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Abstract

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PÓLYA' S THEOREM FOR ENTIRE FUNCTIONS OF TWO COMPLEX VARIABLES

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Let an entire function of exponential type of two complex variables p_1 and p_3 be given:

$$F(p_1, p_3) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^n a_{nm} p_3^{n-m} p_1^m.$$

A vector $\mathbf{p}(p_1, p_2, p_3)$ is called isotropic if $p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 = 0$. We associate with $F(p_1, p_3)$ an entire function of the isotropic vector:

$$F(\mathbf{p}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{nm} p_3^{n-m} (p_1 + ip_2)^m + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{nm}^* p_3^{n-m} (p_1 - ip_2)^m. \quad (1)$$

The harmonic function

$$f(x, y, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m (n - |m|)! a_{nm} \frac{P_n^{|m|}(\cos Q) e^{im\varphi}}{r^{n+1}}, \quad a_{n(-m)} = a_{nm}^*. \quad (2)$$

will be called the function associated with $F(\mathbf{p})$.

An isotropic vector \mathbf{p} can be represented as follows: $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}' + i\mathbf{p}''$, where \mathbf{p}' and \mathbf{p}'' are real vectors, $i = \sqrt{-1}$. From the isotropy of \mathbf{p} it follows that $|\mathbf{p}'| = |\mathbf{p}''|$, $\mathbf{p}' \perp \mathbf{p}''$. Consequently, with each isotropic vector one may associate an orthogonal trihedron $OX'Y'Z'$ with center at O , directing the axis OZ' along the vector \mathbf{p}' , the axis OX' along the vector \mathbf{p}'' , and giving $OX'Y'Z'$ the same orientation as the trihedron $OXYZ$. The trihedron $OX'Y'Z'$ can be characterized by means of the rotation of space $g(\varphi_1, \theta, \varphi_2)$, which carries the principal trihedron $OXYZ$ into $OX'Y'Z'$. Thus the isotropic vector \mathbf{p} is determined by the positive number $\rho = |\mathbf{p}'| = |\mathbf{p}''|$ and the angles $\varphi_1, \theta, \varphi_2$. We note that

$$\mathbf{p}' = \rho(\sin \theta \cos \varphi \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \sin \varphi \mathbf{j} + \cos \theta \mathbf{k}),$$

where $\varphi = \varphi_1 - \pi/2$ ⁽¹⁾.

The growth indicatrix of the entire function of exponential type $F(\mathbf{p})$ will be the function

$$h(\varphi_1, \theta, \varphi_2) = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln |F(\mathbf{p})|}{\rho},$$

where \mathbf{p} is a function of the variables $\rho, \varphi_1, \theta, \varphi_2$.

Let D be the convex hull of the singularities of the function $f(x, y, z)$. The supporting function of the domain D is the function

$$K(\varphi, \theta) = \max_{(x, y, z) \in D} \{x \sin \theta \cos \varphi + y \sin \theta \sin \varphi + z \cos \theta\},$$

where θ and φ are the angles of the spherical coordinate system.

Theorem 1. If

$$F(\mathbf{p}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^n a_{nm} p_3^{n-m} (p_1 + ip_2)^m + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^n a_{nm}^* p_3^{n-m} (p_1 - ip_2)^m.$$

an entire function of exponential type of the isotropic vector \mathbf{p} , then its indicatrix $h(\varphi_1, \theta, \varphi_2)$ is connected with the supporting function of the bounded convex hull of the singularities of the harmonic function associated with $F(\mathbf{p})$

$$f(x, y, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n a_{nm} \frac{(-1)^m}{(n - |m|)!} \frac{P_n^{|m|}(\cos \theta) e^{im\varphi}}{r^{n+1}}, \quad a_{n(-m)} = a_{nm}^*,$$

by the relation

$$\sup_{\varphi_2} h\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \varphi; \theta, \varphi_2\right) = K(\varphi, \theta). \quad (3)$$

Let us prove that, for the functions $F(\mathbf{p})$ and $f(x, y, z)$, the following inversion formulas hold:

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \mathbf{p}F(\mathbf{p}) = \iint_{\sigma} [\text{grad } f \mathbf{n} p e^{(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{r})}] d\sigma, \quad (4)$$

$$2\pi f(x, y, z) = \iint_s F(\mathbf{p}) \frac{e^{-(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{r})}}{\rho} dS, \quad (5)$$

where σ is a piecewise-smooth surface enclosing all singularities of $f(x, y, z)$; $\mathbf{p} = p_1\mathbf{i} + p_2\mathbf{j} + p_3\mathbf{k}$ is an isotropic vector; $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$ is the radius vector of the point $M(x, y, z)$; \mathbf{n} is the unit vector of the outward normal to σ ; under the integral sign in (4) stands the triple product of vector functions defined in (1)*; s is the plane perpendicular to the vector $\mathbf{p}'(\rho, \varphi'_1, \theta')$; φ'_1 and θ' are arbitrarily fixed angles. In the plane s lies the vector $\mathbf{p}''(\rho, \varphi'_1, \theta', \varphi_2)$ as φ_2 varies on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ and $\rho \in [0, \infty)$.

We shall first show the validity of relation (4). We shall call a vector function $\vec{\varphi}(\mathbf{r})$ **potential-harmonic** if $\text{div } \vec{\varphi} = 0$ and $\text{rot } \vec{\varphi} = 0$ (2). If $\vec{\varphi}$ and \mathbf{g} are functions potential-harmonic in a domain containing $T + \sigma$, where σ is a piecewise-smooth boundary of the domain T , then

$$\iint_{\sigma} [\vec{\varphi} \mathbf{n} \mathbf{g}] d\sigma = 0 \quad (1).$$

It follows from this: let $\vec{\varphi}$ be a potential-harmonic function in the domain T with piecewise-smooth boundary σ ; let r be the distance between the points $M_1(x, y, z)$ and $M(\xi, \eta, \zeta)$; then

$$\iint_{\sigma} \left[\text{grad } \frac{1}{r} \mathbf{n} \vec{\varphi} \right] d\sigma = \begin{cases} \vec{\varphi}(x, y, z), & (x, y, z) \in T; \\ 0, & (x, y, z) \in T', \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where T' is the domain lying outside T .

In a somewhat different form formula (6) was given by A. V. Bitsadze (2). We next use the formula (3)

$$\frac{\partial^{n-m}}{\partial z^{n-m}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \pm i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^m \frac{1}{r} = (-1)^{n-m} \frac{(n-m)!}{r^{n+1}} P_n^m(\cos \theta) e^{\pm im\varphi} \quad (7)$$

and the fact that series (2) admits, for sufficiently large r , termwise differentiation with respect to x, y, z and then termwise integration over the surface σ (the latter will be justified later).

The proof of formula (5) is based on the fact that, taking as s the plane $XOY - s'$, we obtain:

$$\iint_{s'} \frac{e^{-\langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r} \rangle}}{\rho} dS = \int_0^{\infty} d\rho \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-\rho z - i\rho(x \cos \psi + y \sin \psi)} d\psi = \frac{2\pi}{r}. \quad (8)$$

$$* [\mathbf{abc}] = -(\mathbf{bc}) \mathbf{a} + (\mathbf{ca}) \mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{ab}) \mathbf{c}.$$

Performing the rotation, we obtain that, in the general case,

$$\frac{2\pi}{r} = \iint_S \frac{e^{-(\rho r)}}{\rho} dS,$$

where S is the plane mentioned above. Then from (1) and (7), and from the possibility of termwise integration for sufficiently large r , upon substituting series (1) into integral (5), formula (5) follows. Along the way we obtain that series (2), for sufficiently large r , may be differentiated term by term with respect to x, y, z any number of times and integrated term by term over the surface σ . From formulas (5) and (6), (3) is obtained by arguments analogous to those used in proving Pólya's theorem from the theory of entire functions⁴.

Corollary 1. Theorem 1 remains valid if, as $f(x, y, z)$, one takes any function regular at infinity and harmonic outside some surface enclosing the origin.

Suppose that all singularities of the function $f(x, y, z)$ lie in the half-space $z < a$ ($a > 0$). Denote by H the distance from the plane $z = a$ to the set of these singularities. The equality holds

$$H = a - \sup_{\varphi_2} h\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0, \varphi_2\right), \quad (9)$$

where h is the indicator of growth of the entire function $F(p)$ associated with $f(x, y, z)$.

The analogous question for the two-dimensional case was considered by A. Steiner⁵.

Corollary 2. For the function $f(x, y, z)$ appearing in Corollary 1, the following is valid:

$$f(x, y, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n a_{nm} \frac{P_n^{|m|}(\cos \theta) e^{im\varphi}}{r^{n+1}}, \quad a_{n(-m)} = a_{nm}^*, \quad (2')$$

where the series on the right converges outside the sphere of radius r_0 passing through the singular point of the function $f(x, y, z)$ farthest from the origin, and, evidently,

$$r_0 = \sup_{\varphi, \theta} K(\varphi, \theta) = \sup_{\theta, \varphi, \varphi_2} h\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \varphi, \theta, \varphi_2\right). \quad (10)$$

The expression on the right in (10) is the type of the function $F(p)$. The relation obtained coincides, to a certain extent, with the analogous fact from the theory of entire functions.

Corollary 3. Formula (5) may serve as a method for summing series (2'), since the integral in (5) converges outside the domain defined by the relation

$$K(\varphi, \theta) = \sup_{\varphi_2} h\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \varphi, \theta, \varphi_2\right). \quad (11)$$

Corollary 4. From (7) and (8) we obtain

$$P_n^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\varphi} = \frac{(-i)^m}{2\pi} \frac{n!}{(n-m)!} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{im\psi} d\psi}{[\cos \theta + i \sin \theta \cos(\psi - \varphi)]^{n+1}}, \quad (12)$$

where $0 \leq \theta < \pi/2$.

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