

DISTINGUISHED SEQUENCES

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الخلاصة

لنفرض أن D مجال من نوع Δ ، $H^\infty(\Delta)$ 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 $\Delta_n = \overline{\Delta}(c_n, r_n) = \{z \in \Delta \mid |z - c_n| \leq r_n\}$ 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 Δ 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 Δ -domain we mean a domain obtained from the open unit disk Δ by deleting the origin and a sequence of disjoint closed disks $\Delta_n = \overline{\Delta}(c_n, r_n)$ with

$$c_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_n}{|c_n|} < \infty. \text{ In [1] Behrens showed}$$

that if the Corona fails for any domain, it fails for a Δ -

domain. This result of Behrens focused the attention on Δ -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

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

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

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

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

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and ϕ in $M(D)$ is defined by

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

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 ϕ_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 ϕ_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 Δ -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 , $d(z_k, \Delta_n) > A |z_n|$ for all $n \neq k$.

2. Given $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists f \in H^\infty(D)$ such that $\lim |(P_k f)(z_k)$

$-(P_k f)(0)| > 2 - \varepsilon$. 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 λ . 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 ψ 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

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

Let $g = \frac{h}{\|f\| + \varepsilon}$; 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 ε 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 $\phi, \phi' \in M_\lambda(D \cap U)$

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

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 $\Delta_n = \bar{\Delta}(c_n, r_n)$ 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 ϕ_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 let $= D \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{k-1} \Delta_n$ and denote by

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

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

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

because $\frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta}$ is analytic in Δ_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 Δ -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 ϕ_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

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

so $\overline{\lim}_n |f(z_n) - \phi_{o\varepsilon}(f)| \leq \overline{\lim}_n |(P_n f)(z_n) - (P_n f)(0)| + 3\varepsilon$

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 $\{z_{n_j}\}$ of $\{z_k\}$ such that

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 ,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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