

## 8. Series and analytic functions.

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### 1. A theorem by Kronecker.

**Introduction.** We seek necessary and sufficient condition in order that a sequence  $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots$  of complex numbers yield the coefficients in the Taylor series at the origin of a rational function, i.e. that

$$(*) \quad \sum c_\nu z^\nu = \frac{a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_m z^m}{b_0 + b_1 z + \dots + b_n z^n} \quad \text{where } b_0 \neq 0,$$

Here  $A(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_m z^m$  and  $B(z) = b_0 + b_1 z + \dots + b_n z^n$  are polynomials and we say that  $\{c_\nu\}$  is of *rational type* when  $(*)$  holds. A necessary condition for  $\{c_\nu\}$  to be of rational type follows via euclidian division. Namely, let  $f(z) = \sum c_\nu z^\nu$  and expand the product  $f(z) \cdot B(z)$  into a power series. For each integer  $M \geq n$  the coefficient of  $z^M$  becomes

$$(1) \quad c_{M-n} b_n + c_{M-n+1} b_{n-1} + \dots + c_M \cdot b_0 = 0$$

When  $(*)$  holds it follows that (1) is zero for every  $M \geq m+1$ . It means precisely that if  $\lambda$  is an integer which is  $\geq \max(0, n-m+1)$  then

$$(2) \quad c_\lambda b_n + c_{\lambda+1} b_{n-1} + \dots + c_{\lambda+n} \cdot b_0 = 0$$

Here  $(b_n, \dots, b_0)$  is a fixed non-zero  $(n+1)$ -vector and hence (2) implies that the vectors

$$(c_{\lambda+k}, \dots, c_{\lambda+n+k}) \quad : \quad 0 \leq k \leq n$$

are linearly dependent which entails that the determinant of the following matrix must be zero:

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_\lambda & \dots & c_{\lambda+n} \\ c_{\lambda+1} & \dots & c_{\lambda+1+n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{\lambda+n} & \dots & c_{\lambda+2n} \end{pmatrix}$$

Kronecker proved that the vanishing of similar matrices also yields a sufficient condition in order that  $\{c_\nu\}$  is of rational type. More precisely, for each pair of integers  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $\mu \geq 1$  we set

$$C_\lambda(\mu) = \det \begin{pmatrix} c_\lambda & \dots & c_{\lambda+\mu} \\ c_{\lambda+1} & \dots & c_{\lambda+1+\mu} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{\lambda+\mu} & \dots & c_{\lambda+2\mu} \end{pmatrix}$$

**1.1 Theorem.** *The sequence  $\{c_\nu\}$  is of rational type if and only if there exist a pair of integers  $\lambda_* \geq 0$  and  $\mu_* \geq 1$  such that*

$$(*) \quad C_\lambda(\mu_*) = 0 \quad \text{for all } \lambda \geq \lambda_*$$

*Proof.* For each  $\lambda \geq \lambda_*$  we consider the vectors

$$(i) \quad \xi_\lambda = (c_\lambda, c_{\lambda+1}, \dots, c_{\lambda+\mu_*})$$

If the family  $\{\xi_\lambda\}_{\lambda_*}^\infty$  span  $\mathbf{C}^{\mu_*+1}$  we find the smallest integer  $w_*$  for which there exist

$$\lambda_* \leq w_0 < \dots < w_{\mu_*-1} < w_{\mu_*} \quad \text{and} \quad \xi_{w_0}, \dots, \xi_{w_{\mu_*-1}}, \xi_{w_*} \quad \text{are linearly independent}$$

But this gives a contradiction because the vectors  $\{\xi_{w_*-\mu_*}, \dots, \xi_{w_*}\}$  appear as row vectors in the matrix  $C_{w_*-\mu_*}(\mu_*)$  whose determinant by hypothesis is zero because  $w_* - \mu_* \geq \lambda_*$ .

Notice that  $w_* \geq M_*$  must hold and (ii) applied with  $\lambda = w_* - M_*$  implies that  $\xi_{w_*}$  belongs to the linear hull of the vectors  $\xi_{w-1}, \dots, \xi_{w-M_*}$ . But this contradicts the minimal choice of  $w_*$ . Hence the linear hull of the vectors  $\{\xi_\lambda\}_0^\infty$  must be a proper subspace of  $\neq \mathbf{C}^{M_*+1}$ . This gives a non-zero vector  $(b_0, \dots, b_{M_*})$  such that

$$(iv) \quad c_\lambda \cdot b_0 + \dots + c_{\lambda+M_*} \cdot b_{M_*} = 0 \quad \text{for all } \lambda \geq 0.$$

But these relations obviously imply that the sequence  $\{c_\nu\}$  is of rational type and Kronecker's theorem is proved.

*Sublemma.* For each  $\mu \geq 2$  and every  $\lambda \geq 0$  one has the equality

$$C_\lambda(\mu) \cdot C_{\lambda+2}(\mu) - C_\lambda(\mu+1) \cdot C_{\lambda+2}(\mu+1) = C_{\lambda+1}(\mu) \cdot C_{\lambda+1}(\mu).$$

*Proof continued.* Notice that the Kronecker matrix  $\mathcal{K}_M = \mathcal{C}_0(M)$ . Assume that there exists  $M_*$  such that

$$(i) \quad \det \mathcal{K}_M = 0 \quad \text{for all } M \geq M_*$$

With the notations above (i) means that  $C_0(\nu) = 0$  when  $\nu \geq M_*$ . With  $\lambda = 0$  in the Sublemma we conclude that  $C_1(\nu) = 0$  for all  $\nu \geq M_*$ . We can proceed by an induction over  $\lambda$  which gives:

$$(ii) \quad C_\lambda(M_*) = 0 \quad \text{for all } \lambda \geq 0.$$

Let us then consider the  $M_* + 1$ -vectors

$$\xi_\lambda = (c_\lambda, c_{\lambda+1}, \dots, c_{\lambda+M_*}) \quad : \quad \lambda = 0, 1, \dots$$

The vanishing of the determinants in (i) means that the  $(M_* + 1)$ -tuple of vectors

$$(iii) \quad \xi_\lambda, \xi_{\lambda+1}, \dots, \xi_{\lambda+M_*}$$

are linearly dependent for every  $\lambda \geq 0$ . Suppose now that the family  $\{\xi_\lambda\}_0^\infty$  span  $\mathbf{C}^{M_*+1}$ . Choose the *smallest* integer  $w_*$  for which there exist

$$0 \leq w_0 < \dots < w_{M_*-1} < w_* \quad \text{and} \quad \xi_{w_0}, \dots, \xi_{w_{M_*-1}}, \xi_{w_*} \quad \text{are linearly independent}$$

Notice that  $w_* \geq M_*$  must hold and (ii) applied with  $\lambda = w_* - M_*$  implies that  $\xi_{w_*}$  belongs to the linear hull of the vectors  $\xi_{w-1}, \dots, \xi_{w-M_*}$ . But this contradicts the minimal choice of  $w_*$ . Hence the linear hull of the vectors  $\{\xi_\lambda\}_0^\infty$  must be a proper subspace of  $\neq \mathbf{C}^{M_*+1}$ . This gives a non-zero vector  $(b_0, \dots, b_{M_*})$  such that

$$(iv) \quad c_\lambda \cdot b_0 + \dots + c_{\lambda+M_*} \cdot b_{M_*} = 0 \quad \text{for all } \lambda \geq 0.$$

But these relations obviously imply that the sequence  $\{c_\nu\}$  is of rational type and Kronecker's theorem is proved.

**Remark.** Kronecker's theorem can be used to establish conditions in order that a meromorphic function is rational. One has for example the following result which is due to Polya in [Pol]:

**1.2 Theorem.** Let  $\{c_n\}$  be a sequence of integers. Suppose that the power series

$$f(z) = \sum c_n \cdot z^n$$

converges in some open disc centered at the origin and that  $f(z)$  extends to an analytic function in a simply connected domain  $\Omega$ . whose mapping radius with respect to  $z = 0$  is strictly greater than one Then  $f(z)$  is a rational function.

**Remark.** For the definition and various results about the *mapping radius* of simply connected domains the reader may consult Chapter X in [Po-Szegö] where other results based upon Kronecker's theorem appear.

## II. Newton polynomials and the disc algebra $A(D)$

**Introduction.** Let  $A(D)$  be the disc algebra. If  $f(z) \in A(D)$  then its Taylor series at  $z = 0$  give the partial sum polynomials  $\{s_n^f(z)\}$  defined for every  $n \geq 0$ . Denote by  $A_*(D)$  the unit ball, i.e. functions  $f$  with maximum norm  $|f|_D \leq 1$  and set

$$(*) \quad \mathcal{M}_n = \max_{f \in A_*(D)} |s_n^f|_D$$

We are going to determine these  $\mathcal{M}$ -numbers. In the classical text-books from 1666, Isaac Newton studied the function  $\sqrt{1-z}$  whose series expansion becomes:

$$(1) \quad \sqrt{1-z} = q_0 + q_1 z + \dots \quad : \quad q_n = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \dots (2n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \dots 2n}$$

Notice that these positive coefficients decrease, i.e.

$$(2) \quad 1 = q_0 > q_1 > q_2 > \dots$$

To each  $n \geq 1$  we get the Newton polynomial

$$(3) \quad Q_n(z) = q_0 + q_1 z + \dots + q_n z^n$$

By (2) and Kakeya's result from XXX,  $Q_n(z)$  has no zeros in the closed unit disc. Put

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{G}_n = 1 + q_1^2 + \dots + q_n^2$$

**1. Theorem.** For each integer  $n \geq 1$  one has the equality  $\mathcal{M}_n = \mathcal{G}_n$  and the maximum in (1) is attained by the  $A^*(D)$ -function

$$(2) \quad f_n^*(z) = \frac{z^n \cdot Q_n(\frac{1}{z})}{Q_n(z)}$$

**2. Remark.** Using *Stirling's formula* one can easily show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathcal{G}_n}{\text{Log } n} = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

Before Theorem 1 is proved we need some preliminary observations about partial sum functions. Let  $f \in A_*(D)$ . Cauchy's formula gives

$$(i) \quad s_n^f(1) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \cdot \int_{|z|=1} \frac{f(z)}{z^{n+1}} \cdot (1+z+\dots+z^n) \cdot dz \quad : \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

Since  $\int_{|z|=1} f(z) z^k dz = 0$  for every  $k \geq 0$  we see that if  $Q(z)$  is any polynomial of the form

$$(ii) \quad Q(z) = 1 + z + \dots + z^n + q_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots \implies$$

$$(iii) \quad s_n^f(1) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \cdot \int_{|z|=1} \frac{f(z)}{z^{n+1}} \cdot Q(z) \cdot dz$$

**Proof of Theorem 1.** For each  $n \geq 1$  the squared Newton polynomial  $Q_n^2(z)$  satisfies (ii) above. So if  $f \in A_*(D)$  we have

$$(iv) \quad s_n^f(1) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \cdot \int_{|z|=1} \frac{f(z)}{z^{n+1}} \cdot Q_n^2(z) \cdot dz$$

Since the maximum norm of  $|f|_D \leq 1$ , the triangle inequality gives:

$$(v) \quad |s_n^f(1)| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} |Q_n(e^{i\theta})|^2 \cdot d\theta$$

By *Parseval's formula* the last integral is equal to  $\mathcal{G}_n$ . Hence (v) gives the inequality

$$(vi) \quad \mathcal{M}_n \leq \mathcal{G}_n$$

Next, with  $n$  kept fixed we consider the function

$$(vii) \quad f^*(z) = \frac{z^n \cdot Q_n(\frac{1}{z})}{Q_n(z)} \implies$$

$$(viii) \quad s_n^{f^*}(1) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \cdot \int_{|z|=1} \frac{f_n^*(z)}{z^{n+1}} \cdot Q_n^2(z) \cdot dz$$

where  $\implies$  follows from (iii) above. Notice that

$$(ix) \quad \frac{f_n^*(z)}{z^{n+1}} \cdot Q_n^2(z) = \frac{1}{z} Q_n(z) \cdot Q_n(\frac{1}{z}) \implies$$

$$(5) \quad s_n^{f^*}(1) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} Q_n(e^{i\theta}) \cdot Q_n(e^{-i\theta}) \cdot d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} |Q_n(e^{i\theta})|^2 \cdot d\theta = \mathcal{G}_n$$

Since  $f^* \in A_*(D)$  we conclude that (vi) above is an equality and Theorem 1 is proved.

### 3. Convergence of Fourier series

Let  $f(z) = \sum c_n z^n$  be in the disc algebra  $A(D)$ . With  $c_n = a_n + ib_n$  and  $f = u + iv$  we get series for the real and the imaginary part respectively:

$$u(e^{i\theta}) = \sum_{n=0}^{n=N} a_n \cdot \cos n\theta - \sum_{n=0}^N b_n \cdot \sin n\theta$$

$$v(e^{i\theta}) = \sum_{n=-N}^{n=N} a_n \cdot \sin n\theta + \sum_{n=-N}^N b_n \cdot \cos n\theta$$

Continuous boundary values of  $f$  certainly exist if

$$(*) \quad \sum |a_n| + |b_n| < \infty$$

We shall give a sufficient condition for the validity of  $(*)$  expressed by the modulus of continuity of  $u$ :

$$\omega_u(\delta) = \max |u(e^{i\theta}) - u(e^{i\phi})| \quad : \quad \text{maximum over pairs } |\theta - \phi| \leq \delta$$

**1. Theorem.** *The series  $(*)$  is convergent if*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \omega_u\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) < \infty$$

Theorem 1 is due to S. Bernstein in [1]. One may ask for other convergence criteria. Denote by  $\mathcal{F}$  the class of continuous functions  $F(s)$  defined for  $s \geq 0$  which are increasing and concave and  $F(0) = 0$  while  $F(s) > 0$  for every  $s > 0$ . Then the following result is in [Salem: P. 39]:

**2. Theorem.** *Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  be such that*

$$(*) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F\left(\frac{1}{n} \cdot \omega_u^2\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) < \infty$$

*Then it follows that*

$$(**) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F(a_n^2 + b_n^2) < \infty$$

Notice that Bernstein's theorem is the case  $F(s) = \sqrt{s}$ . The proof of Theorem 2 relies upon a result due to La Vallée Poussin who established a *lower bound* for the modulus of continuity. Recall first the general  $L^2$ -equality:

$$(*) \quad 2a_0^2 + \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n^2 + b_n^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} u^2(e^{i\theta}) \cdot d\theta$$

Now we consider the tail sums

$$V_N = \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2)$$

**3. Theorem.** *For every real valued and continuous function  $u$  on the unit circle one has*

$$\omega_u^2\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) > \frac{1}{72} \cdot V_N \quad : \quad N = 1, 2, \dots$$

**Remark.** See Vallée Poussin's text-book *Lecons sur l'approximation des fonctions d'une variable réelle* for the proof. We cannot refrain from mentioning some other results from [Val]. For each  $n \geq 1$  we denote by  $\mathcal{P}_n$  the  $2n + 1$ -dimensional real vector space of real-valued trigonometric polynomials of order  $\leq n$ . Given a real-valued continuous function  $u(e^{i\theta})$  we set

$$E_n(u) = \min_{P \in \mathcal{P}_n} |u(e^{i\theta}) - P(e^{i\theta})|_T$$

Thus, we seek the best approximation of  $u$  by a trigonometric polynomial of degree  $\leq n$ . With this notation the following result is proved in [Val: page 13]:

**4. Theorem.** *For every  $u \in C^0(T)$  and every  $n \geq 1$  one has the two inequalities:*

$$E_n(u) \leq \frac{1}{6} \cdot \omega_u\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \quad : \quad \sum_{\nu=n+1}^{\infty} (a_\nu^2 + b_\nu^2) \leq 2 \cdot E_n(u)^2$$

Another result from [Va-Po] goes as follows: Let  $u(x)$  be a real-valued and continuous function on a closed interval  $[-A, A]$ .

**5. Approximation Theorem.** *There exists a sequence of polynomials  $\{P_\nu(x)\}$  which converges uniformly to  $u$  on  $[-A, A]$  and at the same time*

$$\omega_{P_\nu}(x) \leq \omega_u(x)$$

*hold for every  $\nu$  and every  $-A \leq x \leq A$ .*

**Exercise.** The reader may try to prove the results above or consult [Va-Po] which in my opinion is the most elegant text-book treating basic calculus which has ever appeared.

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Put  $\rho_n^2 = a_n^2 + b_n^2$ . Since  $F(s)$  is concave and increasing we have for every  $N \geq 1$ :

$$(i) \quad \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=N+1}^{n=2N} F(\rho_n^2) \leq F\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=N+1}^{n=2N} \rho_n^2\right) < 72 \cdot F\left(\frac{1}{N} \omega^2\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)\right)$$

where the last inequality follows from Theorem 3 above. Apply (i) with  $N = 2^k$  as  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ . Then (i) obviously gives the implication:

$$(ii) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k \cdot F(2^{-k} \cdot \omega^2(2^{-k})) < \infty \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F(\rho_n^2)$$

Now we are almost done. Namely, the sequence  $2^{-k} \cdot \omega^2(2^{-k})$  decreases with  $k$  and  $F$  increases we have

$$\sum_{n=2^{k-1}+1}^{2^k} F\left(\frac{1}{n} \omega^2\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) \geq 2^k \cdot F(2^{-k} \cdot \omega^2(2^{-k})) \quad : \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Hence Salem's convergence condition (\*) in Theorem 2 gives (ii) above and the proof is finished.

#### 4. Harald Bohr's inequality.

Let  $A_*(D)$  be the unit ball in  $A(D)$ . When  $f \in A_*(D)$  and  $0 < r < 1$  we set

$$(*) \quad \mathfrak{M}_f(r) = \sum |a_n| r^n$$

The question arises for which  $r$  it holds that

$$(**) \quad \mathfrak{M}_f(r) \leq 1 \quad : \quad \forall f \in A_*(D)$$

**1. Theorem.** *One has  $(**)$  if and only if  $r \leq \frac{1}{3}$ .*

*Proof.* Given  $f$  in  $A_*(D)$  we set

$$(i) \quad \phi(z) = \frac{f(z) - a_0}{1 - \bar{a}_0 \cdot f(z)}$$

Then the maximum norm  $|\phi|_D \leq 1$  and its derivative at  $z = 0$  becomes

$$(ii) \quad \phi'(0) = \frac{f'(0)}{1 - |a_0|^2}$$

Since  $g(0) = 0$  we have  $|g'(0)| \leq 1$  by the inequality of Schwarz. It follows that

$$(iii) \quad |a_1| \leq (1 - |a_0|^2) \leq 2 \cdot [1 - |a_0|]$$

where the last inequality holds since  $1 + |a_0| \leq 2$ . Next, put  $\rho = e^{2\pi i/n}$  for every  $n \geq 2$  and regard the function

$$(*) \quad F_n(z) = \frac{f(z) + f(\rho z) + \dots + f(\rho^{n-1}z)}{n}$$

Since  $1 + 1 + \rho^\nu + \dots + \rho^{\nu(n-1)} = 0$  whenever  $\nu$  is not a multiple of  $n$  we conclude that

$$(**) \quad F_n(z) = a_0 + a_n z^n + a_{2n} z^{2n} + \dots$$

Notice that the maximum norm  $|F_n(z)|_D \leq 1$ . Now we regard the analytic function

$$g(z) = a_0 + a_n z + a_{2n} z^2 + \dots$$

Since  $|F_n(z)|_D \leq 1$  it is clear that we also have  $|g|_D \leq 1$ . Then  $(*)$  applied to  $g$  gives

$$(***) \quad |a_n| \leq 2(1 - |a_0|) \quad : \quad n \geq 1$$

Armed with this we can finish the proof of Theorem 1. First we show

**2. The inequality  $\mathfrak{M}_f(\frac{1}{3}) \leq 1$ .** From  $(***)$  we obtain

$$\mathfrak{M}_f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = |a_0| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3^{-n} |a_n| \leq |a_0| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3^{-n} \cdot 2(1 - |a_0|) = 1$$

There remains to prove that the upper bound  $\frac{1}{3}$  is sharp in Theorem 1. To see this we take a real number  $0 < a < 1$  and consider the Möbius function

$$f(z) = \frac{z - a}{1 - az} = -a + (1 - a^2)z + (a - a^2)z^2 + (a^2 - a^3)z^3 + \dots \implies$$

$$\mathfrak{M}_f(r) = +(1 - a^2)r + (a - a^2)r^2 + \dots = a + \frac{(1 - a^2)r}{1 - ar}$$

The last term is  $\leq 1$  if and only if

$$a(1 - ar) + (1 - a^2)r \leq 1 - ar \implies (1 + a - 2a^2)r \leq 1 - a$$

With  $a = 1 - s$  and  $s > 0$  small this gives

$$s + 2s - 2s^2)r \leq s \implies r \leq \frac{1}{3} + 2s$$

Since  $s$  can be arbitrary small the upper bound  $\frac{1}{3}$  in Theorem 1 is best possible.

### 5. A theorem by Fatou and M. Riesz.

**Introduction.** We prove a result due to Fatou and M. Riesz. See the article [M. Rie] from 1911. Let

$$(1) \quad f(z) = \sum c_n z^n$$

be an analytic function in the open unit disc. We shall consider the situation when  $f$  extends analytically along some arc of the unit circle. For example, the analytic function  $\frac{1}{1-z}$  extends analytically outside the boundary point  $z = 1$  and the series

$$\sum e^{in\theta}$$

converges for all  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ . Let us now consider some  $f$  as in (1) and assume that there exists some  $0 < \theta^* < \pi/2$  such that  $f$  extends to an analytic function in the union of  $D$  and the sector

$$(ii) \quad S = \{z = re^{i\theta} : 1 \leq r < R : -\theta^* < \theta < \theta^*\}$$

Moreover, we suppose that  $f$  extends to a continuous function on the closed union of  $D \cup S$ . See figure XXX. With these notations one has

**1. Theorem.** Assume that  $c_n \rightarrow 0$ . Then the partial sums  $\{s_n(e^{i\theta})\}$  converge uniformly to  $f(e^{i\theta})$  on every compact interval of  $(-\theta^*, \theta^*)$ .

*Proof.* To each  $n \geq 1$  we consider the function

$$(i) \quad g_n(z) = \frac{f(z) - (c_0 + c_1 z + \dots + c_n z^n)}{z^{n+1}} \cdot (z + e^{i\theta^*})(z - e^{i\theta^*})$$

This is an analytic function in the domain  $D \cup S$ . Consider a closed circular interval  $\ell = [-\theta_* \leq \theta \leq \theta_*]$  for some  $0 < \theta_* < \theta^*$ . It appears as a compact subset of  $S \cup D$  and it is clear that the required uniform convergence of  $\{s_n\}$  holds on  $\ell$  if the  $g$ -functions converge uniformly to zero on  $\ell$ . In fact, this follows since the absolute values

$$|(z + e^{i\theta^*}) \cdot (z - e^{i\theta^*})| \geq (\theta^* - \theta_*)^2 : z \in \ell$$

To prove that the maximum norms  $|g_n|_\ell \rightarrow 0$  it suffices by the maximum principle for analytic functions to show that  $g_n$  converges uniformly to zero on the boundary of the sector  $S$  which by the construction contains  $\ell$ . Here  $\partial S$  contains the outer circular arc

$$(i) \quad \Gamma = \{Re^{i\theta} : \theta_* \leq \theta \leq \theta^*\}$$

In addition  $\partial S$  contains two rays. Let us regard the two pieces of  $\partial S$  given by

$$(ii) \quad \Gamma_* = \{z = re^{i\theta^*} : 0 \leq r \leq 1\} : \Gamma^* = \{z = re^{i\theta^*} : 1 \leq r \leq R\}$$

There remains to estimate the maximum norms of  $g_n$  over each of these pieces of  $\partial S$ . Of course, in addition to (ii) we have the contribution when  $z = re^{-i\theta^*}$  but by symmetry the subsequent estimates are valid here too. Before we establish the required estimates we introduce a notation. To each integer  $m \geq 1$  we set:

$$(1) \quad A_m = M + |c_0| + |c_1| \cdot R + \dots + |c_m| \cdot R^m : \epsilon_m = \max_{\nu > m} |c_\nu|$$

By hypothesis we have

$$(2) \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_m = 0$$

**2. The estimate of  $|g_n|_\Gamma$ .** By assumption  $f$  extends continuously to the closure of  $S$  so the maximum norm  $|f|_S = M$  is finite. If  $z \in \Gamma$  we have  $|z| = R$  and the triangle inequality gives for each pair  $1 \leq M < N$ :



$$(i) \quad |f(z) - (c_0 + c_1 z + \dots + c_n z^n)| \leq A_m + \epsilon_m (R^{m+1} + \dots + R^n) \leq A_m + \epsilon_m \cdot \frac{R^{n+1}}{R-1}$$

With the constant

$$K = \max_{z \in \Gamma} |z - e^{i\theta^*}| \cdot |z + e^{i\theta^*}|$$

we therefore obtain

$$(ii) \quad |g_n|_\Gamma \leq \frac{K}{R^{n+1}} \cdot (A_m + \epsilon_m \cdot \frac{R^{n+1}}{R-1}) = \frac{K \cdot A_m}{R^{n+1}} + \frac{K \cdot \epsilon_m}{R-1}$$

If  $\delta > 0$  we use (2) above and find  $m$  so that  $\epsilon_m < \delta$ . Once  $m$  is fixed we use that  $R > 1$  and hence  $\frac{K \cdot A_m}{R^{n+1}} < \delta$  if  $n$  is large. Since  $\delta > 0$  is arbitrary we conclude that  $|g_n|_\Gamma \rightarrow 0$  as required.

**3. Estimate of  $|g_n|_{\Gamma^*}$ .** With the same notations as above we consider some  $z = re^{i\theta^*}$  with  $1 < r < R$  and obtain:

$$(i) \quad \begin{aligned} & |f(z) - (c_0 + c_1 z + \dots + c_n z^n)| \leq \\ & A_m + \epsilon_m (r^{m+1} + \dots + r^n) \leq A_m + \epsilon_m \cdot \frac{r^{n+1}}{r-1} \implies \\ & |g_n(re^{i\theta})| \leq (A_m + \epsilon_m \cdot \frac{r^{n+1}}{r-1}) \cdot \frac{1}{r^{n+1}} \cdot |re^{i\theta^*} - e^{i\theta^*}| \cdot |re^{i\theta^*} - e^{-i\theta^*}| \end{aligned}$$

Here  $|re^{i\theta^*} - e^{i\theta^*}| = r - 1$  and  $|re^{i\theta^*} - e^{-i\theta^*}| \leq 2R$  for all  $1 \leq r \leq R$ . So with  $K = (R^2 - 1)$  we see that (i) gives

$$(ii) \quad |g_n(re^{i\theta})| \leq \frac{K \cdot A_m}{r^{n+1}} \cdot (r - 1) + R \cdot \epsilon_m$$

At this stage we use the obvious inequality for  $r > 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r-1}{r^{n+1}} &< \frac{r-1}{r^{n+1}-1} = \frac{1}{1+r+\dots+r^n} < \frac{1}{n} \implies \\ |g_n|_{\Gamma^*} &\leq \frac{K A_m}{n} + 2R \cdot \epsilon_m \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\epsilon_m \rightarrow 0$  the reader concludes that  $|g_n|_{\Gamma^*} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Estimate of  $|g_n|_{\Gamma^*}$ .** With  $x = re^{i\theta^*}$  and  $0 < r < 1$  the triangle inequality gives

$$(i) \quad |f(z) - (c_0 + c_1 z + \dots + c_n z^n)| \leq |c_{n+1}| \cdot |z|^{n+1} + |c_{n+2}| \cdot |z|^{n+2} + \dots$$

Recall that  $\epsilon_n = \max_{\nu > n} |c_\nu|$ . Hence (i) is majorized by

$$\epsilon_n \cdot (|z|^{n+1} + |z|^{n+2} + \dots) = \epsilon_n \cdot \frac{|z|^{n+1}}{1 - |z|}$$

Now  $z = re^{i\theta^*}$  and we get as before with  $K = \max |re^{i\theta^*} - e^{-i\theta^*}|$ :

$$|g_n(z)| \leq \frac{\epsilon_n \cdot \frac{|z|^{n+1}}{1 - |z|}}{|z|^{n-1}} \cdot (1 - |z|) \cdot K = K \cdot \epsilon_n$$

Again, since  $\epsilon_m$  can be chosen arbitrary small we conclude that  $|g_n|_{\Gamma^*} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This finishes the proof of the Theorem 1.

## 6. On Laplace transforms.

Let  $f(t)$  be a bounded function defined on the real  $t$ -line. Consider its Laplace transform

$$L(z) = \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-zt} \cdot dt$$

which is analytic in the open half-plane  $\Re z > 0$ . Assume that there exists some open subset  $\Omega$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  which contains the closed half-plane  $\Re z \geq 0$  such that  $L(z)$  extends to an analytic function in  $\Omega$ . Under this assumption one has

**1. Theorem.** *There exists the limit*

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T f(t) \cdot dt$$

Moreover, the limit value is equal to  $L(0)$  where  $L$  under its analytic extension to  $\Omega$  has been evaluated at  $z = 0$ .

*Proof.* To each  $T > 0$  we have the entire function

$$(i) \quad L_T(z) = \int_0^T f(t) e^{-zt} \cdot dt$$

Theorem 1 amounts to prove that

$$(ii) \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} L_T(0) = L(0)$$

To prove (ii) we consider certain complex line integrals. If  $R > 0$  the assumption on  $L$  gives some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\Omega$  contains the closed set given by the union of the half disc  $\bar{D}_R^+ = \bar{D}_R \cap \Re z \geq 0$  and the rectangle

$$\square = \{x + iy \quad : \quad -\delta \leq x \leq 0 \quad : \quad -R \leq y \leq R\}$$

Let  $\Gamma$  be the boundary of  $\bar{D}_R^+ \cup \square$  and introduce the function

$$(iii) \quad g(z) = [L(z) - L_T(z)] \cdot \left(1 + \frac{z^2}{R^2}\right) \cdot \frac{e^{zT}}{z}$$

Here  $g(z)$  is a meromorphic function in  $\Omega$  with a simple pole at  $z = 0$  whose residue is  $L(0) - L_T(0)$ . Hence residue calculus applied to  $g$  and  $\square$  gives:

$$(iv) \quad L(0) - L_T(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \cdot \int_{\Gamma} g(z) \cdot dz$$

Put  $B = \max_t |f(t)|$  which for every  $T > 0$  gives the inequality:

$$|L(z) - L_T(z)| = \left| \int_T^\infty f(t) e^{-zt} dt \right| \leq$$

$$(v) \quad B \cdot \int_T^\infty |e^{-zT}| \cdot dt = B \cdot \int_T^\infty e^{-\Re z \cdot T} \cdot dt = B \cdot \frac{e^{-\Re(z)T}}{\Re(z)} \quad : \quad \Re(z) > 0$$

Now we begin to estimate the line integral in (iv). Consider first the part of  $\Gamma$  given by the half circle  $\partial D_R^+$ . Here we notice that

$$(vi) \quad \left| 1 + \frac{R^2 e^{2i\theta}}{R^2} \right| = |1 + e^{2i\theta}| = 2 \cdot \cos \theta$$

Next,  $\frac{dz}{z} = R \cdot d\theta$  holds during the integration on  $\partial D_R^+$  and we also have

$$\frac{1}{\Re(R \cdot e^{i\theta})} = \frac{1}{R \cdot \cos \theta}$$

Hence (v) and (vi) give

$$(*) \quad \left| \int_{\partial D_R^+} g(z) \cdot \frac{dz}{z} \right| \leq 2 \cdot B \cdot \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos \theta}{R \cdot \cos \theta} \cdot d\theta \leq 2 \cdot B \cdot \frac{\pi}{R}$$

There remains to estimate the integral over the part of  $\Gamma$  which belongs to  $\partial\Box$ . Here we simply perform estimates for the two functions  $L(z)$  and  $L_T(z)$  separately. First, since  $L_T(z)$  is entire we can just as well integrate over the half-circle  $D_R^-$  where  $\Re z < 0$ . We notice that

$$|L_T(z)| \leq B \int_0^T e^{-\Re z \cdot t} \cdot dt \leq B \cdot \frac{e^{-\Re z \cdot T}}{|\Re z|} \quad : \quad \Re z < 0$$

Here  $e^{-\Re z \cdot T}$  is large when  $z \in D_R^-$  but this factor is cancelled by the absolute value of  $e^{zT}$  which appears in the  $g$ -function. Hence we obtain

$$(**) \quad \left| \int_{D_R^-} L_T(z) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{z^2}{R^2}\right) \cdot e^{zT} \cdot \frac{dz}{z} \right| \leq B \cdot \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} \frac{|1 + e^{2i\theta}|}{R \cdot |\cos \theta|} \cdot d\theta \leq \frac{2\pi \cdot B}{R}$$

Finally, consider the line integral along  $\Gamma \cap \partial\Box$  where the analytic function  $L(z)$  appears. First we regard the line integral along the vertical line where  $\Re(z) = -\delta$  whose absolute value becomes:

$$(vii) \quad \left| \int_R^{\infty} L(-\delta + iy) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{(-\delta + iy)^2}{R^2}\right) \cdot e^{-\delta T} \cdot e^{iyT} \cdot \frac{i \cdot dy}{(-\delta + iy)} \right|$$

Notice that we have not imposed any growth condition Here  $e^{-\delta T}$  appears and at the same time  $e^{iyT}$  has absolute value one. Hence (vii) is estimated by

$$(***) \quad \max_{-R \leq y \leq R} \left| \frac{L(-\delta + iy) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{(-\delta + iy)^2}{R^2}\right)}{(-\delta + iy)} \right| \cdot 2R \cdot e^{-\delta T} = M^*(R) \cdot e^{-\delta T}$$

where  $M^*(R)$  depends on  $R$  only.

For the integrals on the two intervals where  $z = -s + iR$  and  $z = -s - iR$  with  $0 \leq s \leq \delta$  we also get a constant  $M^{**}(R)$  which is independent of  $T$  while the sum of absolute values of the line integrals over these two lines is estimated by

$$(****) \quad M^{**}(R) \cdot \int_0^\delta e^{-sT} \cdot ds = M^{**}(R) \cdot \frac{1 - e^{-\delta T}}{T}$$

Now the requested limit formula (ii) follows from the (\*)-inequalities above. Namely, for a given  $\epsilon > 0$  we first choose  $R$  so large that the sum of (\*) and (\*\*) is  $\leq \epsilon/2$ . With  $R$  kept fixed we can then choose  $T$  so large that (\*\*\*) and (\*\*\*\*) both are  $\leq \epsilon/2$  which finishes the proof of Theorem 1.

## 7. The Lagrange series and the Kepler equation

Let  $f(w)$  be an analytic function of the complex variable  $w$  defined in some disc of radius  $R$  centered at  $w = 0$ . We assume that  $f(0) = 0$  and with another complex variable  $z$  we seek an analytic function  $w = w(z)$  such that

$$(*) \quad w(z) = z \cdot f(w(z))$$

We will use residue calculus and Rouché's theorem to find  $w(z)$ . Let  $z$  be fixed for a while and consider some  $0 < r < R$  such that

$$\max_{|w|=r} |z \cdot f(w)| < r$$

This means that the analytic function  $g(w) = z \cdot f(w)$  has absolute value  $< |w|$  on the circle  $|w| = r$ . Rouché's theorem implies that the analytic function  $w - z f(w)$  has a unique simple zero in the disc  $|w| < r$ . Moreover, by the formula in XX this zero is given by

$$w(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \cdot \int_{|w|=r} \frac{1 - z f'(w)}{w - z f(w)} \cdot w \cdot dw$$

We can evaluate the integral using the series expansion

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{z^k \cdot f(w)^k}{w}} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(zf(w))^k}{w^k}$$

More precisely, we see that  $w(z)$  becomes

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \cdot \int_{|w|=r} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(zf(w))^k}{w^k} - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \cdot \int_{|w|=r} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{z^k \cdot f'(w) \cdot f(w)^{k-1}}{w^{k-1}}$$

If  $k \geq 1$  residue calculus gives

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \cdot \int_{|w|=r} \frac{(zf(w))^k}{w^k} - dw = z^k \cdot \frac{f^k)^{(k-1)}(0)}{(k-1)!}$$

Similarly we find

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \cdot \int_{|w|=r} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{z^k \cdot f'(w) \cdot f(w)^{k-1}}{w^{k-1}} \cdot dw = z^k \cdot \frac{f' \cdot f)^{k-1}(0)}{(k-2)!}$$

Next, notice the equality

$$(f^k)^{(k-1)}(0) = k \cdot (f' \cdot f^{k-2})^{(k-2)}(0)$$

Since  $\frac{1}{(k-1)!} - \frac{1}{k \cdot (k-2)!} = \frac{1}{k!}$  we conclude that one has the series formula:

$$(*) \quad w(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(f^k)^{(k-1)}(0)}{k!} \cdot z^k$$

**Radius of convergence.** The analytic function  $w(z)$  has the expansion by the Lagrange series above. The determination of the radius of convergence depends on the given function  $f(w)$ . A *lower bound* for the radius of convergence is found by the use of Rouché's theorem above. Assume for simplicity that  $f(w)$  is an entire function. If  $r > 0$  is given we find the positive number  $\rho(r)$  for which

$$\rho(r) \cdot \max_{|w|=r} |f(w)| = r$$

By (\*) above and Rouché's theorem we have seen that the Lagrange series converges in the disc  $|z| < r$ . Here we have a *free choice* of  $r$ . But each time  $r$  is chosen we must take into the account the maximum of  $f(w)$  on  $|w| = r$ . More precisely, put

$$M_f(r) = \max_{|w|=r} |f(w)|$$

Then the discussion above gives

**Theorem.** *The Lagrange series converges in the disc of the complex  $z$ -plane whose radius is*

$$\rho^* = \max_r \frac{r}{M_f(r)}$$

**Example.** In his far reaching studies of the motion of orbits of those planets which astronomers were able to watch before 1600, Kepler's work contains a study of the equation

$$(*) \quad \zeta = a + z \cdot \sin \zeta$$

where  $a > 0$  is a real constant. We shall determine the series expansion of  $\zeta(z)$ . Notice that if  $w = \zeta - a$  then (\*) becomes

$$w = z \cdot \sin(w + a)$$

So with the entire function  $f(w) = \sin(w + a)$  we encounter the general case above and conclude that the series becomes

$$\zeta(z) = a + z \cdot \sin a + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{d^{k-1}(\sin^k a)}{da^{k-1}}$$

**Exercise.** Let  $r > 0$  and show that the series  $\zeta(z)$  converges when

$$|z| \cdot \frac{e^r + e^{-r}}{2r} < 1 \implies |z| < \frac{2r}{e^r + e^{-r}}$$

and for  $z$  in this disc we get  $|\zeta(z)| < r$ . To obtain a largest possible disc we seek

$$\max_r \frac{2}{e^r + e^{-r}}$$

The reader is invited to calculate the maximum numerically and in this way find a *lower bound* for the radius of convergence of the Kepler series. In contrast to all "heroic computations" by Kepler carried out in the years 1600-1620 and the subsequent refined studies of series expansions by Lagrange around 1760 described above, today's student can use a computer to determine the radius of convergence numerically. This, it is an instructive exercise to determine numerically the radius of convergence of the Lagrange series for each real  $a$ . Here it is of course interesting to analyze how the radius of convergence depends on  $a$ .

### 8. An example by Bernstein.

Let  $n \geq 1$  and consider a polynomial  $P(z) = a_0 + \dots + a_n z^n$  of some degree  $n$ . We have the equality

$$\sum |a_n|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^2 \cdot d\theta$$

So if we consider the maximum norm over the unit disc  $D$ :

$$\|P\|_D = \max_{\theta} |P(e^{i\theta})|$$

then the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality gives

$$(*) \quad \sum |a_k| \leq \sqrt{n+1} \cdot \sqrt{\|P\|_D}$$

It turns out that (\*) is sharp, i.e. for arbitrary large  $n$  we can find a polynomial  $P_n(z)$  such that

$$(**) \quad \frac{(\sum |a_k|)^2}{n+1} \simeq \|P_n\|_D$$

The first example of this kind comes from a construction by S. Bernstein from 1914. He considered a prime number  $p$  of the form  $4\mu + 1$ . For each integer  $1 \leq k \leq p-1$  there exists the Legendre symbol  $\left(\frac{k}{p}\right)$  which is  $+1$  if  $k$  is a quadratic remainder to  $p$  and otherwise  $-1$ . Now we get the trigonometric cosine-polynomial

$$B_p(\theta) = \frac{2}{p^{\frac{3}{2}}} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (p-k) \left(\frac{k}{p}\right) \cdot \cos(k\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} a_k^{[p]} \cdot \cos(k\theta)$$

Bernstein proved that

$$\max_{\theta} |B_p(\theta)| \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} a_k^{[p]} = \frac{p-1}{\sqrt{p}}$$

With  $n = 4\mu$  we get the polynomial  $Q_n(z)$  where

$$\Re(Q_n(e^{i\theta})) = B_p(\theta) \quad \text{and} \quad \Im(Q_n(0)) = 0$$

The maximum norm for  $\Im(P(e^{i\theta}))$  is estimated above by the Exercise below. It follows that

$$Q_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} a_k^{[p]} \cdot z^k \quad \text{and} \quad |Q_n|_D \leq C \cdot \log p$$

where  $C$  is the absolute constant from Exercise XX below. So for this polynomial the left hand side in (\*\*) becomes  $\frac{(p-1)^2}{p^2}$  which is close to 1 when  $p$  is large. At the same time  $\log p$  is considerably smaller than the degree  $n = p - 1$ . So with

$$P_n(z) = \frac{1}{|Q_n|_D} \cdot Q_n(z)$$

we get a polynomial whose maximum norm is one while the left hand side gets close to one as  $p$  increases.

**Exercise.** Let  $u(\theta) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \cdot \cos \theta + \sum_{k=1}^n b_k \cdot \sin \theta$  be a trigonometric polynomial of degree  $n$  where  $\{a_k\}$  and  $\{b_k\}$  are real. The conjugate trigonometric polynomial is defined by

$$v(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^n [-b_k \cdot \cos \theta + a_k \cdot \sin \theta]$$

Show the integral formula

$$(1) \quad v(\phi) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin \frac{n(\phi-\theta)}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{(n+1)(\phi-\theta)}{2}}{\sin \frac{(\phi-\theta)}{2}} \cdot u(\theta) \cdot d\theta$$

From (1) the reader should verify that if  $M = \max_{\theta} |u(\theta)|$  then

$$|v(\phi)| \leq \frac{M}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{\sin \frac{n(\phi-\theta)}{2}}{\sin \frac{(\phi-\theta)}{2}} \right| \cdot d\theta$$

Finally, show that there is an absolute constant  $C$  such that

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{\sin \frac{n(\phi-\theta)}{2}}{\sin \frac{(\phi-\theta)}{2}} \right| \cdot d\theta \leq C \cdot \log n \quad : \quad n \geq 2$$

Hence the maximum norm for the conjugate  $v$ -function satisfies

$$(*) \quad \max_{\theta} |v(\theta)| \leq C \cdot \log n \cdot \max_{\theta} |u(\theta)|$$

**Remark.** The inequality above was first demonstrated by Fekete in his article (Journal für mathematik 146).

### Almost periodic functions and additive number theory.

**Introduction.** We expose a result presented by Beurling at a seminar at Uppsala University in April 1948. Let  $2 \leq m_1 < m_2 < \dots$  be a strictly increasing sequence of integers. We obtain the even set  $S$  given as the union of  $\{m_\nu\}$  and the sequence of negative integers  $\{-m_\nu\}$ . We assume that the additive group generated by the integers in  $S$  is equal to  $\mathbf{Z}$  which simply means that the sequence  $\{m_\nu\}$  has no common prime number  $\geq 2$  as factor. Next, consider some non-negative and even function  $\phi$  defined on  $S$ . So  $\phi(m) = \phi(-m)$  for every integer in  $S$ . By the hypothesis on  $S$  every integer  $n$  can be represented by a finite sum of integers from  $S$  where repetitions are allowed. Hence we can define the function  $\mathfrak{p}_\phi$  on  $\mathbf{Z}$  by

$$(1) \quad \mathfrak{p}_\phi(n) = \min \sum \phi(m_\nu) \quad \text{such that} \quad n = \sum m_\nu$$

where the minimum is taken over finite subsets of  $S$ . It is obvious that this function is even and subadditive:

$$\mathfrak{p}_\phi(n_1 + n_2) \leq \mathfrak{p}_\phi(n_1) + \mathfrak{p}_\phi(n_2)$$

In particular  $\mathfrak{p}_\phi(n) = 0$  for all  $n \neq 0$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{p}_\phi(1) = 0$  and we notice that this vanishing holds if and only if we for every  $\delta > 0$  can find a finite set  $\{m_\nu\}$  in  $S$  such that

$$(*) \quad \sum m_\nu = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum \phi(m_\nu) < \delta$$

We seek conditions on  $\phi$  in order that  $(*)$  holds, or equivalently that  $\mathfrak{p}_\phi(1) = 0$ . To get such a criterion Beurling restricted the attention to a class of  $\phi$ -functions satisfying the following extra condition.

**Definition.** Given the set  $S$  as above we denote by  $\text{AP}(S)$  the set of even functions  $\phi$  defined on  $S$  such that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  the set

$$S_\epsilon(\phi) = \{m \in S : \phi(m) < \epsilon\}$$

is relatively dense.

**The zig-zag function  $\rho(x)$ .** Before Theorem xx below is announced we introduce the periodic  $\rho$ -function on the real  $x$ -line where

$$\rho(x) = |x| \quad : \quad -1/2 \leq x \leq 1/2$$

and extended so that  $\rho(x) = \rho(x+1)$  hold for every  $x$ .

**Theorem.** For each  $\phi \in \text{AP}(S)$  the necessary and sufficient condition in order that  $(*)$  holds is that

$$(*) \quad \max_{m \in S} \rho(\alpha m) - \eta \cdot \phi(m) \geq 0$$

hold for all pairs  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $\eta > 0$ .

Before we enter the proof we recall some facts about almost periodic functions. Let  $\mathbf{Z}$  be the group of integers and recall that an even subset  $S$  is called relatively dense if the additive group generated by  $S$  is equal to  $\mathbf{Z}$ . A bounded complex-valued function  $f$  on  $\mathbf{Z}$  is almost periodic if there to every  $\epsilon > 0$  exists a relatively dense set  $S$  such that

$$\max_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} |f(n+s) - f(n)| < \epsilon \quad \text{for all} \quad s \in S$$

From this it follows easily that there exists the mean-value defined by

$$\mathcal{M}(f) = \lim_{b-a \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(a) + f(a+1) + \dots + f(b)}{b-a+1}$$

For each real number  $\alpha$  the exponential function  $E_\alpha$  defined by  $E_\alpha(n) = e^{2\pi i \alpha n}$  is almost periodic on  $\mathbf{Z}$  for each real  $\alpha$ . It follows that when  $f$  is almost periodic then there exists the function

$$\mathcal{C}_f(\alpha) = \mathcal{M}(E_\alpha \cdot f)$$

If  $f$  is almost periodic and  $f(1) \neq 0$  then the  $\mathcal{C}_f$ -function is not identically zero on  $(0, 1)$ , i.e. there exists some  $0 < \alpha < 1$  such that  $\mathcal{C}_f(\alpha) \neq 0$ . In the proof of Theorem xx we shall use the following:

**Observation.** If  $\phi$  belongs to  $\text{AP}(S)$  it follows that  $\mathbf{p}_\phi$  is an almost periodic function on  $\mathbf{Z}$ .

**Exercise.** Prove this assertion.

*Proof of Theorem XX.* Suppose first that  $\mathbf{p}_\phi(1) \neq 0$  which means that (\*) has no solution for small  $\delta$ . To show that the inequalities (\*\*) in Theorem xx cannot hold for all pairs  $\alpha, \eta$  we proceed as follows: Set  $f = \mathbf{p}_\phi$ . The general formula (xx) for  $\mathcal{M}$ -functions attached to almost periodic functions gives:

$$e^{2\pi i \alpha m} \cdot \mathcal{C}_f(\alpha) = \mathcal{M}(f(x+m) \cdot e^{-2\pi i \alpha m}) \quad \text{for all } m \in S$$

It follows that

$$|e^{2\pi i \alpha m} - 1| \cdot |\mathcal{C}_f(\alpha)| = |\mathcal{M}(f(n+m) - f(m) \cdot e^{-2\pi i \alpha n})| \leq \max_n |\mathbf{p}_\phi(n+y) - p(m)| \leq \mathbf{p}_\phi(m)$$

where the last inequality used that  $\mathbf{p}_\phi$  is subadditive. Introducing the sine-function we obtain the inequality (1) from 0.X we obtain

$$2 \cdot |\sin(\pi \alpha m)| \cdot |\mathcal{C}(\alpha)| \leq \mathbf{p}_\phi(m) \leq 2 \cdot \phi(m) \quad : \quad m \in S$$

where the last equality used (XX) above. Since  $\mathbf{p}_\phi(1) \neq 0$  is assumed we know from XX that there exists some  $0 < \alpha < 1$  such that  $\mathcal{C}(\alpha) \neq 0$ . At the same time the zig-zag function satisfies:

$$\rho(x) \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot |\sin \pi \cdot x|$$

for every real  $x$ . Hence we get

$$\rho(\alpha \cdot m) \cdot \mathcal{C}(\alpha) \leq \frac{4}{\pi} \phi(m)$$