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EXPANSION OF COMPLEX FUNCTIONS ANALYTIC IN A STRIPE IN SERIES OF HERMITE FUNCTIONS OF SECOND KIND

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Sufficient conditions are given for a complex function analytic in a stripe to be represented by series in Hermite functions of second kind.

It is well known that the system of Hermite polynomials $\{H_n(z)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ [1, 5.5] is a solution of the difference equation

$$(1) \quad y_{n+1} - 2zy_n + 2ny_{n-1} = 0.$$

The system of Hermite functions of second kind $\{K_n(z)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ is defined by the equalities

$$(2) \quad K_n(z) = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\exp(-t^2)H_n(t)}{t-z} dt, \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

provided that $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, +\infty)$. It is not difficult to prove that the system $\{K_n(z)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ is also a solution of the equation (1). Further, from (2) and the property $H_n(-z) = (-1)^n H_n(z)$ of Hermite polynomials follows that $K_{2n}(z)$ is an odd function and that $K_{2n+1}(z)$ is an even function.

Let us note that the equality (2) defines for every $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ two analytic functions respectively in the half-planes $H^+ = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \text{Im } z > 0\}$ and $H^- = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \text{Im } z < 0\}$. In order to make difference between these two functions we accept the following notations, namely $K_n^+(z) = K_n(z)$ for $z \in H^+$ and $K_n^-(z) = K_n(z)$ for $z \in H^-$.

If $0 < \tau_0 < +\infty$, we define further for $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ and $z \in S(\tau_0) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \text{Im } z | < \tau_0\}$ the functions

$$(3) \quad K_{2n}^{(1)}(z; \tau_0) = K_{2n}^+(z + i\tau_0) - K_{2n}^-(z - i\tau_0)$$

resp.

$$(4) \quad K_{2n+1}^{(1)}(z; \tau_0) = K_{2n+1}^+(z + i\tau_0) + K_{2n+1}^-(z - i\tau_0).$$

In this way we introduce a system of complex functions $\{K_n^{(1)}(z; \tau_0)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ analytic in the stripe $S(\tau_0)$ and such that $K_n^{(1)}(z; \tau_0)$ is an even function in this stripe for every $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$

Further we define

$$(5) \quad K_{2n}^{(2)}(z; \tau_0) = K_{2n}^+(z + i\tau_0) + K_{2n}^-(z - i\tau_0)$$

resp.

$$(6) \quad K_{2n+1}^{(2)}(z; \tau_0) = K_{2n+1}^+(z + i\tau_0) - K_{2n+1}^-(z - i\tau_0)$$

and get a system of complex functions $\{K_n^{(2)}(z; \tau_0)\}_{n=0}^\infty$ analytic in the stripe $S(\tau_0)$ and such that $K_n^{(2)}(z; \tau_0)$ is an odd function in this stripe for every $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

The main result of the paper is the following

Theorem 1. *Let $0 < \tau_0 < +\infty$ and $f(z)$ be a complex function satisfying the following conditions:*

- (a) $f(z)$ is analytic in the stripe $S(\tau_0)$;
- (b) for every $\tau, 0 \leq \tau < \tau_0$, there exists a $\mu(\tau) > 0$ such that

$$f(z) = O\{|z|^{-\mu(\tau)} \exp(-z^2)\} \text{ if } z \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } z \in \bar{S}(\tau) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im } z \leq \tau\}.$$

Then $f(z)$ can be represented in the stripe $S(\tau_0)$ by a series of the kind

$$(7) \quad f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \{a_n^{(1)}(f)K_n^{(1)}(z; \tau_0) + a_n^{(2)}(f)K_n^{(2)}(z; \tau_0)\}$$

with coefficients

$$(8) \quad a_n^{(1)}(f) = -\frac{1}{4\pi i I_n} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \{H_n(t + i\tau_0) + (-1)^n H_n(t - i\tau_0)\} f(t) dt$$

and

$$(9) \quad a_n^{(2)}(f) = -\frac{1}{4\pi i I_n} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \{H_n(t + i\tau_0) - (-1)^n H_n(t - i\tau_0)\} f(t) dt,$$

where $I_n = \sqrt{\pi} 2^n n!$. Moreover, the series on the right side of (9) is absolutely uniformly convergent on every compact subset of $S(\tau_0)$.

Proof. If $-\tau_0 < \sigma < \tau_0$, with $l(\sigma)$ we denote the straight line with parametric equation $\zeta = t + i\sigma$ ($-\infty < t < +\infty$). Let $z \in S(\tau_0)$ and τ be chosen so that $|\text{Im } z| < \tau < \tau_0$. Then we define

$$(10) \quad f^+(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{l(-\tau)} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{f(t - i\tau)}{z - t + i\tau} dt$$

and

$$(11) \quad f^-(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{l(\tau)} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{f(t + i\tau)}{z - t - i\tau} dt.$$

Let us note that from the condition (b) of the theorem follows that the functions $f^+(z)$ and $f^-(z)$ are uniquely determined in the stripe $S(\tau_0)$ and that for every $z \in S(\tau_0)$ holds the equality

$$(12) \quad f(z) = f^+(z) - f^-(z).$$

After dividing the equation (1) by $2I_n$, we can write it in the following canonical form $k_{n+1}y_{n+1} - I_n^{-1}zy_n + k_{n-1}y_{n-1} = 0$, where $k_n = (2I_n)^{-1}$. By

using this last form of the equation (1) it is not difficult to derive the corresponding formula of Christoffel — Darboux, namely

$$(13) \quad \frac{1}{\zeta - z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\nu} \frac{1}{I_n} H_n(z) K_n(\zeta) + \frac{A_{\nu+1}(z, \zeta)}{\zeta - z},$$

where $A_{\nu+1}(z, \zeta) = \{H_{\nu}(z)K_{\nu+1}(\zeta) - H_{\nu+1}(z)K_{\nu}(\zeta)\}/2I_{\nu}$.

In the equality (13) we replace ζ with $z + i\tau_0$, z with $t + i(\tau_0 - \tau)$, multiply with $-(2\pi i)^{-1} f(t - i\tau)$, integrate over the interval $(-\infty, +\infty)$ and get that

$$(14) \quad f^+(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\nu} a_n^+(f) K_n^+(z + i\tau_0) + R_{\nu}^+(z)$$

where

$$(15) \quad a_n^+(f) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_n[t + i(\tau_0 - \tau)] f(t - i\tau) dt$$

and

$$(16) \quad R_{\nu}^+(z) = -\frac{1}{4\pi i I_n} \{K_{\nu+1}^+(z + i\tau_0) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{H_{\nu}[t + i(\tau_0 - \tau)] f(t - i\tau)}{z - t + i\tau} dt - K_{\nu}^+(z + i\tau_0) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{H_{\nu+1}[t + i(\tau_0 - \tau)] f(t - i\tau)}{z - t + i\tau} dt\}.$$

In our paper [2] we have established the following asymptotic formulas for Hermite functions of second kind namely

$$(17) \quad K_n(z) = (-i)^{n+1} \pi \sqrt{2} (2\pi/e)^{n/2} \exp[-z^2/2 + iz\sqrt{2n+1}] \{1 + k_n^+(z)\}$$

in the half-plane H^+ and respectively

$$(18) \quad K_n(z) = i^{n+1} \pi \sqrt{2} (2\pi/e)^{n/2} \exp[-z^2/2 - iz\sqrt{2n+1}] \{1 + k_n^-(z)\}$$

in the half-plane H^- . The functions $\{k_n^+(z)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ resp. $\{k_n^-(z)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ are analytic in H^+ resp. H^- and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n^+(z) = 0$ resp. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n^-(z) = 0$ uniformly on every compact subset of H^+ , resp. H^- .

In the same paper we derived from the integral representation of Hermite polynomials [1, (5.6.4)] an inequality of the kind

$$(19) \quad H_n(z) = O\{(2n/e)^{n/2} \exp[z^2 + \sigma\sqrt{2n+1}]\}$$

on every closed region $\bar{S}(\sigma)$ ($0 \leq \sigma < +\infty$).

Now, let A be an arbitrary compact subset of the stripe $S(\tau_0)$ and $0 < \delta < \tau < \tau_0$ are chosen so that $A \subset \bar{S}(\delta)$. From the asymptotic formula (17) we get that

$$(20) \quad K_{\nu+1}^+(z + i\tau_0) = O\{[(2\nu + 2)/e]^{(\nu+1)/2} \exp[-(\tau_0 - \delta)\sqrt{2\nu + 3}]\}$$

resp.

$$(21) \quad K_{\nu}^{+}(z + i\tau_0) = O\{(2\nu/e)^{\nu/2} \exp[-(\tau_0 - \delta)\sqrt{2\nu + 1}]\}$$

uniformly for $z \in A$.

Since A is compact, there exists $L > 0$ such that $|z - t + i\tau| \geq L|t - i\tau|$ for every $z \in A$ and every $t \in (-\infty, +\infty)$. Then, from the inequality (19) and the condition (b) of the theorem follows that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{H_{\nu}[t + i(\tau_0 - \tau)]f(t - i\tau)}{z - t + i\tau} dt = O\{(2\nu/e)^{\nu/2} \exp[(\tau_0 - \tau)\sqrt{2\nu + 1}] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{|t - i\tau|^{1+\mu(\tau)}}\}$$

resp.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{H_{\nu+1}[t + i(\tau_0 - \tau)]f(t - i\tau)}{z - t + i\tau} dt = O\{[(2\nu + 2)/e]^{(\nu+1)/2} \exp[(\tau_0 - \tau)\sqrt{2\nu + 3}] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{|t - i\tau|^{1+\mu(\tau)}}\}.$$

Then, from Stirling's formula and the equalities (20) and (21) follows that $R_{\nu}^{+}(z) = O\{\exp[-(\tau - \delta)\sqrt{2\nu + 1}]\}$ uniformly for $z \in A$. From (16) and (14) we can conclude now that

$$(22) \quad f^{+}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^{+}(f) K_n^{+}(z + i\tau_0)$$

uniformly on A . Similarly, by using the asymptotic formula (21) and also the inequality (19), we get the expansion

$$(23) \quad f^{-}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^{-}(f) K_n^{-}(z - i\tau_0)$$

with coefficients $a_n^{-}(f) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{H_n[t - i(\tau_0 - \tau)]f(t + i\tau) dt}{I_n}$.

The Cauchy integral theorem and the condition (b) of the theorem give further that $\int_{(l-i\tau)} H_n(\zeta + i\tau_0) f(\zeta) d\zeta = \int_{i(0)} H_n(\zeta + i\tau_0) f(\zeta) d\zeta$, i. e.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_n[t - i\tau + i\tau_0] f(t - i\tau) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_n(t + i\tau_0) f(t) dt.$$

Therefore $a_n^{+}(f) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{H_n(t + i\tau_0) f(t) dt}{I_n}$.

In the same way we get also $a_n^{-}(f) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{H_n(t - i\tau_0) f(t) dt}{I_n}$.

1) Let $f(z)$ be even in the stripe $S(\tau_0)$. Then, having in view that $H_n(-z) = (-1)^n H_n(z)$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) we get that $a_{2n}^{-}(f) = -a_{2n}^{+}(f)$ resp. $a_{2n+1}^{-}(f) = a_{2n+1}^{+}(f)$. Therefore, for $z \in S(\tau_0)$ from (12), (22) and (23) it follows that in this case

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^{+}(f) K_n^{+}(z + i\tau_0) - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^{-}(f) K_n^{-}(z - i\tau_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{2n}^+(f) \{K_{2n}^+(z+i\tau_0) + K_{2n}^-(z-i\tau_0)\} \\
 &+ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{2n+1}^+(f) \{K_{2n+1}^+(z+i\tau_0) - K_{2n+1}^-(z-i\tau_0)\} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^+(f) K_n^{(1)}(z; \tau_0).
 \end{aligned}$$

2) If $f(z)$ is odd in the stripe $S(\tau_0)$, in the same way we get the expansion $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^+(f) K_n^{(2)}(z; \tau_0)$.

3) In the general case $f(z) = g(z) + h(z)$ where $g(z) = [f(z) + f(-z)]/2$ and $h(z) = [f(z) - f(-z)]/2$, $g(z)$ is even and $h(z)$ is odd. Moreover, $g(z)$ and $h(z)$ satisfy the same conditions as the function $f(z)$, i. e.

$$g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^+(g) K_n^{(1)}(z; \tau_0) \quad \text{and} \quad h(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^+(h) K_n^{(2)}(z; \tau_0).$$

But $H_n(-z) = (-1)^n H_n(z)$ as it was mentioned above, therefore

$$a_n^+(g) = -\frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{H_n(t-i\tau_0) + (-1)^n H_n(t-i\tau_0)\} f(t) dt$$

resp.

$$a_n^+(h) = -\frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{H_n(t+i\tau_0) - (-1)^n H_n(t-i\tau_0)\} f(t) dt,$$

i. e. we get the expansion (7) with coefficients given by (8) and (9) and thus Theorem 1 is proved.

Using Rodrigues' formula for Hermite polynomials namely $H_n(z) = (-1)^n \exp z^2 \{ \exp(-z^2) \}^{(n)} [1, (5.5.3)]$ we can easily derive another integral representation for Hermite functions of second kind namely

$$K_n(z) = (-1)^{n+1} n! \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\exp(-t^2)}{(t-z)^{n+1}} dt.$$

From the last representation follows immediately that $K_n^{(k)}(z) = (-1)^k K_{n+k}(z)$ ($k=1, 2, 3, \dots$). Then as a conclusion from Theorem 1 we get the following result

Theorem 2. *Let $f(z)$ be a complex function satisfying the conditions of Theorem 1. Then for every $k=1, 2, 3, \dots$ and every $z \in S(\tau_0)$ holds the equality*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (24) \quad f^{(k)}(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \{ a_n^{(1)}(f) K_{n+k}^{(1)}(z; \tau_0) + a_n^{(2)}(f) K_{n+k}^{(2)}(z; \tau_0) \} \\
 &= \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \{ a_{k,n}^{(1)}(f) K_n^{(1)}(z; \tau_0) + a_{n,k}^{(2)}(f) K_n^{(2)}(z; \tau_0) \}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $a_{n,k}^{(1)}(f) = (-1)^k a_{n-k}^{(1)}(f)$ resp. $a_{n,k}^{(2)}(f) = (-1)^k a_{n-k}^{(2)}(f)$.

We shall see now that for the coefficients of the expansion (24) are valid the following integral representations

$$(25) \quad a_{n,k}^{(1)}(f) = -\frac{1}{4\pi i I_n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{H_n(t + i\tau_0) + (-1)^n H_n(t - i\tau_0)\} f(k)(t) dt$$

resp.

$$(26) \quad a_{n,k}^{(2)}(f) = -\frac{1}{4\pi i I_n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{H_n(t + i\tau_0) - (-1)^n H_n(t - i\tau_0)\} f(k)(t) dt.$$

First of all, from the property $H'_n(z) = 2nH_{n-1}(z)$ [1, (5.5.10)] follows that

$$(27) \quad a_{n,k}^{(1)}(f) = -\frac{(-1)^k}{4\pi i I_n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{H_n^{(k)}(t + i\tau_0) + (-1)^n H_n^{(k)}(t - i\tau_0)\} f(t) dt.$$

Let $0 < \tau < \tau_0$ and $\gamma_\tau(t)$ be the circumference with center at the point t and radius τ . Then, using the integral formulas for the derivatives of an analytic function and also the condition (b) of Theorem 1, we get easily that

$$f^{(k)}(t) = \frac{k!}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_\tau(t)} \frac{f(\zeta)}{(\zeta - t)^{k+1}} d\zeta = \frac{k!}{2\pi \tau^k} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-ik\theta} f(t + \tau e^{i\theta}) d\theta = O[\exp(-t^2 + \tau |t|)]$$

if $|t| \rightarrow +\infty$ ($-\infty < t < +\infty$). Then from (27) after integration by parts we get (25). In a similar way we find the equality (26).

The integral representations (25) and (26) lead to the idea that Theorem 2 can be obtained as an application of Theorem 1 to the function $f^{(k)}(z)$. We shall see now that such a proof of Theorem 2 is impossible. Indeed, if an analytic function $f(z)$ satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1, in general the same is not true for the derivatives $f^{(k)}(z)$ ($k=1, 2, 3 \dots$). An example of such a function is the following $(z + i\tau_0)^{-1} \exp(-z^2)$.

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