \varepsilon'}$$

in the closed angular domain

$$\bar{A}(-k_1 + \varepsilon, -k_2 + 2\pi - \varepsilon) = \{ \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (0); -k_1 + \varepsilon \leq \arg \zeta \leq -k_2 + 2\pi - \varepsilon \}.$$

PROOF. By the continuity of $\mu \in \mathcal{O}'(L; k')$, there exists a constant $C' \geq 0$ such that, for $\zeta \notin \exp(-L_{\varepsilon/2})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|G_\mu(\zeta)| &= \langle \mu_z, (1 - \zeta e^z)^{-1} \rangle \\
&\leq C' \sup_{z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}} |1 - \zeta e^z|^{-1} \exp((k' + \varepsilon') x) \\
&= C' \sup_{z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}} |e^{-z} - \zeta|^{-1} \exp((k' + \varepsilon' - 1) x) \\
&\leq C' \sup_{z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}} |e^{-z} - \zeta|^{-k' - \varepsilon'} \sup_{z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}} |e^{-z} - \zeta|^{k' + \varepsilon' - 1} \exp((k' + \varepsilon' - 1) x).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore with another constant $C'' \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|G_\mu(\zeta)| \\
\leq C'' \operatorname{dist}(\zeta, \exp(-L_{\varepsilon/2}))^{-k' - \varepsilon'} \sup_{z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}} |1 - \zeta e^z|^{k' + \varepsilon' - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

for $\zeta \notin \exp(-L_{\varepsilon/2})$. On the other hand, as the set $\exp(-L_{\varepsilon/2})$ is contained in the closed angular domain $\bar{A}(-k_2 - \varepsilon/2, -k_1 + \varepsilon/2)$, we have

$$\operatorname{dist}(\zeta, \exp(-L_{\varepsilon/2})) \geq |\zeta| \sin(\varepsilon/2)$$

for $\zeta \in \bar{A}(-k_1 + \varepsilon, -k_2 + 2\pi - \varepsilon)$.

If $z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}$ and $\zeta \in \bar{A}(-k_1 + \varepsilon, -k_2 + 2\pi - \varepsilon)$, then

$$|\arg \zeta e^z| \geq \varepsilon/2 \pmod{2\pi}.$$

Therefore we have

$$\inf_{z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}} |1 - \zeta e^z| \geq \sin(\varepsilon/2) \quad \text{for } \zeta \in \bar{A}(-k_1 + \varepsilon, -k_2 + 2\pi - \varepsilon).$$

As $-k' - \varepsilon' < 0$ and $k' + \varepsilon' - 1 < 0$ by the choice of ε' , putting $C = C'' (\sin(\varepsilon/2))^{-1}$ we obtain the desired estimate of $G_\mu(\zeta)$. q. e. d.

Suppose always $L = [a, \infty) + i[k_1, k_2]$ has the width $k_2 - k_1 < 2\pi$ and $0 \leq k' < 1$. We denote by $\mathcal{O}_0(\mathcal{C} \setminus \exp(-L); k')$ the space of all holomorphic functions φ on the domain $\mathcal{C} \setminus \exp(-L)$ which satisfy following two conditions:

- (1) $|\varphi(\zeta)| \rightarrow 0$ as $|\zeta| \rightarrow \infty$.
- (2) $\sup \{|\varphi(\zeta) \zeta^{k' + \varepsilon'}|; \zeta \in \bar{A}(-k_1 + \varepsilon, -k_2 + 2\pi - \varepsilon)\} < \infty$

for any ε with $0 < 2\varepsilon < 2\pi + k_1 - k_2$ and any ε' with $0 < \varepsilon' < 1 - k'$. The space $\mathcal{O}_0(\mathcal{C} \setminus \exp(-L); k')$ equipped with the seminorms $\sup \{|\varphi(\zeta)|; |\zeta| \geq e^{-a + \varepsilon}\}$ and $\sup \{|\varphi(\zeta) \zeta^{k' + \varepsilon'}|; \zeta \in \bar{A}(-k_1 + \varepsilon, -k_2 + 2\pi - \varepsilon)\}$, is clearly a Fréchet (-Schwartz) space. As a corollary to Propositions 2 and 3, we have the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 4. *Suppose the width of L is less than 2π and $0 \leq k' \leq 1$. Then the Avanissian-Gay transformation G is a continuous linear mapping of $\mathcal{D}'(L; k')$ into $\mathcal{O}_0(\mathcal{C} \setminus \exp(-L); k')$.*

PROOF. The continuity results from the boundedness of the set $\{(1 - \zeta e^z)^{-1}; |\zeta| \geq e^{-a+\varepsilon}\}$ and the set $\{\zeta^{k'+\varepsilon}(1 - \zeta e^z)^{-1}; \zeta \in \bar{A}(-k_1 + \varepsilon, -k_2 + 2\pi - \varepsilon)\}$ in the space $\mathcal{E}(L; k)$. q. e. d.

§ 4. Inversion formula for $G_\mu(\zeta)$.

In the sequel we suppose the half strip L has the form

$$L = [a, \infty) + i[k_1, k_2], \quad k_2 - k_1 < 2\pi$$

and $0 \leq k' < 1$.

LEMMA 1. (An integral formula) *Let $h \in \mathcal{E}(L; k)$. Choose positive numbers ε and ε' so small that $0 < 2\varepsilon < 2\pi + k_1 - k_2$, $0 < \varepsilon' < 1 - k'$ and that $h \in \mathcal{E}_\delta(L_\varepsilon; k' + \varepsilon')$.*

(i) *For any $R > 0$, the function of z*

$$H_R(z) = \int_{\partial L_{\varepsilon,R}} h(w) (1 - \exp(z - w))^{-1} dw$$

belongs to the space $\mathcal{E}(L; 1)$, consequently to the space $\mathcal{E}(L; k)$, where we denote $\partial L_{\varepsilon,R} = \partial L_\varepsilon \cap \{w; \operatorname{Re} w \leq R\}$.

(ii) *We have*

$$2\pi i h(z) = \int_{\partial L_\varepsilon} h(w) (1 - \exp(z - w))^{-1} dw \quad \text{for } z \in \operatorname{int} L_\varepsilon.$$

(iii) *In the topology of $\mathcal{E}(L; k)$, we have*

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\partial L_{\varepsilon,R}} h(w) (1 - \exp(z - w))^{-1} dw = 2\pi i h(z).$$

PROOF. (i) It is clear the function $H_R(z)$ is holomorphic in $\operatorname{int} L_\varepsilon$. On the other hand we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}} |H_R(z) e^z| \\ &= \sup_{z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}} \left| \int_{\partial L_{\varepsilon,R}} h(w) (e^{-z} - e^{-w})^{-1} dw \right| \\ &\leq \int_{\partial L_{\varepsilon,R}} |h(w)| \operatorname{dist}(e^{-w}, \exp(-L_{\varepsilon/2}))^{-1} |dw| < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

because the integrand is continuous and $\partial L_{\varepsilon,R}$ is compact.

(ii) By the residue theorem, if $z \in \operatorname{int} L_\varepsilon$ and $\operatorname{Re} z < R$, then we have

$$\int_{\partial L_\varepsilon(R)} h(w) (1 - \exp(z - w))^{-1} dw = 2\pi i h(z),$$

where $\partial L_\varepsilon(R)$ denotes the boundary of the rectangle

$$L_\varepsilon(R) = L_\cap \{w; \operatorname{Re} w \leq R\}.$$

Let us denote by $C_\varepsilon(R)$ the boundary of $L_\cap \{w; \operatorname{Re} w \geq R\}$. We have to show, for z fixed in $\operatorname{int} L_\varepsilon$,

$$\int_{C_\varepsilon(R)} h(w) (1 - \exp(z - w))^{-1} dw$$

tends to 0 as $R \rightarrow \infty$.

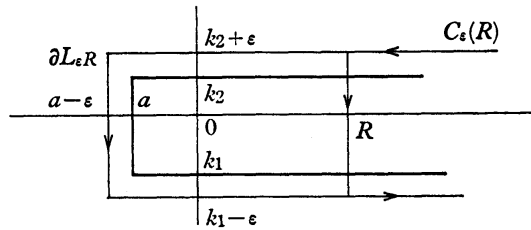


Fig. 2.

As $h \in \mathcal{E}_\delta(L; k' + \varepsilon')$, we have with some constant $C \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{C_\varepsilon(R)} h(w) (1 - \exp(z - w))^{-1} dw \right| \\ & \leq C \int_{C_\varepsilon(R)} e^{-(k' + \varepsilon')u} (1 - e^{x-R})^{-1} |dw| \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $R \rightarrow \infty$.

(iii) We have to show, putting $C'_\varepsilon(R) = \partial L_\varepsilon - \partial L_{\varepsilon, R}$

$$\int_{C'_\varepsilon(R)} h(w) (1 - \exp(z - w))^{-1} dw$$

tends to 0 in the topology of $\mathcal{E}(L; k')$ as $R \rightarrow \infty$. Remark that e^{-w} belongs to the closed angular domain $\bar{A}(-k_1 + \varepsilon, -k_2 + 2\pi - \varepsilon)$ if $w \in C'_\varepsilon(R)$. Therefore as in the proof of Proposition 3, we can show

$$\inf_{z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}} |e^{-z} - e^{-w}| \geq e^{-u} \sin(\varepsilon/2)$$

and

$$\inf_{z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}} |1 - e^{-w} e^z| \geq \sin(\varepsilon/2) \quad \text{for } w \in C'_\varepsilon(R).$$

Therefore we have with some constants C and $C' \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}} \left| e^{(k' + \varepsilon'/2)z} \int_{C'_\varepsilon(R)} h(w) (1 - \exp(z - w))^{-1} dw \right| \\ & = \sup_{z \in L_{\varepsilon/2}} \left| \int_{C'_\varepsilon(R)} h(w) (e^{-z} - e^{-w})^{-k' - \varepsilon'/2} (1 - e^{-w} e^z)^{-1 + k' + \varepsilon'/2} dw \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C \int_{C'_\varepsilon(R)} |h(z)| e^{(k'+\varepsilon'/2)z} |dz| \\ &\leq C' \int_{C'_\varepsilon(R)} |\exp((- \varepsilon'/2) z)| |dz|. \end{aligned}$$

The last term converges to 0 as $R \rightarrow \infty$. q. e. d.

THEOREM 4. (Inversion formula) *Let $\mu \in \mathcal{D}'(L; k')$ and $h \in \mathcal{D}(L; k)$ with $0 \leq k' < 1$ and $L = [a, \infty) + i[k_1, k_2]$, $k_2 - k_1 < 2\pi$. Choose positive numbers ε and ε' so small that $0 < 2\varepsilon < 2\pi + k_1 - k_2$, $0 < \varepsilon' < 1 - k'$ and that $h \in \mathcal{D}_\varepsilon(L; k + \varepsilon')$. Then we have the inversion formula:*

$$\langle \mu, h \rangle = (2\pi i)^{-1} \int_{\partial L_\varepsilon} G_\mu(e^{-w}) h(w) dw.$$

PROOF. We have by Lemma 1 (i)

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\partial L_{\varepsilon,R}} \langle \mu_z, (1 - \exp(z - w))^{-1} \rangle h(w) dw \\ &= \left\langle \mu_z, \int_{\partial L_{\varepsilon,R}} (1 - \exp(z - w))^{-1} h(w) dw \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

for $R > 0$. By Lemma 1 (iii), the righthand side converges to $\langle \mu_z, 2\pi i h(z) \rangle$. As the lefthand side converges because of Proposition 3, we obtain the inversion formula. q. e. d.

THEOREM 5. *Suppose $0 \leq k' < 1$ and $L = [a, \infty) + i[k_1, k_2]$, $k_2 - k_1 < 2\pi$. If the function $F \in \text{Exp}((-\infty, -k') + i\mathbf{R}; L)$ satisfies the condition*

$$F(-n) = 0 \quad \text{for every } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

then the function $F(\zeta)$ vanishes identically.

PROOF. By Theorem 3, there exists an analytic functional $\mu \in \mathcal{D}'(L; k')$ such that $F(\zeta) = \tilde{\mu}(\zeta)$. By Proposition 2 (ii), we have the Laurent expansion:

$$G_\mu(\zeta) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \zeta^{-n} \tilde{\mu}(-n) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \zeta^{-n} F(-n)$$

for $|\zeta| > e^{-a}$. By the assumption, $G_\mu(\zeta) = 0$. By Theorem 4, we conclude $\mu = 0$ and $F(\zeta) = 0$. q. e. d.

Putting $-k_1 = k_2 = k$, $0 \leq k < \pi$, we obtain Theorem 2 as a corollary.

§ 5. The image of the Avanissian-Gay transformation.

We determine in this section the image of the Avanissian-Gay transformation.

THEOREM 6. *Suppose the width of L is less than 2π and $0 \leq k' < 1$.*

Then the Avanissian-Gay transformation G is a linear topological isomorphism of $\mathcal{D}'(L; k')$ onto $\mathcal{O}_0(\mathbb{C} \setminus \exp(-L); k')$.

PROOF. We have proved the Avanissian-Gay transformation G is a continuous linear mapping of $\mathcal{D}'(L; k')$ into $\mathcal{O}_0(\mathbb{C} \setminus \exp(-L); k')$ in Proposition 4. If we can prove the bijectivity of G , the continuity of the inverse mapping results from the closed graph theorem for Fréchet spaces. The injectivity of G is a consequence of the inversion formula (Theorem 4). Let us prove the surjectivity of G . Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{O}_0(\mathbb{C} \setminus \exp(-L); k')$ be given. We put, for $h \in \mathcal{D}(L; k')$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mu(\varphi), h \rangle &= \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon} \varphi(\tau) h(-\log \tau) d\tau/\tau \\ &= - \int_{\partial L_\varepsilon} \varphi(e^{-z}) h(z) dz \end{aligned} \tag{5.1}$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$ is a sufficiently small number and $\Gamma_\varepsilon = \Gamma_\varepsilon^1 + \Gamma_\varepsilon^2 + \Gamma_\varepsilon^3 = \exp(-\partial L_\varepsilon)$ is the path in the τ -plane depicted in the figure 3.

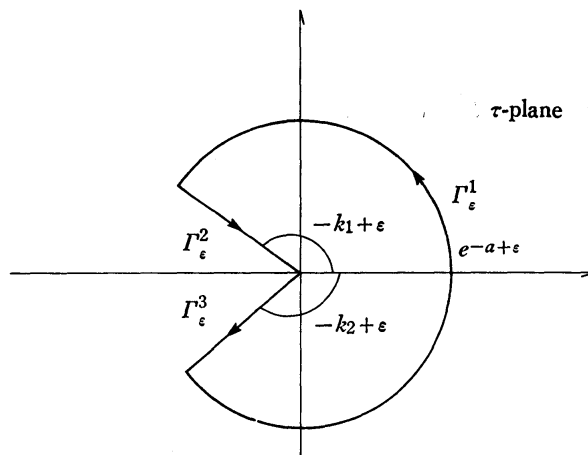


Fig. 3.

First we show the improper integral of the righthand side of (5.1) exists and is independent of sufficiently small $\varepsilon > 0$. If $0 < \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon < \pi + (k_1 - k_2)/2$ and $0 < \varepsilon' < 1 - k'$, we have

$$\sup_{z \in L_\varepsilon \setminus L_{\varepsilon_1}} |\varphi(e^{-z}) e^{-(k'+\varepsilon)z}| < \infty.$$

If $h \in \mathcal{D}_b(L_{\varepsilon_0}; k' + \varepsilon'_0)$, then the righthand side of (5.1) converges clearly for $0 < \varepsilon < \min(\pi + (k_1 - k_2)/2, \varepsilon_0)$ and is independent of such ε by the Cauchy integral theorem. Therefore $\langle \mu(\varphi), h \rangle$ is well defined by (5.1) and $\mu(\varphi)$ is continuous linear on the space $\mathcal{D}_b(L_{\varepsilon_0}; k' + \varepsilon'_0)$ for any $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ and $\varepsilon'_0 > 0$. By the definition of the inductive limit topology, $\mu(\varphi)$ is a continuous linear functional on $\mathcal{D}(L; k')$.

We shall compute the Avanissian-Gay transformation of the functional $\mu(\varphi)$. By the definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\mu(\varphi)}(\zeta) &= \langle \mu(\varphi)_z, (1 - \zeta e^z)^{-1} \rangle \\ &= \int_{\Gamma_\epsilon} \varphi(\tau) (1 - \zeta \exp(-\log \tau))^{-1} d\tau/\tau \\ &= \int_{\Gamma_\epsilon} \varphi(\tau) (\tau - \zeta)^{-1} d\tau \\ &= \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Gamma_{\epsilon, \delta}} \varphi(\tau) (\tau - \zeta)^{-1} d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

where $\Gamma_{\epsilon, \delta} = \Gamma_\epsilon \cap \{\tau; |\tau| \geq \delta\}$. For a sufficiently large number $R > 0$ and sufficiently small number $\delta > 0$, we put

$$C_R = \{\tau; |\tau| = R\}$$

and

$$C'_\delta(\epsilon) = \{\tau; |\tau| = \delta, -k_1 + \epsilon \leq \arg \tau \leq -k_2 + 2\pi - \epsilon\}.$$

By Cauchy's integral formula, we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C'_\delta(\epsilon) + C_R + \Gamma_{\epsilon, \delta}} \varphi(\tau) (\tau - \zeta)^{-1} d\tau = \varphi(\zeta).$$

We will show the integral over the path C_R tends to 0 as $R \rightarrow \infty$ and that the integral over the path $C'_\delta(\epsilon)$ tends to 0 as $\delta \rightarrow 0$. If $|\tau| = R$ and $R > |\zeta|$, we have $|\tau - \zeta| \geq |\tau| - |\zeta| = R - |\zeta| > 0$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{C_R} \varphi(\tau) (\tau - \zeta)^{-1} d\tau \right| &\leq \int_{C_R} |\varphi(\tau)| |\tau - \zeta|^{-1} |d\tau| \\ &\leq \sup_{|\tau|=R} |\varphi(\tau)| (R - |\zeta|)^{-1} 2\pi R \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

If $|\zeta| > \delta$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{C'_\delta(\epsilon)} \varphi(\tau) (\tau - \zeta)^{-1} d\tau \right| &\leq \int_{C'_\delta(\epsilon)} |\varphi(\tau)| (|\zeta| - \delta)^{-1} |d\tau| \\ &\leq C_1 \delta^{-k' - \epsilon'} (|\zeta| - \delta)^{-1} 2\pi \delta \\ &= C_1 2\pi (|\zeta| - \delta)^{-1} \delta^{1 - (k' + \epsilon')} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

because we may choose ϵ' so that $1 - (k' + \epsilon') > 0$. We have thus proved

$$G_{\mu(\varphi)} = \varphi$$

and the surjectivity of the Avanissian-Gay transformation G . q. e. d.

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