

# MEASURES ORTHOGONAL

TO  $H^\infty(D)$

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الخلاصة :

لنفرض أن  $D$  مجال محدود في المستوى المركب. ولنفرض أن  $H^\infty(D)$  تمثل جبريات بناخ للدوال التحليلية المحدودة المعرفة على  $D$ . ولنفرض أن  $M(D)$  تمثل فراغ المثاليات العظمى. فإذا كانت  $\mu$  مقياس بورلي معرفة على  $M(D)$  فاننا نعرف المقياس  $\bar{\mu}$  على  $\bar{D}$  كما يلي  $\mu(E) = \mu(Z^{-1}(E))$  حيث  $E \subset \bar{D}$ . في هذا البحث نبرهن على أنه إذا كانت  $\mu$  عمودية على  $H^\infty(D)$  و  $M(D) \setminus \hat{Z}^{-1}(D)$  تحتوي على دعم  $\mu$  المغلق وكانت  $\mu$  تامة الانفراد فإن  $\mu = 0$ .

## ABSTRACT

Let  $D$  be a bounded domain in the complex plane. Let  $H^\infty(D)$  be the Banach algebra of bounded analytic functions on  $D$ . Let  $\mu$  be a regular Borel measure on the maximal ideal space  $M(D)$  of  $H^\infty(D)$ .

Define  $\bar{\mu}$  on  $\bar{D}$  by  $\bar{\mu}(E) = \mu(\hat{Z}^{-1}(E))$  for  $E \subset \bar{D}$ , where  $Z$  is the coordinate function on  $D$  and  $\hat{Z}$  is its Gelfand transform.

In this paper we prove that if  $\mu$  is orthogonal to  $H^\infty(D)$ ,  $\mu \neq 0$ , the closed support of  $\mu$  is contained in  $M(D) \setminus \hat{Z}^{-1}(D)$  and  $\mu$  is completely singular then  $\mu = 0$ .

## INTRODUCTION

Let  $D$  be a bounded domain in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ , let  $H^\infty(D)$  be the Banach algebra of bounded analytic function on  $D$ .  $M(D)$  will denote the maximal ideal space of  $H^\infty(D)$ .  $\hat{Z}$  is the Gelfand transform of the function  $Z$  defined by  $Z(\lambda) = \lambda$ , for all  $\lambda$  in  $D$ . Also  $\hat{f}$  denotes the Gelfand transform of  $f$  for  $f \in H^\infty(D)$ .

It was shown in [3] that  $\hat{Z}(M(D)) = \bar{D}$  and  $\hat{Z}^{-1}(D)$  is homeomorphic to  $D$ .  $M_\lambda(D) = \hat{Z}^{-1}(\{\lambda\})$  is the fiber over  $\lambda$ , for  $\lambda \in D$ . See [3] for detailed description of this algebra.

For a compact set  $K \subset \mathbb{C}$ ,  $R(K)$  denotes the algebra of all functions in  $C(K)$  which can be approximated uniformly on  $K$  by rational functions with poles off  $K$ .

All measures considered in this paper are regular Borel measures.

For a measure  $\mu$  on  $M(D)$  define  $\bar{\mu}$  on  $\bar{D}$  by  $\bar{\mu}(E) =$

$$\mu(\hat{Z}^{-1}(E)) \text{ so } \int_D f d\bar{\mu} = \int_{M(D)} f \hat{Z} d\mu \text{ for all continuous}$$

functions on  $D$ .

### Lemma 1:

If  $\mu$  is a non-zero measure on  $M(D)$  and  $\mu \perp H^\infty(D)$  i.e.  $\int f d\mu = 0$  for every  $f \in H^\infty(D)$ , then  $\bar{\mu} \perp R(\bar{D})$ .

### Proof:

Claim  $f \hat{Z} = f$ , for every  $f \in R(\bar{D})$ , let  $\phi \in M(D)$  and assume  $\phi \in M_\lambda$  then  $(f \hat{Z})(\phi) = f(\hat{Z}(\phi)) = f(\lambda)$  but  $f$  is

$$\text{analytic at } \lambda \text{ so } [1] f(\lambda) = f(\phi) \text{ so } \int_D f d\bar{\mu} = \int_{M(D)} f \hat{Z} d\mu =$$

$$\int_{M(D)} \hat{f} d\mu = 0 \text{ for all } f \in R(\bar{D}), \text{ so } \bar{\mu} \perp R(\bar{D}).$$

### Definition 1 :

Let  $\mu$  be a finite measure on  $\mathbb{C}$  with compact

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support, the Cauchy transform of  $\mu$  is defined by  $\mu^*(\omega) = \int \frac{d\mu(z)}{z - \omega}$ . Clearly  $\mu^*$  is an analytic function off the closed support of  $\mu$ .

Notations:  $\overline{\text{supp } \mu}$  denotes the closed support, of  $\mu$ , and  $\partial D = \overline{D} \setminus D$ .

#### Theorem A:

Let  $\mu$  be a measure on a compact subset  $K$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  then  $\mu^*$  vanishes off  $K$  if  $\mu \perp R(K)$ .

#### Proof:

The proof of this theorem is given in reference [2], page 46.

#### Lemma 2:

Let  $\mu$  be a non-zero measure on  $\overline{D}$ ,  $\mu \perp R(\overline{D})$  and  $\text{supp } \mu \subset \partial D$  then  $\exists z_0 \in D$  such that  $\mu^*(z_0) \neq 0$ .

#### Proof:

Assume  $\mu^*(z) = 0$ , for all  $z \in D$ ; since  $\mu \perp R(\overline{D})$ , then by theorem A,  $\mu^*(z) = 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{D}$  so  $\mu^*(z) = 0$  for all  $z \notin \partial D$ , again using theorem A, this implies  $\mu \perp R(\partial D)$  but [2],  $R(\partial D) = C(\partial D)$  hence  $\mu = 0$ , a contradiction.

#### Corollary 1:

For  $\mu$  as in Lemma 1,  $\mu^*(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in D$ , except at a discrete set in  $D$ .

#### Proof:

This is clear from the fact that  $\mu^*$  is analytic in  $D$ .

#### Definition 2:

Let  $A$  be a function algebra on  $X$ , let  $\phi$  be a maximal ideal in  $A$ , (or a non-zero complex-valued algebra homomorphism on  $A$ ). A representing measure for  $\phi$  is a positive measure  $\mu$  on  $X$ , such that  $\phi(f) = \int f d\mu$  for all  $f \in A$ .

#### Definition 3:

If  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  are two measures on  $X$ , we say  $\mu_1$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu_2$  if  $\mu_1(A) = 0$  for each set  $A$  for which  $|\mu_2|(A) = 0$ , we write  $\mu_1 \ll \mu_2$  where  $|\mu_2|$  is the total variation of  $\mu_2$ .

#### Theorem B:

Let  $A$  be a function algebra on  $X$ , let  $\phi$  be a maximal ideal in  $A$ , let  $\mu$  be a complex representing measure for  $\phi$ , then there exists a representing measure  $\nu$  for  $\phi$  such that  $\nu \ll \mu$ .

#### Proof:

The proof of this theorem is given in Reference [2], page, 33.

#### Corollary 2:

Let  $\mu$  be a non-zero measure on  $\overline{D}$ ,  $\text{supp } \mu \subset \partial D$  and  $\mu \perp R(D)$ . If  $z \in D$  with  $\mu^*(z) \neq 0$  then  $\exists$  a representing measure  $\mu_z$  for  $z$  such that  $\mu_z \ll \mu$ .

#### Proof:

Let  $z_0 \in \overline{D}$ ,  $\mu^*(z_0) \neq 0$ , then  $|\mu^*(z_0)| < \infty$  because  $\text{supp } \mu \subset \partial D$ . Let  $f$  be a rational function with poles off  $D$ , then  $\frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$  is also a rational function with poles off  $D$ . So

$$\int \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} d\mu(z) = 0, \text{ hence}$$

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{\mu^*(z_0)} \int \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} d\mu(z) \text{ for all rational functions}$$

$f$  with poles off  $D$ . By taking limits we get

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{\mu^*(z_0)} \int \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} d\mu(z) \text{ for all } f \in R(D).$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{\mu^*(z_0)} \frac{d\mu(z)}{z - z_0} \text{ is a}$$

complex representing measure for  $z_0$  which is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ . Apply theorem B to get the required result.

#### Definition 4:

If  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  are two measures on  $X$ , we say  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are mutually singular if there exist two sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $X$  such that  $X = A \cup B$  and  $|\mu_1|(A) = |\mu_2|(B) = 0$ , we write  $\mu_1 \perp \mu_2$ .

#### Definition 5:

Let  $A$  be a function algebra on  $X$ . For  $\phi \in MA =$  the maximal ideal space of  $A$ , define  $M_\phi$  to be the

set of all representing measures for  $\phi$ . A measure  $\mu$  on  $X$  is said to be completely singular if  $\mu \perp \nu$ , for every  $\nu \in M_{\phi}$ , for every  $\phi \in MA$ .

**Theorem:**

Let  $\mu$  be a non-zero measure on  $M(D)$ ,  $\mu \perp H^{\infty}(D)$  and  $\overline{\text{supp } \mu} \subset M(D) \setminus \hat{Z}^{-1}(D)$ . If  $\mu$  is a completely singular measure, then  $\mu = 0$ .

**Proof:**

Assume  $\mu \neq 0$ , by lemma 1,  $\overline{\mu} \perp R(\overline{D})$  and  $\overline{\text{supp } \mu} \subset \partial D$ . By lemma 2,  $\exists z_0 \in D$  such that  $\overline{\mu}^*(z_0) \neq 0$

and  $|\overline{\mu}^*(z_0)| < \infty$ . If  $f \in H^{\infty}(D)$ , then  $\frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$  is also

in  $H^{\infty}(D)$ , considering its Gelfand transform,

$$\int_{M(D) \setminus D^*} \frac{f(\phi) - f(\phi_0)}{\hat{Z}(\phi) - z_0} d\mu = 0, \text{ where } \phi_0 = \hat{Z}^{-1}(z_0)$$

and  $D^* = Z^{-1}(D)$ .

$$\text{So } \int_{M(D) \setminus D^*} \frac{f(\phi) d\mu}{\hat{Z}(\phi) - z_0} = f(\phi_0) \int_{M(D) \setminus D^*} \frac{d\mu}{\hat{Z}(\phi) - z_0} =$$

$$f(\phi_0) \int_{\partial D} \frac{d\mu}{\omega - z_0} = f(\phi_0) \overline{\mu}^*(z_0)$$

$$\text{So } \hat{f}(\phi_0) = \frac{1}{\overline{\mu}^*(z_0)} \int_{M(D) \setminus D} \frac{f(\phi)}{\hat{Z}(\phi) - z_0} d\mu \text{ for all } f \in H^{\infty}(D)$$

So  $\nu = \frac{1}{\overline{\mu}^*(z_0)} \frac{d\mu}{\hat{Z} - z_0}$  is complex representing measure for  $\phi_0$  in  $H(D)$  and  $\nu \ll \mu$ . Using theorem B,

$\exists \nu_0$  representing measure for  $\phi_0$  such that  $\nu_0 \ll \nu \ll \mu$ , so  $\mu$  is not completely singular.

**Corollary 3:**

If  $\mu$  is as in the theorem, then  $\Gamma(D) \subset \overline{\text{supp } \mu}$ , where  $\Gamma(D)$  is the Shilov boundary for  $H^{\infty}(D)$ .

**Proof:**

From the theorem  $|f(z)| \leq c(z) \|f\|_{\overline{\text{supp } \mu}}$  for every

$f \in H^{\infty}(D)$  and all  $z \in D$  such that  $\mu^*(z) \neq 0$ , where  $c(z)$  is a constant, which depends on  $z$ , so  $|f^n(z)| =$

$$|f(z)|^n \leq c(z)^n \|f\|_{\overline{\text{supp } \mu}}^n. \text{ Hence } f(z) \leq [c(z)]^n \|f\|_{\overline{\text{supp } \mu}}.$$

If  $c(z) < 1$  then  $f(z) = 0$ , if  $c(z) \geq 1$  then

$$|f(z)| \leq \|f\|_{\overline{\text{supp } \mu}} \text{ for every } z \in D \text{ with } \mu^*(z) \neq 0. \text{ By}$$

Corollary 1, we have  $|f(z)| \leq \|f\|_{\overline{\text{supp } \mu}}$  for every  $z \in D$ , so  $\Gamma(D) \subset \overline{\text{supp } \mu}$ .

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