

Banach Spaces of Analytic Functions

Ashish Kujur

Last Updated: January 24, 2023

Contents

§1 Analytic and Harmonic Functions	1
§1.1 Boundary Values	1
§1.1.1 Weak* convergence of measures	1
§1.1.2 Convergence in norm	2
§1.1.3 Weak* convergence of bounded functions	2
§1.1.4 The entire picture!	2
§1.2 Fatou's Theorem	3
§1.3 H^p spaces	5

§1 Analytic and Harmonic Functions

§1.1 Boundary Values

§1.1.1 Weak* convergence of measures

Theorem §1.1.1. *Let $\{\varphi_i\}_i$ be an approximate identity on \mathbb{T} and let $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{T})$. Then for all i , $\varphi_i * \mu \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ with*

$$\|\varphi_i * \mu\|_1 \leq C_\varphi \|\mu\|$$

and

$$\|\mu\| \leq \sup_i \|\varphi_i * \mu\|_1.$$

*Moreover, the measures $d\mu_i = (\varphi_i * \mu)(e^{it}) dt/2\pi$ converge to $d\mu(e^{it})$ in the weak* topology, i.e.*

$$\lim_i \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(e^{it}) (\varphi_i * \mu)(e^{it}) dt = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(e^{it}) d\mu(e^{it})$$

for all $f \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T})$.

§1.1.2 Convergence in norm

Theorem §1.1.2. Let $\{\varphi_i\}_i$ be an approximate identity on \mathbb{T} and let $f \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$ with $p \in [1, \infty)$. Then for all i , $\varphi_i * f \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$ with

$$\|\varphi_i * f\|_p \leq C_\varphi \|f\|_p$$

and

$$\lim_i \|\varphi_i * f - f\|_p = 0.$$

§1.1.3 Weak* convergence of bounded functions

Theorem §1.1.3. Let $\{\varphi_i\}_i$ be an approximate identity on \mathbb{T} and let $f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{T})$. Then for all i , $\varphi_i * \mu \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T})$ with

$$\|\varphi_i * \mu\|_\infty \leq C_\varphi \|\mu\|_\infty$$

and

$$\|f\|_{+\infty} \leq \sup_i \|\varphi_i * f\|_\infty.$$

Moreover, $\varphi_i * f$ converge to f in the weak* topology, i.e.

$$\lim_i \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(e^{it}) (\varphi_i * f)(e^{it}) dt = \int_{\mathbb{T}} g(e^{it}) f(e^{it}) dt$$

for all $g \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$.

§1.1.4 The entire picture!

Definition §1.1.4 (Poisson integral of some function or measure). Let $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a harmonic function. Then \tilde{f} is said to be the *Poisson integral* of the function $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ if

$$\tilde{f}(re^{i\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(e^{it}) P_r(e^{i(\theta-t)}) dt$$

In such a case, we will denote the function \tilde{f} by $P[f]$. Similarly, f is said to be the *Poisson integral* of a complex measure μ on T if

$$\tilde{f}(re^{i\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} P_r(e^{i(\theta-t)}) d\mu(e^{it})$$

In such a case, we will denote the function \tilde{f} by $P[\mu]$.

Theorem §1.1.5 (Ultimate Convergence). Let $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a harmonic function. Define for each $r \in [0, 1)$, the function $f_r : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$f_r(e^{i\theta}) = f(re^{i\theta})$$

The following statements holds:

1. If $1 < p \leq \infty$ then $f = P[g]$ for some $g \in L^p[g]$ iff for each $r > 0$, $\|f_r\|_p < +\infty$.
2. If $p=1$ then $f = P[g]$ for some $g \in L^p[g]$ iff f_r converge in the L^1 norm.
3. $f = P[\mu]$ for some $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{T})$ iff for each $r > 0$, $\|f_r\|_1 < +\infty$

§1.2 Fatou's Theorem

Theorem §1.2.1. Let μ be a complex measure on the unit circle \mathbb{T} , and let $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the harmonic function defined by

$$f(re^{i\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} P_r(e^{i(\theta-t)}) d\mu(e^{it})$$

Let $e^{i\theta_0}$ be any point where μ is differentiable with respect to the normalised Lebesgue measure. Then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} f(re^{i\theta_0}) = \left(\frac{d\mu}{d\theta} \right)(e^{i\theta_0}) = \mu'(e^{i\theta_0})$$

In fact, $f(re^{i\theta}) \rightarrow \mu'(e^{i\theta_0})$ as $re^{i\theta}$ approaches $e^{i\theta_0}$ along any path in the open disc within the region of the form $|\theta - \theta_0| \leq c(1-r)$ for some $c > 0$.

Corollary §1.2.2. Let μ be a complex measure on \mathbb{T} . Then $P[\mu]$ has nontangential limits equal everywhere to the Radon Nikodym derivative of μ with respect to the normalised Lebesgue measure.

Corollary §1.2.3. Let $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be L^1 . Then $P[f]$ has nontangential limits at almost everywhere and these limits equal to f almost everywhere.

Corollary §1.2.4. Let $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a harmonic function and $1 \leq p < \infty$. Suppose that for all $0 \leq r < 1$, we have that

$$\|f_r\|_p < +\infty$$

Then for almost every θ the radial limits

$$\tilde{f}(e^{i\theta}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} f(re^{i\theta})$$

exist and define a function \tilde{f} in $L^p(\mathbb{T})$. The following also holds:

1. If $p > 1$ then $f = P[\tilde{f}]$.
2. If $p = 1$ then $f = P[\mu]$ for some complex measure μ whose absolutely continuous part is $f d\theta$.
3. IF f is bounded then the boundary values exist almost everywhere and define a bounded measurable function \tilde{f} on \mathbb{T} such that $f = P[\tilde{f}]$.

Proof. Suppose that for each $r \in [0, 1)$, we have $\|f_r\|_p < +\infty$. We need to prove that for almost every θ , $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} f(re^{i\theta})$ exists. Then by Theorem §1.1.5, we have that $f = P[g]$ for some $g \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$. Since $L^p(\mathbb{T}) \subset L^1(\mathbb{T})$, we can use the previous corollary. By the previous corollary, we have that $P[g]$ has nontangential limits almost everywhere, we have that

$$\tilde{f}(e^{i\theta}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} f(re^{i\theta}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} P[g](re^{i\theta}) \tag{§1.2.1}$$

exists almost everywhere.

Now we proceed to prove part (1). Also by Theorem §1.1.5, we have that $f = P[g]$ for some $g \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$. Hence, we have that by Equation §1.2.1 that $\tilde{f}(e^{i\theta}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} P[g](re^{i\theta})$ holds at almost every θ .

Also, by the previous corollary, $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} P[g](re^{i\theta}) = g(e^{i\theta})$ for almost every θ . Hence, we have that $\tilde{f} = g$. □

Corollary §1.2.5. *Let $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ be a harmonic function. Then f has nontangential limits at almost every point of \mathbb{T} . (Why demand nonnegative?)*

Let $h(\mathbb{D})$ denote the set of all harmonic functions on \mathbb{D} . Let $p \in [1, \infty]$. Define

$$h^p(\mathbb{D}) = \{f \in h(\mathbb{D}) \mid \{f_r\}_{0 \leq r < 1} \text{ is uniformly bounded in } L^p \text{ norm}\}$$

We define a norm on $h^p(\mathbb{D})$ by

$$\|f\| = \sup_{0 \leq r < 1} \|f_r\|_p = \begin{cases} \sup_{0 \leq r < 1} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} & \text{if } p \in [1, \infty) \\ \sup_{0 \leq r < 1} \|f(re^{i\theta})\|_{\infty} & \text{if } p = \infty \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see why $\|f\| < +\infty$ for any $f \in h^p(\mathbb{D})$. So we now proceed to show that $h^p(\mathbb{D})$ is a Banach space with this norm. First we show that it is indeed a normed linear space.

Clearly, $h(\mathbb{D})$ is a vector space. To show that $h^p(\mathbb{D})$ is a vector space, it suffices to check that $h^p(\mathbb{D})$ is a subspace.

Let $f, g \in h^p(\mathbb{D})$ and let $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$. Then for any $r \in [0, 1)$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|(f + \alpha g)_r\|_p &= \|f_r + \alpha g_r\|_p \\ &= \|f_r\|_p + \alpha \|g_r\|_p \end{aligned}$$

Take note of the use of Holder's inequality. After this is done, since $\{f_r\}_{r \in [0, 1)}$ and $\{g_r\}_{r \in [0, 1)}$ is uniformly bounded, we have that $\{f + \alpha g\}_{r \in [0, 1)}$ is uniformly bounded in L^p norm.

Now, we need to show that it is a normed linear space but this follows almost immediately.

To show that it is a Banach space, we show that

Theorem §1.2.6. *Let $p \in [1, \infty]$. If $u \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$ then $f = P * u \in h^p(\mathbb{D})$ and $\|f\|_p = \|u\|_p$. If $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{T})$ then $f = P * \mu \in h^1(\mathbb{D})$ and $\|f\|_1 = \|\mu\|$.*

Proof. We consider the case $p \in [1, \infty)$. The other cases can be dealt similarly. Consider the map

$$u \xrightarrow{T} U$$

where $U(re^{i\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_r(e^{i(\theta-t)}) u(e^{it}) dt$. By Theorem §1.1.2, we have that $\|U\| = \|u\|_p < +\infty$. Hence $U \in h^p(\mathbb{D})$.

Linearity is obvious. We need to check injectivity and surjectivity.

To check injectivity, let $u \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$ and suppose that $T(u) = P[u] = 0$. Now $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} P[u](re^{i\theta}) = u$ for almost θ by Corollary §1.2.3 and hence $u = 0$ almost everywhere.

Surjectivity is clear from Theorem §1.1.5. □

§1.3 H^p spaces

Let us denote the set of all analytic functions on \mathbb{D} by $H(\mathbb{D})$. Hence, $H(\mathbb{D}) \subset h(\mathbb{D})$. For $p \in (0, \infty]$, we consider the *Hardy classes* of analytic functions on the unit disc

$$H^p(\mathbb{D}) = \{F \in H(\mathbb{D}) \mid \|F\|_p < \infty\}$$

Clearly,

$$H^p(\mathbb{D}) \subset h^p(\mathbb{D})$$

We will see that $H^p(\mathbb{D})$, $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$, is also a Banach spaces isomorphic to a closed subspace of $L^p(\mathbb{T})$ denoted by $H^p(\mathbb{T})$.