

SUM OF TWO INNER FUNCTIONS AND EXPOSED POINTS IN H^1

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If h is an outer function in H^1 then it is shown that $h=(q_1+q_2)g$ where both q_1 and q_2 are inner functions with $\text{Im } \bar{q}_1 q_2 \leq 0$ almost everywhere, and g is a strong outer function (equivalently, $g/|g|_1$ is an exposed point of the unit ball of H^1). If q_1+q_2 is nonconstant then such an h is not strongly outer. Moreover a sum of two inner functions is studied.

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1. Introduction

Let U be the open unit disc in the complex plane and let ∂U be the boundary of U . A function in U is said to be of class N if the integrals

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta$$

are bounded for $r < 1$. If f is in N , then $f(e^{i\theta})$ which we define to be $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} f(re^{i\theta})$, exists almost everywhere on ∂U . If

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log^+ |f(e^{i\theta})| d\theta$$

then f is said to be the class N_+ . The set of all boundary functions in N or N_+ is denoted by N or N_+ , respectively. For $0 < p \leq \infty$, the Hardy space H^p , is defined by $N_+ \cap L^p$.

We call q in N_+ an inner function if $|q(e^{i\theta})|=1$ a.e. on ∂U . A function h in N_+ is called outer if it is not divisible in N_+ by a nonconstant inner function. A function g in H^1 is strongly outer if the only functions f in H^1 such that f/g is positive are scalar multiples of g . (If g has norm 1, it has this property if and only if it is an exposed point of the unit ball of H^1 .) Every strongly outer function is outer.

H. Helson [7] recently gave a necessary and sufficient condition for strong outer

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functions. That is related to the divisibility by the square of the sum of two inner functions. We can prove similarly the following result. Let g be outer in H^1 . Then g is strongly outer in H^1 if and only if $g/(q_1 + q_2)$ is not in H^1 for any inner functions q_1, q_2 such that $q_1 + q_2$ is not constant and $-i(q_1 - q_2)/(q_1 + q_2)$ is nonnegative almost everywhere. A. Beurling [1] established a celebrated factorization theorem. That is, a nonzero function f in N_+ can be factorized as in the following: $f = qh$ where q is inner and h is outer in N_+ . Thus it is desirable to show that if f is not a strong outer function in H^1 then $f = (q_1 + q_2)g$ where both q_1 and q_2 are inner functions, $-i(q_1 - q_2)/(q_1 + q_2)$ is nonnegative almost everywhere and g is a strong outer function in H^1 . In Section 2 we show this factorization is true. In the proof, a theorem of E. Hayashi ([4, 5]) and theorems of H. Helson ([6, 7]) are crucial. It is more desirable to show that if f is not strongly outer then $f = (q_1 + q_2)^2g$ where both q_1 and q_2 are inner and g is strongly outer by a theorem of Helson [7]. In Section 3 we consider this problem. A strong outer function is important in a solution set of an extremal problem of H^1 . In Section 4 we try to describe the solution sets intelligibly. In Section 5 a characterization of absolute values of strong outer functions is given.

2. A sum of two inner functions

Suppose f is a function in H^1 which has the form: $f = (q_1 + q_2)g$ where q_1, q_2 are inner functions, $q_1 + q_2$ is not constant, $\text{Im } \bar{q}_1 q_2 \leq 0$ and g is a strong outer function. By the following lemma, f is not strongly outer. In this section we show the converse.

Lemma. *Let q_1, q_2 be inner functions with $q_1 \neq -q_2$. Then $-i(q_1 - q_2)/(q_1 + q_2)$ is nonnegative if and only if $\text{Im } \bar{q}_1 q_2 \leq 0$.*

Proof. Use the following equality:

$$\frac{-i(q_1 - q_2)}{q_1 + q_2} = \frac{-2 \text{Im } \bar{q}_1 q_2}{|1 + \bar{q}_1 q_2|^2}.$$

Theorem 1. *If f is not a strong outer function in H^1 then $f = (q_1 + q_2)g$ where both q_1 and q_2 are inner functions, $\text{Im } \bar{q}_1 q_2 \leq 0$ almost everywhere, $(q_1 - q_2)^{-1}$ is summable and g is a strong outer function. If f is outer then $q_1 + q_2$ is also outer. If q_1 is a finite Blaschke product of degree n then so is q_2 .*

Proof. Suppose $f = q_0 h^2$ where q_0 is inner and h is outer in H^2 . By a theorem of E. Hayashi ([4, 5])

$$H^2 \cap (h/\bar{h})\bar{H}^2 = g_0(H^2 \ominus zqH^2)$$

and

$$\bar{h}/h = \bar{q}\bar{g}_0/g_0,$$

where q is an inner function and g_0^2 is strongly outer. Hence $h = sg_0$ where $s \in H^2 \ominus zqH^2$ and $\bar{q}s^2 \geq 0$. Since $|s^2 \pm iq|^2 = |s|^4 + 1$,

$$s^2 + iq = p_1 h_1 \quad \text{and} \quad s^2 - iq = p_2 h_1$$

where p_1, p_2 are inner functions and h_1 is a function in H^1 with $h_1^{-1} \in H^\infty$. Hence

$$s^2 = (p_1 + p_2) \frac{h_1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad q = -i(p_1 - p_2) \frac{h_1}{2}$$

and

$$\bar{q}s^2 = (p_1 + p_2) / -i(p_1 - p_2).$$

Put $g = h_1 g_0^2 / 2$, $q_1 = q_0 p_1$ and $q_2 = q_0 p_2$, then $f = (q_1 + q_2)g$, g is strongly outer, $-i(q_1 - q_2)/(q_1 + q_2)$ is nonnegative and $(q_1 - q_2)^{-1}$ is summable. By the lemma above $\text{Im } \bar{q}_1 q_2 \leq 0$.

If q_1 is a finite Blaschke product of degree n then so is q_2 . For $-i(p_1 - p_2)/(p_1 + p_2)$ is a nonnegative in N_+ because $p_1 + p_2$ is outer, and

$$\frac{-i(p_1 - p_2)}{p_1 + p_2} - i = \frac{-i2p_1}{p_1 + p_2}$$

and

$$\frac{-i(p_1 - p_2)}{p_1 + p_2} + i = \frac{-i2p_2}{p_1 + p_2}.$$

This shows degree $p_1 = \text{degree } p_2$ [6, 7] and hence $q_2 = q_0 p_2$ is a finite Blaschke product of degree n .

In the theorem above

$$-i(q_1 - q_2)g = q_0 q g_0^2.$$

In general even if $f = (q_1 + q_2)g$ and g is strongly outer, $-i(q_1 - q_2)$ does not have such properties.

For any pair (q_1, q_2) of inner functions q_1, q_2 , $-i(q_1 - q_2)/(q_1 + q_2)$ is real. However there exists a pair (q_1, q_2) such that $-i(q_1 - q_2)/(q_1 + q_2)$ is nonnegative. Suppose a, α_j and β_j are complex numbers, $0 < |a| \leq 1$, $|\alpha_1| < 1$ and $|\alpha_j| \leq |\beta_j|$ ($j = 1, 2$). If

$$\alpha_1 \beta_1 = a/\bar{a}, \alpha_1 + \beta_1 = (1 + |a|^2 + i)/\bar{a}$$

and

$$\alpha_2 \beta_2 = a/\bar{a}, \alpha_2 + \beta_2 = (1 + |a|^2 - i)/\bar{a}$$

then $-i(q_1 - q_2)/(q_1 + q_2)$ is nonnegative where

$$q_1 = \frac{z - \alpha_1}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_1 z} \quad \text{and} \quad q_2 = \frac{z - \alpha_2}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_2 z}.$$

For $|(z - a)(1 - \bar{a}z) \pm iz|^2 = |1 - \bar{a}z|^2 + 1$. Hence $(z - a)(1 - \bar{a}z) + iz = q_1 h$ and $(z - a)(1 - \bar{a}z) - iz = q_2 h$ where h is outer. Therefore $(z - a)(1 - \bar{a}z) = (q_1 + q_2)h$ and $z = -i(q_1 - q_2)h$. Since $z/(z - a)(1 - \bar{a}z)$ is nonnegative, $-i(q_1 - q_2)/(q_1 + q_2)$ is nonnegative.

3. A sum of two inner functions and the square

In this section we wish to factorize the part $q_1 + q_2$ in Theorem 1 which is not strongly outer. This problem is suggested by a theorem of Helson [7] (see Section 1).

Theorem 2. *Let q_1 and q_2 be inner functions such that $q_1 + q_2$ is outer, $\text{Im } \bar{q}_1 q_2 \leq 0$ almost everywhere and $(q_1 - q_2)^{-1}$ is summable. If the inner part q of $q_1 - q_2$ has one of the following three properties then there exist two inner functions p_1, p_2 such that*

$$q_1 + q_2 = (p_1 + p_2)^2 k$$

where k is strongly outer.

- (1) $q = q_0^2$ for some inner function q_0 .
- (2) $q(U) \not\subseteq U$.
- (3) q is a finite Blaschke product.

Proof. Since (1) is a special case of the proof of (2), we will show (2). If $q(U) \not\subseteq U$ then there exists $\alpha \in U$ with $\alpha \notin q(U)$. Put $q' = (q - \alpha)/(1 - \bar{\alpha}q)$ then $q' = q_0^2$ for some inner function q_0 because q' is a singular inner function. Moreover

$$\bar{q}q_0^2 = \frac{\bar{h}_0}{h_0} \quad \text{and} \quad h_0 = 1 - \bar{\alpha}q.$$

Hence $\bar{q}(q_0 h_0)^2 = |q_0 h_0|^2$ and $q_0 h_0/(1 + q)$ is real because $\bar{q}(1 + q)^2$ is nonnegative. Let $s^2 = q(q_1 + q_2)/-i(q_1 - q_2)$; then $s/(1 + q)$ is real and $s \in H^2$ because $(q_1 - q_2)^{-1}$ is summable. Since $|s \pm iq_0 h_0|^2 = |s|^2 + |h_0|^2$,

$$s + iq_0 h_0 = p_1 h_1 \quad \text{and} \quad s - iq_0 h_0 = p_2 h_1$$

where p_1, p_2 are inner functions and h_1 is a function in H^2 with $|h_0| \leq |h_1|$. Hence $h_1^{-1} \in H^\infty$ and $s = (p_1 + p_2)h_1$. Thus

$$q_1 + q_2 = (p_1 + p_2)^2 \frac{-i(q_1 - q_2)}{q} h_1^2.$$

Put $k = -i(q_1 - q_2)h_1^2/q$; then k is strongly outer and hence (2) follows.

Suppose q is a finite Blaschke product of degree n . If $f \in H^1$ and $\bar{q}f$ is nonnegative then $f = \gamma \prod_{j=1}^n (z - a_j)(1 - \bar{a}_j z)l^2$ where γ is positive constant, $|a_j| \leq 1$ ($1 \leq j \leq n$) and l^2 is strongly outer in H^1 with $l^{-1} \in H^\infty$ ([2, 8]). Since $s^2 = q(q_1 + q_2)/-i(q_1 - q_2)$ is an outer function with $\bar{q}s^2 \geq 0$,

$$s = \gamma_1 \prod_{j=1}^n (-\bar{a}_j)^{1/2} (z - a_j)l$$

where $\gamma_1 > 0$ and $|a_j| = 1$ ($1 \leq j \leq n$). Put $f = \prod_{j=1}^n (-\bar{c}_j)^{1/2} (z - c_j)l$ where $|c_j| = 1$ ($1 \leq j \leq n$) and $\{c_j\}_{j=1}^n$ is disjoint from $\{a_j\}_{j=1}^n$. Then

$$|s \pm if|^2 = |s|^2 + |f|^2 \geq \varepsilon |l|^2$$

for some $\varepsilon > 0$ because $\{c_j\}_{j=1}^n \cap \{a_j\}_{j=1}^n = \emptyset$. Therefore $s + if = 2p_1 h_1$ and $s - if = 2p_2 h_1$ where p_1, p_2 are inner functions and h_1 is a function in H^2 with $|l| \leq |h_1|$. Now as in the proof of (2), (3) follows.

By Theorem 1 and the remark after it, if f is outer and not strongly outer then

$$f = (q_1 + q_2) \frac{q}{-i(q_1 - q_2)} g_0.$$

The proof of Theorem 2 implies that if q satisfies one of (1)–(3) then f can be factorized as in the following: $f = (p_1 + p_2)^2 h_1^2 g_0$ and $h_1^2 g_0$ is strongly outer. In Theorem 2 if $\bar{q}q_0^2 = \bar{h}_0/h_0$ and h_0^2 is strongly outer then the proof of (2) works and hence its conclusion is still valid.

4. The solution sets of extremal problems

For each f in H^2 we define a subset of H^2 in the following:

$$\mathcal{A}_f = \{g \in H^2 : gf^{-1} \text{ is real}\}.$$

Again by virtue of Theorem 1, we consider $\mathcal{A}_{q_1 + q_2}$ for two inner functions q_1, q_2 . If $\mathcal{A}_{q_1 + q_2}$ contains a function whose absolute value is that of a strong outer function and the inner part satisfies the conditions in Theorem 2, then the conclusion of Theorem 2 is still valid. This is one of the motivations for the study of $\mathcal{A}_{q_1 + q_2}$. For each f in H^1 we define a subset of H^1 as follows:

$$\mathcal{S}_f = \{g \in H^1 : gf^{-1} \text{ is nonnegative}\}.$$

The intersection of \mathcal{S}_f and the unit ball S^1 of H^1 is a solution set of an extremal problem of H^1 . $\mathcal{S}_f \cap S^1$ was described by the author [8] when it is weak-* compact and E. Hayashi ([4, 5]) described it completely. However the solution may not be understandable enough when it is not weak-* compact. If $f \in H^2$ then $(\mathcal{A}_f)^2 \subset \mathcal{S}_f$ and this is another motivation for the study of $\mathcal{A}_{q_1+q_2}$.

Theorem 3. *Let q_1, q_2 be inner functions and $p = q_1q_2$.*

(1) $\mathcal{A}_{q_1+q_2} + i\mathcal{A}_{q_1+q_2} = H^2 \ominus p z H^2.$

(2) *Let b be a Blaschke product such that $b = (p - \alpha)/(1 - \bar{\alpha}p)$ and $\alpha \in U$ (such an α exists always). Then*

$$\mathcal{A}_{q_1+q_2} = (1 - \bar{\alpha}p)\mathcal{A}_{1+b}.$$

(3) *If b is a finite Blaschke product of degree n then*

$$\mathcal{A}_{1+b} = g^{-1}\mathcal{A}_{1+zn}$$

where $g = \prod_{j=1}^n \bar{a}_j(1 - \bar{a}_jz)$ and $\{a_j\}_{j=1}^n$ are the zeros of b .

(4) *If n is finite then*

$$\mathcal{A}_{1+zn} = \{\alpha \prod_{j=1}^l (z - a_j)(1 - \bar{a}_jz) \prod_{j=2l+1}^n (-\bar{a}_j)^{1/2}(z - a_j); |a_j| < 1 \text{ if } 1 \leq j \leq l \text{ and } |a_j| = 1 \text{ if } 2l+1 \leq j \leq n, \text{ and } \alpha \text{ is real}\}.$$

(5) $\mathcal{A}_{1+b} \supseteq \mathcal{A} = \{f \in H^2 : f = \sum_{j=0}^\infty [\alpha_j(b_j + b'_j) - i\beta_j(b_j - b'_j)]\}$ and $\mathcal{A} + i\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{1+b} + i\mathcal{A}_{1+b}$. Here $b = \prod_{j=1}^\infty b_j$ where

$$b_j = \frac{|z_j|}{z_j} \frac{z - z_j}{1 - \bar{z}_jz} \text{ for } j \geq 1,$$

$b_0 = 1$ and $b'_j = b\bar{b}_j$. α_j and β_j are real numbers and \sum denotes the L^2 -limit of the finite sums.

Proof. (1) $\mathcal{A}_{q_1+q_2} = \mathcal{A}_{1+p}$ because

$$\frac{q_1+q_2}{1+p} = \frac{(q_1+q_2)\bar{p}}{(1+p)\bar{p}} = \frac{\bar{q}_1+\bar{q}_2}{\bar{p}+1}.$$

If $f \in \mathcal{A}_{1+p}$ then $f(1+p)^{-1} = \bar{f}(1+\bar{p})^{-1}$ and hence

$$(1+p)^{-1}H^2 \cap (1+\bar{p})^{-1}\bar{H}^2 \supseteq (1+p)^{-1}\{\mathcal{A}_{1+p} + i\mathcal{A}_{1+p}\}.$$

If $(1+p)^{-1}f = (1+\bar{p})^{-1}\bar{g} \in (1+p)^{-1}H^2 \cap (1+\bar{p})^{-1}\bar{H}^2$ then $pf = \bar{g}$ because $1+\bar{p} = \bar{p}(1+p)$.

Hence $f = p_1 h$ and $g = p_2 h$ where h is outer, and p_1 and p_2 are inner. This implies that $\bar{p} p_1 h = p_2 h$ and $\bar{p} p_2 h = p_1 h$. Therefore

$$\bar{p}(p_1 + p_2)h = \overline{(p_1 + p_2)h}$$

and

$$\bar{p}\{-i(p_1 - p_2)h\} = \overline{-i(p_1 - p_2)h}.$$

This implies that $(p_1 + p_2)h/2$ and $-i(p_1 - p_2)h/2$ belong to \mathcal{A}_{1+p} . Since

$$f = (p_1 + p_2)h/2 + i\{-i(p_1 - p_2)h/2\}, (1+p)^{-1}f(1+p)^{-1} \mathcal{A}_{1+p} + i(1+p)^{-1} \mathcal{A}_{1+p}.$$

Thus

$$(1+p)^{-1}H^2 \cap (1+\bar{p})^{-1}\bar{H}^2 = (1+p)^{-1}\{\mathcal{A}_{1+p} + i\mathcal{A}_{1+p}\}.$$

On the other hand

$$H^2 \ominus pzH^2 = H^2 \cap p\bar{H}^2 = (1+p)\{(1+p)^{-1}H^2 \cap (1+\bar{p})^{-1}\bar{H}^2\}.$$

This shows (1) because $\mathcal{A}_{q_1+q_2} = \mathcal{A}_{1+p}$.

(2) If $l = 1 - \bar{\alpha}p$ then

$$b = p \frac{|l|^2}{l^2}$$

and hence $(1+p)^2 l^2 / (1+b)^2$ is nonnegative a.e.. Therefore $(1+p)l / (1+b)$ is real and $\mathcal{A}_{1+p} = \mathcal{A}_{(1+b)l} = l\mathcal{A}_{1+b}$ because $l^{-1} \in H^\infty$.

(3) $\bar{z}^n = \bar{b}|g|^2/g^2$ and hence we can show $\mathcal{A}_{1+z^n} = g\mathcal{A}_{1+b}$ as in the proof of (2).

(4) Since $(\mathcal{A}_{1+z^n})^2 \subset \mathcal{S}_{z^n}$ and

$$\mathcal{S}_{z^n} = \left\{ \gamma \prod_{j=1}^n (z - a_j)(1 - \bar{a}_j z); |a_j| \leq 1 (1 \leq j \leq n) \text{ and } \gamma > 0 \right\},$$

(4) follows.

(5) If $f = \sum_{j=0}^\infty [\alpha_j(b_j + b'_j) - i\beta_j(b_j - b'_j)]$ then it belongs to \mathcal{A}_{1+b} by the first line of (1) and

$$\frac{-i(b_j - b'_j)}{1+b} = \frac{-i(b_j - b'_j)\bar{b}}{(1+b)\bar{b}} = \frac{i(\bar{b}_j - \bar{b}'_j)}{\bar{b} + 1}.$$

If $f \in H^2 \ominus bzH^2$ and f is orthogonal to $\{b_j + b'_j, -i(b_j - b'_j)\}_{j=0}^\infty$ then it is orthogonal to $\{b_j, b'_j\}_{j=0}^\infty$. We will show that f is zero almost everywhere. Since $(f, b_0) = 0$ and $b_0 = 1$,

$f = zf_0$ and $f_0 \in H^2 \ominus bzH^2$. $(f, b_1) = 0$ implies $f_0(z_1) = 0$, and hence $f_0 = b_1 f_1$ and $f_1 \in H^2$, where (\cdot, \cdot) denotes the inner product in H^2 . Since

$$0 = (f_0, b_2) = (f_1, b_2 \bar{b}_1),$$

$f_1(z_2) = 0$ and $f_0(z_2) = 0$. By the same argument, $f_0(z_j) = 0$ for $j \geq 3$ and hence $f \in bzH^2$. This implies that f is zero because $f \in H^2 \ominus bzH^2$. This completes the proof of (5).

5. A characterization of strong outer functions

Several characterizations of strong outer functions are known (cf. [8, Theorem 3], [4, Theorem 8], [3, Chapter IV, Exercise 18] and [7]). See Theorem 1. In this section we give a characterization. For a real valued measurable function u on ∂U , if $f \in N$ and $\operatorname{Re} f = u$ on ∂U , \tilde{u} denotes the real part of f on \bar{U} , that is, the harmonic extension of u , and $*u$ denotes the imaginary part of $f - \tilde{f}(0)$ on \bar{U} .

If f is in H^1 and u is a nonnegative function in L^1 such that $|f(e^{i\theta})| \leq u(e^{i\theta})$ almost everywhere on ∂U , then $|\tilde{f}(z)| \leq \tilde{u}(z)$ on U . The inner outer factorization of f and the Poisson integrals of u and $|f|$ give the above inequality in U . If u is nonnegative then $u + i*u$ belongs to $\bigcap_{p < 1} H^p$ and is an outer function. Let $f(e^{i\theta}) = (e^{i\theta} - 1)^2$ and $u(e^{i\theta}) = -2(e^{i\theta} - 1)^2(e^{i\theta} + 1)^{-2}(1 + \cos \theta)$; then $u + i*u = -2(e^{i\theta} - 1)^2(e^{i\theta} + 1)^{-1}$ is an outer function in $\bigcap_{p < 1} H^p$ and $|f(e^{i\theta})| \leq u(e^{i\theta})$ a.e. on ∂U . However it is not true that $|\tilde{f}(z)| \leq \tilde{u}(z)$ on U . Hence the condition of the integrability of u is needed to show the inequality on U .

Theorem 6. *Let g be an outer function in H^1 . The following are equivalent.*

- (1) g is a strong outer function.
- (2) For every nonnegative function u on ∂U such that $u + i*u$ is an outer function in N_+ and $|g(e^{i\theta})| \leq u(e^{i\theta})$ a.e. on ∂U , we have $|\tilde{g}(z)| \leq \tilde{u}(z)$ on U .
- (3) For every nonnegative function u on ∂U such that $u + i*u$ is an outer function in N_+ and $|g(e^{i\theta})| \leq u(e^{i\theta})$ a.e. on ∂U , we have $|\tilde{g}(0)| \leq \tilde{u}(0)$.

Proof. The proof is suggested by the proof of [3, Chapter IV, Lemma 5.4].

(1) \Rightarrow (2). Put $\phi = u + i*u$. Let α be a measurable function on ∂U such that

$$|\alpha| \leq \pi/2 \text{ a.e. and } \alpha = \arg \phi \pmod{2\pi}.$$

Then $u = \operatorname{Re} \phi = |\phi| \cos \alpha$ and $|g/\phi| \leq \cos \alpha$ a.e. on ∂U . Let $\psi = \exp(-* \alpha + i\alpha)$ then ψ belongs to H^p for some $p < 1$ by Zygmund's theorem (cf. [3, Chapter III, Corollary 2.6]) and

$$|\psi g/\phi| \leq |\psi| \cos \alpha = \operatorname{Re} \psi \text{ a.e. on } \partial U$$

and $\operatorname{Re} \psi$ is in L^1 . Since ϕ is an outer function, $\psi g/\phi$ is in N_+ and hence $\psi g/\phi$ belongs to H^1 . Put $h = \psi g/\phi$. Then $\arg h = \arg g$ a.e. (mod 2π) and hence $h = \gamma g$ for some $\gamma > 0$ because g is strongly outer. Thus $\psi = \gamma \phi$ and u is in L^1 . By the remark above Theorem 6 $|\tilde{g}(z)| \leq \tilde{u}(z)$ on U . This implies (2).

(2) \Rightarrow (3) is trivial.

(3) \Rightarrow (1). If g is not a strong outer function, then there exists an outer function h_0 in H^1 such that $\arg g = \arg h_{a,\gamma}$ a.e. (mod 2π) for any $|a|=1$ and $\gamma > 0$ where $h_{a,\gamma} = \gamma(z-a)(1-\bar{a}z)h_0$. We can choose a and γ such that

$$\operatorname{Re} h_{a,\gamma}^{-1}(0)\tilde{g}(0) < -|\tilde{g}(0)|.$$

Hence, if $u = |g| + \operatorname{Re} h_{a,\gamma}^{-1}g = h_{a,\gamma}^{-1}g(|g| + 1)$ then

$$\tilde{u}(0) = |\tilde{g}(0)| + \operatorname{Re} \tilde{h}_{a,\gamma}^{-1}(0)\tilde{g}(0) < 0 \leq |\tilde{g}(0)|.$$

On the other hand,

$$h_{a,\gamma}^{-1}g(|h_{a,\gamma}| + 1) + ih_{a,\gamma}^{-1}g^*(|h_{a,\gamma}| + 1)$$

is analytic and outer in N_+ . This contradicts (3).

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