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AN EXTREMAL PROBLEM IN THE SET OF BLASHKE PRODUCTS WITH FIXED MULTIPLICITIES OF THE ZEROS

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We study the problem of existence of Blaschke product of minimal L_p -norm with fixed multiplicities of its zeros. This problem may be formulated in the terms of the theory of optimal recovery in the following way: recovering functions from the Hardy space H^∞ on the basis of N pieces Hermitian type of information to find the optimal information operator. A comparison theorem is proved.

1. Introduction. This note is concerned with the problem of optimal recovery of functions from the Hardy space H^∞ on the basis of N pieces Hermitian type of information

$$T_N(f) := \{f(x_i)^\lambda, \lambda = 0, \dots, v_i - 1, i = 1, \dots, n\},$$

where $\{v_i\}_1^n$ are positive integers,

$$\bar{v} := (v_1, \dots, v_n), \quad |\bar{v}| := v_1 + \dots + v_n = N,$$

$$\text{and } \bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Omega_n, \quad \Omega_n := \{(t_1, \dots, t_n) : -1 < t_1 < \dots < t_n < 1\}.$$

It is well known (see [3]) that the error $R_N(\bar{v}, \bar{x}; t)$ of the recovery in fixed point $t \in [-1, 1]$ is given by the Blaschke product

$$B(\bar{x}; t) := \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{t - x_i}{1 - t x_i} \right)^{v_i}.$$

More precisely, $R_N(\bar{v}, \bar{x}; t) = |B(\bar{x}; t)|$, $t \in [-1, 1]$.

We show first the existence of extremal nodes $\bar{x}^* \in \Omega_n$ for which the infimum

$$(1.1) \quad R_N(\bar{v}) := \inf_{\bar{x} \in \Omega_n} \|R_N(\bar{v}, \bar{x}; \cdot)\|_{L_p[-1,1]} = \inf_{\bar{x} \in \Omega_n} \|B(\bar{x}; \cdot)\|_{L_p[-1,1]}$$

is attained and next, that

$$(1.2) \quad \min \{R_N(\bar{v}) : |\bar{v}| = N, 1 \leq n \leq N\}$$

is attained for $n = N$, $v_1 = \dots = v_n = 1$. The number p is fixed, $1 \leq p < \infty$.

In other words, we seek Blaschke product with minimal $L_p[-1, 1]$ -norm varying the zeros and the multiplicities. The problem of uniqueness of the extremal nodes \bar{x}^* in (1.1) remains open.

Analogous problems for polynomials with fixed multiplicities of zeros have been considered by L. Chakalov [5], T. Popoviciu [4], A. Ghizzetti and A. Ossicini [2], ($p=2$ only). B. Boyanov [1] extend the mentioned results for the case $1 \leq p < \infty$.

To show the existence of \bar{x}^* in (1.1) we shall follow an idea of L. Chakalov.

2. Main results. The next lemma is the central moment in our study.

Lemma 2.1. Let $\{v_i\}_1^n$ be given positive integers, $v_k \geq 2$ for some k , $1 \leq k \leq n$ and $\bar{x} \in \Omega_n$. Let

$$B(\bar{x}; t) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{t-x_i}{1-tx_i} \right)^{v_i},$$

$$B(\bar{x}(\varepsilon); t) = \left[\frac{t-x_k+c_1\varepsilon}{1-t(x_k-c_1\varepsilon)} \right]^{\alpha_0} \cdot \left[\frac{t-x_k-c_2\varepsilon}{1-t(x_k+c_2\varepsilon)} \right]^{\beta_0} \cdot \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^n \left(\frac{t-x_i}{1-tx_i} \right)^{v_i},$$

where the integers α_0 and β_0 are such that

$$0 < \alpha_0 < v_k, \quad 0 < \beta_0 < v_k, \quad \alpha_0 + \beta_0 = v_k,$$

and c_1, c_2 are real numbers.

Then for some special choice of the parameters c_1 and c_2 , and sufficiently small positive ε

$$(2.1) \quad \|B(\bar{x}(\varepsilon); \cdot)\|_p < \|B(\bar{x}; \cdot)\|_p.$$

Proof. Set $\alpha = p\alpha_0$, $\beta = p\beta_0$.

$$(2.2) \quad c_1 = 1/\alpha, \quad c_2 = 1/\beta$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \min \{ |1+x_1|, |1-x_n|, |x_2-x_1|, \dots, |x_n-x_{n-1}| \},$$

$$g(t) = \left| \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^n \left(\frac{t-x_i}{1-tx_i} \right)^{v_i} \right|^p, \quad \varphi_1(t; \varepsilon) = \frac{|t-x_k+c_1\varepsilon|}{1-t(x_k-c_1\varepsilon)}, \quad \varphi_2(t; \varepsilon) = \frac{|t-x_k-c_2\varepsilon|}{1-t(x_k+c_2\varepsilon)}$$

and for $0 \leq \varepsilon < E$

$$f(\varepsilon) = \| \|B(\bar{x}(\varepsilon); \cdot)\|_p \|^p = \int_{-1}^1 g(t) \varphi_1^\alpha(t; \varepsilon) \varphi_2^\beta(t; \varepsilon) dt.$$

It is clear that $\alpha \geq 1$, $\beta \geq 1$, $g(t) \geq 0$ for $t \in [-1, 1]$ and $g(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = x_i$, $i = 1, \dots, k-1, k+1, \dots, n$.

Our task is to show that $f'(0) = 0$ and $f''(0) < 0$. Then (2.1) would follow immediately. We have

$$f'(\varepsilon) = \int_{-1}^1 g(t) \varphi_1^{\alpha-1}(t; \varepsilon) \varphi_2^{\beta-1}(t; \varepsilon) \varphi(t; \varepsilon) dt,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t; \varepsilon) &= \alpha \varphi_2(t; \varepsilon) \frac{d\varphi_1(t; \varepsilon)}{d\varepsilon} + \beta \varphi_1(t; \varepsilon) \frac{d\varphi_2(t; \varepsilon)}{d\varepsilon} \\ &= \alpha \frac{|t-x_k-c_2\varepsilon|}{1-t(x_k+c_2\varepsilon)} \cdot \frac{[1-t(x_k-c_1\varepsilon)]c_1 \operatorname{sign}(t-x_k+c_1\varepsilon) - tc_1|t-x_k+c_1\varepsilon|}{[1-t(x_k-c_1\varepsilon)]^2} \\ &+ \beta \frac{|t-x_k+c_1\varepsilon|}{1-t(x_k-c_1\varepsilon)} \cdot \frac{[1-t(x_k+c_2\varepsilon)](-c_2) \operatorname{sign}(t-x_k-c_2\varepsilon) + tc_2|t-x_k-c_2\varepsilon|}{[1-t(x_k+c_2\varepsilon)]^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Then $\varphi(t; 0) = (\alpha c_1 - \beta c_2)(t-x_k)(1-t^2)/(1-tx_k)^3 = 0$ because of (2.2) and consequently $f'(0) = 0$.

Denote by φ_0 the function $\varphi_0(t; \varepsilon) = \varphi_1^{\alpha-1}(t; \varepsilon) \cdot \varphi_2^{\beta-1}(t; \varepsilon)$.

The careful calculations show that

$$f'(\varepsilon) = \int_{-1}^{x_k - c_1\varepsilon} (1-t^2)g(t) \frac{\varepsilon[p(t) + \varepsilon q(t)]\varphi_0(t; \varepsilon)}{[1-t(x_k - c_1\varepsilon)]^2 [1-t(x_k + c_2\varepsilon)]^2} dt - \int_{x_k - c_1\varepsilon}^{x_k + c_2\varepsilon} (1-t^2)g(t) \frac{\varepsilon[p(t) + \varepsilon q(t)]\varphi_0(t; \varepsilon)}{[1-t(x_k - c_1\varepsilon)]^2 [1-t(x_k + c_2\varepsilon)]^2} dt + \int_{x_k + c_2\varepsilon}^1 (1-t^2)g(t) \frac{\varepsilon[p(t) + \varepsilon q(t)]\varphi_0(t; \varepsilon)}{[1-t(x_k - c_1\varepsilon)]^2 [1-t(x_k + c_2\varepsilon)]^2} dt,$$

where

(2.3) $p(t) = -(c_1 + c_2)(t^2 - 2tx_k + 1) < 0$ for $t \in [-1, 1]$, $x_k \in (-1, 1)$, $q(t) = (c_2^2 - c_1^2)t$.

Denote

$$\psi(t; \varepsilon) = \frac{g(t)(1-t^2)\varphi_0(t; \varepsilon)[p(t) + \varepsilon q(t)]}{[1-t(x_k - c_1\varepsilon)]^2 [1-t(x_k + c_2\varepsilon)]^2}.$$

Then

$$f''(\varepsilon) = \int_{-1}^{x_k - c_1\varepsilon} (1-t^2)g(t) \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \left\{ \varepsilon \frac{\varphi_0(t; \varepsilon)[p(t) + \varepsilon q(t)]}{[1-t(x_k - c_1\varepsilon)]^2 [1-t(x_k + c_2\varepsilon)]^2} \right\} dt - c_1\varepsilon\psi(x_k - c_1\varepsilon; \varepsilon) - \int_{x_k - c_1\varepsilon}^{x_k + c_2\varepsilon} (1-t^2)g(t) \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \left\{ \varepsilon \frac{\varphi_0(t; \varepsilon)[p(t) + \varepsilon q(t)]}{[1-t(x_k - c_1\varepsilon)]^2 [1-t(x_k + c_2\varepsilon)]^2} \right\} dt - c_2\varepsilon\psi(x_k + c_2\varepsilon; \varepsilon) - c_1\varepsilon\psi(x_k - c_1\varepsilon; \varepsilon) + \int_{x_k + c_2\varepsilon}^1 (1-t^2)g(t) \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \left\{ \varepsilon \frac{\varphi_0(t; \varepsilon)[p(t) + \varepsilon q(t)]}{[1-t(x_k - c_1\varepsilon)]^2 [1-t(x_k + c_2\varepsilon)]^2} \right\} dt - c_2\varepsilon\psi(x_k + c_2\varepsilon; \varepsilon).$$

Therefore

$$f''(0) = \int_{-1}^1 g(t)(1-t^2) \frac{\varphi_0(t; 0)p(t)}{(1-tx_k)^4} dt = \int_{-1}^1 g(t)(1-t^2)p(t) \frac{|t-x_k|^{\alpha+\beta-2}}{(1-tx_k)^{\alpha+\beta+2}} dt$$

and (2.3) yields $f''(0) < 0$. The proof is complete.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $\{v_i\}_1^n$ be given positive integers. Then there exist external nodes $\bar{x}^* \in \Omega_n$ for the infimum (1.1)*

Proof. Suppose the infimum (1.1) is attained for the Blaschke product

$$B(\bar{y}; t) = \prod_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{t-y_i}{1-ty_i} \right)^{\mu_i},$$

where $1 \leq m \leq n$, $\bar{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$, $-1 \leq y_1 < \dots < y_m \leq 1$ and $\mu_i = v_{j_i+1} + \dots + v_{j_{i+1}}$, $i = 1, \dots, m$ with some integers

$$0 = : j_1 < \dots < j_m < j_{m+1} = : n.$$

Assume, for example, that $y_1 = -1$ and set

$$\tilde{\tau} = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_m) = \begin{cases} (0), & m = 1 \\ ((y_2 - 1)/2, y_2, \dots, y_m), & m > 1. \end{cases}$$

Then, using the convention $\prod_{i=2}^m a_i = 1$ for $m = 1$, we have

$$\|B(\bar{y}; \cdot)\|_{\rho}^p - \|B(\tilde{\tau}; \cdot)\|_{\rho}^p = \int_{-1}^1 \left| \prod_{i=2}^m \left(\frac{t-y_i}{1-ty_i} \right)^{\mu_i} \right|^p \cdot [1 - \left| \frac{t-\tau_1}{1-t\tau_1} \right|^{p\mu_1}] dt > 0,$$

since

$$0 < \left| \frac{t-\xi}{1-t\xi} \right| < 1 \quad \text{for all } t \in (-1, 1), \xi \in (-1, 1), t \neq \xi.$$

This proves that $y_1 \neq -1$. Similarly we conclude that $y_m \neq 1$. Thus

$$(2.4) \quad -1 < y_1 \quad \text{and} \quad y_m < 1.$$

Assume now that $1 \leq m < n$. According to (2.4), we have $\bar{y} \in \Omega_m$ and applying Lemma 2.1, we immediately get a contradiction with the extremality of the nodes \bar{y} .

Therefore $m = n$, $\mu_i = v_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $\bar{y} = x^* \xi \in \Omega_n$. The theorem is proved.

Now we ready to state and prove the comparison theorem.

Theorem 2.2. *Let $\{v_i\}_1^n$ be arbitrary positive integers and $v_k \geq 2$ for some k , $1 \leq k \leq n$. Set $\bar{\mu} = (v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}, v_k - 1, 1, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n)$. Then $R_N(\bar{\mu}) < R_N(\bar{v})$.*

Proof. The assertion follows from Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 2.1 with $\alpha_0 = v_k - 1$, $\beta_0 = 1$.

As an immediate consequence we get.

Corollary 2.1. For every set of positive integers $\bar{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ with $|\bar{v}| = N$ the inequality

$$R_N(\bar{\mu}) < R_N(\bar{v})$$

holds, where $\bar{\mu} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ (N times "1").

That is, the function evaluations at the simple optimal nodes is better information than any N pieces Hermitian information.

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