

# DISTINGUISHED SEQUENCES

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الخلاصة

لنفرض أن  $D$  مجال من نوع  $\Delta$  ،  $H^\infty(\Delta)$  هي جريات بناخ للدوال التحليلية المحدودة المعرفة على  $D$  ،  $M(D)$  هي فراغ المثاليات العظمى لـ  $H^\infty(D)$  . إذا اعتبرنا المتتابعة  $\{z_n\}$  حيث  $z_n \in D$  و  $z_n \rightarrow \infty$  فاننا في هذا البحث نعطي شروط كافية لـ  $\{z_n\}$  ان تكون محتواه في نفس جزء جليسون المحتوى على  $D$  . كذلك نعطي شروط كافية لجعل  $\{z_n\} \setminus \{z_n\}$  منفصلة عن جزء جليسون المحتوى على  $D$  .

## ABSTRACT

Let  $D$  be a domain obtained from the open unit disk by deleting the origin and a sequence of disjoint closed disks  $\Delta_n = \overline{\Delta}(c_n, r_n) = \{z: |z - c_n| \leq r_n\}$  with  $c_n \rightarrow 0$  and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_n}{|c_n|} < \infty. \text{ Let } H^\infty(D) \text{ denote as usual the Banach Algebra of bounded}$$

analytic functions on  $D$  and  $M(D)$  its maximal ideal space.

Let  $\{z_n\}$  be a sequence in  $D$  such that  $z_n \rightarrow 0$ .

In this paper we give conditions sufficient for the closure  $\overline{\{z_n\}}$  of  $\{z_n\}$  in  $M(D)$  to be contained in the same Gleason part as  $D$ . We also give conditions sufficient for  $\overline{\{z_n\}} \setminus \{z_n\}$  to be disjoint from the Gleason part containing  $D$ .

## INTRODUCTION

Let  $D$  be a bounded domain in the complex plane. Let  $H^\infty(D)$  denote the Banach algebra of bounded analytic functions on  $D$  and  $M(D)$  its maximal ideal space. The Corona Conjecture asserts that  $D$  is weak\* dense in  $M(D)$ . In [2], Carleson proved that the open unit disk  $\Delta$  is dense in  $M(\Delta)$ . In [7], Stout extended Carleson's result to finitely connected domains. In [3], Gamelin showed that the Corona problem is local.

By a  $\Delta$ -domain we mean a domain obtained from the open unit disk  $\Delta$  by deleting the origin and a sequence of disjoint closed disks  $\Delta_n = \overline{\Delta}(c_n, r_n)$  with

$c_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_n}{|c_n|} < \infty$ . In [1] Behrens showed that if the Corona fails for any domain, it fails for a  $\Delta$ -

domain. This result of Behrens focused the attention on  $\Delta$ -domains, together with Gamelin's localization of the Corona; [3] reduced the Corona problem to asking if  $M_o(D) \supset \overline{D}$ , where  $M_o(D)$  is the fiber over the origin and  $\overline{D}$  is the closure of  $D$  in  $M(D)$ . See [4] for more details. In [8] Zalcman showed that the

condition  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_n}{|c_n|} < \infty$  implies that  $\phi_o(f) =$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} \frac{f(z)}{z} dz \text{ is a homomorphism of } H^\infty(D) \text{ which lies in}$$

$M_o(D)$ . He called it the distinguished homomorphism.

Let  $A$  be a function algebra and  $M(A)$  its maximal ideal space. Two homomorphisms  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  in  $M(D)$  are in the same Gleason part if  $\|\psi - \phi\| < 2$ . The pseudo-hyperbolic distance between two points  $\psi$

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and  $\phi$  in  $M(D)$  is defined by

$$\rho(\psi, \phi) = \sup \{ |\psi(f)| : f \in A, \|f\| \leq 1 \text{ and } \phi(f) = 0 \}.$$

The relation  $\rho(\psi, \phi) < 1$  is an equivalence relation and the equivalence classes are the Gleason parts of  $M(A)$ , see [6].

Gamelin and Garnett showed in [5] that  $\phi_o$  is in the same Gleason part of  $M(D)$  as  $D$ . They also showed in the same paper that if  $\{z_n\}$  is a sequence in  $D$  such that  $z_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $d(z_n, \partial D) \geq C|z_n|$  for some  $C > 0$  then  $z_n \rightarrow 0$  is the norm in  $M(D)$ , where  $D$  is any domain such that  $0 \in \partial D$  and  $d$  denotes the distance.

## NOTATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

$$\text{Let } (P_n f)(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \Delta_n} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw, \text{ for } z \in \Delta_n^c$$

and  $n=1,2,\dots$

Let  $P(\phi_o)$  denote the Gleason part of  $M(D)$  which contains  $\phi_o$ .  $A_o$  is the restriction of  $H^\infty(D)$  to  $M_o(D)$ , it is a closed subalgebra of  $C(M_o(D))$ . For a sequence  $\{z_n\}$  in  $D$ ,  $\overline{\{z_n\}}$  will denote its closure in  $M(D)$ , and  $\overline{\{z_n\}}^* = \overline{\{z_n\}} \setminus \{z_n\}$

Let  $D$  be a  $\Delta$ -domain; in section 2 we prove the following:

### Theorem 1:

Let  $\{z_n\}$  be a sequence in  $D$  which converges to 0 and satisfies

1.  $\exists A > 0$  such that for each  $k$ ,  $d(z_k, \Delta_n) \geq A|z_n|$  for all  $n \neq k$

2.  $\lim_k |(P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)| < 2$  for all  $f \in H^\infty(D)$  with  $\|f\| \leq 1$ . Then  $\{z_n\} \subset P(\phi_o)$ .

### Theorem 2:

Let  $\{z_n\}$  be a sequence in  $D$  which converges to 0 and satisfies

1.  $\exists A > 0$  such that for each  $k$ ,  $d(z_k, \Delta_n) > A|z_k|$  for all  $n \neq k$ .

2. Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists f \in H^\infty(D)$  such that  $\lim_k |(P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)| > 2 - \varepsilon$ . Then  $\overline{\{z_k\}}^* \cap P(\phi_o) = \phi$ .

## SECTION 1: PRELIMINARIES

### Theorem 1.1:

Let  $D$  be a bounded domain,  $\lambda \in \partial D$  and let  $U$  be an open neighborhood of  $\lambda$ . For  $\phi \in M_\lambda(D \cap U)$ ,

define  $\bar{\phi}$  on  $H^\infty(D)$  by  $\bar{\phi}(f) = \phi(f|_{D \cap U})$  where

$f \in H^\infty(D)$ . Then  $\bar{\phi} \in M_\lambda(D)$  and the map

$$\Phi: M_\lambda(D \cap U) \rightarrow M_\lambda(D)$$

defined by  $\Phi(\phi) = \bar{\phi}$ , is a homeomorphism.

Also for  $f \in A_\lambda(D)$ , let  $f^*$  be in  $H^\infty(D)$  such that

$$f^*|_{M_\lambda} = f \text{ and let } F^* = f^*|_{D \cap U}, F = F^*|_{M_\lambda(D \cap U)}.$$

Then the map

$$\psi: A_\lambda(D) \rightarrow A_\lambda(D \cap U) \text{ defined by } \psi(f) = F$$

is an isomorphism.

**Proof:** See [3].

**Corollary 1.1:** The map  $\psi$  is an isometry.

**Proof:** For  $f \in H^\infty(D)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{M_\lambda(D)} &= \sup \{ |f(\bar{\phi})| : \bar{\phi} \in M_\lambda(D) \} \\ &= \sup \{ |f(\Phi(\phi))| : \phi \in M_\lambda(D \cap U) \} \\ &= \sup \{ |\phi(f^*)|_{D \cap U} | : \phi \in M_\lambda(D \cap U) \} \\ &= \sup \{ |\phi(\psi(f))| : \phi \in M_\lambda(D \cap U) \} \\ &= \|\psi(f)\|. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1.1:** Let  $\phi, \phi' \in M_\lambda(D)$  then

$$\|\phi - \phi'\|_{A_{\lambda(D)}} = \|\phi - \phi'\|_{H^\infty(D)}$$

**Proof:** Let  $A = \|\phi - \phi'\|_{A_{\lambda(D)}}$

$$= \sup \{ |f(\phi) - f(\phi')| : f \in A_\lambda(D), 0 < \|f\| \leq 1 \}.$$

and let

$$B = \|\phi - \phi'\|_{H^\infty(D)} \\ = \sup \{ |f(\phi) - f(\phi')| : f \in H^\infty(D), 0 < \|f\| \leq 1 \}.$$

Clearly  $B \leq A$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given.  $\exists f \in A_\lambda$  such that

$$0 < \|f\| \leq 1 \text{ and } A \leq |f(\phi) - f(\phi')| + \varepsilon.$$

Also [5]  $\exists h \in H^\infty(D)$  such that

$$h|_{M_\lambda(D)} = f \text{ and } \|h\| \leq \|f\| + \varepsilon.$$

$$\text{Let } g = \frac{h}{\|f\| + \varepsilon}; \text{ then } g \in H^\infty(D), 0 < \|g\| \leq 1,$$

we have

$$B \geq |g(\phi) - g(\phi')| = \left| \frac{\phi(h) - \phi'(h)}{\|f\| + \varepsilon} \right| \leq \frac{|\phi(h) - \phi'(h)|}{1 + \varepsilon} \\ = \frac{|\phi(f) - \phi'(f)|}{1 + \varepsilon}.$$

So  $B + \varepsilon B \geq |\phi(f) - \phi'(f)| \leq A - \varepsilon$ . Since  $\varepsilon$  was arbitrary, we get  $B \geq A$ .

**Lemma 1.2:** If  $\phi, \phi' \in M_\lambda(D \cap U)$  then

$$\|\phi - \phi'\|_{A_\lambda(D \cap U)} = \|\bar{\phi} - \bar{\phi}'\|_{A_\lambda(D)}$$

**Proof:** Immediate from the above corollary.

**Lemma 1.3:** For  $\phi, \phi' \in M_\lambda(D \cap U)$

$$\|\phi - \phi'\|_{H^\infty(D \cap U)} = \|\phi - \phi'\|_{H^\infty(D)}.$$

$$\text{Proof: } \|\phi - \phi'\|_{H^\infty(D \cap U)} = \|\phi - \phi'\|_{A_\lambda(D \cap U)}$$

$$= \|\phi - \phi'\|_{A_\lambda(D)} = \|\phi - \phi'\|_{H^\infty(D)}$$

Let  $D$  be a domain obtained from the open unit disc by deleting a sequence of disjoint closed discs  $\Delta_n = \overline{\Delta}(c_n, r_n)$  converging to 0 and satisfying

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_n}{|c_n|} < \infty$$

For purposes of integration, we orient the circle  $|z| = 1$  in the counterclockwise direction and

$\partial \Delta_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) in the clockwise sense.

As mentioned in the introduction  $\phi_o$ , which is defined on  $H^\infty(D)$  by  $\phi_o(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{\zeta}$ , is a

homomorphism in  $M_o(D)$  called the distinguished homomorphism.

**Lemma 1.4:** Let  $D$  be a domain of the type described

$$D_k \text{ let } = D \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{k-1} \Delta_n \text{ and denote by}$$

$\phi_{ok}$  the distinguished homomorphism of  $H^\infty(D_k)$ , then  $\phi_{ok} = \phi_o|_{H^\infty(D_k)}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $f \in H^\infty(D_k)$ .

$$\phi_o(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta} d\zeta = \\ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \Delta} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta} d\zeta + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\partial \Delta_n} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta} d\zeta \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \Delta} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta} d\zeta + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \int_{\partial \Delta_n} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta} d\zeta, \text{ and}$$

because  $\frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta}$  is analytic in  $\Delta_n$  for  $1 \leq n \leq k-1$ , so  $\phi_o(f) = \phi_{ok}(f)$ .

## SECTION 2: DISTINGUISHED SEQUENCES

Throughout this section  $D$  will denote a  $\Delta$ -domain.

Recall that  $P_n$  is defined on  $H^\infty(D)$  by

$$P_n(f)(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \Delta_n} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta \text{ for } n=1,2,\dots$$

for  $z \in \Delta_n^c = \mathbb{C} \setminus \Delta_n$ , and  $P(\phi_o)$  denotes the Gleason part of  $M(D)$  which contains  $\phi_o$ .

**Proof of Theorem 1:** Let  $f \in H^\infty(D)$  with  $\|f\| \leq 1$ , fix an integer  $k$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& |f(z_k) - \phi_o(f)| = \\
& \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z_k} d\zeta - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta} d\zeta \right| \\
& \leq \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\partial \Delta_n} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z_k} d\zeta - \right. \\
& \left. \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\partial \Delta_n} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta} d\zeta \right| \\
& + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{\partial \Delta} \frac{z_k f(\zeta)}{\zeta(\zeta - z_k)} d\zeta \right| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \sum_{n=1}^{k-1} \int_{\partial \Delta_n} \frac{z_k f(\zeta)}{\zeta(\zeta - z_k)} d\zeta \right| \\
& + |(P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)| \\
& + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \int_{\partial \Delta_n} \frac{z_k f(\zeta)}{\zeta(\zeta - z_k)} d\zeta \right| \\
& + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{\partial \Delta} \frac{z_k f(\zeta)}{\zeta(\zeta - z_k)} d\zeta \right|
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$  be given. Choose  $k$  large so that

$$\frac{1}{A} \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{r_n}{|c_n| - r_n} < \varepsilon \text{ and } |z_k| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq k.$$

Let  $D_\varepsilon = D \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{k-1} \Delta_n$ , let  $\phi_{o\varepsilon} = \phi_o \Big|_{H^\infty(D)}$ .

If  $f \in H^\infty(D_\varepsilon)$ ,  $\varepsilon \|f\| \leq 1$  then  $f \in H^\infty(D)$ ,  $\|f\| \leq 1$  and

$$\int_{\partial \Delta_n} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z_k} d\zeta = 0 \text{ for } n < k.$$

Now for  $n \geq k$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|f(z_n) - \phi_{o\varepsilon}(f)| & \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \sum_{m=k+1}^{\infty} \int_{\partial \Delta_m} \frac{z_n f(\zeta)}{\zeta(\zeta - z_n)} d\zeta \right| \\
& + |(P_n f)(z_n) - (P_n f)(0)| + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{\partial \Delta} \frac{z_n f(\zeta)}{\zeta(\zeta - z_n)} d\zeta \right| \\
& \leq \sum_{\substack{m=k+1 \\ m \neq n}}^{\infty} \frac{|z_n|}{d(z_n, \Delta_m)} \frac{\|f\| r_m}{|c_m| - r_m} \\
& + |(P_n f)(z_n) - (P_n f)(0)| + \frac{|z_n|}{1 - \varepsilon} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{A} \sum_{m=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{r_m}{|c_m| - r_m} + \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \varepsilon} + |(P_n f)(z_n) - (P_n f)(0)| \\
& \leq 3\varepsilon + |(P_n f)(z_n) - (P_n f)(0)|, \\
& \text{so } \lim_n |f(z_n) - \phi_{o\varepsilon}(f)| \leq \lim_n |(P_n f)(z_n) - (P_n f)(0)| + 3\varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\phi \in \{z_n\} \cap M_o(D)$ , then  $[3]\phi_\varepsilon = \phi \Big|_{H^\infty(D_\varepsilon)}$

is in  $\{\overline{z_n}\} \cap M_o(D_\varepsilon)$  and  $\|\phi - \phi_o\| =$

$$\|\phi_\varepsilon - \phi_{o\varepsilon}\|.$$

For any  $f \in H^\infty(D_\varepsilon)$  with  $\|f\| \leq 1$ ,  $\exists$  a subsequence  $\{z_{k_j}\}$  of  $\{z_k\}$  such that

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} f(z_{k_j}) = \phi_\varepsilon(f),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|\phi_\varepsilon(f) - \phi_{o\varepsilon}(f)| & = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} |f(z_{k_j}) - \phi_{o\varepsilon}(f)| \\
& \leq \lim_k |f(z_k) - \phi_{o\varepsilon}(f)| \\
& \leq \lim_k |(P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)| + 3\varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

If  $\varepsilon$  is small enough, there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$|\phi_\varepsilon(f) - \phi_{o\varepsilon}(f)| \leq 2 - \delta;$$

$$\text{thus, } \|\phi_\varepsilon - \phi_{o\varepsilon}\| < 2 \Rightarrow \|\phi - \phi_o\| < 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\phi \in P(\phi_o).$$

**Corollary 2.1:** If  $\{z_n\}$  is a sequence in  $D$  which satisfies

1.  $\exists A > 0$  such that for each  $k$ ,  $d(z_k, \Delta_n) \geq A|z_k|$ , for all  $n \neq k$ ,

2.  $d(z_k, \Delta_k) \geq Br_k$ ,  $B > 1$ , for all  $k$ ,

3.  $|z_k| < C|c_k|$ ,  $C < 2$ , for all  $k$ ,

then  $\overline{\{z_k\}} \subset P(\phi_o)$

**Proof:** Let  $f \in H^\infty(D)$ ,  $\|f\| \leq 1$ , for any  $k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |(P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)| &= \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \Delta_k} \left( \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z_k} - \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta} \right) d\zeta \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{\partial \Delta_k} \frac{z_k f(\zeta)}{\zeta(\zeta - z_k)} d\zeta \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{|z_k|}{d(z_k, \Delta_k)} \frac{2\pi r_k}{|c_k| - r_k} \|f\| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{B} \frac{|c_k|}{|c_k| - r_k}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \lim_k |(P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)| \leq \frac{C}{B} < 2.$$

Applying the theorem now we get the required result.

**Proof of theorem 2:** Let  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  be given, choose  $N$  so that

$$\sum_{m>N} \frac{r_m}{|c_m| - r_m} < \varepsilon \text{ and } |z_k| < \varepsilon \text{ for } k \geq N$$

$\exists f \in H^\infty(D)$ ,  $\|f\| \leq 1$ , such that

$$\lim_k |(P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)| > 2 - \varepsilon. \text{ Fix } k > N,$$

$$|f(z_k) - \phi_o(f) + (P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \neq k}}^{\infty} \int_{\partial \Delta_n} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z_k} - \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta} d\zeta \right| \\ &+ \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \Delta} \frac{z_k f(\zeta)}{\zeta(\zeta - z_k)} d\zeta \right| \\ &\leq \left| \sum_{n=1}^N (P_n f)(z_k) - (P_n f)(0) \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{\substack{n=N+1 \\ n \neq k}}^{\infty} \int_{\partial \Delta_n} \frac{z_k f(\zeta)}{\zeta(\zeta - z_k)} d\zeta \right|$$

$$+ \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \Delta} \frac{z_k f(\zeta)}{\zeta(\zeta - z_k)} d\zeta \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \sum_{n=1}^N (P_n f)(z_k) - (P_n f)(0) \right|$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{\substack{n=N+1 \\ n \neq k}}^N \frac{|z_k| 2\pi}{d(z_k, \Delta_n)} \frac{r_n}{|c_n| - r_n}$$

$$+ \frac{|z_k|}{1 - \varepsilon}$$

$$\text{or } |f(z_k) - \phi_o(f) + (P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)|$$

$$\leq \left| \sum_{n=1}^N (P_n f)(z_k) - (P_n f)(0) \right| + 3\varepsilon.$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^N P_n f - (P_n f)(0)$  is continuous at 0 and

vanishes there,  $\exists \delta$  such that if  $|z| < \delta$  then

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^N (P_n f)(z) - (P_n f)(0) \right| < \varepsilon.$$

Choosing  $K > N$  so that if  $k \geq K$  then  $|z_k| < \delta$ , we get for any such  $k$

$$|f(z_k) - \phi_o(f) + (P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)| \leq 4\varepsilon$$

$$\text{or } |f(z_k) - \phi_o(f)| + 4\varepsilon \geq |(P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)|,$$

$$\text{so } \lim_k |f(z_k) - \phi_o(f)| + 4\varepsilon \geq \lim_k |(P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)|$$

$$> 2 - \varepsilon.$$

If  $\phi \in \overline{\{z_n\}}^*$  then  $\exists$  a subsequence  $\{z_{n_j}\}$  such that

$$\phi(f) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} f(z_{n_j}),$$

$$\text{so } |\phi(f) - \phi_o(f)| = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} |f(z_{n_j}) - \phi_o(f)| \geq \lim_n |f(z_n) - \phi_o(f)|$$

$$\geq 2 - 5\varepsilon$$

Hence  $\|\phi - \phi_o\| = 2$  so  $\phi \notin P(\phi_o)$ .

**Corollary 2.2:** if  $\{z_n\}$  is a sequence in  $D$  which converges to 0 and satisfies

1. for each  $k$ ,  $d(z_k, \Delta_n) \geq A |z_k|$  for some  $A > 0$  and all  $n \neq k$

2. given  $\varepsilon > 0 \exists f$  such that  $f(\phi_0) = 0$  and

$$\lim_k |(P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)| > 1 - \varepsilon \text{ then}$$

$$\overline{\{z_k\}}^* \cap P(\phi_0) = \phi.$$

**Proof:** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given, as in the proof of theorem 2.2 we get

$$|f(z_k)| \geq |(P_k f)(z_k) - (P_k f)(0)| - 4\varepsilon,$$

$$\text{so } \lim_k |f(z_k)| \geq 1 - 5\varepsilon$$

If  $\phi \in \overline{\{z_k\}}^*$ , then  $\exists$  a subsequence  $\{z_{n_j}\}$  such that

$$\phi(f) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} f(z_{n_j}).$$

$$\text{Now } |\phi(f)| = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} |f(z_{n_j})| \geq \lim_n |f(z_n)| > 1 - \varepsilon,$$

so  $\rho(\phi, \phi_0) = 1$  and hence  $\phi \notin P(\phi_0)$ .

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