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### Applications of the Idea of Möbius Invariance to Obtain Equivalent Definitions of Bloch Function

**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we investigate the Bloch class  $\mathcal{B}$  of functions ( $|g'(z)| = \mathcal{O}((1 - |z|^2)^{-1})$ , for  $z \in D$ ) and "the little" Bloch class  $\mathcal{B}_0$  ( $\max_{|z|=r} |g'(z)| = o((1 - |z|^2)^{-1})$ , for  $|z| \rightarrow 1^-$ ). Applying the idea of Möbius invariance we give a few conditions equivalent to the definitions of  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_0$ .

**1. Introduction.** A function  $g$  holomorphic in the unit disc  $D$  is called a Bloch function if

$$|g'(z)| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{1 - |z|^2}\right),$$

for  $z \in D$ . The space of all Bloch functions is denoted by  $\mathcal{B}$  and

$$\|g\|_{\mathcal{B}} := |g(0)| + \sup_{|z| < 1} (1 - |z|^2)|g'(z)| < \infty.$$

Moreover, let  $\mathcal{B}(0) = \{g \in \mathcal{B} : g(0) = 0\}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_0$  be the family of functions  $g$  holomorphic in  $D$  such that

$$\max_{|z|=r} |g'(z)| = o\left(\frac{1}{1 - |z|^2}\right),$$

for  $|z| \rightarrow 1^-$ . Obviously  $\mathcal{B}_0 \subset \mathcal{B}$ .

For  $a \in D$  let the Möbius function  $\phi_a : D \rightarrow D$  be defined by

$$\phi_a(z) = \frac{a+z}{1+\bar{a}z}, \text{ for } z \in D.$$

If  $f$  is a function locally univalent in  $D$  then the order of  $f$  is defined as follows

$$\text{ord } f = \sup_{a \in D} \left| \left\{ \frac{f(\phi_a(z)) - f(a)}{f'(a)(1 - |a|^2)} \right\}_2 \right|,$$

where  $\{h(z)\}_2$  denotes the second Taylor coefficient of the function  $h(z) = z + \dots$ .

The universal linearly invariant (or universal Möbius invariant) family  $U_\alpha$  (see [5]) is the class of all functions  $f(z) = z + \dots$  holomorphic in  $D$  such that:

$$1^0 \quad f'(z) \neq 0 \text{ in } D,$$

$$2^0 \quad \text{ord } f \leq \alpha.$$

In this paper we give equivalent definitions of the Bloch classes. In Section 2 we prove necessary and sufficient conditions for a holomorphic function in  $D$  to be in  $\mathcal{B}$ . In Section 3 we deal with the class  $\mathcal{B}_0$ .

We start with a result which gives us the relationship between the Bloch space and the universal Möbius invariant family.

**Lemma 1.1.** *The following equality holds:  $\mathcal{B}(0) = \{\log f' : f \in \bigcup_{\alpha < \infty} U_\alpha\}$ . Moreover, if  $g = \log f' \in \mathcal{B}(0)$  and  $\text{ord } f = \alpha$ , then  $2(\alpha - 1) \leq \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq 2(\alpha + 1)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $g(z) = \log f'(z)$  and  $\text{ord } f = \alpha$ . Then  $\left| \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \frac{1-|z|^2}{2} \right| \leq \alpha + 1$ , ([5; Lemma 1.2]). Thus  $(1 - |z|^2)|g'(z)| \leq 2(\alpha + 1)$ , and this proves that  $g \in \mathcal{B}(0)$  and  $\|g\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq 2(\alpha + 1)$ .

Assume now that  $g \in \mathcal{B}(0)$ . Let

$$f(z) = \int_0^z \exp g(s) ds.$$

Note that  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) = 1$  and consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha = \text{ord } f &= \sup_{z \in D} \left| \frac{1 - |z|^2}{2} \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} - \bar{z} \right| \\ &= \sup_{z \in D} \left| \frac{1 - |z|^2}{2} g'(z) - \bar{z} \right| \leq \frac{\|g\|_{\mathcal{B}}}{2} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

This proves our Lemma.  $\square$

Now, let us give a few examples extending some known results on  $U_{\alpha}$  to the Bloch class.

Let us denote by  $\mathcal{I}_{\alpha}$  a family of all complex-valued functions  $\mu$  of bounded variation on  $[0, 2\pi]$  such that:

- (i)  $\int_0^{2\pi} d\mu(t) = 1$ ,
- (ii)  $\sup_{|z| < 1} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{z + e^{it}}{1 + \bar{z}e^{it}} d\mu(t) \right| \leq \alpha$ , where  $\alpha \geq 1$ .

**Corollary 1.1.** *Let  $g$  be a function holomorphic in  $D$ . Then  $g \in \mathcal{B}$  if and only if there exist  $\alpha \geq 1$  and a sequence  $\mu_n \in \mathcal{I}_{\alpha}$  such that*

$$g(z) - g(0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{2\pi} (-2 \log(1 - ze^{it})) d\mu_n(t),$$

where

$$\alpha = \text{ord} \int_0^z \exp(g(s) - g(0)) ds.$$

**Proof.** It was shown in [8] that  $f \in U_{\alpha}$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $\mu_n \in \mathcal{I}_{\alpha}$  such that

$$f'(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp[-2 \int_0^{2\pi} \log(1 - ze^{it}) d\mu_n(t)].$$

Using Lemma 1.1 we get our result.  $\square$

Now, let for  $x \in [0, 1)$ ,  $q \in [-1, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned}\Xi(x, q) &= \int_0^x \frac{\sqrt{1 - q^2 t^2}}{1 - t^2} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - q^2} \log \frac{\sqrt{1 - q^2 x^2} + x \sqrt{1 - q^2}}{\sqrt{1 - q^2 x^2} - x \sqrt{1 - q^2}} + q \arcsin x \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - q^2} \log \frac{1 + x}{1 - x} + \arcsin x.\end{aligned}$$

In [5] Ch. Pommerenke proved the following inequality for a function  $f \in U_\alpha$ :

$$|\operatorname{Re} \{ e^{i\lambda} \log((1 - |z|^2) f'(z)) \}| \leq 2\alpha \Xi \left( |z|, \frac{\sin \lambda}{\alpha} \right).$$

Observe that the function  $\alpha \Xi(|z|, \frac{\sin \lambda}{\alpha})$  is increasing with respect to  $\alpha$ . Hence using Lemma 1.1, we obtain the following

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $g \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\lambda$  be a real number and  $\alpha = \operatorname{ord} \int_0^z \exp(g(s) - g(0)) ds$ . Then for  $z \in D$*

$$\begin{aligned}|\operatorname{Re} \{ (g(z) - g(0)) e^{-i\lambda} \} + \cos \lambda \operatorname{Log}(1 - |z|^2)| &\leq 2\Xi \left( |z|, \frac{\sin \lambda}{\alpha} \right) \\ &\leq \sqrt{1 - \frac{\sin^2 \lambda}{\alpha^2}} \log \frac{1 + |z|}{1 - |z|} + 2 \arcsin |z|.\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, the function  $g(z) - g(0)$  maps the disc  $\{z : |z| \leq r\}$  into a domain with the boundary  $2\alpha e^{i\lambda} \Xi(r, \frac{\sin \lambda}{\alpha}) - \log(1 - |z|^2)$ , where  $\lambda \in [0, 2\pi]$ .

From Corollary 2.2 in [5] and Lemma 1.1 we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 1.3.** Let  $g \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\lambda$ -a real number and  $\alpha = \text{ord} \int_0^z \exp(g(s) - g(0))ds$ . Then for  $z_1, z_2 \in D$ , we have

$$\left| \text{Re} \left\{ e^{-i\lambda} \left[ g(z_2) - g(z_1) + \log \frac{1 - |z_2|^2}{1 - |z_1|^2} + 2i \arg(1 - \bar{z}_1 z_2) \right] \right\} \right| \leq 2\alpha \Xi \left( \left| \frac{z_2 - z_1}{1 - \bar{z}_1 z_2} \right|, \frac{\sin \lambda}{\alpha} \right). \quad (1.5)$$

In [8] it was shown that for all  $f \in U_\alpha$  the functions

$$|f'(re^{i\theta})| \frac{(1-r)^{\alpha+1}}{(1+r)^{\alpha-1}} \quad \text{and} \quad \max_{|z|=r} |f'(z)| \frac{(1-|z|)^{\alpha+1}}{(1+|z|)^{\alpha-1}}$$

with every  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ , are decreasing for  $r$ ,  $r \in (0, 1)$  and they have limits (as  $r \rightarrow 1^-$ ) belonging to  $[0, 1]$ . Thus, after differentiation and applying Lemma 1.1 we get the following

**Corollary 1.4.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{B}$ . Then, for every  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$  the following functions

$$\text{Re}[g(re^{i\theta}) - g(0)] + (\alpha + 1) \log(1 - r) - (\alpha - 1) \log(1 + r)$$

and

$$\max_{\theta} \text{Re}[g(re^{i\theta}) - g(0)] + (\alpha + 1) \log(1 - r) - (\alpha - 1) \log(1 + r)$$

are decreasing for  $r \in (0, 1)$  and have limits (as  $r \rightarrow 1^-$ ) which are less than or equal to 0. Moreover, the limits can be equal 0 for a fixed  $\alpha$  only for the function

$$g(z) = g(0) - (\alpha + 1) \log(1 - ze^{i\theta}) + (\alpha - 1) \log(1 + ze^{i\theta}).$$

Here  $\alpha = \text{ord} \int_0^z \exp[g(s) - g(0)]ds$ .

## 2. The class $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $g$  be a function holomorphic in  $D$ . Then  $g \in \mathcal{B}$  if and only if there exists a positive constant  $C(g)$  such that for all  $z \in D$*

$$(2.1) \quad \sup_{a \in D} |g(\phi_a(z)) - g(a) - 2 \log(1 + \bar{a}z)| \\ \leq C(g) \log \frac{1+r}{1-r} - \log(1-r^2),$$

where  $r = |z|$ . Here  $C(g) = \text{ord} \int_0^z \exp[g(s) - g(0)] ds$  and this constant is the best.

**Proof.** It is enough to prove the theorem for the class  $\mathcal{B}(0)$ .

$1^0$ . Let  $g \in \mathcal{B}(0)$ . By Lemma 1.1 there exists a function  $f \in U_\alpha$  and  $\alpha = \text{ord} f$  such that  $g(z) = \log f'(z)$ . Since the family  $U_\alpha$  is Möbius invariant, we have

$$F(z) = \int_0^z \frac{f'(\phi_a(s))}{f'(a)(1 + \bar{a}s)^2} ds \in U_\alpha$$

for all  $a \in D$ . For the function  $F$  we have ([5]) the following inequality:

$$|\log(F'(z)(1 - |z|^2))| \leq \alpha \log \frac{1 + |z|}{1 - |z|}.$$

Thus

$$\left| \log \frac{f'(\phi_a(z))(1 - |z|^2)}{f'(a)(1 + \bar{a}z)^2} \right| \leq \alpha \log \frac{1 + |z|}{1 - |z|}$$

and consequently

$$|g(\phi_a(z)) - g(a) - 2 \log(1 + \bar{a}z) + \log(1 - |z|^2)| \leq \alpha \log \frac{1 + |z|}{1 - |z|}.$$

$2^0$ . Now, let a holomorphic function  $g$  satisfy (2.1) (with  $g(0) = 0$ ). If we put  $f(z) = \int_0^z \exp g(s) ds$ , then by (2.1) we have

$$\left| \log \frac{f'(\phi_a(z))}{f'(a)(1 + \bar{a}z)^2} \right| \leq C(g) \log \frac{1+r}{1-r} - \log(1-r^2),$$

for  $|z| = r$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & |\operatorname{Re}\{\log f'(\phi_a(z)) - \log f'(a) - 2\log(1 + \bar{a}z)\}| \\ & \leq C(g) \log \frac{1+r}{1-r} - \log(1-r^2). \end{aligned}$$

From the last inequality (after differentiating with respect to  $r$  at the point  $z = re^{i\eta} = 0$ ) we get

$$-C(g) \leq \operatorname{Re}\left\{\left(\frac{f''(a)}{f'(a)}\right) \frac{1-|a|^2}{2} - \bar{a}\right\} e^{i\eta} \leq C(g)$$

and consequently

$$\left| \frac{f''(a)}{f'(a)} \frac{1-|a|^2}{2} - \bar{a} \right| \leq C(g).$$

Hence  $\operatorname{ord} f = \alpha$ . By Lemma 1.1 we get  $g(z) = \log f'(z) \in \mathcal{B}(0)$ .  $\square$

It is clear that the inequality in Theorem 2.1 can be written in an equivalent form

$$\sup_{a \in D} |g(\phi_a(z)) - g(a)| \leq K_g \log \frac{1}{1-|z|},$$

where the best constant  $K_g = \|g(z) - g(0)\|_{\mathcal{B}}$ , (see [2], p.230).

For  $z, a \in D$ , the pseudo-hyperbolic distance  $d(a, z)$  between  $a$  and  $z$  is defined by

$$d(a, z) = |\phi_a(z)|.$$

For  $a \in D$  and  $r \in (0, 1)$ , the pseudo-hyperbolic disc  $D(a, r)$  with (pseudo-hyperbolic centre  $a$  and pseudo-hyperbolic radius  $r$ ) is defined by

$$D(a, r) = \{z \in D : d(a, z) < r\}.$$

Since  $\phi_a$  is a fractional linear transformation, the pseudo-hyperbolic disc  $D(a, r)$  is also an Euclidean disc. Except for the special case  $D(a, r) = rD$ , the Euclidean and pseudo-hyperbolic radii and centres do not coincide. The measure of  $D(a, r)$  with respect to the normalized area  $\frac{dA}{\pi}$  will be denoted by  $|D(a, r)|$ .

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $0 < r < 1$ . Then, for functions  $g$  holomorphic in  $D$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- i)  $g \in \mathcal{B}$ ,
- ii) *There exists a constant  $C_g$  such for all  $a \in D$  and all  $z \in D(a, r)$*

$$|g(z) - g(a)| \leq C_g .$$

Let us observe that for  $p \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{a \in D} \left[ \frac{1}{|D(a, r)|} \int_{D(a, r)} |g(z) - g(a)|^p dA(z) \right]^{1/p} \\ & \leq \sup_{a \in D} \left[ \frac{C_g^p}{|D(a, r)|} |D(a, r)| \right]^{1/p} = C_g . \end{aligned}$$

Thus by Theorem 1 from [2] we get  $g \in \mathcal{B}$ .

Our next result depends upon the following

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\phi(\zeta)$  and  $\zeta = \Phi(z)$  be functions holomorphic in their domains and let the function  $\phi(\Phi(z))$  be defined. Moreover, let  $j_1, \dots, j_l, m_1, \dots, m_l$  be nonnegative integers and  $k = m_1 + \dots + m_l$ . Then all components of the derivative*

$$\frac{d^n}{dz^n} \left[ \phi^{(k)}(\Phi(z)) \left( \Phi^{(j_1)}(z) \right)^{m_1} \left( \Phi^{(j_2)}(z) \right)^{m_2} \dots \left( \Phi^{(j_l)}(z) \right)^{m_l} \right]$$

have the form (up to constants)

$$\phi^{(k+p)}(\Phi(z)) \left( \Phi^{(i_1)}(z) \right)^{n_1} \left( \Phi^{(i_2)}(z) \right)^{n_2} \dots \left( \Phi^{(i_q)}(z) \right)^{n_q} ,$$

where  $p = 0, 1, \dots, n$  and  $n_1 + \dots + n_q = k + p$ .

**Proof.** It is enough to prove the Lemma in the case  $n = 1$ . For  $n \geq 2$  the result follows by induction.

We have

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left[ \phi^{(k)}(\Phi(z)) \prod_{\alpha=1}^l \left( \Phi^{(j_\alpha)}(z) \right)^{m_\alpha} \right]$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= \phi^{(k+1)}(\Phi(z))\Phi'(z) \prod_{\alpha=1}^l (\Phi^{(j_\alpha)}(z))^{m_\alpha} \\
&+ \phi^{(k)}(\Phi(z)) \sum_{\beta=1}^l \left[ \left( \prod_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \alpha \neq \beta}}^l (\Phi^{(j_\alpha)}(z))^{m_\alpha} m_\beta (\Phi^{(j_\beta)}(z))^{m_\beta-1} \Phi^{(j_\beta+1)}(z) \right) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

□

Now, for a positive integer  $n$ , let us define  $\mathcal{B}^{(n)}$  as the family of all holomorphic functions  $g$  in  $D$  such that

$$|g^{(n)}(z)| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{(1-|z|^2)^n}\right).$$

The following result is well known ([2],[10]), but we give an alternative proof.

**Theorem 2.2.**  $\mathcal{B}^{(n)} = \mathcal{B}$ , for each positive integer  $n$ .

**Proof.**

$1^0$ . First, we show by induction that  $\mathcal{B}^{(n)} \subset \mathcal{B}$ . For  $n = 1$  the theorem is true by the definition.

Now, let us assume that we have proved the inclusion for a positive integer  $n$  and we will prove it for  $n + 1$ .

Let

$$|g^{(n+1)}(z)| \leq \frac{K_{n+1}(g)}{(1-|z|^2)^{n+1}},$$

for  $z \in D$ . Then, for  $z = re^{i\phi}$

$$\begin{aligned}
|g^{(n)}(z) - g^{(n)}(0)| &\leq \int_0^r |g^{(n+1)}(te^{i\phi})| dt \leq \int_0^r \frac{K_{n+1}(g)}{(1-t^2)^{n+1}} dt \\
&= K_{n+1}(g) \left( \int_0^r \frac{t}{(1-t^2)^{n+1}} dt + \int_0^r \frac{1-t}{(1-t^2)^{n+1}} dt \right) \\
&\leq 2K_{n+1}(g) \frac{1}{(1-r^2)^n}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus there exists a constant  $K_n(g)$  such that

$$|g^{(n)}(z)| \leq \frac{K_n(g)}{(1 - |z|^2)^n}$$

in  $D$  and by assumption  $g \in \mathcal{B}$ .

$2^0$ . Let  $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n \in \mathcal{B}$ . It is known ([6]) that  $|c_n| \leq 2 \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}}$ . We will again use induction.

For  $n = 1$  our result is true. Let us assume that for some positive  $n$

$$(1 - |z|^2)^n |g^{(n)}(z)| \leq K(g, n),$$

for  $z \in D$ . From the proof of Theorem 2.1 it follows that the function

$$\psi_a(z) = g(\phi_a(z)) - g(a) - 2 \log(1 + \bar{a}z)$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{B}$ .

We have

$$\psi'_a(z) = g'(\phi_a(z))\phi'_a(z) - \frac{2\bar{a}}{1 + \bar{a}z}$$

and

$$|\phi_a^{(k)}(0)| = k!(1 - |a|^2).$$

By Lemma 2.1 the following expression

$$\psi_a^{(n+1)}(z) + \left( \frac{2\bar{a}}{1 + \bar{a}z} \right)^{(n)} - g^{(n+1)}(\phi_a(z))(\phi'_a(z))^{n+1}$$

$= \psi_a^{(n+1)}(z) + 2(\bar{a})^{n+1} n! (-1)^n (1 + \bar{a}z)^{-n-1} - g^{(n+1)}(\phi_a(z))(\phi'_a(z))^{n+1}$   
is a sum (with  $N(n)$  components) of functions of the form (up to constants)

$$g^{(1+p)}(\phi_a(z)) \prod_{\alpha=1}^q (\phi_a^{(j_\alpha)}(z))^{m_\alpha},$$

where  $\sum_{\alpha=1}^q m_\alpha = 1 + p$  and  $p$  is an integer satisfying  $0 \leq p \leq n - 1$ .  
By our assumption we get

$$\begin{aligned} & |g^{(1+p)}(\phi_a(0)) \prod_{\alpha=1}^q (\phi_a^{(j_\alpha)}(0))^{m_\alpha}| \\ &= |g^{(1+p)}(a)| \prod_{\alpha=1}^q ((j_\alpha)!(1 - |a|^2))^{m_\alpha} \\ &\leq ((n+1)!)^{n+1} |g^{(1+p)}(a)| (1 - |a|^2)^{1+p} \\ &\leq ((n+1)!)^{n+1} K_{p+1}(g). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$|g^{(n+1)}(\phi_a(0))(\phi'_a(0))^{n+1}| \leq |\psi_a^{(n+1)}(0)| + 2|a|^{n+1}n! \\ + N(n)((n+1)!)^{n+1} \max_{p \in \{0,1,\dots,n-1\}} K_{p+1}(g)$$

which is equivalent to

$$|g^{(n+1)}(a)|(1-|a|^2)^{n+1} \\ \leq 2\|g\|_{\mathcal{B}}(n+1)! + 2n! + N(n)((n+1)!)^{n+1} \\ \times \max_{p \in \{0,1,\dots,n-1\}} K_{p+1}(g) := K_{n+1}(g).$$

This proves that  $g \in \mathcal{B}^{(n)}$ .  $\square$

**3. The class  $\mathcal{B}_0$ .** In this section we give some results concerning the class  $\mathcal{B}_0$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $g$  be a function holomorphic in  $D$ . Then  $g \in \mathcal{B}_0$  if and only if there exists a function  $e(r, |a|)$  defined on  $[0, 1) \times [0, 1)$  such that*

- (i)  $e(0, |a|) = 0$ ,
- (ii) *there exists the right hand side derivative  $\partial e / \partial r(0, |a|)$  and  $\partial e / \partial r(0, |a|) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $|a| \rightarrow 1^-$ , and*

$$(3.1) \quad |g(\phi_a(z)) - g(a)| \leq e(r, |a|),$$

for all  $z$ ,  $|z| = r < 1$ .

**Proof.**

$1^0$ . Assume  $g \in \mathcal{B}_0$ . Let us denote

$$e(|z|) = \max_{|z|=r} |g'(z)|(1-|z|).$$

By our assumptions  $e(|z|) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow 1^-$ . Using the Schwarz lemma we get

$$\left| \frac{d}{dz} [g(\phi_a(z)) - g(a)] (1-|z|) \right| \leq 2e(|\phi_a(z)|)$$

for all  $a \in D$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |g(\phi_a(z)) - g(a)| &= \left| \int_0^z \frac{d}{ds} g(\phi_a(s)) ds \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^r \frac{2e(|\phi_a(s)|)}{1 - |s|} d|s| \leq 2 \max_{|z| \leq r} e(|\phi_a(s)|) (-\log(1 - r)) \\ &= 2 \max_{|z| \leq r} e(|\phi_{|a|}(z)|) (-\log(1 - r)). \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $e(r, |a|)$  the last term and we put  $e(0, |a|) = 0$ . Then we have

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial r} e(0, |a|) \right| = 2 \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{-\log(1 - r)}{r} \max_{|z| \leq r} e(|\phi_{|a|}(z)|) \right] = 2e(|a|).$$

Moreover,  $e(|a|) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|a| \rightarrow 1^-$ .

2<sup>o</sup>. Now let us assume that there exists a function  $e(r, |a|)$  as in the theorem. For  $r = 0$  we have the equality in (3.1). Thus

$$(3.2) \quad \frac{d}{dr} \Big|_{r=0} |g(\phi_a(z)) - g(a)| \leq \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=0} e(r, |a|).$$

Since

$$\frac{d}{dr} |g(\phi_a(z)) - g(a)| = |g(\phi_a(z)) - g(a)| \frac{d}{dr} \operatorname{Re} \log(g(\phi_a(z)) - g(a)),$$

we get

$$\frac{d}{dr} \Big|_{r=0} |g(\phi_a(z)) - g(a)| = |g'(a)|(1 - |a|^2)$$

if  $g'(a) \neq 0$ . If  $g'(a) = 0$ , the result is true, too. Thus (1.2) is equivalent to

$$|g'(a)|(1 - |a|^2) \leq \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=0} e(r, |a|).$$

Moreover the last expression tends to 0 as  $|a| \rightarrow 1$ . This proves that  $g \in \mathcal{B}_0$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.1.** If  $g \in \mathcal{B}_0$  and  $e(r) = \max_{0 \leq r < 1} |g'(r)|(1 - r)$ , then we can choose

$$e(r, |a|) = -2 \log(1 - r) \sup_{|z| < r} e(|\phi_{|a|}(z)|).$$

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $0 < r < 1$ . Then, for functions  $g$  holomorphic in  $D$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $g \in \mathcal{B}_0$ ,
- (ii)  $\max_{z \in D(a,r)} |g'(z)|(1 - |z|^2) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $|a| \rightarrow 1^-$ ,
- (iii)  $\max_{z \in D(a,r)} |g(z) - g(a)| \rightarrow 0$ , as  $|a| \rightarrow 1^-$ .

**Proof.** We show first that (i) and (ii) are equivalent.

Let  $g \in \mathcal{B}_0$  and let  $r_a = \max_{z \in D(a,r)} |z|$ . Let us observe that  $r_a \rightarrow 1^-$  as  $|a| \rightarrow 1^-$ . Thus

$$\max_{z \in D(a,r)} [(1 - |z|^2)|g'(z)|] \leq \max_{|z| \leq r_a} [(1 - r^2)|g'(z)|] \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $|a| \rightarrow 1^-$ .

Now, assume that  $g \notin \mathcal{B}_0$ . Then there exists a sequence  $z_n \in D$ ,  $|z_n| \rightarrow 1^-$ , such that

$$(1 - |z_n|^2)|g'(z_n)| \rightarrow K > 0.$$

However,

$$\max_{z \in D(a,r)} [(1 - |z|^2)|g'(z)|] \leq (1 - |z_n|^2)|g'(z_n)|$$

and this contradicts (ii).

Now, we show that (i) and (iii) are equivalent. Let us first assume that  $g \in \mathcal{B}_0$ . By Theorem 3.1 there exists  $e(r, |a|)$  such that

$$\max_{z \in D(a,r)} |g(z) - g(a)| \leq e(r, |a|) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $|a| \rightarrow 1^-$ .

Suppose (iii) holds and  $e(|a|) = \max_{z \in D(a,r)} |g(z) - g(a)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $|a| \rightarrow 1^-$ . Then for  $p, p \geq 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{1}{|D(a,r)|} \int_{D(a,r)} |g(z) - g(a)|^p dA(z) \right]^{1/p} \\ & \leq \left[ \frac{e^p(|a|)}{|D(a,r)|} |D(a,r)| \right]^{1/p} = e(|a|) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as  $|a| \rightarrow 1^-$ . Thus by [2; Th.2] we get  $g \in \mathcal{B}_0$ .  $\square$

We will need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $g$  be a holomorphic function in  $D$ . Then  $g \in \mathcal{B}_0$  if and only if  $g(\phi_a(z)) \in \mathcal{B}_0$  for each  $a \in D$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $g \in \mathcal{B}_0$ . Let us denote  $G_a(z) = g(\phi_a(z))$ , and

$$\epsilon(r) = \max_{|z|=r} |g'(z)|(1-r^2).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |G'_a(z)|(1-|z|^2) &= |g'(\phi_a(z))| \frac{1-|a|^2}{|1+\bar{a}z|^2} (1-|z|^2) \\ &= |g'(\phi_a(z))|(1-|\phi_a(z)|^2) \leq \epsilon(|\phi_a(z)|). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{|z|=r} |G'_a(z)|(1-r^2) &\leq \max_{|z|=r} \epsilon(|\phi_a(z)|) \\ &= \max \left\{ \epsilon(r) : r \in \left[ \left| \frac{|a|-r}{1-|a|r} \right|, \frac{|a|+r}{1+|a|r} \right] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \epsilon(r) = 0$  we have proved that  $G_a \in \mathcal{B}_0$ .

The rest of the proof is trivial.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $g \in \mathcal{B}_0$ ,  $a \in D$  and  $G_a(z) := g(\phi_a(z)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(a)z^n$ . Then for each nonnegative integer  $n$  we have*

$$\max_{|a|=\rho} |c_n(a)| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $\rho \rightarrow 1^-$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} n|c_n(a)| &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{|z|=r} \frac{g'(\phi_a(z)) \frac{1-|a|^2}{(1+\bar{a}z)^2}}{z^n} dz \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\max_t |g'(\phi_a(re^{it}))|(1-|a|^2)}{r^{n-1}(1-|\bar{a}|r)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\max_t \left| \frac{re^{it}+a}{1+\bar{a}re^{it}} \right| = \frac{r+|a|}{1+|a|r}$ , we get

$$\max_t \left| g' \left( \frac{re^{it}+a}{1+\bar{a}re^{it}} \right) \right| \leq \max_t \left| g' \left( \frac{r+|a|}{1+|a|r} e^{it} \right) \right|.$$

Let  $\epsilon(r)$  will be as in the proof of Lemma 3.1. Then, for fixed  $r \in (0, 1)$ , we obtain

$$n|c_n(a)| \leq \frac{\epsilon\left(\frac{r+|a|}{1+|a|r}\right)}{r^{n-1}(1-r)^2} \frac{(1+r|a|)^2}{1-r^2} \leq \frac{1+r}{r^{n-1}(1-r)^3} \epsilon\left(\frac{r+|a|}{1+|a|r}\right).$$

Letting  $|a| \rightarrow 1$  we get  $\epsilon\left(\frac{r+|a|}{1+|a|r}\right) \rightarrow 0$  and this completes the proof of the Lemma.  $\square$

Now, for a positive integer  $n$ , let us introduce the class  $\mathcal{B}_0^{(n)}$  as a family of all holomorphic functions  $g$  in  $D$  such that

$$\max_{|z|=r} |g^{(n)}(z)| = o\left(\frac{1}{(1-|z|^2)^n}\right)$$

as  $|z| \rightarrow 1^-$ . The next result, similarly as Theorem 2.2, is well known ([2],[10]), but we give an alternative proof.

**Theorem 3.2.**  $\mathcal{B}_0^{(n)} = \mathcal{B}_0$ , for each positive integer  $n$ .

**Proof.**

$^1$  Using induction we show that  $\mathcal{B}_0^{(n)} \subset \mathcal{B}_0$ . For  $n = 1$  this is true by definition. Now, let us assume that

$$\max_{|z|=r} |g^{(n+1)}(z)|(1-|z|^2)^{n+1} \rightarrow 0,$$

for  $|z| \rightarrow 1^-$  which is equivalent to

$$\max_{|z|=r} |g^{(n+1)}(z)|(1-|z|)^{n+1} := \epsilon(r) \rightarrow 0$$

for  $r = |z| \rightarrow 1^-$ . The function  $\epsilon(r)$  is continuous in  $[0, 1)$ . Let us choose a sequence  $(r_m)$  such that  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} r_m = 1$ ,  $r_m \in (0, 1)$ . Moreover, let  $r_m < r < 1$  for a fixed  $m$  and  $\epsilon_m = \max_{t \in [r_m, r]} \epsilon(t)$ ,  $z = re^{i\phi}$ ,  $z_m = r_m e^{i\phi}$  for a fixed  $\phi$ . Then

$$|g^{(n)}(z) - g^{(n)}(z_m)| \leq \int_{r_m}^r |g^{(n+1)}(te^{i\phi})| dt$$

$$\leq \int_{r_m}^r \frac{\epsilon(t)}{(1-t)^{n+1}} dt \leq \epsilon_m \int_{r_m}^r \frac{dt}{(1-t)^{n+1}} \leq \frac{\epsilon_m}{n(1-r)^n}.$$

Thus

$$|g^{(n)}(re^{i\phi})|(1-r)^n \leq |g^{(n)}(r_m e^{i\phi})|(1-r)^n + \frac{\epsilon_m}{n}$$

and

$$\max_{|z|=r} |g^{(n)}(z)|(1-r)^n \leq \max_{\phi \in [0, 2\pi]} |g^{(n)}(r_m e^{i\phi})|(1-r)^n + \frac{\epsilon_m}{n}.$$

Hence

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow 1^-} (\max_{|z|=r} |g^{(n)}(z)|(1-r)^n) \leq \frac{\epsilon_m}{n}.$$

Since  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_m = 0$ , we have  $g \in \mathcal{B}_0$ .

2<sup>0</sup>. Let  $g \in B_0$ . We use induction. For  $n = 1$  the result is true. Let us assume that for some positive integer  $n$

$$\max_{|z|=r} (1 - |z|^2)^n |g^{(n)}(z)| = o(1)$$

as  $|z| \rightarrow 1$ . By Lemma 3.1 the function  $G_a(z) = g(\phi_a(z)) \in B_0$  for each  $a \in D$ . Similarly, as in the proof of Theorem 2.2, let us observe that

$$G_a^{(n+1)}(0) - g^{(n+1)}(\phi_a(0))(\phi'_a(0))^{n+1}$$

is a sum of terms of the form (up to constants)

$$g^{(1+p)}(\phi_a(0)) \prod_{\alpha=1}^q (\phi_a^{(j_\alpha)}(0))^{m_\alpha},$$

where  $\sum_{\alpha=1}^q m_\alpha = 1 + p$ . By assumption we get

$$\begin{aligned} |g^{(1+p)}(\phi_a(0))| \prod_{\alpha=1}^q |g^{(j_\alpha)}(0)|^{m_\alpha} &\leq ((n+1)!)^{n+1} |g^{(1+p)}(a)|(1-|a|^2)^{1+p} \\ &\leq ((n+1)!)^{n+1} \epsilon_{p+1}(|a|), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\epsilon_{p+1}(|a|) \rightarrow 0$  for  $|a| \rightarrow 1$ .



Thus

$$|g^{(n+1)}(\phi_a(0))| |\phi'_a(0)|^{n+1} = |g^{(n+1)}(a)| (1 - |a|^2)^{n+1} \\ \leq |G_a^{(n+1)}(0)| + N(n)((n+1)!)^{n+1} \epsilon(|a|),$$

where

$$\epsilon(|a|) = \max_{p \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \epsilon_p(|a|) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $|a| \rightarrow 1$ . From Lemma 3.2 we have

$$\max_{|a|=\rho} |G_a^{(n+1)}(0)| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $\rho \rightarrow 1$ .

Thus

$$\max_{|a|=\rho} |g^{(n+1)}(a)| (1 - |a|^2)^{n+1} = o(1)$$

as  $\rho \rightarrow 1$ .  $\square$

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